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Jewish Federation of Madison attendees at the P2G Steering Committee meeting in Israel.

What is Partnership Together (P2G) All About?

By Racheli Komar-Aziz

Madison's Shlicha – Israel Program Emissary

Editor's note: The Jewish Federation of Madison joined the Partnership Together (P2G) program in 2014. P2G is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel, designed to cultivate people-to-people relationships, projects and professional programs. There are 40 partnerships between areas in Israel and communities around the world. The Jewish Federations of Madison, Milwaukee, Tulsa, and St. Paul are partnered with the Sovev Kinneret region in Israel. Volunteers from Madison collaborate with their Israeli and U.S. counterparts on education, cultural exchanges, regional planning, medical care, ecological and economic development initiatives.

Last month I had the privilege to visit Israel, my home.

The moment I landed at Ben Gurion airport and felt the sticky air outside I felt, this is where I belong. After a weekend full of family – and I mean full (20 people!!!) we drove up north to a conference focused on bringing together the agencies that make up the Midwest Partnership Together (P2G) cluster.

We, the representatives from Madison, spent three days with four other communities – Tulsa, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Israel – discussing what programs we want to do together to strengthen the connection between the Jewish communities in the U.S. and the Israelis. During those three days I truly understood the power and impact of this connection! We met wonderful people! So many backgrounds, so many different views, so many different professionals and life experiences, but we all had one thing in common: Strengthening the connection between Jews in Israel and Jews in the diaspora. Imagine you want to travel to Israel but don't know a person there, and through the partnership you have an option to stay with a family near the Sea of Galilee and get to know a person who will become your friend and your connection in Israel just because of this Partnership we share. Wouldn't that be wonderful??

That's our goal - to connect! How will we do this? Through programs of course. Below are just a few ideas that are in the works:

• Israel photography exhibit for Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) brought by a curator from Israel who will

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Chief Koval Attends Jewish Federation of Madison Board Meeting

By Dina Weinbach, Executive Director

Jewish Federation of Madison

(Note: To make the deadline for the March issue of Madison Jewish News*, this article was prepared on February 19.)*

Madison Police Chief Mike Koval attended the regular February Board of Directors meeting of the Jewish Federation of Madison. In light of the graffiti and vandalism incidents that occurred on the far west side of Madison on the morning of February 14, Chief Koval updated the Board and offered his support. Thirty-nine incidents were reported to have occurred during the early morning hours of February 14. Of those, there were two houses vandalized with anti-Semitic graffiti, one with a swastika on the garage door, the other "f--- Jews spray-painted on the garage door and a swastika on the driveway. Other homes had "KKK," racial slurs, vile pictures of body parts, or random spray-painting. Still other homes had vandalized cars and mailboxes. Chief Koval made it clear that the police department is determined to find the individuals who are responsible for these despicable, hateful acts.

Roger Baker, a Detective for the Madison Police Department and member of the Madison Jewish community, wrote a letter to Chief Koval which the Chief shared with the Board. Det. Baker wrote "… Being an Ashkenazi



Madison Police Chief Mike Koval

Jew has in fact never been easy, and in recent months anti-Semitic attacks have been occurring in various parts of the globe at an alarming rate including the recent attacks in France and the murder of a Jew at a Synagogue in Copenhagen. The words "Kill Jews," "Hate Jews" and the symbolism of the swastika are particularly painful as they evoke memories of the Nazi machine and Kristallnacht… The real issue for the Jewish people is that the Holocaust did not start with concentration camps. It started in the 1930's with discrimination which led to the

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Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on March 9th

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 9, 2015**. 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 9th.

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:

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The Jewish Federation of Madison website serves as the central information source for the entire Jewish community. More than 2,000 individuals visit JewishMadison.org each month. Members of other Jewish communities who are planning to move to Madison also depend on the Federation website for information about where to live, work, and shop.

As a Federation website business sponsor, you'll receive the following recognition in appreciation of your support:

■ Your business name and logo will be prominently displayed on the Jewish Federation website homepage. Your business logo will also link to your website.

■ Your business will be featured in an individual recognition announcement in every issue of *the Madison Jewish News,* which has a monthly circulation of 2,600 households and 6,000 individuals. The announcement will be given preferred placement and run in full color in the first few pages of the newspaper. The announcement will also include a photo of your choice, which you can change as often as you choose.

■ You'll be invited as our guest to the Federation Annual Dinner, our November event attended by our community's leaders. You'll also receive complimentary passes for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool.

Extra benefits for Platinum and Gold sponsors:

At the platinum level, your business will receive exclusive sponsorship rights for the entire website within your business category. Therefore, your organization will be the only website sponsor within your area of business.

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



If you would be interested in hosting a Shabbat in your home, or if you are unable to host but would like to attend a Shabbat dinner please contact Tiz Goff, outreach@ jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404.

More details on how to register will follow in the upcoming issues of *Madison Jewish News* and also at www.JewishMadison.org. This event is made possible by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison.

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Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable with Zach Brandon



Over forty community members attended our last lunch event on February 12th. It was a productive afternoon of networking while learning more about the Madison Chamber of Commerce and its vision for the future of the greater Madison business community.



Community Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestian Conflict

Would you like to have a constructive, respectful conversation with other Jewish people whose views about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian situation are different 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 series of dialogues moderated by a professional mediator using materials from the Jewish Dialogue Group. Some are open to particular groups within the community while others are more general. Space is limited, but there are plenty of opportunities to join one throughout the year. We also welcome people to join more than one as space permits.

We've already had two – one for young adults and one for college students – and both were wonderful experiences for the participants.

Dates for the rest of the year, all from 7:00-9:00 p.m. – mark your calendars!

March 25 – for Jewish congregational/organizational leadership
April 29 – for interfaith couples
May 27 – all are welcome
June 24 – all are welcome
July 22 – all are welcome
August 26 – all are welcome
September 9 – all are welcome
October 28 – all are welcome
November 11 – all are welcome
December 14 – all are welcome

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, and UW Hillel. Registration is required and space is limited. To sign up or learn more please e-mail Sara at office@shamayim.org.

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Film Series

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel film series will be showing its first film in conjunction with the Israel Film Festival. It will be shown at Hillel on Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:30pm. Please join us for another educational and riveting experience.

Wednesday, March 18, *The Dove Flyer*, showing at Hillel, 611 Langdon St., 7:30 pm. Based on the novel by Eli Amir. Narrated by teenage protagonist Kabi, it is the story of the final years of the Baghdad Jewish community in the 1950's, before they were forced out of Iraq with the entire community of Jews who had lived there for thousands of years.

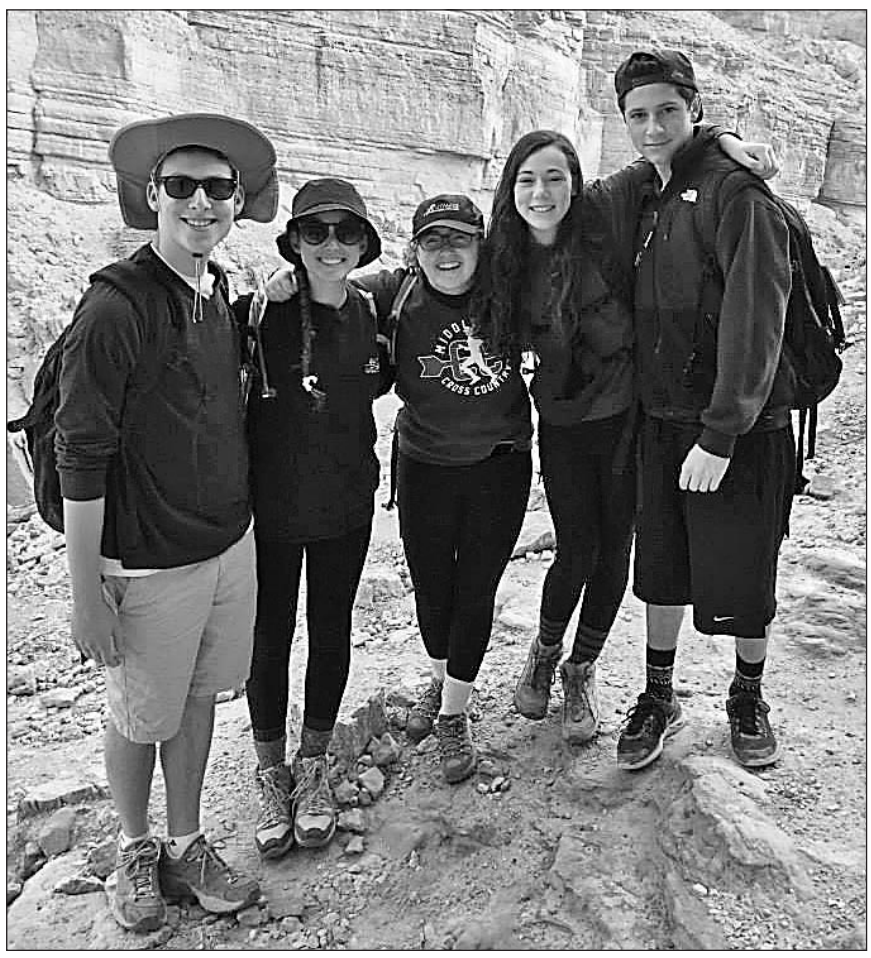
Wednesday, April 22nd, special movie and program for Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day), showing at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive.

Wednesday, May 20th, *Fill the Void*, showing at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive.

Wednesday, June 17th, *Bethlehem*, showing at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive.

Teen Israel Trip Stipends Available

Does your teenager want to travel to Israel on an organized trip? The Jewish Federation of Madison wants to help! The Federation now has ten stipends available for up to $1500 per student to help with teen trips to Israel. Students entering ninth grade through the end of twelfth grade are eligible. For more information and a list of approved trips, please visit JewishMadison.org. Applications can be completed online and are due by April 1, 2015.



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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS



Yonim Performance at the Chazen

Sunday, March 1st, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Chazen Museum of Art, Main Lobby
750 University Avenue, Madison

Catch the Yonim dancers as they perform their exciting choreography. Questions? Contact Cathy at yonim@jewishmadison.org



Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) Playgroup

Tuesday, March 3rd, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Free playgroup for children ages 0-2 and their caregivers. Kosher snacks provided. This session's theme is Purim.

Contact Tiz Goff for location and to RSVP at: outreach@jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404.



Community Purim Carnival!

Thursday, March 5th
4:30 p.m. Purim Shpiel, 5:15-7 p.m. Purim Feast & Carnival Booths
Beth Israel Center
Admission: $7.00 for kids 3-12 years old; Ages 2 and under are free

Don't miss the entertaining Purim Shpiel, yummy feast, fun carnival booths, and of course a variety of hamantaschen! See the back page ad in this issue of *Madison Jewish News* for more information.



Gan HaYeled Parent Social

Friday, March 6th, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building Conference Room
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Please join us for a Gan parent social - for current, prospective, and new parents. Bring a friend and receive two entries into our raffle! Refreshments will be served. Help us welcome our new parents, while mingling with your friends.

RSVP to Rachel at gan@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808.



Taste of Israel Celebration

Sunday, March 8th, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

Israel activities, lunch, and music. Israeli dance performance and chance to join in with Yonim. This event is brought to you by Temple Beth El's Kesher Israel Committee with additional support from the Jewish Federation of Madison.

RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert: program@templebethelmadison.org or call 608-238-3123 by March 3. For more information visit: www.jewishmadison.org or see the ad on page 15 in this issue of *Madison Jewish News*.



K'tantanim Israeli Dance Class

Sundays, March 8th and April 19th, 3:30-4:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound St., Madison
Cost: $5 per class

Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe is offering fun-filled mini classes for 3-5 year olds. For more information visit: www.jewishmadison.org or contact Cathy at yonim@jewishmadison.org



Hebrew Playgroup: A play group for Hebrew-speaking families with young children (newborn-4)

Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Rotating locations as desired by the group, including homes, parks, or other public spaces. This will be an entirely Hebrew-speaking environment intended to support the language development of our children, giving them exposure to Hebrew in an enriching, semi-structured group setting. In addition to play, the meetings will include Hebrew story time and sing-alongs! If you are interested in participating, please email: Aviv at avivkammay@gmail.com or Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org

Café Ivrit (Hebrew Café)

Café Ivrit is an informal and friendly way to improve your conversational Hebrew, meet new people and enjoy a cup of coffee along the way. Alternate Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the shlichims' house, downtown. Please contact Racheli for more information: Israel@jewishmadison.org



Meaningful Passport Recipient Reception



Attendees peruse the variety of programs and resources available in the Madison Jewish community.

By Tiz Goff, Outreach Coordinator

Jewish Federation of Madison

The Passport to Jewish Life Funds, totaling $20,000, have been given to 51 households in the Madison area. The mission of this grant was to engage people and families in the Jewish community who had not yet participated in a fee-based program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison or its beneficiaries and had not been a member of a Madison-area congregation.

To end this program, a Passport Recipient Reception was held on Sunday, February 8th at the Goodman Jewish Community Campus. Many individuals and families came to mingle, schmooze, eat, learn, and enjoy the beautiful location.

The food, provided by Adamah, was a hit among attendees. The childcare, provided by two Midrasha students, helped people attend knowing their kids were having a blast playing nearby.

Representatives from Beth Israel Center (Rabbi Ben Gideon), Temple Beth El (Stephanie Kirkland), Congregation Shaarei Shamayim (Erin McGrath), and Chabad (Avremel Matusof) spoke about how the program increased their ability to reach new people. In addition, they each commented on how pleased they were with the communication and collaboration within the Jewish community.

Ellen Weismer let everyone know the kinds of programs the Jewish Federation of Madison offers and some of the upcoming events. Dina Weinbach informed the group how the Jewish Federation of Madison is involved in the local and global level. She mentioned how they can jump in and involve themselves in the future: committee work, volunteering, and more!

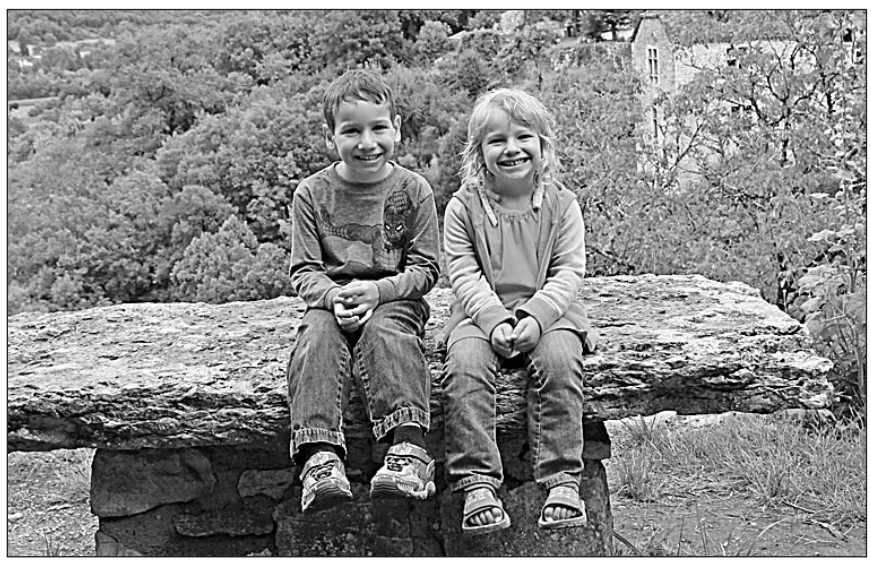
A recipient mentioned how helpful the Passport grant was in getting their kids signed up for Camp Shalom days after moving to Madison. The Passport to Jewish Life Funds may be spent, but the work has only just begun! As the Outreach Coordinator, engaging people in our wonderful Jewish community continues to be the goal. Please let me know if you'd like me to reach out to someone who may enjoy learning more about Madison's Jewish Community: outreach@jewishmadison.org

Filled with Gratitude

By Arielle Silver Karsh

Passport Recipient

I am extremely grateful for the Passport to Jewish Life grant, and used the grant to offset the costs of temple membership. The grant gave me an opportunity to connect with a wonderful community, reconnect with traditions I loved as a child, and share these traditions with my children. Sometimes it just takes a little nudge to get going in the right direction, and the Passport to Jewish Life grant was exactly that.



Arielle's children

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel tov on the birth of:

Zevy Torres Karasov, son of Ariela and Daniel, grandson of Corliss and Bill Karasov.

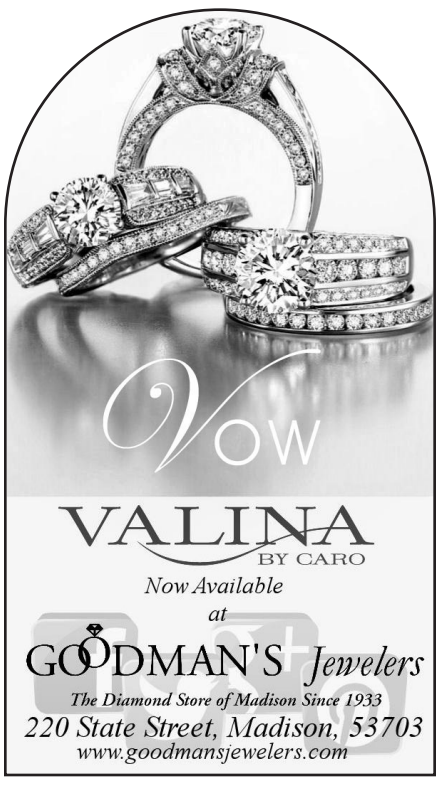
Mazel tov:

To **Jennie Mauer and Raja Annamalai**, on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte; and

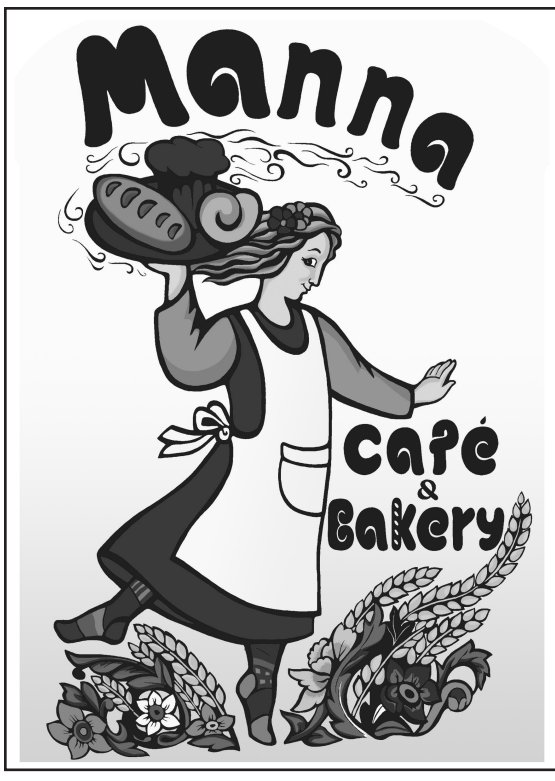
To **Becca Schwartz and Charles Anaman**, on the birth of their son, Oliver and to the grandparents, Jerri McCallum-Schwartz and Bob Schwartz.

Condolences to the families of:

Irene Rosenkoff, grandmother of Jeff (Becky) Schigiel, and great-grandmother of Daphne and Owen;
Anna Louise Cohen, mother of Ralph Cohen;
Sophia Meyer, wife of Benjamin Meyer;
Martin David Siegel, brother of Sharon (Dan) Langer;
Elaine Sackin, mother of Judy (Jeff) Kravat;
Joan Buchalter, mother of Laurie (Larry Kohn) Buchalter; and
Jack Heifetz, husband of Irma Heifetz z"l, father of Laurie (Richard C. Murray), Beth (Glen Fine), Deena (Steve) Borzak and Rona: six grandchildren and his wife, Trudi.







Restaurant Dining for Passover in Madison

Adamah Neighborhood Table is a program of UW Hillel.

It's no secret that the majority of Passover meals are eaten at home, at your congregation, or at loved ones' homes. In bigger cities you may find a few restaurants that offer Passover entrees, but until now it's been impossible to go out to eat for Pesach in a city the size of Madison. But things are about to change...It just might be a first in Madison- you can go out for restaurant dining during Passover this year!

Adamah Neighborhood Table has teamed up with UW Hillel to create an amazing week of meals for Passover, offered in our cozy and convenient downtown location. The cupboards will be scoured for chametz, shopping will be done, and menus planned by Chef Mark so you can relax and enjoy the dining experience. Adamah will be open Sunday, April 5th through Saturday, April 11th. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner on your schedule.

Mark Walters, executive chef at Adamah notes, "Our focus for Passover will be to source pure ingredients that allow us to make both traditional and fresh new entrees that you would enjoy eating year round. In fact, some of our standard menu items at Adamah will be available for Passover with only a couple small changes. There are plenty of options for starches to create a varied menu without feeling like you are missing something. You will see quinoa used as well as sweet potatoes in our recipes instead of just matzah meal."

Creative offerings abound- breakfast will be available all day with offerings such as a Farm-to-Table Scrambler, Southwest Sweet Potato Hash or the more traditional Matzah Brei with Maple Syrup. Lunches include an extensive salad bar and entrees including our new "un-sandwich", an amazing, Kosher pastrami, turkey or roast beef with herbed aioli served on house-made latkes in lieu of bread. A different dinner special will be featured each evening including offerings such as Stuffed Red Peppers filled with ground beef, quinoa and vegetables or Herb Roasted Chicken served with roasted redskin potatoes and honey glazed vegetables.

UW Hillel is offering a pre-sale on meal plans and a la carte meal options at a discounted rate. Visit uwhillel.org /passover for more info. Adamah Neighborhood Table, the only Kosher certified restaurant in Madison, is located at Hillel, 611 Langdon St., 608-441-1574.

Chief Koval

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beginning of the brutality with Kristallnacht and then ultimately to the Final Solution. I don't think that any of the local Jewish community believes that there will be genocide here at home. The lesson, however, that emerged from the ashes of Auschwitz, Treblinka and Bergen-Belsen among others, was that never again would any small act of anti-Semitism go unchecked as a brush fire could one day become a larger fire more difficult to extinguish. The natural fear will be that this may escalate in some form or fashion where for years people have been able to feel safe as Madison Jews. The local Madison Jewish community has been extremely united and close for many years. There is much communication both formally and informally. When something happens to one, the community (Klal Yisrael) feels and responds collectively as we are all kindred spirits."

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation completed its "2014 Audit of anti-Semitic Incidents" in January. Mirroring the situation across the globe, last year brought a dramatic rise in anti-Semitic incidents in Wisconsin. While many incidents go unreported (perhaps most), harassment, vandalism, and expression, both written and verbal, continue to take place at an unprecedented rate. This includes swastikas on public and private property and anti-Semitic expression focusing on Israel and Zionism as a socially acceptable expression of bigotry against Jews and Judaism. "We remain focused on distinguishing legitimate expression of free speech and political expression," said JCRC Director Elana Kahn-Oren. "But we must recognize that sometimes, such criticism of the State of Israel – or activism against its legitimacy -- is a cloak for age-old Jew hatred." In addition, the JCRC noted continued anti-Semitic harassment and verbal expressions among middle and high school students, which often takes the form of jokes, pranks, teasing and bullying. "Unfortunately, anti-Semitism continues to be handed down to our young people," said Ann Jacobs, chair of the JCRC's Anti-Semitism Task Force. "Sadly we've seen a steady stream of anti-Semitic behaviors in our high schools and middle schools."

After the graffiti incidents happened in Madison, the Jewish Federation of Madison received phone calls and letters from people throughout the community, the state, and the country to offer support, show compassion and empathy and to denounce acts of hatred and anti-Semitism. That is among the reasons that your Jewish Federation scheduled a community meeting on February 26. My hope as I write this article on February 19 is that those responsible for these vile and destructive acts will have been apprehended by the Madison police.

If you experience any acts of anti-Semitism, please report them to dina@jewishmadison.org or call me at 608-278-1808.

SAVE THE DATE:

Community Yom HaShoah Program

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 p.m.

Join us for a community service and special program.



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

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In memory of the beloved husband of Leanne Boris
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In honor of Ken Stein's 75th birthday
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See what our vibrant style of traditional, egalitarian Jewish community is all about. All Beth Israel Center programs are open to the community. Most programs are offered at no charge (except where noted).

Highlights from our March calendar:

Yom Rishon

Sunday, March 1, 10:00am

Come experience preschool family education at its finest! Yom Rishon is a theme-based program including art, movement, music, stories, and projects. There will also be some further learning on each session's topic for parents and other adults who accompany the children. In March, we celebrate Purim! Put all the remaining Spring 2015 dates on your calendar: March 1, April 12, and May 10. Attendance at all sessions is not required. Come when you can! Questions? Contact Beth Copelovitch, education@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763.

Purim Celebration

Wednesday, March 4
5:30 dinner (RSVP required)
6:15 services, featuring the whole Megilla!

This year's Purim party theme celebrates the 30th anniversary of the film *Back to the Future*. It also marks the first festival celebration in the building since embarking on the L'Dor VaDor renovation project. Coincidence? No! Costumes may call to mind celebrities from the current generation or a prior one--or more than one! Celebrate your clever connection after the Megilla Reading in Marty McFly's rec room (cleverly located at Beth Israel Center). Imbibe a little, nosh on hamantaschen, and enjoy other *timely* treats.

Wondering how to fit in your evening meal before the Megilla Reading? RSVP for dinner at Beth Israel Center. We're serving vegetarian lasagna for $6/person, max $24/family. Children under 5 eat free. RSVP to office@bethisraelcenter. org or (608) 256-7763 by Feb. 25. Members may have the cost of dinner placed on account. For others, payment confirms your reservation.

Community Purim Carnival

Thursday, March 5, 4:30pm

Beth Israel Center hosts this year's carnival – ***on Purim!*** More info is on the back page of this issue of the *Madison Jewish News*.

NEW: Ma'ot Chitin Project From Purim to Pesach

Ma'ot Chitin is a name for *tzedakah* given before Passover to help provide kosher for Pesach meals to Jews who otherwise would not have access to such foods due to finances or other circumstances. Often, people fulfill this mitzvah when selling their chametz, although the connection between these two distinct *mitzvot* is only that they are both related to Pesach. Beth Israel Center will be once again sending the money raised through *ma'ot chitin* to the Jewish Welfare Board, the organization that oversees chaplains in the US Military, to help make a festive Passover for Jews serving overseas.

This year we are adding a personal touch! Right after Purim, we will be collecting kosher for Passover foods (there's a specific list in the BIC office) and our Talmud Torah students will be creating decorations to send to a base where Jews are serving overseas. Contact the office (office@bethisraelcenter.org) or Education Director Beth Copelovitch (education@bethisraelcenter) with questions or to contribute.

Torah & Mindfulness with Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell

A unique opportunity brought to you by the Beth Israel Center Adult Education Program Sunday, March 15 – Sunday, May 3

Our awareness of mindfulness and Jewish mindfulness in particular has become much more acute in recent years. Jewish practice lends itself to the importation of mindfulness traditions from other cultures. At the same time, rabbis, scholars and practitioners have been finding and developing mindfulness practices already present in Jewish tradition. Three leaders in this area are Professor Richie Davidson, Rabbi Alan Lew z"l and Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell.

We are fortunate to be able to present a program on Jewish mindfulness lead primarily by Rabbi Bendat-Appell, co-founder and director of the Center for Jewish Mindfulness (Chicago) and the Director of Regional Programming for the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (New York), along with a night of learning with Professor Davidson (Thursday, March 26) and the study of teachings from Rabbi Lew.

Two Sunday retreats -- March 15 and May 3, 9:30am - 3:00pm -- will be led by Rabbi Bendat-Appell. The March 15 program has a timely Passover theme: *Pesach, Matzah and Marror: A Day of Jewish Mindfulness Practice*. By engaging in the dynamics of inner liberation, we are able to connect the symbols of Passover with our growth as human beings.

Participants will also read Rabbi Alan Lew's groundbreaking book *Be Still and Get Going*, with discussion and practice facilitated by Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon on Thursday evenings March 19 and 26 and April 16, 23, 30.

The cost for the Torah and Mindfulness program, which includes two day-long sessions (March 15 and May 3) and the five Thursday evening sessions, is $72/person for Beth Israel Center members and $96/person for non-members. The cost includes Rabbi Lew's book and lunch on both Sundays. RSVP by March 2 to ensure timely delivery of your book.

The Sunday retreats are made possible by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison.

(Non) Fiction With Friends

Monday, March 16

The Beth Israel Center Adult Education program announces a special book discussion on Monday evening, March 16: Sarah Wildman, author of *Paper Love*, will join the discussion via Skype. *Paper Love* is about the author's search for the girlfriend her grandfather left behind in late 1930s Vienna. Copies of *Paper Love* are available at A Room of One's Own. Mention Fiction With Friends and receive a book club discount. Contact the office for the start time.

NEW! Sunday Morning Speaker Series

Sunday, March 22, 9:30-11:00am

The Adult Education Committee introduces a Sunday morning speaker series, kicking off on March 22 with a talk by Judith Kornblatt about palliative care. Judith recently completed training to be a palliative care nurse. Light breakfast provided. Meet in the Reading Room.

Talmud Class

Wednesday mornings, 9:00am

Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon lead study of the eighth perek of Masechet Sota. This perek begins with the speech a Kohen must make to troops before a war and explores the differences between a defensive war of necessity--what might be called a righteous war--and other wars. The class covers both how to study Talmud and the text and subject matter.

Shabbat Morning Services

Every Saturday, 9:30am

Looking for warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services? Come find us in our new sanctuary. Our worship begins with P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a community kiddush lunch after services every week. Children's services for babies, preschoolers, and elementary school age children begin at 10:30 most weeks. Subscribe to our weekly e-news to receive children's service schedule updates. (Find "Get our E-announcements" on our website or email office@bethisraelcenter.org and ask to be added.) Visitors are always welcome!

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.

Interested in Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Join us for Family Education

Sundays, March 1, 8
Center for Families
2120 Fordem Avenue

All are welcome to attend these family education classes for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders and their parents. We'll reflect on the function of this rite of passage for teens and its meaning for the entire family. To register, please contact Sara at office@shamayim.org. (These classes are offered free of charge.)

Shabbat Evening Potluck: Passover Dessert Tasting!

Friday, March 6, 6:00 p.m.
Please call the office for location.

Celebrate Shabbat in community and join us for our monthly potluck in a member's home. Children are welcome. Please bring your favorite Passover dessert (along with a copy of your recipe), and we'll have our annual Passover dessert tasting following dinner. Our hosts will provide dinner. If you're not so ambitious, you are welcome to bring an appetizer or beverage instead.

Purim Celebration for Adults and Kids

Wednesday, March 4
5:30 p.m. Free pizza dinner, 6:15 p.m. Festivities begin
Location: First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
(Landmark Auditorium)

Put on your dancing shoes and shake your gragger! Cheer for Queen Esther, jeer at evil Haman, be silly, dance, and sing. We'll begin the evening together, then split into an adult-focused celebration and an event for children and teens. Dress up in costume and bring a gragger and dessert.

Havdalah and Chanting

Saturday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.
Please call the office for location.

We will bid farewell to Shabbat with Havdalah, followed by Kirtan chanting with a recording by Rabbi Andrew Hahn, Ph.D. These call and response chants will be familiar Hebrew songs and prayers, which are repetitive and easy to follow. Please bring a healthy snack or beverage to share with the group.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays, March 14 and 28
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

Torah study begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m. and Kiddush at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Social Action Shabbat: A Presentation and Discussion with Move to Amend

Friday, March 20
Please call the office for the location.

We'll gather at 6:00 p.m. and begin our Shabbat service at 6:15 p.m. This will be followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. and our discussion at 7:30 p.m. with Move to Amend, an organization that is working to overturn Citizens United and limit big money in politics. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Get Volunteer Hours! Build Your Resume!

Join the Mad Town Jewish Teen Volunteer Program!

Calling all Jewish high schoolers in Madison! Shaarei Shamayim is organizing an awesome week for Jewish teens to learn about issues affecting Madison including the achievement gap, poverty, and homelessness. We will volunteer at a variety of organizations around town including schools, community centers, and programs

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Chazen Welcomes Torah Scribe Rabbi Kevin Hale

Chazen welcomes Torah Scribe, Rabbi Kevin Hale, to demonstrate Hebrew Calligraphy at Saint John's Bible Exhibit. Rabbi Kevin Hale, a sofer (Torah scribe) will be returning to Madison to demonstrate Hebrew calligraphy at the Chazen Museum of Art. Having travelled to Madison twice before as Congregation Shaarei Shamayim's visiting rabbi, Rabbi Hale will share his knowledge with the larger Madison community during this particular visit. Eclectic and passionate, Rabbi Hale is a former toy maker, Reconstructionist rabbi, expert in the holy work of preparing sacred Jewish text, and an authority on scribal traditions.

Rabbi Hale will demonstrate his work in the Chazen lobby during the day on Wednesday, March 11 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

On Thursday, March 12 from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Rabbi Hale will be joined by Arabic script calligrapher Mohamed Zakariya.

The Chazen especially welcomes the Jewish community to their evening event on Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. when Rabbi Hale, Mohamed Zakariya, and local calligrapher Linda P. Hancock will all write in the Chazen lobby at the same time. The public will have a chance to look at the exhibition and watch all three at work.



Rabbi Kevin Hale

The Saint John's Bible is the first handwritten Bible that interprets and illustrates scripture from a contemporary perspective, reflecting a multicultural world and humanity's enormous strides in science, technology and space travel. The film is narrated by Susan Sarandon with Julia Ormand. Please RSVP online or to Aleeza Hoffert program@templebethelmadison.org.

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working for social change. We'll end with a camping trip over Shabbat at Camp Shalom.

The program is August 17-22, 2015, with an orientation the day before. Volunteering will take place Monday through Friday, and the camping trip will be Friday evening through Saturday. (If you have any conflicts during the week, you may still be able to participate.) The program is staffed by Parthy Schachter, Program Coordinator. They'll be joined by Rabbi Laurie and Aviv Kammay on Shabbat.

Here are five reasons to do the program:

1) You can do something meaningful at the end of the summer.

2) You can earn up to 20 volunteer hours for school.

3) You can build your resume and show people you know what's going on in your community.

4) You can hang out with cool Jewish teens from around Madison.

5) You can contribute to your community and make a difference.

The cost is $160, which is generously subsidized by the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel. Scholarships are available, and there is a multi-child discount for siblings.

To obtain more information, including registration forms, please contact Parthy Schachter at civilhands@yahoo.com.

Temple Beth El

Our events listed below are open to the community. Check out our Temple Beth El website at www.templebethelmadison.org for more information on our worship times and special events. All events 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. Please contact Heidi Lauhon, Executive Director, at 608-238-3123 or executivedirector@templebethelmadison.org for membership information.

Talk by Author Doug Moe

Talk by Author Doug Moe on his latest book: *Good Men, The Lives and Philanthropy of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman*
Sunday, March 1
9:30am Brunch
10am Talk by Doug Moe with Q & A

There's no charge for this brunch and talk but we ask that you register to ensure space & food. Register online or contact Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3124. Co-sponsored by Temple Beth El Men's Club. We will have Purim-themed activities.

Purim Seudah (Dinner) and The Scroll of Purim

Wednesday, March 4
6:15pm Dinner
7:30pm The Scroll of Purim

Reservations required for our Persian-themed dinner $15 for adults 13+, $10 kids 5+ and $7 tots. Dinner will include savory dolmas, lamb or vegetarian stew and more. During dinner we'll also have the opportunity to hear part of the megillah chanted. All ages welcome at dinner. Following dinner, enjoy our congregant-written and directed Purim Shpeil intended for a mature audience entitled "The Scroll of Purim." End the evening with a tasty hamantashen.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

7:15pm, Friday, March 6
Granite City, 72 West Towne Mall, Madison

Our Membership Committee invites you to join one another for dinner at Granite City. Granite City has an extensive menu and a big selection of local brews to choose from. Before dinner everyone is invited to join us at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison for a pre-service Oneg Shabbat nosh at 5:30pm. Shabbat Services begin at 6:00pm. Come with friends or come to meet new friends as you enjoy a meal together. Please contact Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org to let us know you are coming.

Tots and Tunes

Sunday, March 8 (note the date change) and April 19
9:30am-10:30am in the Ezra Frank Adult Lounge

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

There will be singing, crafts, challah & juice. Come hang out with leaders Lynn R., Karin H. and Kenny L. as they teach the tots about Shabbat and Jewish holidays through songs and crafts!

Taste of Israel

Sunday, March 8

11:30am-12:30pm: Israeli activities for all ages: Israel information table; Bedouin tent and storytelling; Jewelry making; Arts and crafts 12:30pm-1:30pm Israeli style lunch

1:30pm-2:30pm: Israeli Music and sing-along with Aviv Kammay

2:30pm-3:30pm: Israeli dancing with Yonim

$7 adults; $5 kids; Maximum $20 for a family of 4-6 or $25 for a family of 7 and up

Open to all. Brought to you by the Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Committee with additional support of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

RSVP online or to Aleeza Hoffert: program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123 by March 3.

Film Screening

The Nazi Officer's Wife
(The Story of Edith Hahn)
Thursday, March 12, 7pm

In preparation for Angela Schluter's visit (the daughter of Edith Hahn) on March 16, join us for a special movie screening at Temple Beth El. The movie is one hour and forty minutes long. The movie, based on the book *The Nazi Officer's Wife: How one Jewish woman survived the Holocaust*, is about the life of Edith Hahn who kept her identity as a Jew secret. Despite the risks, Edith kept many records, real and falsified documents, and photos of labor camps. These moving artifacts, along with testimony from Edith and her daughter Angela bring this tale of survival, resilience and redemption to life.

Special Engagement: Angela Schluter

Monday, March 16, 6:30pm

Coming from London, daughter of the famed couple whose lives are depicted in the book and movie *The Nazi Officer's Wife*.

We are honored to be able to bring Angela Schluter, a dynamic speaker on the story of her parents and her own upbringing and the impact of the Holocaust. Her trip to Wisconsin is made possible by the Holocaust Education and Research Center and Congregation Shalom in Milwaukee. Angela is the daughter of Edith Hahn Beer, the subject and author of *The Nazi Officer's Wife: How one Jewish woman survived the Holocaust*. Copies of the book are available from Temple Beth El for $15 each. Contact the Temple office to purchase your copy.

Angela was born in Brandenburg, Germany in 1944, the daughter of a Nazi Party member and a Jewish woman who was hiding from the Gestapo and living under an assumed identity in the heart of the Third Reich. Angela's mother, Edith Hahn, came from Vienna, Austria, was sent to a labor camp in 1940, and then because of a series of miraculous coincidences managed to live through the war and ultimately immigrate to England in 1948. Angela will be speaking about her mother, the book (which is also a movie) and her own upbringing as arguably the only child of a Jewish mother born in a German hospital during World War II.

Singles Creating Community Coffee Clutch

Friday, March 20 at 9am
Barriques Fitchburg
5957 Mckee Rd #5, Fitchburg

Enjoy a cup of joe with your Singles Creating Community friends.

Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 4 at 6pm
(Register by March 27)

Follow in the traditions of our ancestors, while still finding meaning and relevance for today's world as you join Rabbi Biatch and Cantor Martin to celebrate our freedom at our annual community Passover Seder. Along with our traditional Seder foods, we'll enjoy a meal of Matzah Ball soup, orange-glazed chicken or vegetable farfel-stuffed red pepper, potato kugel, roasted vegetables and Passover cookies.

Adult (Age 14+): $25/member; $30/non-member

Youth (Age 5-13): $18/member; $20 /non-member

Tiny (Age 2-4): $6/member; $8/non-member

Questions? Register online or to Aleeza Hoffert: program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123.

MaTTY (Mad Town Temple Youth Group, Grades 9-12)

For questions about MaTTY, our High School Youth Group, please contact Naomi, at matty@templebethelmadison.org

MaTTY Murder Mystery Lock-In

Saturday, March 7 at 6:30pm thru Sunday, March 8 at 9am

Who did it? Join MaTTY for a night filled with mystery and intrigue where YOU are a suspect. Get creative as we investigate a murder, solve a mystery, and watch movies! Even if deduction isn't your specialty, this is a great chance to hangout and just relax! Bring old friends, and make new friends. It will be a "killer!"

The Lock-In is a sleepover in the MaTTY youth lounge. The event is $5. Dinner, snacks, and breakfast are included. Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, and favorite board game. We also highly encourage people to dress up a bit to fit your character. You will get your assigned character after you signup online. RSVP by Wednesday, March 4th online or to matty@templebethelmadison.org

Hillel Youth Group Shabbat for 11th & 12th Graders

Friday, March 20 at 5:45pm at UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison

UW-Madison's Hillel is hosting a Shabbat for 11th and 12th graders who are part of a youth group in Madison. There will be many UW college students at this Shabbat who are alumni of various national youth groups (NFTY, USY, BBYO, etc.) It will be a great opportunity for 11th and 12th graders to see that their youth group connections and Jewish life does not end when they graduate high school. Everyone is invited for services at 6pm and dinner follows at 7pm on the second floor.

MaTTY will meet in the Hillel lobby at 5:45pm. We will then go to the Reform services together and sit together at dinner. The dinner is free for 11th and 12th graders. Dinner will be over around 8pm. Please RSVP to Naomi Segal at matty@templebethelmadison.org by Tuesday, March 17th.

Forging Connections Between Art History and Falasha Pottery

By Melissa Miller

Center for Jewish Studies student Elizabeth (Lisa) Shoshany Anderson's interest in Falasha pottery was piqued when her family brought back some artisanal pieces from a trip to Ethiopia. A dual Jewish Studies and Art History major, Lisa is currently completing her Senior Capstone project on the artistic dimensions of this complex craft tradition.

The Falasha, now more commonly known as the Beta Israel or Ethiopian Jews, have been noted for their crafts and smithing since the fifteenth century. After their land rights were taken away, they turned to making pottery and metal objects, both to sell to the local Ethiopian community and for themselves. Usually, these items were created by husband and wife teams of artisans, with men responsible for the metallurgy, while women focused on the pottery. In the nineteenth century, the Beta Israel began to craft figurines for tourists and gifting purposes. After the organized migrations out of Ethiopia in the 1980s and 1990s, most of the community now lives in Israel, where many continue to sustain their unique identity as artists. Their craft objects continue to be popular today in Israeli markets and can be purchased to help support the Beta Israel community.

Currently, the Beta Israel remain an underexplored group of artisans and craftspeople. The utilitarian nature of the Falasha vessels, as well as the subjects of the figurines, such as community members and women grinding teff for flour, have meant that these pieces have usually been considered as tourist objects, rather than museum-worthy. Lisa hopes that her research on this tradition will help to change such a narrow outlook. Coming from an art historian's perspective, Lisa notes that this tradition has passed through distinct artistic phases, which sets the artists of the Beta Israel apart from other areas of East Africa. As she explains, "most of surrounding Eastern Africa did not have a tradition of sculptural figures. That the Beta Israel have maintained such a complex relationship with the figural tradition over the centuries makes them unique." Thus, the Beta Israel can provide us with a more nuanced understanding of the history of African art as a whole.

Overview of the 2015-17 State Budget Proposed by Governor Walker

By Michael Blumenfeld, Executive Director

Wisconsin Jewish Conference

The Governor released his proposed 2015-17 state budget February 3, which includes major reforms to the Medicaid program, Family Care, SeniorCare and other safety net programs.

Now that the budget has been introduced, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) will begin reviewing the document. JFC will hold hearings with state agency leaders, conduct several public hearings throughout the state and then make modifications to the proposed budget. After JFC finishes its work in May, the bill goes to the Senate and Assembly for approval.

Family Care Expansion and Reform

The proposed budget expands the Family Care program, which provides long-term care services to the elderly and adults with disabilities, statewide. It also includes major reforms to the way the program currently operates and adds acute and primary care to the benefit package.

BadgerCare Childless Adult Reforms

The Governor recommends reforming health care coverage for low-income childless adults by requiring monthly premiums for all enrolled childless adults and higher premiums for childless adults who engage in high-risk health behaviors. Additionally, the proposed budget would require health risk assessments and screening for drug use to receive benefits. Finally, BadgerCare enrollment for childless adults will be capped at 48 months.

SeniorCare

The budget would require older adults to enroll in Medicare Part D before accessing SeniorCare.

Elderly and Disabled Transportation

The budget increases funding by $438,000 for elderly and disabled aids to local governments and nonprofit organizations in order to provide vital transportation services for senior citizens and people with disabilities. This represents a 1% increase of the program.

Drug Testing for FoodShare and other public benefits

The Governor proposes drug testing for recipients of unemployment insurance benefits, FoodShare and other programs provided by the Departments of Children and Families and Health Services.

Services for Child Victims of Sex Trafficking

The Governor recommends providing $2 million in funding to expand treatment services for child victims of sex trafficking.

School Choice

The Governor's proposed budget removes the enrollment cap on the statewide school choice program. Under current law, enrollment in the statewide choice program is capped at 1,000 students.

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Chabad Brings Jewish Life to Greek Life

The Jewish community has for many years played a disproportionate role in the UW's Greek system. While approximately ten percent of the undergraduate students are Jewish, Jews represent as many as forty percent of those in fraternities and sororities. Chabad has been providing Jewish opportunities to these students for many years.

Zach Erlichman, a brother in ZBT from Chicago, explained that since a majority of their pledges are Jewish, they put Shabbat dinner at Chabad on their rush calendar. "We're proud to say that our relationship with Chabad goes deep," he said. "Many brothers attend Shabbat dinners and classes at Chabad. The older ones rave about Chabad so the younger ones start attending as well. We love when Rabbi Mendel comes to our house every week for Kosher BLT's (bagel, lox and tefillin). In addition, we all know that for the best and most meaningful Birthright experience, you want to travel to Israel with Rabbi Mendel."

Other Jewish houses have Jewish events with Chabad uniquely for the members. AEPi fraternity and AEPhi sorority each host a Shabbat dinner at Chabad each semester. The past president of AEPhi, Ilana Fromm, was a member on the Chabad student board. "As president of Alpha Epsilon Phi, a nationally Jewish sorority, Chabad provides us with an outlet to connect with our Jewish roots and strengthen the values that are important to us," she said.

Sunny Rovitz is the president of the SDT sorority. She arranged a Birthright trip for all of her friends last summer with Rabbi Mendel and upon their return they continued to meet with him every week to discuss Jewish issues and Israel.

Chabad's involvement in Greek life is not limited to Jewish houses. The Chi Omega sorority is not a Jewish house but is mostly Jewish girls. Looking for something that would be meaningful for all the sisters regardless of their faith, Chabad hosted Challah baking for them, a fun and delicious activity for everyone.

Greek life creates special relationships and friendships. Chabad helps these young people recognize the importance and impact of Jewish life within these communities. Chabad believes that these experiences positively impact them so that they will pursue and engage within Jewish communities in the future as well.





Joint Youth Group Event Was Out of This World!

On Saturday night, February 7, the four Madison Jewish high school youth groups came out 30 strong to join forces in the alternate universe of glow-in-the-dark Laser Tag. It was out of this world, as it featured Temple Beth El's MaTTY, Beth Israel Center's MOUSY, Heifetz BBYO, and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. This joint youth venture was successful because it gave our Jewish teens an opportunity to build new relationships, and each youth group a sense that they are part of a larger community. Our combined program also gave the youth group presidents a chance to work together as they led fun and interactive, big-group and paired-up mixers. We look forward to more joint youth events in the future...and out of this world!

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Renowned Professor Deborah Lipstadt visits Madison on March 12

By Jennifer Jennings

UW Hillel is pleased to announce that renowned Professor Deborah Lipstadt will be speaking at UW Hillel, The Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Student Life on Thursday, March 12 at 7 PM. The title of her talk is: ***"In Every Generation They Wish to Destroy Us": Anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism as factors in Jewish Identity***. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies. The lecture is free and is open to the public. The community is welcome.

Simone Schweber, Director of the Mosse Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and the Goodman Professor of Education and Jewish Studies says, "To have Deborah Lipstadt coming to our campus is really a privilege and an honor. She is a phenomenal speaker and her presentation could not be more timely." In the wake of recent anti-Semitic incidents in Europe and rising Anti-Israel sentiment on college campuses, it is crucial to bring a conversation regarding anti-Semitism to UW-Madison. College students often do not have the opportunity to engage in conversations about anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism and how they affect their community.

Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt is Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta. Her most recent book, *The Eichmann Trial,* published by Nextbook and Schocken Books, received excellent reviews. Her earlier book, *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier,* (Ecco/HarperCollins, 2005) is the story of her libel trial in London against David Irving who sued her for calling him a Holocaust denier and right wing extremist. In July 2001 the Court of Appeal resoundingly rejected Irving's attempt to appeal the judgment against him. Her book *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory* (Free Press/Macmillan, 1993), is the first full length study of those who attempt to deny the Holocaust.

Lipstadt was an historical consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and helped design the section of the Museum dedicated to the American Response to the Holocaust. She was appointed by President Clinton to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council on which she served two terms. She was a member of its Executive Committee of the Council and chaired the Educational Committee and Academic Committee of the Holocaust Museum. Dr. Lipstadt has been called upon by members of the United States Congress to consult on political responses to Holocaust denial. From 1996 through 1999 she served as a member of the United States State Department Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad. In this capacity she, together with a small group of leaders and scholars, advised Secretary of State Madeline Albright on matters of religious persecution abroad.

Deborah Lipstadt has taught at UCLA and Occidental College in Los Angeles. She received her B.A. from City College of New York and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Brandeis University. Professor Lipstadt is frequently called upon by the media to comment on a variety of matters. She has appeared on CNN, 60 Minutes, Today Show, Good Morning America, NPR's Fresh Air, the BBC, and the Charlie Rose Show, and is a frequent contributor to and is widely quoted in a variety of newspapers including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, and the *New York Times*. She has received an Honorary Doctorate from Ohio Wesleyan, Yeshiva University, Bar Ilan University, and Hebrew Union College. The *Forward* named her number two on its list of the "Forward Fifty": the fifty top Jewish newsmakers for the year 2000.



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Madison Jewish Community Day School in Pictures



MJCDS students excitedly show off their artwork!



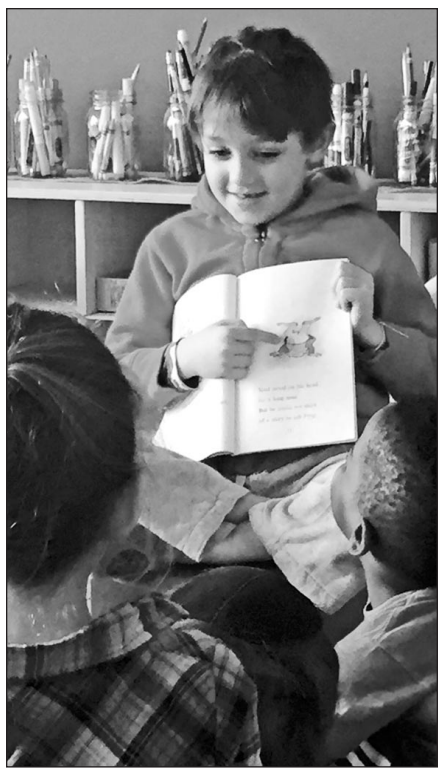
Josephine illustrates a timeline of the career of explorer Ponce de Leon.



In preparation for Tu Bishvat, students studied plants that grow quickly with Jackson Hetue, of the Wisconsin Fast Plants Program. Younger students planted herbs in soil, while older students studied how succulents grow.



Heshy shows off a birdfeeder made just before Tu Bishvat.



First grader Lincoln reads the book *Frog and Toad are Friends* to his class.

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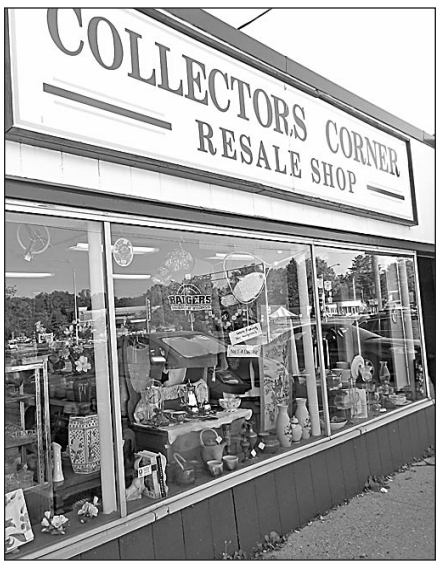
With roomfuls of valuable items left from the first auction, the Hadassah members planned a second auction for the next year. When a tornado watch scuttled their auction plans, the women rented office space for three months to sell the merchandise. With the help from many volunteers, their once small venture was so successful that the Collectors Corner Consignment and Resale Store was launched.



You can visit Collectors Corner at 6633 University Avenue in Middleton. Then join us as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary on April 19th.

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Time to Celebrate

To celebrate the 40 plus years, we're having a birthday party on April 19th at the Olive Garden off Mineral Point Road. Come at 11:00 AM for a silent auction. Lunch starts at noon with a soup and salad luncheon plus birthday cake.

Reservations can be made online at: hadassah.org/events/cc or mail to Collectors Corner, 6633 University Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562. Bring your checkbook for the silent auction.



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Each gathering will begin with excerpts from Hadassah's monthly video series called ***Defining Zionism in 2015***. Each month Hadassah's video interview features a different, remarkable speaker to talk about his or her particular ways of thinking about Israel and Zionism.

The entire online **Defining Zionism** series described in the December 2014 *Madison Jewish News* is free and open to the entire community at http://www. hadassah.org/ israel/ defining-zionism/

If you are interested in attending one of the *Open Discussions on Zionism in 2015*, please let us know by phone or email. We will send you dates from which to choose.

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- **1:30-2:30 p.m. Iraeli Music and sing-along with Aviv Kammay**
- **2:30-3:30 p.m. Israeli dancing with Yonim**

Fees: $7 adults; $5 kids; $20 for a family of 4-6; $25 for a family of 7 and up. The Jewish Federation of Madison is providing additional support for this event. **Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert: program@templebethel.org, or 608-238-3123**







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Terrie Goren Resigns as JSS Executive Director

Linda Reivitz, President of the Board of Directors of Jewish Social Services of Madison, announced today that the Executive Director of JSS, Terrie Goren, has resigned her position effective this spring.

Terrie has served in this position since 2010. Under her leadership, JSS has served over 900 clients annually, positioned itself as a well-established independent agency, enhanced social programming for seniors, and held several successful community celebrations.

Terrie, reflecting on her tenure at JSS stated: "I have enjoyed working with our board, staff, volunteers and entire community to ensure that JSS remains relevant and strong. During my tenure we have been actively engaged in establishing ourselves as a strong and vibrant social service agency that continually strives to meet the needs of the community. Our strength is immense and permeates through the staff, the board, our large corps of volunteers and through the commitment of hundreds of donors. I have seen tremendous growth in our agency. Being at the helm and working with our staff and board as we evolve has been an inspiring process and I am very proud of all that has been accomplished. I will leave knowing that JSS is well grounded and positioned to continue in its efforts of providing social services in the community."

Terrie successfully led the agency through a unique time. "She came to JSS at a time of staff and organizational change," Reivitz said, "which is always challenging. She has shown tremendous commitment to the agency and the clients we serve. And that is reflected in the high regard JSS has in our community. We wish her every success in her future endeavors."

The JSS Board has begun a search for her replacement. Those interested may look at www.jssmadison.org for the position description.

Applications should be sent to JSSExecDirSearch@gmail.com.

Jewish Social Services of Madison, Wisconsin
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND

Jewish Social Services of Madison provides wide-ranging and compassionate social services and helps individuals and families access needed assistance. We serve individuals and families in Madison, Wisconsin and its surrounding communities. Inspired by the values of Jewish tradition, our services are non-sectarian serving people of all ages, religions, and backgrounds. Our services currently focus on seniors, individuals and families under stress, and immigration services. We are seeking an Executive Director to provide vision, energy and guidance for our future while building on almost 40 years of service to the community

The person we seek will combine strong skills in community engagement, leadership, donor development, program management, and administration. The Executive Director works closely with the agency's professional staff of 5, a committed Board of Directors and Madison's diverse community.

THE POSITION

JSS seeks an Executive Director with a proven record of excellence, who will provide leadership to help JSS fulfill its mission. Working closely with the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will direct all operations of JSS, including governance, business management, hiring and supervision of personnel, fundraising, programming and community relations. The Executive Director will be a recognized spokesperson for JSS and its programs. Examples of key responsibilities:

- Fund Raising, Development and Grant Writing
- Financial Management
- Personnel Management and Administration
- Program Management

PREFERRED QUALITIES AND ABILITIES:

The Executive Director of JSS should be dedicated to excellence, and possess a high degree of integrity and credibility. To achieve success in this position the Executive Director must possess these qualities and abilities deemed essential to the job. They include the ability to:

* inspire others and build commitment through strong, energetic leadership
* build trusted relationships
* communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing
* think critically
* prioritize, multi-task, and problem solve
* successfully work/mentor staff, help them set and achieve goals and objectives, and evaluate results

Minimum qualifications: experienced with a minimum of 5 years in for-profit or not-for-profit leadership positions, with a demonstrated track record of success. Bachelor's degree minimum. The preferred start date is Spring, 2015.

COMPENSATION: A competitive compensation package is available for the successful candidate, with a salary commensurate with the successful candidate's experience and qualifications. While this is a full time position, JSS will consider candidates interested in working a lesser amount with a minimum of 75%. JSS also offers competitive benefits including: generous vacation and leave days, health insurance, sick leave, and contributions to a 403B plan.

CONTACT: For a full job description visit www.jssmadison.org. Interested individuals should submit a cover letter and resume to JSSExecDirSearch@gmail.com



Volunteer Opportunities at Capitol Lakes Senior Seder

Seven more volunteers are needed for the Senior Seder at Capitol Lakes on Wednesday April 8, from 10:30-2:00. Volunteers will help set-up, escort and seat guests, pour wine, water and grape juice, participate in the Seder, assist dining room staff with serving and clearing, and other duties as they come up. Volunteers will receive a complementary meal (vegetarian option available). Contact Louise at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 direct or louise@jssmadison if you're interested in volunteering at a Seder.



Volunteer for Jewish Social Services!

Volunteer application at http://jssmadison.org/becoming-volunteer

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.

Friendly Visitors for three women who are all social, out-going and enjoy conversation:

- An elderly woman, Downtown.
- A high-functioning elderly woman in memory care, West Side.
- A middle-aged woman living independently on the West Side.
- We are also seeking a Friendly Visitor for a friendly, cheerful elderly gentleman with dementia, Downtown.

Friendly Visitors develop on-going, one-to-one relationships with a senior or person with disabilities. Volunteers uniformly say that this is a very rewarding activity that brings meaning and a wealth of feeling to their lives. *Commitment is about an hour a week for a minimum of six months, but is flexible.*

Bikur Holim for a couple of people in skilled nursing facilities:

- An elderly woman, Downtown.
- An elderly woman on the Southwest Side.

Bikur Holim means visiting those who are sick. These brief visits are made when volunteers are able to drop in; no commitment to a schedule is required and visits are as needed.

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 incurrred 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.

Jewish Education

Midrasha Graduate Update

Sophie Shafer-Landau graduated from Midrasha in 2013. She was a recipient of the Midrasha Incentive Award and the Liesl Blockstein Scholarship. Sophie is now a student at Occidental College.

I just wanted to check in, and let you know how wonderful the incentive award program is and how much it has allowed me to do here at school. Last semester, I decided to switch my major (and can now officially call myself a Liberal Arts student!) I am now majoring in Diplomacy and World Affairs, rather than kinesiology. I have taken a focused interest in the affairs of the Middle East, and the incentive award was used last semester to explore these newfound interests. I am now taking a course on the foreign affairs and politics of Modern Iran, which I am greatly looking forward to, as well as a class on international organizations such as the UN, French language, and narrative journalism.

The incentive award has allowed me to be free in my pursuits of education; I first used it to learn about food, culture, and society, which are all integral components of Judaism and the community that flourishes from the wealth of traditions and celebrations that make the religion so much more than recitation of prayer. Since being at school, I have been able to look back on my time at Midrasha and the great Jewish community that Madison affords.

I plan on continuing to learn about Israel, the Middle East, and the complicated climate of politics surrounding the region. I will be spending my summer in Washington, DC, as an intern at the American Security Project. I plan on studying abroad in Copenhagen this fall, learning about counter-terrorism and European politics and approaches to the issue. I will hopefully spend the fall semester of my senior year at the UN in New York taking classes and interning.

Thank you again for the opportunities that the incentive award provides for its recipients; please pass this gratitude along to all who made it possible.



Sophie Shafer-Landau

What's Coming Up for Midrasha in March

Calendar:

March 1st: Hebrew
March 4th: Purim – No Midrasaha
March 5th: Community Purim Carnival 4:30-7pm at Beth Israel Center – volunteers needed!
March 8th: No Hebrew
March 11th: regular classes
March 15th: Hebrew
March 18th: regular classes
March 22nd: Hebrew
March 25th: regular classes
March 29th: No Hebrew – spring break begins

Hebrew and Jewish Studies Updates

Midrasha is off to a great start. We are one month into the semester and the students have had some great opportunities for learning already! The Hebrew students are working on mastering the language at various levels from learning the aleph-bet to analyzing Hebrew poetry and learning new verb conjugations. Midrasha students who complete their Hebrew requirements are eligible to receive credits in school!

The 8th graders are taking a Survey of Jewish History and talked about the Kings and biblical Israel and in Jewish Ethics and Law they explored hot topics like what Judaism says about consequences, they talked about hot topics like human trafficking and the death penalty and they learned about the Beit Dein (Rabbinical legal system in biblical Israel.)

Mickey Aziz, our community Shlicha is taking the 9th graders on an interactive and engaging journey of the History of Israel.

Rabbi Biatch, Maddie Jacobs and the 10th graders are discovering why Jewish Heroes weren't always perfect and why this is so important to helping us learn from the past.

The 9th/10th grade electives have explored immigration, Jewish communities in Africa and India, Jewish life on college campuses and the role that gender plays in the Torah.

Some of the 11th/12th graders are taking a Holocaust Remembrance class with Mickey Aziz where they mapped ideas about the Shoah and remembrance, talked a little about the meaning of memory, watched clips of survivors' testimonies and talked about the different ways that people, Jewish and non-Jewish, have commemorated the Holocaust. In the Ask the Rabbi class with Avremel Matusof they talked about Anti-Semitism, the Jewish response to Anti-Semitism and the students' thoughts about how they would deal with Anti-Semitic acts. The Jewish Debate class prepared for mock trials about two topics, gun control and interfaith marriage. They researched these issues from both Jewish and secular perspectives and then debated as a class.

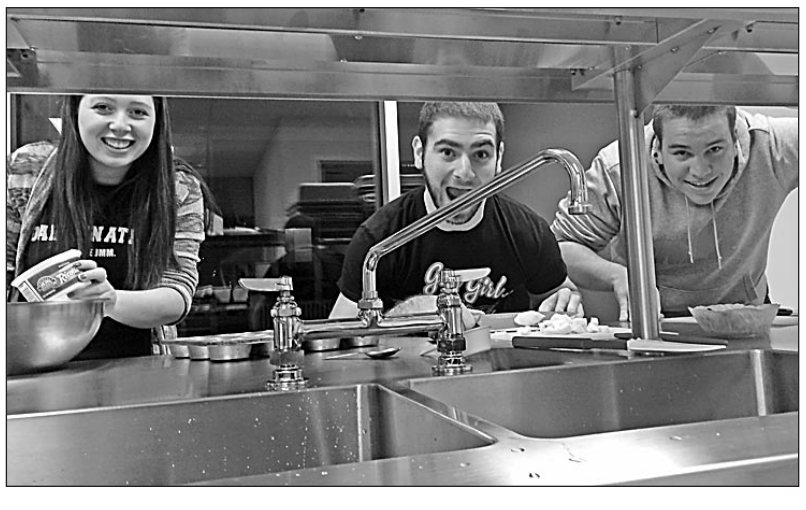
The Midrasha students have special programs each month and in February they went to the screening of *Beneath the Helmet* at the Memorial Union. The film was thought-provoking and in March the classes will have an opportunity to process and discuss the film together.













Yonim Israeli Folk Dance is in Full Swing!

Yonim dancers shined in their first performance of 2015. The thirty dancers from kindergarten through 12th grade performed at 3 Madison-area schools on Friday, January 30, for their annual school tour.



Yonim dancers light up the stage at area schools in January.

Upcoming Performances

Don't miss your chance to catch a Yonim performance. There are two more performances coming up this season.

Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m. at Oakwood Village Auditorium, 6201 Mineral Point Road, Madison.

Sunday, May 3 at 3:30-5 p.m., Sharsheret Festival, Middleton Performing Arts Center, Middleton High School.

Sharsheret Dance Camp Registration is now open!

What: Israeli dance for a full weekend with other kids! Learn amazing dance choreography and perform it on a big stage at the end of the weekend!

Who: 5th – 12th grade girls and boys, Yonim and non-Yonim kids. No dance experience necessary!

When: May 1-3, campers arrive at 5pm on Friday and leave Sunday morning for the Sharsheret Festival

Where: OSRUI, Oconomowoc, WI

Festival: Sunday, May 3, the new dance will be showcased at Sharsheret International Dance Festival at the Middleton Performing Arts Center, Middleton High School.

K'tantanim classes for 3-5 year olds!

Young dancers can still catch 2 more classes this spring.

When: Sundays March 8 and April 19, 3:30-4pm

Where: Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St, Madison, WI

Cost is $5 a class. All participants will have the opportunity to perform at the Sharsheret Festival, May 3.

All preschoolers are welcome!

Please contact Cathy at yonim@jewishmadison.org for more information.







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Jewish Education

Students at Gan HaYeled Celebrate Tu Bishvat and Explore Outside!


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Roger signs in to the classroom.


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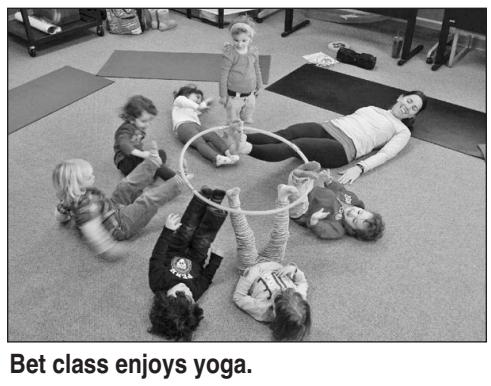
Bet class enjoys yoga.


Circle time in Bet with some extra visitors.


Benny, Naomi and Opal use hole punchers to decorate their leaves for the trees.


Lexi and Elijah enjoy some sledding.


The Dalet class is ready to start the Tu Bishvat Seder.


Blanka, Sophie, Lexi and other Dalet friends make colored ice.


Tu Bishvat Seder in Dalet.


Orly and Sophie and the birthday hat made for the trees.


Shira opens one of the presents for the trees.


Ruby and Ellie with their snacks after talking about how to keep our teeth clean.


Malia showing her "clean teeth."

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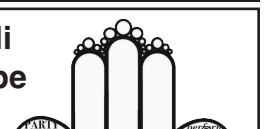

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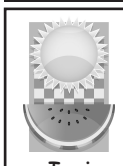

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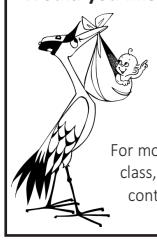

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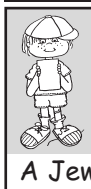

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March Lechayim Calendar

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Monday, March 2 *Lechayim celebrates Purim*
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Alice Loew
12:00-1:00 Corn Chowder with tortilla strips, Mexican Lasagna (veg), Orange Jicama Salad, Hamentaschen
1:00-2:00 *Lechayim Showcase*

Monday, March 9
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Fish and Fennel Stew, Oyster Crackers, Garlic Wilted Kale, Fresh Fruit Salad, Mini Éclairs & Cream Puffs
1:00-2:00 Laura Heisler, *"The Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery: Public Spaces Make Meaningful Connections"*

Monday, March 16
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Bulgur and Couscous Stuffed Peppers with Roasted Red Pepper Cream Sauce, Sautéed Zucchini and Summer Squash, Melon Wedge, Chocolate Peanut Butter Brownie
1:00-2:00 Irish music with The Currach

Monday, March 23
11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Three Vegetable Baked Potato Kugel, Balsamic Roasted Brussels Sprouts, Spiced Chickpea Salad, Tuna Salad, Oatmeal Walnut Raisin Cookie
1:00-2:00 Jessica Michna One-Woman Show, *"Eleanor Roosevelt"*

Monday, March 30
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Ricotta Stuffed Manicotti with Marinara, Grilled Italian Vegetables, Sliced French Bread, Caesar Salad, Caramel Sea Salt Gelato
1:00-2:00 Prof. Jordan Ellenberg, *"The Virtues of Uncertainty"*

Next month's dates
April 13, 20, 27

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions provides door-to-door service for $1 round trip, payable to the driver. Contact Louise Goldstein (608-278-1808, direct 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org) by 2:00 p.m. the Friday before Lechayim to make a reservation. 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 and post the cancellation on our website.

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

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Понедельник, 2 Марта Лехаим празднует Пурим
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Элис Лоу
12: 00-1: 00 Кукурузная похлебка с тортильными чипсами, мексиканская лазанья (овощи), салат из апельсинов и юкамы, хаменташы.
1: 00-2: 00 Преставление Лехаима

Понедельник, 9 марта
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Рагу из рыбы и фенхеля, крекеры, кале с чесноком, свежий фруктовый салат, мини-эклеры с кремом
1: 00-2: 00 Лора Хейслер, "Институт Исследований : Общественные места объединяют"

Понедельник, 16 марта
11: 00-12: 00 MedDrop с Обществом студентов-фармацевтов штата Висконсин
11: 30-12: 00 Йога со стула с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Перец фаршированный перловкой и кус-кусом в сливочном соусе с красным перцем, жаренные цуккини и кабачок, дыня, шоколадно-арахисовое масло.
1: 00-2: 00 Ирландская музыка с

Понедельник 23 апреля
11: 00-12: 00 измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Тройной овощной печеный картофельный кугель, жареная брюссельская капуста, приправленный гороховый салат, салат из тунца, овсяное печенье с изюмом и орехами
1: 00-2: 00 Джессика Мична шоу одного актера ", Элеонора Рузвельт"

Понедельник, 30 марта
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Равиоли фаршированные сыром в соусе овощи по-итальянски, французский хлеб, салат "Цезарь", карамель с морской солью.
1: 00-2: 00 Проф. Джордан Элленберг, "Добродетели неопределенности"

Даты апреля 13, 20, 27

Two Ways to Make Your Lechayim Reservation:

- When you check in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
- Call Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808 or 608-442-4083 (direct) or email louise@jssmadison.org **by 2:00 p.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 in time but would like to come, **call Louise on Monday morning before 10:00 a.m.** to see if there have been cancellations.
- We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins.

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

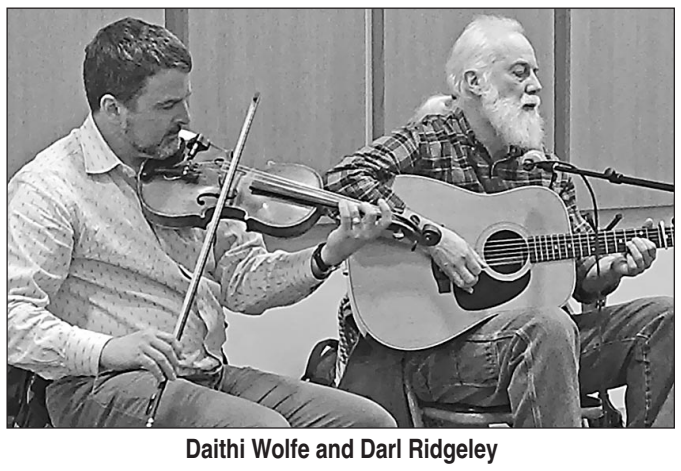
We'll be celebrating Purim at Lechayim on **Monday, March 2** with something new: a "Lechayim Showcase" when you'll have the opportunity to entertain each other with jokes, riddles, brief reminiscences and stories, songs, whatever you have to offer. Purim is a time to be silly and to turn the usual order of thing upside-down, so we hope you'll participate in that spirit of hilarity. Don't forget to wear a costume or crazy hat, zany jacket, outrageous scarf, whacky deely-bobbers – whatever floats your boat and will reflect the spirit of Purim.

Madison is a treasure-trove of learning opportunities! We'll hear about a unique and important one on **Monday, March 9**, when Laura Heisler talks about the ways that the public Town Center in the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery on the UW-Madison campus has built bridges between the campus and the community.

Laura Heisler is Director of Programming for WARF (Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation) and Director of Outreach for the Morgridge Institute for Research as well as the director of the award-winning Wisconsin Science Festival. Prior to the launch of the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, she served as an Intellectual Property Manager for WARF beginning in 2004. She has been involved with numerous aspects of the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery project since its inception in 2006. In her current role, she is charged with developing, implementing and directing the programmatic framework for WARF as well as the public spaces at Discovery, including the one-of-a-kind Town Center, which welcome the entire community.


Laura Heisler

The Irish band "The Currach" (the Boat) comes back for their annual visit with their rollicking reels, jigs and ballads on **Monday, March 16**. Daithi Wolfe (also of Yid Vicious), Darl Ridgeley and Sheila Shigley bring their beautiful voices, deep knowledge of Irish music and high-level musicianship to set your toes tapping vigorously and bring a smile to your face. Don't miss these perennial Lechayim favorites!


Daithi Wolfe and Darl Ridgeley

Jessica Michna brings her one-woman show, "Eleanor Roosevelt," to Lechayim on **Monday, March 23**, thanks to a generous donation from Nena Dyhr. Michna's riveting portrayals of First Ladies and other historic women are compelling and emotionally enthralling and she has a powerful effect on an audience.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jessica Michna developed a love of American History at an early age, visiting the many Revolutionary and Civil War sites in the area. During her high school years she appeared in various productions and designed and constructed costumes. Jessica's theatrical aspirations were put on hold while she raised a family of four daughters, earned a degree in psychology from the UW and worked as a research and teaching assistant. Later Jessica decided to return to her two great loves, history and the theater. After almost two years of research, script writing, costume construction, and endless rehearsals, "Mary Todd Lincoln" was ready for her public. In 2005 "Eleanor Roosevelt" made her debut, and since then Michna has added more historical figures to her repertoire.


Jessica Michna

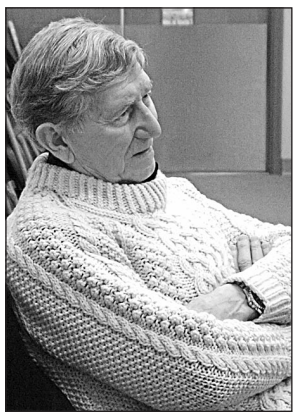
And now for something completely different! Mathematics is often thought of as a science of certainty, devoted to giving yes-or-no answers. But the most interesting uses of math in the real world are those that make use of mathematics as a science of UNCERTAINTY, in which the role of math is to formulate the right questions, not to give the right answers. On **Monday, March 30**, Jordan Ellenberg presents "The Virtues of Uncertainty." Ellenberg will discuss this with examples involving World War II air raids, Nate Silver's election predictions, John Ashbery's poetry, and Theodore Roosevelt's bad attitude.

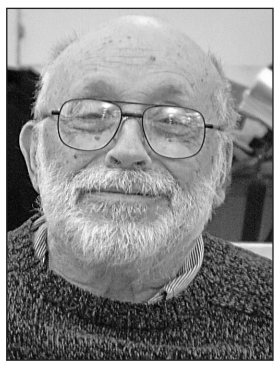
Jordan Ellenberg is a mathematician, but that's a little like saying that Bobbie Fischer liked to play chess. Identified as a prodigy at a very early age, he participated in the Johns Hopkins University Study of Mathematically Precocious Youth longitudinal cohort. As a high school senior, he placed second in the national Westinghouse Science Talent Search. He twice won gold medals in the International Mathematical Olympiads with perfect scores. He has an MA and PhD in Mathematics from Harvard.

Now the Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor of Mathematics at UW-Madison, Ellenberg is the author of the recently-published *How Not to be Wrong: the Power of Mathematical Thinking*, about which Publishers Weekly says, "Ellenberg finds the commonsense math at work in the everyday world, and his vivid examples and clear descriptions show how 'math is woven into the way we reason.'" Ellenberg also published a novel, *The Grasshopper King* in 2003 and occasionally writes a column, "Do the Math," for the online magazine, *Slate*.


Jordan Ellenberg

Scenes from Lechayim










Spotlight: Nadya Vinokur

By Pamela Phillips Olson

Pulling up her deeply rooted life in 1982, NadyaVinokur emigrated from Russia after her husband died. He had wanted a freer life for them, especially their son, Victor Gorodinsky, now a librarian in the UW Slavic Department who was just 22 at the time.



Nadya Vinokur

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

Nadya placed a cup of *0woce Lesne* in my hands, making **me** feel at home. "This tea is Polish: berries from the forest," she explained. "Father's family lived in Warsaw for generations; mother was from Lithuania. Father worked in the Russian embassy as a representative of the Jewish community. He was a brilliant linguist, proficient in 12 languages, including ancient Greek. Eventually he became a professor at Moscow University." After WW II they moved to Moscow. There, Nadya went to university. "I met my husband at a party. It was love at first sight." They married and she worked in the Pushkin Museum (the largest collection of European Art) as a guide, and then with Pushkin's manuscripts. "My husband, a science journalist, wanted a department transfer for years. He was repeatedly denied."

"When I first came (here), I knew the words 'Hi' and 'Bye.' That's it." Nadya now speaks fluent and nuanced English. Arriving first in Chicago, she attended a Jewish vocational agency preparing to join the workforce and studied ESL at Truman College. She then had a variety of jobs, including filing records and working as a manicurist. When Victor got a job as a librarian at the University of Illinois, she moved as well. She was happily reunited with her nephew and his family, who lived there. Soon after, she answered an ad and got a position in the Slavic Studies division of the college. Her co-workers were from Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Russia, and Poland. She was able to speak Russian again!

She now tutors four children in Russian and Skypes with friends all over the US. She authored a book in Russian, *Through the Waves of Time*, published in 2011, about the Russian intelligentsia who immigrated to Paris after the Revolution. Victor conducts the UW Russian Folk Orchestra with balalaikas and domras, playfully adding other sounds to the compositions, including an electric lawnmower! What an exercise in freedom!

When Nadya started working in America, she was shy and terrified to make mistakes. Now she feels more at home than she ever felt in Russia. "It's hard to explain. There is a sense of freedom in the air like an aura. I felt it immediately."

Spotlight correction: Last month's Spotlight referred to Sol Levin the local psychologist; the correct Sol Levin was a city planner during the time the Gates of Heaven Synagogue was moved.

Transitions

Happy March Birthday

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

Mazel Tov

To Janelle Bentley, on her new position with Capitol Fitness.

To Jules and Florence Grossberg, on their granddaughter Hannah's graduation from college.

To Karen Shevet Dinah on her position with the Immigration Program at JSS.

Best Wishes for your Wellness

Evie Meadow
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Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Merilyn Kupferberg, Florida

Condolences

To Diane Nestle, on the death of her cat, Binky.

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



Our monthly Shabbat gatherings include wine donated by Frank Liquor, candles and challah, singing and discussion.

Attic Angel Place at 2:30 in the Garden Room
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A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel Volunteers.

March 6, May 1

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.

March 13, May 8

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 Lauren Mazur.

March 20, May 22 (with a farewell to Lauren)

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, *Operation Diabetes and Operation Heart Health Fair* will be at Lechayim on April 20 from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your diabetes and heart related questions and concerns. This will be the last Health Assessment of the season.

Passover Seders for Seniors

Capitol Lakes Retirement Community, led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

Wednesday, April 8, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in the Seasons Dining Room, 333 West Main Street. Seating begins at 11:00 a.m.; the Seder begins at 11:30 a.m. $15/person.

Oakwood Village University Woods, led by Sara Karon with Lauren Mazur

Thursday, April 9, 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Nakoma/Westmoreland Room, 6205 Mineral Point Road. Seating begins at 2:30 p.m. and the Seder starts at 3:00 p.m. $16/person.

Menu: At both locations: Matzoh Ball Soup, Brisket, Potato Kugel, Asparagus. At Capitol Lakes the dessert is Chocolate Cake with Berries and the vegetarian option is Eggplant Napoleon. At Oakwood dessert is Pauline Rosenfeld's Sponge Cake with Berries and the vegetarian option is Eggplant Cutlets. Please request your vegetarian meal with your reservation and let us know of any food allergies. Everything except the brisket is pareve.

Reservations

• Capitol Lakes residents & their families: RSVP to Ami Shimanek at 608-283-2037 by April 1; your account will be billed.

• Oakwood residents & their families: RSVP to Melissa Rutledge at 608-230-4260 by April 3; your account will be billed.

• All others: RSVP to Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison WI 53719 by the appropriate due dates. Make your check out to "Capitol Lakes" or "Oakwood Village" and write "Seder" in the memo line.

Scholarships

Capitol Lakes residents, see Chaplain Guta Cvetkovic. All others contact Jewish Social Services at 608-278-1808 or louise@ssmadison.org.

Israel and the World



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guide us and teach us about the photos

• Young leadership programs connecting a group of young adults from Israel with young adults here in Madison

• Madison Marathon delegation that will include Israelis and Madisonians

Each day more details are being worked out to make these programs happen.

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From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

Election, in Israel, again???

This month is the month of elections in Israel and so, I thought it would be good to shortly explain the Israeli process of electing a government. The people of Israel are voting for a party, not its leader. Therefore, they do not necessarily vote for a leader's personality and charisma, they mostly vote for the different political agendas. It's important to note that unlike in the US, elections in Israel are based on nationwide proportional representation and there is no division to different areas in the country. Also, unlike in the US, the governing party is not necessarily the one who got the most mandates (seats) in the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, but the government whose leader can form a coalition. There are 120 seats in the Knesset. The head of the party with the most mandates needs, in order to become prime minister, to have at least 61 members who are willing to form a government. This condition leads the heads of the big parties to rely on the smaller parties while they solve the puzzle of building a coalition. In order to have the parties join the coalition, they have to take their political agendas into account. This system led to the issue that while the Knesset is elected for four years, many governments don't last beyond two years, quite like the former government.

The most important thing during these elections, whether one is right-wing or left-wing, is to go and vote. 67.77% of Israel's population voted during the 2013 elections, certainly not enough. To make an impact and perhaps work towards a lasting government, all of Israel's citizens need to go out and vote and take part in the democratic process. Some have said that the younger generation is tired of politics. However, many of the leading parties, right-winged and left-winged, now have younger members who could be ministers in the upcoming government. It is my hope that these young politicians can inspire students and young adults to vote. We'll be going to Chicago to vote. As people who care about our country, I sincerely believe it is our responsibility to shape its future by voting.



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Connecting with Israel

Susan's House, Jerusalem – Empowering At-Risk Teens



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On my first trip to Israel last month, I had the amazing opportunity to see how some of our Federation dollars are spent. I went to Israel to take part in the Partnership Together steering committee meeting in the Sovev Kinneret. Before the meetings began I spent some time in Jerusalem and was fortunate enough to visit "Susan's House" one of the programs funded by the dollars we raise during the Annual Tzedakah Campaign.

"Susan's House" is a program of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), a Federation overseas partner. Located in Jerusalem, Susan's House was established in 2002 as an on-the-job training workshop for some of Jerusalem's most troubled teens. Teenagers, ages 15 to 18, learn how to make beads, glass work, jewelry, wood workings and other decorative items which are then sold in their gift shop.

"Susan's House was established in 2002 as a memorial to Susan Kaplansky who worked to develop an art center as a meeting place for youth living on the street."

The teens at Susan's House work under the guidance and instruction of adults, including some of Israel's most popular artists. They are not only trained for a potential career, but are also taught skills that allow them to create and follow their own business plans. The hands-on experience — coupled with personal attention and therapeutic support (offered by a social worker and other staff) — helps the teens gain much needed self-confidence as they return to school or move forward with their professional goals.

This program is one example of the many ways that Federation works with the JDC, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and other non-governmental organizations, to ensure that every gift to the Annual Tzedakah Federation Campaign makes the biggest impact on those who need it most.





Go to the Source: Websites about Israel

For questions on how to support Israel and information about what is happening, please contact our Israeli Shlichim: Racheli, Jewish Federation of Madison Shlicha at: Israel@JewishMadison.org and Mickey, UW Hillel Israel Fellow at: Israel Fellow@UWHillel.org

To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:
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Track The Map

Who was Henrietta Szold and where is she buried?



Want to win Israeli chocolate? Email the answer to Racheli: **Israel@jewishmadison.org**

This article is about the influence of the Jewish emigrants on the culture of the USA (part 2).

Генрих Бабич

О вкладе евреев-эмигрантов в социальную жизнь и культуру США

(окончание)

Евреи Восточной Европы, сойдя на американский берег, являли собой источник дешевой и малоквалифицированной рабочей силы. Этим воспользовались предприниматели, выросшие из их среды, а также из числа "коренных" американцев. Создавались производства по пошиву одежды, изготовлению простой обуви и др. На этих производствах процветала потогонная система труда, рабочий день был ненормирован (право на восьмичасовый рабочий день было завоевано значительно позже). В 1890-1900 годы образовалась группа поэтов, которые обращались к рабочим со словами поддержки и сочувствия. Их творчество получило название **Поэзия рабочих потогонных производств** (Sweatshop Poetry). Поэты сами вышли из этой среды изнурительного труда. Это была первая в мире школа поэзии на идиш. В 1898 году в переводе на английский вышел сборник стихов, озаглавленный "**Песни из Гетто**". В последующие годы поэзия пополнилась произведениями на идиш в прозе. Следует отметить вклад, который внес в литературу на идиш выдающийся еврейский писатель Шолом Алейхем. После русской революции 1917 года многие писатели и активисты массовой еврейской культуры обратили свои взоры к радикальным политическим идеям, исходившим из новой России.

Главной особенностью американского самосознания является обостренное отношение к личной свободе, а символ этого духа воплощен в Статуе Свободы. Французское правительство подарило американскому народу Статую в ознаменование столетия Декларации Независимости США. Вспомнилось об этом потому, что на ее пьедестале начертаны строки стихотворения "Новый Колосс" поэтессы **Эммы Лазарус.** Лазарус происходила из семьи сефардских евреев, которые приехали из Португалии в Нью Йорк еще в колониальные времена. Даже если бы она не написала ничего больше, ее имя осталось бы в веках.

В 1883 году царское правительство запретило **театр на идише** и он переместился сначала в Западную Европу, а затем – в Америку. В течение нескольких последующих десятилетий несколько групп еврейских постановщиков прибыли в Нью Йорк. Некоторые из них искали здесь новую аудиторию, а другие спасались от преследований. В то время театр на идиш существовал главным образом на сцене, а не в текстах пьес, причем, бОльшая часть из них были переводами.

Начиная с 1882 года и до конца века любительские театральные группы по выходным дням ставили спектакли на идиш. Реформаторы еврейской сцены использовали театр не только как средство увеселения, но и для расширения образования масс. Они старались уйти от "дешевых" пьес и привлечь внимание интеллектуального зрителя к высокому искусству и серьезной драматургии. Их успех был столь велик, что с 1890 по 1940 годы в Соединенных Штатах действовали более 200 театров и постановочных групп на идиш. Десяток таких групп работали только в одном Нью Йорке. В этом городе возник своего рода театральный район, где в начале Первой мировой войны действовали 22 театра на идиш, которые по качеству постановок зачастую соперничали с театрами на Бродвее. Здесь были поставлены пьесы, мюзиклы и даже шекспировский Гамлет (в переводе на идиш). Зрители познакомились с Ибсеном, Толстым и Шоу задолго до того как пьесы этих авторов были поставлены на Бродвее.

В репертуар еврейского театра входили сатирические пьесы, которые из года в год исполнялись во время праздника Пурим. Кроме того, были популярны сцены пения в синагоге и импровизации, заимствованные из еврейских религиозных и бытовых традиций. В постановках поднимались социальные проблемы, такие как иммиграция, ассимиляция, бедность. Средствами театра еврейская культура осуществляла диалог с внешним миром, в том числе путем заимствования драматических произведений из других культур.

Театры на идише прошли через две стадии художественного развития. С конца XIX века ими был поставлен ряд пьес реалистической направленности. На второй стадии, начиная с 1920-х годов, здесь шли исторические и художественные пьесы, написанные в России. В 1903 году газета *New York Times* писала: "То, что в еврейском народе много любителей театра, известно давно. В течение многих лет американские национальные театры верно служили потребностям людей гетто". А в 1925 году эта же газета написала: "Театр на идише полностью американизировался. Сегодня он являет собой стабильную американскую систему, не зависящую от эмиграции из Восточной Европы. Зрители, которые совершенно не знают идиш, посещают театр на идише, а не идут на Бродвей. Это произошло благодаря тому, что театр на идише в полной мере отображает современную культуру общества".

Особую роль сыграли евреи-иммигранты в становлении и успехе **американского кинематографа**. Развитие этого вида массового искусства началось в начале XX века в небольшом пригороде Лос-Анджелеса Голливуде (Hollywood). Зарождению кинематографа способствовало то, что, в дополнение к благоприятным климатическим условиям, знаменитый изобретатель Эдисон именно здесь реализовал свои изобретения по электрическим устройствам. Приехавшие сюда из Нью Йорка богатые и предприимчивые люди, в основном евреи, создали вспомогательную производственную базу, в частности, центры по пошиву и подгонке театральной одежды, а затем основали кинематографические студии. Так был заложен всемирно известный Голливуд.

Не буду рассказывать о всех продюсерах Голливуда, кратко упомяну только об одном из них, основателе этого кино-гиганта, **Самуиле Голдвине (Гольдфише)**, который в течение десятков лет занимал в американском кинематографе центральные позиции. Он родился в Варшаве в 1879 году и в 19 лет приехал в США. В то время в Нью Йорке появились автоматы, которые показывали забавные киносюжеты продолжительностью в несколько минут. Голдвин увлекся созданием, как мы теперь говорим, полнометражных фильмов. До него кинофильмы снимались в помещениях на восточном побережьи страны. Голдвин решил, что в климатических условиях западного побережья киносъемки можно будет делать под открытым небом и круглый год.

В 1916 году к Голдвину присоединились братья **Сельвин** и они вместе создали фирму, названную Goldwyn Pictures Corporation. В соответствии с потребностями развивающихся городов Америки, в особенности восточного побережья, первые фильмы были исключительно увеселительными. Людям, которые занимались изнурительным трудом на производстве, нужна была разрядка в нерабочее время. Создание таких фильмов потребовало музыкального и песенного сопровождения. В результате на экраны вышла еврейская народная музыка и песни еврейского местечка. За 55 лет корпорация завоевала репутацию наиболее успешного и независимого кинопродюсера США и выпустила картины, составившие классику мирового кино.

Когда страна вступила в Первую мировую войну, от зарождающейся киноиндустрии потребовалась патриотическая тематика и на кинопродукцию Голливуда возник новый спрос. После войны в обществе увеличилась тяга к интеллектуальному киноискусству. Голливуд получил еще большую поддержку, а его продюсеры создали новые студии. Голливуд стал исключительно массовой и всемирно известной кинокомпанией.

В 1930-е годы засилие Голливуда еврейскими продюсерами явилось поводом для антисемитской кампании. Ситуация еще более усугубилась сразу после Второй мировой войны, когда развернулась антикоммунистическая истерия, получившая название маккартизма. В рамках этой кампании еврейским продюсерам приклеивали ярлыки о приверженности их к коммунистическому влиянию. Кампания, однако, прожила не долгий век.

О музыкантах писать трудно, их лучше слушать. Когда читаешь об американских еврейских **деятелях музыкальной культуры**, буквально диву даешься – как выходцы из местечек могли за короткий срок подняться до самого высокого уровня в этом виде искусства. Ведь за ними стояли столетия дискриминации и притеснений, в том числе в области культуры.

Развитие американской популярной музыки на рубеже XIX и XX веков происходило при тесном взаимодействии музыкальной деятельности евреев, прибывавших из Восточной Европы, и джазовой музыки афроамериканцев. Обратим внимание на то, что исторические судьбы этих двух групп людей сложились поразному. Еврейские иммигранты в течение столетий жили в Европе в условиях притеснений и дискриминации. Их массовое перемещение в США происходило в поиске всесторонней свободы. Предприимчивые еврейские иммигранты, хотя и привезли с собой национальную, как мы теперь говорим, клезмерную музыку, но их музыкальная деятельность была направлена на создание характерно американских песен и мелодий, а клезмерная музыка, хотя и привлекала еврейского слушателя, определяющего значения не имела.

Другое дело афроамериканцы. Они прибыли на американский континент еще в XVIII веке в результате работорговли. Белые торговцы покупали рабов в Африке у вождей воюющих между собой племен, которые захватывали рабов в результате этой вражды. Рабство в США, как известно, продолжалось до 1864 года, когда в результате гражданской войны оно было отменено. В последующие десятилетия сотни тысяч бывших рабов мигрировали с Юга в крупные города Севера и восточного побережья страны. С этой миграцией связано феноменальное культурное явление. Оказалось, что в результате "одному богу известных" процессов массового сознания, бывшие рабы сохранили и развили в своей среде уникальную культуру джаза, который получил широкое распространение и стал отличительной чертой американской музыкальной жизни. В результате совместного творчества композиторов и исполнителей, как евреев, так и афроамериканцев, была создана новая популярная музыкальная культура.

О некоторых евреях – музыкальных деятелях будет рассказано в следующей статье.

Camp Corner

• Camp Shalom Registration is on Monday, March 9th! Register online at www.jewish-madison.org

• Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Dates 2015

Session 1: June 22nd-July 10th

Session 2: July 14th-July 31st

Session 3 (Camp Shalom K-5 ONLY): August 4th-August 14th

What campers and families are saying about Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (summer 2014 feedback):

"We've been at Camp Shalom a long time, and this session was the best it's ever been. My daughter was in an excellent group with good friends, and she gave session 1 a 9.8 out of 10 (10 being perfect.)"

"We were lucky enough to be part of your Camp this year and we hope we will be able every year. Noar Bogrim is very well prepared for the ages, I am proud to be part of your family."

"There were a lot of things my camper loved, including the counselors, the pool, the songs, the snacks and being able to choose different activities daily."

"It's wonderful to see so many young, enthusiastic counselors who are encouraged to be themselves and bring their talents and interest to camp--great role models and message for kids that they are valued for who they are."

"Staff and counselors were amazing. This was our first Camp Shalom experience, and she is already asking if she can come back next summer. Thanks to everyone involved in the programming and administration of the Camp."

"Thanks for running such a great program. I believe my kids will look back and have such fond memories of the summers that they spent at camp."

"Caring, fun, energetic, responsible staff"

"Awesome every day fun"

"Jewish programming including weekly Shabbat celebrations, Yom Yisrael, Hebrew songs and daily programming based on Jewish values and mitzvot"

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"Family lunches and evening activities each session"

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