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Goodman Aquatic Center to Open on June 6th

It's time to start thinking about hot summer days and swimming at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Aquatic Center. The pool will be open to the public for swimming, sunning, snacking and socializing starting on June 6th.



The Goodman Aquatic Center, located at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona, has much to offer its many swimmers each summer. The pool's six 25-meter lanes make it great for competition and lap-swimming, and its zero-depth entry make it accessible to everyone, including small children and those with wheelchairs. When you're out of the water, the pool's shaded area and deck chairs offer a great place to lounge with friends and family, while enjoying the expanded concessions menu available daily.

Our pool has a salt-water generator, making the pool better for the environment and for swimmers, since we do not need to handle or add large amounts of harsh chemicals to the pool. This generator allows us to use salt, a natural element found in the earth, as a sanitizing agent, instead of

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Save the Date for the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic!



The Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic will be held on

Sunday, June 28th from 10:30am-1:30pm

at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. Plan to come and join us at this wonderful community summer event! Mark your calendar and watch your email and www.JewishMadison.org for more information.

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May 10th Marks the 75th Anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Madison

On May 10, 1940, the Madison Jewish Welfare Fund was created. Since then, the name has changed to the Madison Jewish Community Council, and more recently to the Jewish Federation of Madison.



Our mission remains strong as we continue to work toward building a strong and unified Jewish community in order to ensure the survival, well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in this area, in Israel and throughout the world.

In honor of this special anniversary, the following citation was issued by the State of Wisconsin:

State of Wisconsin Citation by the Senate

KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, on May 10, 1940, the Madison Jewish Welfare Fund, the forerunner of today's Jewish Federation of Madison, was created; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Jewish Welfare Fund worked in the Jewish community to raise money for Jews overseas and for the growing immigrant population coming to Madison as refugees from Hitler's Europe; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the federal government, the Fund became the liaison to Jewish members of the United States armed forces stationed at Madison's Truax Field; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 1948, the Madison Jewish Welfare Fund evolved into a broader organization and in 1974 took on a new name, the Madison Jewish Community Council; and

WHEREAS, while continuing its fundraising efforts, the Council also began providing services such as the children's day camp "Camp Shalom," social work services to senior adults and their families, the "Madison Jewish News" community newspaper, and the Midrasha Hebrew High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, in response to a much more mobile and interconnected America and worldwide Jewish community, the Council changed its name for the third time and is now the Jewish Federation of Madison; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation of Madison's mission remains strong as it continues to work toward building a strong and unified Jewish community in Madison; now

THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Senate, on the motion of Senator Fred A. Risser and Representative Lisa Subeck, do hereby recognize the significant impact the Jewish Federation of Madison has made in the lives of the citizens it serves, and congratulate the Jewish Federation of Madison on its 75th Anniversary and on the countless contributions it has made over the last 75 years.

Signed by:
Fred A. Risser, State Senator
Lisa Subeck, State Representative
Mary Lazich, President of the Senate
Jeffrey Renk, Chief Clerk of the Senate

The 75th anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Madison is an opportunity for us to celebrate this community and all that we have done, collectively, over the years. Mazel tov on the 75th anniversary!

We hope to see you on Saturday, October 17th to celebrate the 75th anniversary!

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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.

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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.

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773-620-4404 or outreach@jewishmadison.org



75 host homes were needed for Shabbat 75

On April 24th, 2015, 78 host homes in the Madison-area observed Shabbat in honor of the Jewish Federation of Madison's 75th anniversary.

A big THANK YOU to all the hosts and the guests for registering for this brand new event which was made possible by a Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Grant.

This event would not have been possible without the dedication from the Shabbat 75 committee members. Thank you! What an amazing way to kick off Jewish Federation of Madison's 75th anniversary year! It was a success because of our amazing Jewish community! THANK YOU!

















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Aquatic Center

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Now is the perfect time to start planning your poolside event for the summer. Options ranging from birthday parties while the pool is open to the public to private pool events are available.

The Goodman Aquatic Center, which is located at 7762 County Highway PD, just 15 minutes from downtown Madison, is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On weekdays the community is generally invited to swim from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., after Camp Shalom hours. There are extended weekday hours at other times throughout the summer. Please refer to JewishMadison.org/Goodman-Aquatic-Center for the complete season schedule and pool policies.

Also, swim lessons are offered on weekday afternoons through MSCR, and early morning lap swimming is available.

Daily and season memberships will again be available for purchase this summer. For more details and a registration form, see the back page or visit www.JewishMadison.org/Goodman-Aquatic-Center. Please email info@jewishmadison.org for more information on fees and parties and to order your season memberships today.

We look forward to seeing you at the Goodman Aquatic Center this summer!



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

In honor of Emma Nathanson's Bat Mitzvah
Lucy, Molly, Gabe and Nancy Greenberg
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Julie Plotkin and Samuel Gellman

In memory of Mordecai Goren
Helen Shafton

In memory of Gary Schmidt
Deborah and Joel Minkoff

In memory of Michael Ashe
Ruth and Allen Zacharias

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Camp Shalom Offers Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

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

There are four different sponsor levels:

- **Director's Circle $10,000+** (15+ Campers' Tuition)
- **Shalom Circle $5000-$9999** (7-15 Campers' Tuition)
- **Friendship Circle $2600-$4999** (4-7 Campers' Tuition)
- **Camper's Circle: $744-$2599** (1-3 Campers' Tuition)

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

Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. We hope to raise $113,000 in scholarship funds for the summer of 2015. There is little question that scholarship needs will be greater than last year; that's been the case throughout our history. Last year, with the support of our community, the Jewish Federation of Madison awarded $111,500 in full and partial scholarships to 193 campers. Without exception, families tell us how grateful they are and how much their children love Camp Shalom, an experience the children would not have without scholarship support.

Please help us spread the word and consider the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship Program for your business. Thank you in advance for helping to make the summer of 2015 at Camp Shalom the best one yet.

Thank you to the following businesses who have already committed to corporate sponsorships for the summer of 2015:

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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS



Sharsheret Festival 2015
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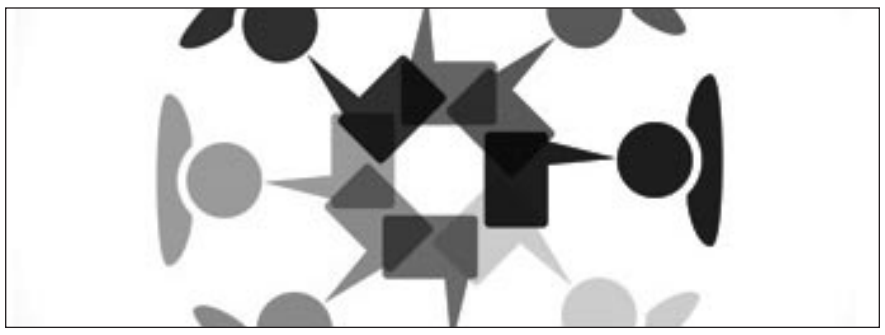
Sunday, May 3, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Middleton Performing Arts Center
2100 Bristol Street, Middleton

Performances by Yonim, School of Bhangra, Living Stream, and more.
Admission is $5 per person; $10 per family
For more information contact Yonim at: yonim@jewishmadison.org



Jewish Dialogue Sessions on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Congregation Shaarei Shamayim
(located at First Unitarian Society)
900 University Bay Drive, Madison

Would you like to have a constructive, respectful conversation with other Jewish people whose views about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are different from your own? Are you interested in talking about your experiences, feelings, convictions, and questions in an environment that promotes mutual understanding?

Join us for a unique dialogue moderated by Harry Webne-Behrman, a professional mediator, using materials from the Jewish Dialogue Group. This program is funded by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison and co-sponsored by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Jewish Federation of Madison, Temple Beth El, and UW Hillel.

Registration is required. For more information or to reserve a spot please contact Sara at office@shamayim.org. Participants are encouraged to attend more than one session.

A $5 contribution is requested for each session. Visit www.jewishmadison.org for more information.



Speed Networking

Thursday, May 21, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sundance Cinemas, Hilldale Shopping Center
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Join The Goodman Aquatic Center

Receive an early registration bonus of free daily guest passes when you sign up by May 24th

Enjoy the beautiful 5,500 square foot outdoor pool, nestled in the scenic Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. See the back page ad for more information and a registration form, or go to www.jewishmadison.org



Camp Shalom Registration is Open!
Looking for a great way for the kids to spend summer?
Look no further!

Camp Shalom, the summer camp of the Jewish Federation of Madison, offers a Jewish environment that is welcoming to all elementary and middle school age children and provides a safe, nurturing, and fun experience.

Camp Shalom, established in 1954, is the oldest and largest day camp in Dane County and is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison. Camp Shalom is for campers going into grades K-5 and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, a hybrid of Camp Shalom Noar and Camp Shalom Bogrim, is for campers going into grades 6-9. Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim serve over 1000 children throughout the summer and is located at the beautiful Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. Camp encourages campers to experience a wide variety of activities through programming designed to stimulate and educate. Full and partial financial-need scholarships may be available.

Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Dates:
Staff Orientation: June 15th - 19th, 2015
Session One: June 22nd - July 10th, 2015
Session Two: July 14th- July 31st, 2015
Session Three (Camp Shalom Only): August 4th - August 14th, 2015
For more information about camp, fees, and more, visit www.jewishmadison.org

WJC Wraps Up Advocacy Series

By Michael Blumenfeld

Wisconsin Jewish Conference

On Sunday, April 12th the Wisconsin Jewish Conference (WJC) held an Advocacy Training Seminar at the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, the second event in a three part series made possible through an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison. WJC Executive Director Michael Blumenfeld led the seminar and was joined by public policy expert Lisa Pugh, who is the Public Policy Director for Disability Rights Wisconsin.

Participants learned about different types of lobbyists and various aspects of the profession including building relationships, monitoring or initiating legislation and developing legislative strategies. Everyone can be a lobbyist though, not just professionals.

Ms. Pugh shared her personal story of how she became involved in lobbying, through helping organize a grassroots initiative to get increased funding for a program that is important to her family. The group's efforts were successful and the experience launched her career in public policy.

To kick-start the participants' advocacy efforts, Mr. Blumenfeld provided a comprehensive overview of the state budget process and how citizens can participate in it through attending public hearings and listening sessions, as well as calling or writing to legislators. Issues of interest in this year's budget include reform of the state's long-term care system, requiring drug testing for FoodShare and other public benefits, expansion of the school choice program by removing enrollment caps, increasing funding to expand treatment services for child victims of sex trafficking, and cuts to education funding with reductions to the UW System as well as per pupil aid for K-12 public schools. The powerful Joint Finance Committee should conclude amending and voting on the Governor's budget proposal by the end of May. It then needs to be approved by both houses of the legislature in identical form. The governor must sign the budget into law by June 30th.

Other important topics discussed were the current make up of the state legislature as well, current and expected legislation this session, as well as the process for how a bill becomes law.

Seminar participants were able to use what they learned to participate in the third part of the advocacy series, Interfaith Advocacy Day, at a subsidized rate. Interfaith Advocacy Day took place on April 29th where hundreds of people of faith joined together to lobby on issues of common interest within the interfaith community. Priority issues this year included criminal justice reform; safety net issues such as long-term care services, Medicaid expansion and drug testing; driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants; and public transit issues.

Summer Institute to Explore Jews' Influence on Popular Culture

By Melissa Miller

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies at UW-Madison is pleased to present the sixteenth annual Greenfield Summer Institute: Reading Jews: From "People of the Book" to Popular Culture. Featuring the inspiring teaching of UW-Madison faculty and Jewish Studies scholars from around the country, the Institute also offers dinners, a book club, a film screening, an interactive session on food and memory, and other opportunities for socializing.

This year participants may choose to attend the entire Institute or select specific days to attend. Themed lectures will explore the impact Jews have had on the wider public world of books, media and popular culture, each day with a different focus. Presentations range from explorations of Jews in Hollywood, to magic in Jewish culture, to the relationship between Jews and the written word in contemporary American life.

On Monday, participants will have the opportunity to watch the Israeli film Footnote. The film, written and directed by Joseph Cedar, the film follows the complicated relationship between a father and son who are also rival Talmudic scholars.

The Institute's Book Club, now in its third year, will gather on Tuesday, July 14 to discuss presenter Steve Stern's new novel The Pinch. This work is set in a mythical Jewish community in Memphis, in a formerly thriving center of Jewish life. It features a young man's journey through decades of American and European history, myth and folklore. The Book Club reading groups will be moderated by UW-Madison faculty and will include discussion with Stern.

The closing day of the Greenfield Summer Institute will feature a Luncheon Seminar with Corrie Norman, Associate Director of the UW-Madison Religious Studies Program. Entitled "Recipes for Community Life: Stories of Jewish Cookbooks and Cooking," Norman will lead participants in a stimulating discussion on the connections between food, religion and community.

The Institute, which draws about 130-150 people each year, takes place on the UW-Madison campus, with most events at Grainger Hall. Tuition is $175.00 for the full Institute ($200 after June 12); single-day pricing is also available. For more information about the Institute, including a full schedule, information about hotel blocks and parking, as well as online registration, visit jewishstudies.wisc.edu/ greenfield or call 608-890-3572.



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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:
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Sydney Jane Palay, daughter of Dan and Katie Palay, granddaughter of Diane Gutmann and Tom Palay.

Mazel Tov on the engagement of:
Rebecca Youngerman, daughter of Nan and Jim Youngerman to Mark Aronson.

Condolences to the families of:
Elaine Sackin, mother of Judy (Jeff) Kravat;
Anne Marion, mother of Ed Marion;
Dolores Colen Gruen, beloved wife of Dieter Gruen, mother of Karen (Michael) Ostrov, grandmother of Daniel (Stephanie) Ostrov, Miriam (Dave Herrmann) and Anna Levy;
Richard 'Dick' Kalish, father of Chuck Kalish, father-in-law of Maria Cancian and grandfather of Emma and Rosa;
Ruth Hawkins, mother of Lori Hawkins, wife of Bill and sons Steve, Patrick and John;
Simon Gold, father of Jay Gold and father-in-law of Zahava Gold;
Benjamin Fields, brother of Leslie Fields (Jeff Lindholm);
Sheridan 'Sherry' Levin, husband of Tom Levin, father of Stacy Levin and father-in-law of Gene Delcourt; and
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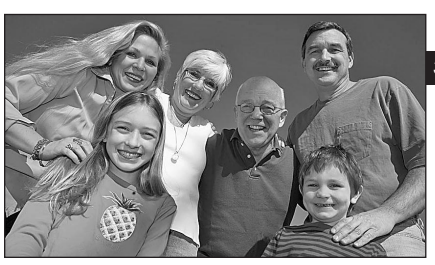

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Remembering So We NEVER Forget!

The Madison Jewish Community came together in April to observe Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with a special service and program. The service involved a selection of readings that were thoughtfully arranged to create a meaningful experience for everyone. We invited local Holocaust survivors and their families to read and to share personal memories about their experiences and the loved ones they were honoring. Six candles were lit by survivors in honor of the 6 million Jewish people who were killed during the Shoah.

The service was followed by the program Liga Terezin, a presentation by our guest Israeli Curator, Guy Raz. During his presentation Guy talked about the history of the soccer league that was formed in the Theresienstadt Ghetto. He shared personal testimonies from survivors who played in the league and talked about the history of the Liga Terezin photography exhibit he created in Israel.

The room was packed with people young and old; it was an incredible evening of community, learning about something that was new to most of us and remembering together. After the program many conversations were overheard, people reflecting on the night. One recurring theme was how lucky we are to still have local survivors to hear from in person. And how important it is for us to always take this time to remember, to teach our children, to inform our community and to ensure that we remember together so we never forget!

Editor's Note: Guy Raz was here as part of the Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership Together programming. A year ago, the Jewish Federation of Madison joined Milwaukee, Tulsa and St. Paul in partnering with the Sovev Kinneret region in Israel. The Partnership Together program is designed to cultivate people-to-people relationships, projects and professional programs between the partner communities – where each of us has the opportunity to become directly and personally involved.



Guy Raz during his presentation Liga Terezin.



Julius Adler lights a candle honoring those who perished.



Rabbi Andrea Steinberger read "Bashert" with daughters Abby and Emma in memory of family members who survived and those who were lost during the Shoah.



Community members listening to Guy Raz's presentation.



Rabbi Ben-Gideon reads as Henny Schwarz lights a candle in honor of the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust.

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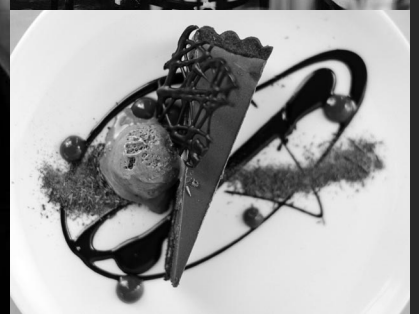

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Beth Israel Center

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Come be a part of Madison's vibrant, spiritual, traditional and egalitarian Jewish community. All Beth Israel Center programs are open to the community. Most programs are offered at no charge (except where noted).

Highlights from our May calendar:

GALA! Celebrate the new Beth Israel Center

5:30pm Sunday, May 3

Celebrate the completion of Beth Israel Center's beautiful new building with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and entertainment. Contact the office if you are interested in attending.

Lag B'Omer BBQ

5:45pm Thursday, May 7

Our 7th Annual Lag B'Omer BBQ features live salsa music! Enjoy hot dogs, burgers (beef and veggie) freshly grilled by Rabbi Ben-Gideon, along with beer and soft drinks. Rain or shine. This event is made possible by the generosity of the BIC Board of Directors.

Yom Rishon

10:00am Sunday, May 10

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. Questions? Contact Beth Copelovitch, education@ bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763.

Kesharim Chamoosh

Connections 50s/60s/70s
4:00-6:00pm Sunday, May 17

Does this sound like you? Not so young, but still active. Not so absorbed in work or family as you once were—with retirement maybe coming up soon or not long past. Interested in occasional gatherings where you can both learn and socialize in a Jewish setting. And free on Sunday afternoon, May 17?

Kesharim Chamoosh (Connections 50s/60s/70s), based at Beth Israel Center, aims to provide Madison Jews in their fifties, sixties or seventies an opportunity for mingling while exploring ideas and indulging in a few treats. If you find yourself now with more time available and less responsibility, plus a readiness to make or deepen ties in the community, then join us at our first gathering. Bring friends or come alone. And watch for announcements of future get-togethers in the *Madison Jewish News* or at www.bethisrael center.org.

On Sunday, May 17, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Kesharim Chamoosh will come together at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. We'll indulge in a sampling of vegetarian cheese, with wine, and start a sicha (conversation) aimed at helping us take a deep breath between the recent election in Israel and the 2016 election in the United States. Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon will lead an exploration of speaking across the political divide—better and worse ways to talk with people whose beliefs differ from one's own. If you've read Jonathan Haidt's The Righteous Mind or Parker Palmer's Healing the Heart of Democracy you may recognize some of the ideas they present, but the Rabbis Ben-Gideon will also offer a Jewish perspective on this perpetual challenge.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

7:30pm Saturday, May 23

Join area rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish community for a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot – an evening of learning, beginning at 7:30pm and continuing well past midnight.

This year's theme is: Building – Dwelling – Shelter – Home, L'ivnot U'Lehibanot: To Build and Be Built, A Shavuot Exploration. What makes a house a home? What structures help us live a meaningful life? How do actual spaces shape sacred experiences? What values form the foundations of Jewish living? Join us as we explore Biblical, Rabbinic and modern texts to better understand how both actual and metaphorical spaces help us to experience the sacred and live with intention.

Feel free to come for all or part of this lively celebration of Judaism's love of study and learning. To keep learners sharp throughout the evening, dairy desserts will be served, including cheesecake, ice cream, and the traditional first fruits of the season. This program is presented by Beth Israel Center in partnership with Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

Shavuot Services

10:00am Sunday, May 24
9:30am Monday, May 25, including Yizkor

Kolot Kehilla

Sunday Morning Speaker Series
9:30-11:00am Sunday, May 31

New this Spring, the Kolot Kehilla, (community voices) Sunday morning speaker series features the expertise of individuals in the Beth Israel Center community. A light breakfast is provided; suggested donations of $5/person help cover costs. Check the Beth Israel website for more details.

Talmud Class

9:00am Wednesday mornings

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 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 the Talmud text and subject matter.

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30am every Saturday

Experience our warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services. Come see 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.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays, May 9 and 23
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On May 9 the congregation celebrates the bnot mitzvah of Hope Judge and Amelie Rosenhagen, and on May 23 the congregation celebrates the bat mitzvah of Elise Woloshin. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. and are followed by a kiddush lunch. All are welcome.

Shabbat Dinner and Discussion

Friday, May 15

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. 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 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. The deadline for applications is May 1.

Community Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Join us on May 27!

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 as we continue our 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, and there are plenty of opportunities to join one throughout the year. We also welcome people to join more than one as space permits.

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

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

Our events listed below are open to the community. Check out our Temple Beth El website at www.templebethel-madison.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 David Hoffert, Executive Director, at 608-238-3123 or executive director@templebethelmadison.org for membership information.

Our office will be closed on May 25, 2015.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

7:15pm; Friday, May 1
Nonno's Ristorante Italiano
704 S. Whitney Way, Madison

Enjoy a relaxing, and delicious, dinner with others in our community as we welcome Shabbat. Nonno's is a real Italian restaurant, with 25 different pasta dishes – gnocchi, ravioli, farfalle, fettuccine, penne and more. There are salads, salmon, chicken piccata and rib-eye steaks. Bring friends; bring the family. Before dinner everyone is also invited to join us at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, for an Oneg Shabbat nosh at 5:30pm and Shabbat services at 6pm. Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123 to let us know you are coming.

Lab B'Omer Picnic Point Havdalah

6pm; Saturday, May 9
Picnic Point, fire pit #2
2002 University Bay Dr., Madison

In honor of Lag B'omer and the transition from Shabbat into the new week, join us for a celebratory Havdalah and bonfire at fire pit #2 at Picnic Point. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner for your family to enjoy. Temple will provide the fixings for s'mores. If you have a preferred s'more roasting stick, please bring it with you. Kenny Lyons will lead us in Havdalah and singing around the fire. Give Aleeza Hoffert a heads up to expect you at program @templebethelmadison.org

Singles Creating Community Coffee Clutch

Friday, May 15 at 9am
Cranberry Creek Restaurant
1501 Lake Point Dr. Madison

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

MaTTY Elections and Devil's Lake (8th-12th graders)

9:30am-4:30pm; Sunday, May 17

We will meet at 9:30am in the Frank Youth Lounge for elections. After elections, we will join the Temple Beth El community for the Congregational Meeting and a pancake brunch. At 11am, we will leave for Devils Lake, where we will hike and have a barbeque. We will return to Beth El at 4:30pm. $15/person. For more information and to RSVP please contact Naomi at matty@templebethelmadison.org.

Temple Beth El Kesher Film Series

Please join us for the next film and what is sure to be another educational and riveting experience. See accompanying article for a full description of the next film "Fill the Void." Doors open at 7:00pm, with movies beginning at 7:15pm:

Wednesday, May 20th, "Fill the Void"
Wednesday, June 17th, "Bethlehem"
Wednesday, July 15th, "Ruth"

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

7pm; Thursday, May 21
Nile Mediterranean Cuisine
6119 Odana Rd., Madison

Hungry and ready to mingle? All 20s-and-30-somethings of the Jewish community are invited to meet, greet and eat our way through a tasty dinner together. Dinner will be $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Shavuot Happenings

Saturday, May 23 @ Temple

6pm—Evening Services and Yizkor Memorial Service

7pm—Dairy Dessert Sampler It's customary to eat dairy on Shavout. This year we're asking you to provide your favorite or best dairy dessert for all to nosh on as part of our holiday happenings. Sample them all, or just a few and let us know which dessert should be named the Dairy Dessert of 2015! If you're interested in submitting a dairy dessert or for more info contact Aleeza Hoffert, at 608-238-313 or program@templebethelmadison.org.

7:30pm—Text Study and Discussion "Judaism as a Multi-Ethic Faith: Values and Behaviors for Our Times: an Exploration of Mussar/Jewish Ethical Writings" As Shavuot celebrates the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai, we ask ourselves: How do ancient commandments apply to us and our world? What can we derive out of the behavioral guidelines of our heritage? We will explore the Jewish approach to the phenomena of Anger, Acceptance, Worry & Trust.

Race to Equity: Reducing Racial Disparities in Dane County

7:30pm; Wednesday, May 27th
Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound Street, Madison

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice have invited Race to Equity report co-author Erica Nelson to present the Race to Equity report findings and about some of the steps the faith community can take to narrow racial disparities in our community and across Wisconsin. For more info visit jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org.

'A Prairie Home Shabbat'

Only at Temple Beth El, a one-time broadcast of "A Prairie Home Shabbat" 7:30pm; Friday, May 29

A worship experience featuring the musical talents of Cantor Deborah Martin, Bill and Bobbie Malone, and the Temple Beth El T'filah Band Gentle, home-spun humor, serious and reflective prayer, and an installment of Lake Kinneretville's eminent storyteller Rabbi Jonathan Biatch relating the curious incident of "The Year the Shochet Showed Up Drunk on Yom Kippur." And join us in the Green Room afterward for a delicious Oneg Shabbat! Visit us at Lake Kinneretville, where the women, men, and children are just like everyone else, but even more so!

Camping Trip

Friday, July 10-Sunday, July 12
Bethel Horizons
4651 County Highway ZZ, Dodgeville

Meet at the campground at 6 pm to celebrate Shabbat together. We'll leave after brunch on Sunday.

Don't want to camp overnight? Come join us for Friday night Shabbat, or for any part of the day on Saturday (we'll make s'mores after Havdalah!), leave when you'd like. Please indicate on the RSVP form what portion you will be joining us for. Be a part of our celebration of Shabbat, Havdalah, sing around a camp fire and just have wonderful time in the great outdoors. Cost is $25 per family unit/night ($50 for both nights). $10 to join us for a meal/ part of a day. Register on our website or to program @templebethelmadison.org by Tuesday, June 23 or for more information.

Temple Beth El Welcomes New Executive Director

Temple Beth El of Madison, Wisconsin has hired David Hoffert as its fourth Executive Director. David will take this leadership role over from the outgoing Executive Director, Heidi Lauhon, on May 1, 2015.

David grew up in Madison, attending Beth Israel Center, Camp Shalom, and the Midrasha Hebrew High School. He received bachelor's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in mechanical engineering and computer science in 2008, and master's degrees from Stanford University in mechanical engineering and public policy in 2010 and 2012, respectively. After serving as the Chairman of the Steering Committee of a 500-member Jewish organization in California, David moved back to Madison in 2012 to take full-time employment with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. He most recently served as the Hospital Policy and Rate Setting Section Chief for the Wisconsin Medicaid Program, where he oversaw an annual budget of over $1 billion.

David is married to Aleeza Hoffert, who currently serves as Temple Beth El's Program Director. Temple Beth El looks forward to David's leadership over the coming years, and expresses deep gratitude for the exceptional legacy being left behind by Heidi Lauhon.



David Hoffert

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Committee Film "Fill the Void" is May 20

Showing Wednesday, May 20th, doors open at 7pm, movie begins at 7:15pm

A young Haredi woman living in Tel Aviv anticipates her arranged marriage to an eligible and attractive young man. Her hopes, as well as her family's hopes, are shattered as her older sibling dies in childbirth.

"Fill the Void" paints a delicate portrayal of the coming of age of one young woman as well as young women everywhere. At the same time it explores this eighteen year old's family as it's thrown into turmoil while attempting to restructure the balance in their lives.

Released in 2012, with English sub-titles and rated PG, this film is approximately 90 minutes in length. It was an official selection of the Sundance Film Festival in 2012; won best picture, best actress, best director and best screen play in the Israeli Academy Awards, and Hadas Yaron won best actress in the Venice Film Festival.

Save the Date!!



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6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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UW Hillel: A Home Away From Home

Graduating Seniors Reflect on Four Years at UW Hillel

By Jennifer Jennings

For graduating students, commencement is swiftly approaching. As they contend with questions about what their futures hold in terms of jobs, homes, and their Jewish community, we asked three graduating seniors – Paul Davidson, Haylee Davis, and Maya Doron – to share their thoughts on how Hillel impacted their student experience.

Paul Davidson is currently the Community Engagement Intern at Hillel, a position he held previously in 2014.

Coming into college, I knew that I wanted to remain involved with Jewish life, but during my first year I just attended major holiday events. This changed my second year on campus when I decided that it would be a good time to travel to Israel on Birthright. I chose to travel with UW Hillel, and it was one of the best decisions that I made. My favorite memory at Hillel is traveling to Israel with 30 other Badgers. We got to see so much of the country and participate in Israeli cultures and attractions. On my Birthright Trip, I met tons of other Jewish students on campus, and this motivated me to become much more involved on campus. During my junior and senior years on campus, I served as one of the Community Engagement interns, which has been an excellent experience. I have made some great friends at Hillel. I really bonded with other interns last year. We now hang out both at Hillel and events like Badger football game tailgates. I have made other friends at Hillel whom I see on many Friday nights, and it is fun to sit with a big group of people at the Shabbat Dinners. As an intern, I was able to offer my input and plan events for major holidays and also welcome new students to campus. It has been a lot of fun to use my creativity and host events that appeal to many different types of students. My two favorite events were the Rosh Hashanah and Purim parties this year. In the past few years, my internships have taught me a few key lessons about planning early, how to evaluate and reflect on my work, and how to market events to improve attendance. Hillel has something to offer students no matter what their interests and this is what has made the experience so great.

Haylee Davis is currently the Co-President of Gift of Life and a Hillel Next Step Intern. She has previously worked as a Community Engagement and Community Programs Intern.

Coming from a large and active Jewish community back in the Twin Cities, I was eager to find a place where I could continue to develop my Jewish identity. It was Hillel at the University of Wisconsin-Madison that created a Jewish home outside of home for me. I felt welcome during my first year here on campus. By attending Hillel's events and learning about the opportunities they offer, I met lifelong friends and created unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime. My favorite Hillel memory is the first ever Camp Shabbat. I planned this event for the first time last year and it was a great success. The Next Step Interns planned Camp Shabbat again this year and I hope it will continue on after I leave. We got a lot of new faces in the door and I had a great time. As a Next Step Intern, I also planned a bonfire in April and did one on one engagement with students. Through these activities, I met some really incredible freshmen whom I now consider my friends.

It had a great impact on my college life at Madison, and has helped to shape my future career path working in the Jewish community. The multiple internships I had

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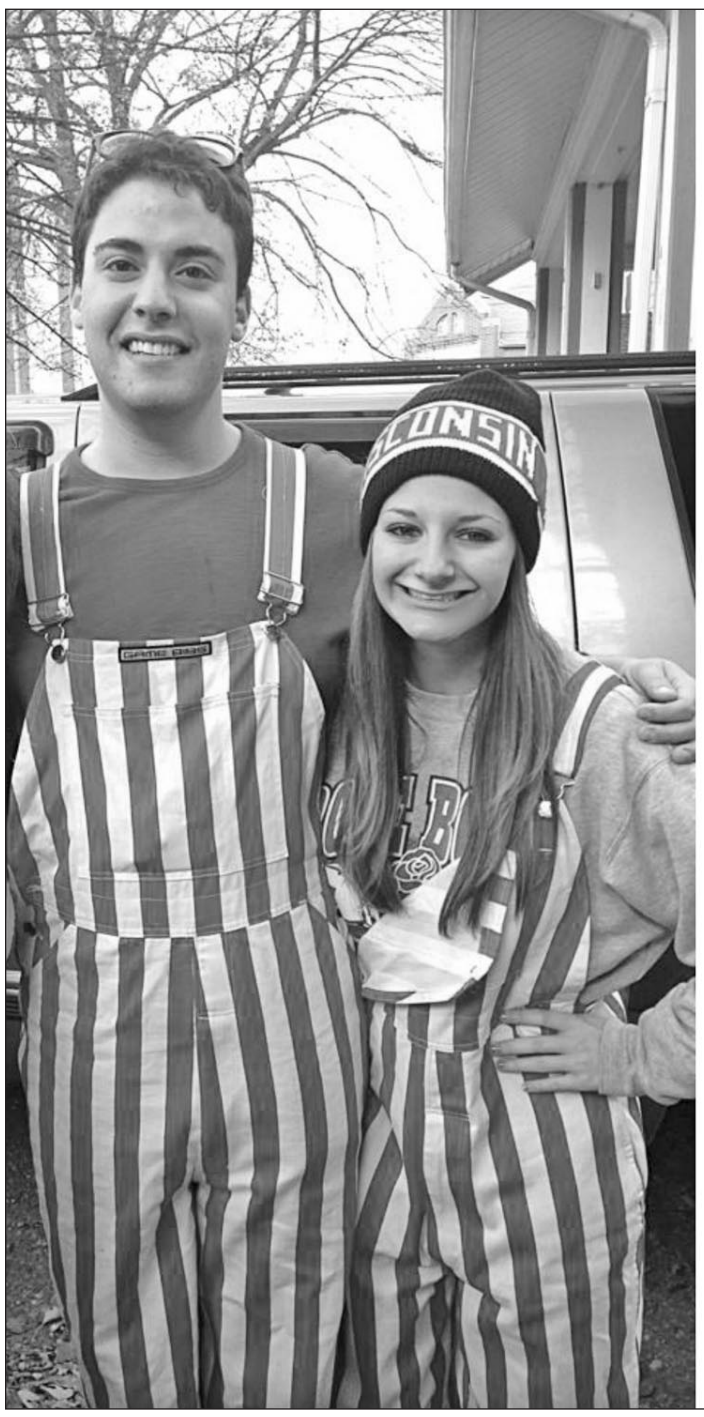





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MJCDS Students and Faculty Win Hebrew Poetry Prizes



Clara Lazimy spends time with a student at Madison Jewish Community Day School.

Two Madison Jewish Community Day school students and a faculty member received awards in a national competition, the RAVSAK Hebrew Poetry Contest.

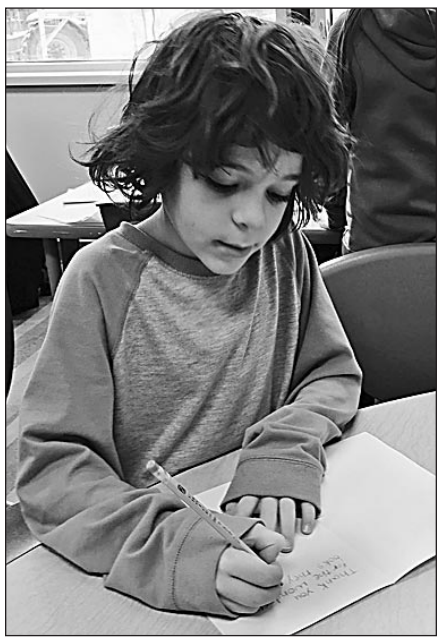
The contest was sponsored by RAVSAK, a network of pluralistic Jewish community day schools. More than 500 students from 28 day schools across North America in participated in the competition.

Second grader Zohar Lazimy was awarded 2nd Place in the elementary school non-native speaker category for his poem, "In the Forest of the Imagination."

Fifth grader Jonathan Greenspan was awarded Honorable Mention in the elementary school non-native speaker category for his poem, "Happy Willow."

Clara Lazimy was awarded 1st Place in the Teacher category for her poem, "My brother."

Mazal tov to Zohar and Jonathan, and yashar koach to Clara for her efforts and enthusiasm in encouraging her students to write original poetry.



Zohar Lazimy

In the Forest of the Imagination
by Zohar Lazimy, Grade 2

In the forest of the imagination
When the wind blows
And the moon glows
Everything is calm
A turtle climbs over the rocks

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Happy Willow
by Jonathan Greenspan, Grade 5

I am a willow tree
My leaves flow like a waterfall
The nests on my branches protect the birds
The butterflies love my nectar
My flowers fill the world with joy
My sap is sweet
I love the sweet world

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Jonathan Greenspan

UW Hillel

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at Hillel as well as the opportunity to be Co-President of one of their organizations has taught me how to be leader, especially a leader within the Jewish community. In the future, I hope to take what I have learned at Hillel and become a great leader in my Jewish community back home. I love Hillel because it gave me the opportunity to extend my passion for Judaism and Jewish life into college. I met so many friends at Hillel whom I know will be lifelong friends and I am grateful for the many people I had the opportunity to meet and work with. Hillel is not just the Center for Jewish Life on campus but it really was my second home while I was at UW-Madison and I couldn't have asked for a better Jewish experience on campus.

Maya Doron has been both a Community Programs and Community Engagement Intern. She is a member of Badgers for Israel.

As a senior, looking back on all of my experiences, my involvement in Hillel has been such a positive one. Being able to get involved within this Jewish community has been a learning experience, helping me develop my personal identity and to learn more about the different events that Hillel has to offer. My favorite Hillel memory was as a freshman going to the first welcome week barbecue with a few of my friends from my freshman year dorm. remember feeling very welcome and comfortable and knew that I wanted to get involved with Hillel after speaking with upperclassmen about their involvement and passion for Hillel. Many of the friends whom I met freshman year were the ones who were excited to go to events at Hillel and were people who felt just as passionate about maintaining Jewish traditions in college, like celebrating holidays, or a love for Israel. I have been so privileged to become a part of Badgers for Israel this year as a StandWithUs fellow because it really embodies and actively supports the state of Israel. Both of my parents are Israeli and I felt that this organization was extremely important to get involved in because of my Israeli background. I wanted to be able to ensure that there was active pro-Israel activity on our campus and that is why I joined BFI. Being an intern allowed me to reach out to other students, help plan events, and become more involved with Israel and Judaism as a whole. Hillel really encouraged me to connect and be more involved with Jewish life on campus. What I learned about the internships that I have held in Hillel is responsibility, organization, and how to be efficient and productive in planning events. Hillel taught me the skills to plan Jewish events and how to outreach and engage other Jewish students to be involved in Jewish life on campus.

Haylee, Paul and Maya will be among the graduating students participating in our second annual Jewish Community Graduation Celebration on Friday, May 15. All graduating students, their families, and friends are invited to attend. The celebration begins with a brunch at 11 a.m. followed by a brief ceremony at 12:30 p.m. This year, Provost Sarah Mangelsdorf will share a few words. The names of graduating students will be read and each student will receive an honor cord. For more information regarding the celebration, please visit www.uwhillel.org/commencement.

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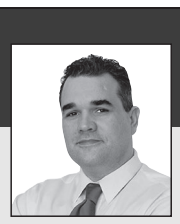

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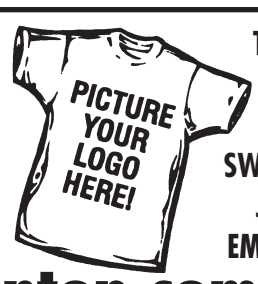

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Mazel Tov to Bonnie Denmark Friedman On Her Newly-Appointed Role at HUC-JIR

Bonnie Denmark Friedman, past President of Temple Beth El, has joined the Central Region Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). Established in Cincinnati, HUC-JIR is the oldest continually functioning rabbinical seminary in the western hemisphere and a center for scholarship and research in all areas of Jewish studies.

"Bonnie Denmark Friedman's commitment to the mission of Reform Judaism is exemplary. As the Reform movement and the College-Institute redouble their efforts to engage Jewish adolescents and emerging adults, and as we seek to raise another generation of inclusive, engaging, and caring communities, the contribution and counsel of leaders like Bonnie is more important than it has ever been before," stated Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, Dean of the Cincinnati campus.

Bonnie Denmark Friedman is a retired medical and perinatal social worker. She has served on several professional committees while maintaining an active volunteer profile at Temple Beth El, the Jewish Federation of Madison, and the Union for Reform Judaism.

Founded in 1875, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is North America's first institution of higher Jewish education and the academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. HUC-JIR educates men and women for service to North American and world Jewry as rabbis, cantors, educators, and nonprofit management professionals, and offers graduate programs to scholars and clergy of all faiths. With centers of learning in Cincinnati, Jerusalem, Los Angeles, and New York, HUC-JIR's scholarly resources comprise the renowned Klau Library, the American Jewish Archives, research institutes and centers, and academic publications. In partnership with the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, HUC-JIR sustains the Reform Movement's congregations and professional and lay leaders. HUC-JIR's campuses invite the community to cultural and educational programs illuminating Jewish heritage and fostering interfaith and multiethnic understanding. For more information visit www.huc.edu.



Bonnie Denmark Friedman installation in March, 2015. Pictured from left to right: Rabbi Kenneth Kanter, Associate Dean; director, Rabbinical Program, Cincinnati; Bonnie Denmark Friedman, HUC-JIR Central Region Overseer; Joan Pines, Chairperson, HUC-JIR Central Region Board of Overseers; and Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, Ph.D., Dean, Cincinnati.

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Race to Equity: Reducing Racial Disparities in Dane County



Wednesday, May 27
7:30-9:30 pm

Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound Street
Madison

In 2013, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families presented *Race to Equity: a Baseline Report on the State of Racial Disparities in Dane County* at the YWCA Madison Racial Justice Summit. This report shines a light on our community's profound racial disparities in health, education, child welfare, criminal justice, education, and employment, and left many wondering, what's next? What can we do to narrow these disparities and help Dane County become a stronger, more racially equitable place to live for all of its residents? The recent tragic death of Tony Robinson has lent even greater urgency to these questions.

To help the Jewish community further its understanding of these issues, the Jewish Congregations for Social Justice* have invited *Race to Equity* report co-author Erica Nelson to present these findings and talk about developments since that time. Ms. Nelson is the Project Director for the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families' Race to Equity Project, as well as a public interest lawyer and child welfare advocate.

In addition to sharing the results of her research, Ms. Nelson will talk about some of the steps the faith community can take to narrow racial disparities in our community and across Wisconsin. We hope that this will be the beginning of a much more intensive conversation and education.

Please join us for this important event!

You can download the Race to Equity report at **racetoequity.net**.

* The Jewish Congregations for Social Justice is a joint social action project of Beth Israel Center, Shaarei Shamayim, and Temple Beth El. For more information, please see our website at jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org.

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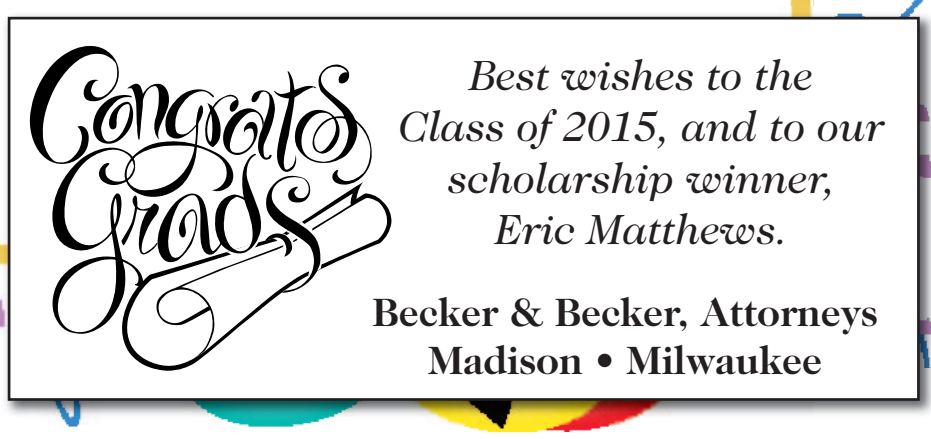



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Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebrations in Madison

The Kinneret People Art Exhibition Opening

Guy Raz was here as part of the Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership Together programming. A year ago, the Jewish Federation of Madison joined Milwaukee, Tulsa and St. Paul in partnering with the Sovev Kinneret region in Israel. The Partnership Together program is designed to cultivate people-to-people relationships, projects and professional programs between the partner communities – where each of us has the opportunity to become directly and personally involved.







Young Adult BBQ with Visitors from Israel











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Notes From Madison Hadassah

When you think of Madison Hadassah in 2015, watch for Health and Healthcare in the U.S. and Around the World, Social Justice in the U.S. and Around the World, Connecting with Israel, and Hadassah Healthcare as a Bridge to Peace in the Middle East.

For the past one hundred years, Hadassah has empowered women to change the world in ways that reflect Jewish values in tikkun olam (healing the world) and tikkun klal (caring for community.)

In the coming weeks, watch for news about the following projects and programs that Madison Hadassah is working on … programs that reflect the concerns of Madison's Jewish community – including all age groups.

Connect with Israel:

Thursday, June 16th, Nationalism and Zionism with Nadav Shelef

Madison Hadassah has paired with the Jewish Federation of Madison to offer a series of open discussions about Zionism.

Health and Healthcare:

Heart Health and Fitness Day –

Watch for Date and Launch of our Jewish Women's Marathon Team.

Madison Hadassah is currently planning a Heart Health and Fitness Day for sometime this summer.

Social Action:

Human Trafficking in Madison

Human Trafficking is happening right here in Madison, and a new Jewish Madison End Human Trafficking Committee (started by Madison Hadassah) is currently studying the problem and options for the Jewish community to do something about it, including and beyond educating our community.

Hadassah as a Bridge to Peace in the Middle East:

Madison Hadassah continues to raise funds through Collector's Corner and personal donations. These funds support Hadassah's hospitals, medical research, medical education and healthcare, youth aliyah programs, and Hadassah College.

Spring Cleaning?

Collector's Corner, Hadassah's resale and consignment shop, located at 6633 University Avenue, Middleton, is celebrating its 40th successful year in business! They are now accepting your "like-new" unneeded spring and summer clothing, art, and household items for both donation and consignment. Shopping at the store or donating will help raise funds for the Hadassah Hospital and other programs in Israel. Open Monday-Friday 10-4:30 and Saturday 10-2.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

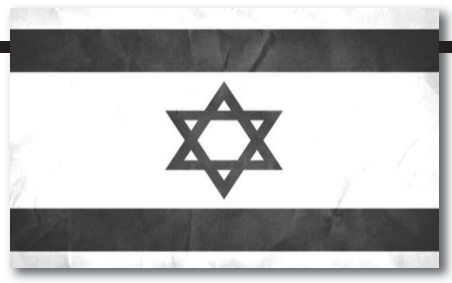


Looking for something to do on Sunday, June 28th? Come and help at the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic. We are looking for people who are talented (or at least willing to develop their skills) in the following areas:

- *Pre- picnic set-up (early bird shift begins at 9:00a.m.)*
- *Grilling hot dogs*
- *Selling food*
- *Greeting guests*
- *Helping to lead games and activities for the kids*
- *Post-picnic clean-up*

If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic on Sunday, June 28 at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, please let us know. The picnic takes place from 10:30a.m. to 1:30p.m. and we need a lot of volunteers. We are happy to sign off on volunteer hours for students.

Please contact Ellen at program@jewishmadison or 278-1808 if you are available. Thank you in advance!



Join an Open Discussion on Zionism in 2015

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What does Zionism mean in 2015? The word has been given so many new and often negative meanings inside and outside Israel that it is no surprise that many younger Jews are struggling with it.

Madison Hadassah and the Jewish Federation of Madison are hosting a series of small group living room discussions on different ways of thinking about Zionism and how we relate to Israel.

Our next program: Nationalism and Zionism, with Nadav Shelef, Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. at Beth Israel Center.

The entire online Defining Zionism series is free and open to the whole community at: 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.

To register please RSVP to Racheli: israel@jewishmadison.org, or Corliss: madison.chapter@hadassah.org, or call 608-669-8042.

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Teen Volunteering: A Week to Remember

By Becky Weiss

The Mad Town Teen Jewish Volunteer Program was the most remarkable week I had last summer. I got to see Madison from a perspective other than my own and that has forever changed me. We spent a week going to different organizations including Emerson Elementary School, Goodman Community Center, Growing Power Urban Farm, and the Boys and Girls Club. We also sat outside enjoying lunch, discussing important issues like racism and poverty. I encourage any high schooler to get involved with this program because it allows you to get involved in the community that many of us call home and make a difference. There is no better feeling than the moment that you realize that a few hours of volunteering have affected someone else's life. The program allowed me to see that not everyone has the same things and that we should not ignore those in need but help them to have a better life; even a smile can make a difference.



While volunteering, I also got to meet many other Jewish teens and made new friends. Every day, we went somewhere new where we could have fun volunteering. We also had discussions about the issues that affected those that the organizations helped.

We shared ideas and philosophies about things like racism and related them to our lives and the lives of others. I am going to be participating in this program again this summer (August 1622). I can't wait to get another chance to volunteer with this program again.

I love learning about other people. The volunteering does not even feel like workit feels like people coming together and having fun while helping out the community.



Sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and generously funded by the Jewish Federation of Madison, the Mad Town Jewish Volunteer Week will be held this year from August 16–22, 2015. There is a required orientation on Sunday, August 16, 2015 from 3-5:30pm and a Shabbat camping trip at the Goodman Jewish Community Campus Friday, August 21 – Saturday, August 22, 2015. Students entering grades 9-12 welcome to apply. Learn more about the program and download the application at shamayim.org!

Yonim Graduates Reflect on Their Years of Dancing



Anna Hestad



Yael Katz

Community is a big part of Yonim, the Jewish Federation of Madison's Israeli Folk Dance Troupe. In the next few weeks, two dancers will be saying good-bye to that community as they graduate high school. Anna Hestad and Yael Katz have danced with Yonim since they were in second and first grade respectively.

"I saw Yonim perform at my elementary school," said Anna. "I just knew it was something I had to do."

This passion for Yonim and Israeli folk dancing is echoed by Yael.

"I've made life-long friends and have been motivated and inspired by great teachers while in the group," said Yael. "Yonim has grown and changed immensely since the time I joined, but its values have remained the same. Yonim continues to encourage people to work hard, to help, respect, and support your teammates and above all to have fun."

These young women will take with them wonderful memories from their time in Yonim. "Somewhere between all the laughter, dancing all night, and the excitement of the trips, you just find yourself feeling incredibly blessed to be part of such an amazing family," said Anna.

Anna and Yael know they will be able to take their dancing with them. Israeli folk dancing is shared throughout the world with dancers knowing the same steps to songs, making it a universal language for those who enjoy it.

Anna will graduate in June from Madison East High School. She is planning to attend college in the fall with a double major in education reform and policy and political science. Yael graduated early from Madison West High School. She is working on prerequisites while she decides what she wants to study full time.



SPRING & SUMMER FAMILY EDUCATION EVENTS

Organized by the Family Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Look for more details in future editions of the *Madison Jewish News* or check online at www.JewishMadison.org

Jewish Education





CAMP CORNER

There are still spaces at Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim.
Register today at www.jewishmadison.org/camp-shalom

What makes Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim a great way for a 6th-9th grader to spend their summer? The choices! Noar-Bogrim – or NOBO, as it's become known as – is a program filled with daily choices for campers. Campers make daily choices between off-site and on-site activities, and will choose week-long specialty activities to start their days. Our week-long activity choices are shaped by camper interests and counselor talents – past offerings that we hope to bring back include: Triathalon, a week in the NOBO Test Kitchen, Ultimate Frisbee, Photography, Knitting, Dungeons and Dragons, Improv, and Campers vs. Wild. Additionally, we offer campers daily choices of off-site activities around the city and in State Parks or on-site activities on our big, beautiful campus! Water parks, ice-skating, scavenger hunts, log rolling, kayaking, and biking the Military Trail are all likely off-site choices again this summer. Back at camp activity choices will again include everything from Swimming to Marshmallow Dodgeball to Cupcake Decorating to Fishing. So join us! Because EVERY day is a GREAT day at NOBO!

CAMP SHALOM 2015 THEMES

WEEK 1: JUNE 22ND – JUNE 26TH
Camp Explorers…Getting to Know You

WEEK 2: JUNE 29TH – JULY 3RD
We the Campers…American Pride

WEEK 3: JULY 6TH – 10TH
Campers Around the World…Celebrating Cultures

WEEK 4: JULY 14TH – 17TH
Super Shalom…Mitzvah Heroes

WEEK 5: JULY 20TH – 24TH
Fitness Fun! Maccabiah 2015

WEEK 6: JULY 27TH – 31ST
Camp Shalom Innovators

WEEK 7: AUGUST 4TH – 7TH
Shalom Superstars

WEEK 8: AUGUST 10TH – 14TH
Camp Shalom Connection

~ Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Wish List 2015 ~

Your trash is our treasure! Have any of the items below? Please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org to learn more about how you can donate those items to Camp Shalom this summer!

Equipment:
Digital cameras (especially underwater capable)
Flip cameras for video
Tools--hammers, saws, drills, screwdrivers, levels, T-squares, etc.
Board games for groups (in good condition)

Hobbies You Gave Up But We Want to Try:
Scrapbooking or stamping supplies
Cake (or cupcake) decorating tools
Jewelry making supplies
Clay flower pots or drain plates
Golf Clubs
Tennis Rackets
Baseball equipment
Disc Golf

Project Odds and Ends:
Wood scraps in good shape
Hardware--washers, nuts, brackets
Material scraps
Wood dowels
Peg boards
Rain gutters
Edging
Buttons
Marbles
Glass stones/pebbles (especially clear)
PVC pipes
Pallets

Really? You Want That?:
T-shirts to be cut up for projects (any size)
Game boards and pieces in good shape but no longer playable due to missing parts
Hula hoops
Inexpensive plastic playground balls (like you find in the grocery store)

Around the House:
Old picture frames (wall size and table top size)
Mason jars
Bins



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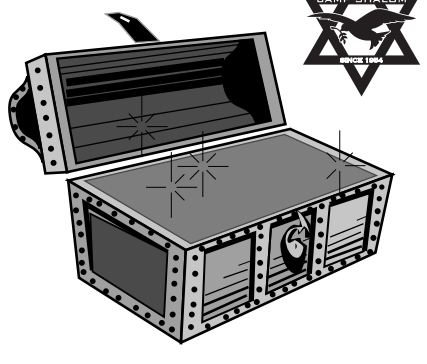

Look What's Happening at Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool!



The Bet Class loves playing in their fort.



The Gimel Class did an experiment called The Dead Sea Float.



Fun in the sandbox.



Daniel is studying his Haggadah.



Pharoah came to tell the Dalet Class his side of the Passover story.



The Gimel Class made a burning bush.



The Dalet Class had a Mock Seder led by Dina Weinbach.



Professor Smarty Pants came to teach the Dalet children about Capillary Action.



Finally, some good packing snow!

Thanks for a Wonderful Year at Midrasha!

Our Midrasha school year wraps-up in May. We will celebrate the class of 2015 on Wednesday, May 6th during our regularly scheduled Midrasha hours. It has been an exciting year full of new classes, new teachers and new friendships.

Thank you to all of the Midrasha teachers and staff for your hard work and dedication this semester. A big mazel tov to four of our Midrasha teachers who graduate from UW this spring. Paul Davidson, Elana Orbuch, Madeline Jacobs and Talia Shapiro have all been teaching at Midrasha for several years and have made a huge impact on our student body. We wish all of them good luck as they start their new adventures!

Midrasha will resume again in the fall. Registration materials will be available this summer. Eighth through 12th graders who have questions about joining this awesome program should contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.



Midrasha Cooks, our senior cooking class, had a charoset-making contest. Congratulations to our winners, Jack Gustafson and Bekah Blumenfeld.

Join Us for Schmooze & Tunes on Fridays!

Classes start April 17

Schmooze…

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

Tunes…

The Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with our own music teachers, Les Goldsmith and Liron Weiss. Les will be offering music classes for families in the Jewish community on Friday mornings in the conference room of the Jewish Federation of Madison, and Liron will help when she is available. The sessions involve informal singing, moving, and instrument playing activities that are appropriate for very young children and their caregivers. Each week, following the music portion of class, we have SCHMOOZING time and a delicious, homemade challah snack. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

Program

Fridays: 9:30-10:30am
Cost: $96 for 8 weeks (Additional fee of $60 for participating siblings)
Dates: April 17 through June 5

For more information, contact Rachel at gan@jewishmadison.org or 608-278-1808, or download the form at www.jewishmadison.org. Minimum enrollment of six children is required.



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Sign Up For the 2015 Levy Summer Series

"The Tree of Life: Jewish Roots and Cultural Reflections"

Registration is open for the Levy Summer Series, with the theme, *"The Tree of Life: Jewish Roots & Cultural Reflections."* Menu details are at www.jssmadison.org under the "Events" tab. To register, select "Register for an Event" on the home page and then "Events & Sponsorships." You may also register by mail or over the phone with your credit card (608-278-1808). All programs are $14.00 per person; contact Louise Goldstein at Jewish Social Services, 608-442-4083, to discuss scholarships.

Our thanks to Jeffrey C. Levy for making his continued support and to the committee members who have played an important role in planning the programs: Jeffrey C. Levy, Annette Durkin, Marc Cohen, Sheila Cohen, Howard Fried, Rick Margolis, Phyllis Holman Weisbard, Jean Weissburg, Nan Youngerman, Judith Zukerman Kaufman and JSS president Linda Reivitz.

Tuesday, June 9: Danny Siegel, *"There's No Such Thing as a Small Mitzvah."* Danny Siegel is a well-known author, lecturer, poet and micro- philanthropist who founded the Ziv Tzedakah Fund. Lunch is your choice of Mahi Mahi or Vegetable Quiche, both served with Tomato Bisque Soup and Assorted Cookies & Bars.

Wednesday, June 24: Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, *"The Golden Age Shtetl."* Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern is the Crown Family Professor of Jewish Studies and Professor of Jewish History at Northwestern University. A limited number of signed copies of *"The Golden Age Shtetl"* will be available for purchase for $20 during lunch, payable by cash, or check made out to Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern. Lunch is your choice of Candied Pan-Seared Citrus Salmon or Vegetable Phyllo, both served with Orange-Jicama Salad and Spiced Mocha Molten Cake a la Mode.

Tuesday, July 7: Meryll Page & Leslie Adler, *"Jewish Luck."* Meryll Levine Page is a retired history teacher who has taught extensively about the Soviet Union. Leslie Levine Adler attended

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Levy 2015 SUMMER SERIES

The Tree of Life: *Jewish Roots and Cultural Reflections*

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TUES. JUNE 9

DANNY SIEGEL

"There's No Such Thing as a Small Mitzvah"

So many of us want to be agents for positive change, yet the world's problems appear intimidating and intractable. It can seem all but impossible for one person to make a real difference. "Mitzvah Man" Danny Siegel empowers people to understand how they truly can change the world more than they had realized, one small mitzvah at a time.

WED. JUNE 24

YOHANAN PETROVSKY-SHTERN

"The Golden Age Shtetl"

Petrovsky-Shtern proposes that the shtetl from the 1790's-1840's was a vibrant community with a rich social and economic life based on cooperation among Catholic landowners, Tsarist administration and the economic activities of the Jews. Petrovsky-Shtern brings alive the trade, taverns, family and religious life that characterized what he calls the "Golden Age Shtetl."

TUES. JULY 7

MERYLL PAGE & LESLIE ADLER

"Jewish Luck"

Jewish Luck recounts the stories of two women in their struggles against the anti-Semitism and patriarchy of the Soviet regime and Russia. Co-authors and sisters Meryll Page and Leslie Adler will examine the family histories of Vera and Alisa, as well as the Soviet reality that combined with the two women's personalities to create very ambitious and successful women.

WED. JULY 22

STEVE NADLER

"Spinoza and Secular Judaism"

Spinoza is often credited with being the first to conceive the notion of secular Judaism. However, Spinoza's views on Judaism are fairly complex, and seem in fact to rule out Judaism without observance of Jewish law. We will consider these questions from the perspective of both Spinoza's life and his philosophy.

TUES. AUGUST 4

JEFF BLAKELY *"Sennacherib, Emperor of Assyria, versus Hezekiah, King of Judah"*

Based on accounts in the books of *Isaiah*, *Kings*, and *Chronicles*, the *Histories* of Herodotus, historical accounts from ancient Assyria, works of art from Sennacherib's palace in Assyria, and the archaeology of biblical sites in ancient Judah, one can recreate and illustrate the military confrontation between Sennacherib and Hezekiah in 701 BCE, when Assyria destroyed all of biblical Judah except for Jerusalem.

WED. AUGUST 19

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Tuesday, June 9: Danny Siegel • Mahi Mahi or Vegetable Quiche

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Wednesday, June 24: Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern • Citrus Salmon or Vegetable Phyllo

NAME:	FISH	VEG
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Tuesday, July 7: Meryll Page & Leslie Adler • Sea Bass or Vegetable Napoleon

NAME:	FISH	VEG
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Wednesday, July 22: Steve Nadler • Smoked Cod or Watermelon, Arugula & Feta Salad

NAME:	FISH	VEG
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Tuesday, Aug. 4: Jeff Blakely • Tilapia or Garden Bucattini Pasta

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Wednesday, Aug. 19: Mark Bloom • Tuna Nicoise Salad or Goat Cheese-Spinach Strudel

NAME:	FISH	VEG
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Levy Series

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Leningrad State University, taught English as a Second Language and currently works as a clinical psychologist. Lunch is your choice of Pesto-Crusted Sea Bass or Roasted Vegetable Napoleon, both served with Tomato Avocado Salad and Crimson Orange Gelato.

Wednesday, July 22: Steve Nadler, *"Spinoza and Secular Judaism."* Steven Nadler is the William H. Hay II Professor of Philosophy and the Evjue-Bascom Professor in Humanities at the UW-Madison. Lunch is your choice of Cherry-Wood Smoked Cod or Watermelon, Arugula & Feta Salad, both served with Cold Melon Soup and Cherry Claflouti.

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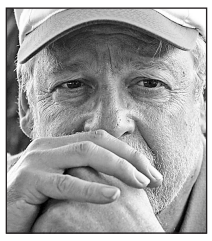
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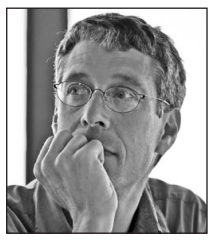
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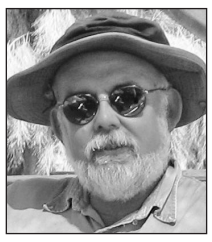
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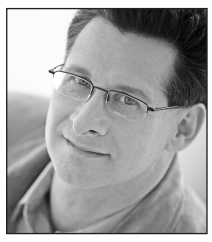
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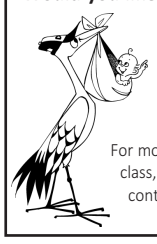

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Генрих Бабич

Иврит – язык еврейского народа

Издревле главным языком еврейского народа был иврит. На нем евреи разговаривали, на нем же были написаны основные книги иудаизма. Затем история развивалась так, что евреи оказались в рассеянии и разговорный иврит был фактически утерян. За последние полтора столетия, благодаря титаническим усилиям еврейских активистов произошло феноменальное явление – иврит полностью восстановлен и даже стал государственным языком Израиля.

Иврит принадлежит к группе семитских языков, куда, наряду с арамейским, входит также подгруппа арабских языков. Язык возник примерно в X веке до н.э. в районах древнего Израиля. Начиная с X века до н.э. и кончая началом IV века н.э., на территории Израиля был широко распространен **классический** иврит, который представлял собой совокупность развивавшихся диалектов. На этом языке евреи говорили во времена их высылки в Вавилон в VI веке до н.э. Первым письменным свидетельством этого языка, который филологи называют **архаичным библейским ивритом**, является дошедший до нас так называемый календарь Gezer. На этом же языке, определяемом как его первая фаза (X-VI века до н.э.), были написаны отдельные тексты Библии. Классический иврит был динамичен и далее, со времен **библейского иврита,** вторая фаза (VI век до н.э.), до нас дошло большое число текстов Библии, которые используются и в настоящее время. На классическом иврите были написаны отдельные литургические и литературные тексты второго тома Талмуда – Гемары. **Кумранским ивритом** или **ивритом рукописей Мертвого моря** (III век до н.э. – I век н.э.) называют язык, на котором написаны Кумранские рукописи, найденные в 1947 году. В период от I до III (или IV) веков н.э. на **Мишнаитском иврите** была написана первая книга Талмуда – Мишна.

Евреи считали иврит священным языком. Затем, начиная со II века н.э., когда римляне изгнали их из Палестины, чисто библейский иврит остался только в религиозных и специальных писаниях. На этом языке велась деловая переписка, составлялись тексты в науке, философии, поэзии и законодательстве. К началу византийского периода истории (IV век н.э.), когда евреи уже жили в рассеянии, классический иврит как разговорный язык был утерян.

В средние века появились региональные диалекты **средневекового иврита**. Иврит ашкеназийских евреев, на котором они проводили религиозные службы, вобрал в себя слова языка идиш, употреблявшегося ими в разговорной практике. Сефардские евреи пополняли иврит словами из ладино. Евреи же, жившие в исламских районах, развивали этот язык путем заимствований из арамейского и арабских языков.

Возрождение современного разговорного иврита, который вышел в свет из глубин памяти и немых письменных источников, являет собой беспрецедентный и пока единственный случай в истории человечества, т.е. стал подлинным социальным и лингвистическим событием.

У истоков движения по восстановлению иврита был один энтузиаст, Элиэзер Бен-Йехуда, который блестяще выполнил такую миссию. Элиэзер Бен-Йехуда (Перельман) родился в 1858 году в белорусской деревне. Как и другие еврейские дети в те времена, он с малых лет в школе учил иврит (древнееврейский язык) – обязательный элемент религиозного воспитания. Элиэзер проявил в этом большие способности и его отправили в высшее религиозное училище (ешибот), по окончании которого ему предстояло стать раввином. Он был искренне убежден, что евреи – народ Библии, исторические наследники Иерусалима – смогут добиться восстановления своего государства. Правда, евреев в Эрец-Исраэль в XIX веке было очень мало, а их древний язык, иврит, стал языком только письменным, но Бен-Йехуда верил, что эти препятствия преодолимы. Евреи должны снова заговорить на своем языке.

Вдохновленный этими идеями, Бен-Йехуда решил переехать в Палестину. Покинув Россию в 1878 году, он сперва отправился в Париж изучать медицину, чтобы приносить пользу евреям Палестины. По состоянию здоровья он не смог завершить медицинское образование и в 1881 году переехал в Палестину в надежде возродить там иврит. Еще в Европе он опубликовал в еврейской печати несколько статей о трех аспектах еврейской проблемы: возрождение нации, государства и языка. Эти ранние статьи можно считать провозвестниками политического сионизма. Поселился Бен-Йехуда в Иерусалиме, где различными общинами жили тогда почти все евреи Палестины. Он надеялся сделать Иерусалим центром распространения по всей Палестине своих идей возрождения.

Бен-Йехуда разработал несколько программ, из которых три можно считать самыми важными: "Иврит дома", "Иврит в школе" и "Словарный запас".

Что касается "Иврита дома", то еще до эмиграции Бен-Йехуда решил говорить с каждым встреченным им евреем только на этом языке. Убедившись, что с друзьями и знакомыми можно беседовать на иврите, Бен-Йехуда уже в Палестине также старался говорить только на этом языке. Когда в 1882 году у него родился первенец, Бен-Йехуда взял у жены обещание вырастить первого в новой истории ребенка, у которого родным языком будет иврит. Бен-Йехуда считал, что это крайне важно для возрождения языка, ибо и родители такого ребенка, и их гости будут вынуждены разговаривать с ним только на иврите. А когда ребенок, наконец, заговорит сам, это станет доказательством осуществимости возрождения языка. В предисловии к своему словарю Бен-Йехуда писал: “Если можно восстановить язык, на котором перестали говорить, и сделать его разговорным, выражающим все, что хочет сказать хотя бы один человек, то несомненно такой язык можно сделать разговорным и для всего общества”.

Так и получилось. В доме были приняты строгие меры для того, чтобы ребенок слышал только иврит и таким образом заговорил бы только на нем. Когда к ним приходил человек, не владевший ивритом, малыша укладывали спать, чтобы он не услышал другого языка. Ребенок рос, а с его ростом обогащался лексикон возрождаемого языка, все естественнее становилась речь на нем.

Бен-Йехуда и его ивритоязычная семья стали живой легендой, примером для подражания.

Бен-Йехуда предложил, чтобы по тому же принципу велось преподавание в еврейских школах Палестины. Если дети усвоят иврит в школьном возрасте, когда они вырастут, он станет их единственным языком. В 1886 году он писал: “Иврит перейдет из синагоги в школу, из школы – домой ... и оживет”. Бен-Йехуда понимал, что главное условие возрождения языка будет обеспечено лишь тогда, когда на иврите свободно заговорит новое поколение. Поэтому, когда в 1882 году ему предложили должность учителя в иерусалимском колледже, он ухватился за это предложение. Необходимость преподавания в школе на иврите позволила объединить в одном классе детей из разных еврейских общин, у которых, кроме иврита, не было другого общего языка. Бен-Йехуда принял способ обучения ивриту без перевода его на другие языки, то есть “прямым методом”. Через несколько месяцев ученики уже могли бегло разговаривать на иврите на бытовые темы.

Один из тогдашних учителей писал: “Нам пришлось начать обучение в сложной обстановке: без книг, без нужных выражений и слов, без глаголов и сотен существительных. Мы были полунемыми, мы запинались, заменяли слова жестами и взглядами”. Со временем все эти языковые проблемы были решены, и выросло молодое поколение, говорившее только на иврите, что означало полный успех возрождения языка.

Наряду с обучением молодежи Бен-Йехуда стремился увлечь своими идеями и взрослых. В 1884 году он начал издавать газету, которая была направлена на обучение взрослых. Хотя ивритская пресса тогда еще только становилась на ноги, Бен-Йехуда стал освещать в своей газете все, что представляло интерес для жителей страны, в том числе события за рубежом, погода, мода и тому подобное. Он добился того, что к концу XIX века почти каждый еврей в Палестине мог прочесть и понять газету на иврите.

В помощь начинающим Бен-Йехуда принялся составлять словарь на иврите. Еще в Париже он завел список слов на иврите и французском в записной книжке. Впоследствии, в предисловии к изданному словарю, Бен-Йехуда объяснял – когда он стал часто говорить на иврите и понял, что ему не хватает многих слов, тогда словарик стал разрастаться. Поэтому в своей газете он печатал списки слов в помощь начинающим. Возникли новые проблемы. Беседуя на иврите в семье или с друзьями, Бен-Йехуда говорил так, как сам считал правильным. Но, чтобы иврит стал языком всего общества, слова в нем должны строиться по четким языковым правилам. Поэтому ему пришлось овладеть специальностью лексикографа. Впечатляющим итогом такого труда стал 17-томный “Полный словарь древнееврейского языка и современного иврита”. Этот словарь и по сей день уникален в истории ивритской лексикографии. В 1890 году Бен-Йехуда основал Совет по языку иврит, который был призван помочь работе над словарем, решать проблемы терминологии, произношения, правописания, пунктуации и т. д. Совет стал предшественником нынешней Академии иврита в Израиле – высшего авторитета и арбитра по вопросам языка.

Работа по восстановлению разговорного иврита на землях Палестины подкреплялась художественной литературой на этом языке. На литературном иврите писали такие писатели как Бялик и Менделе Мойхер Сфорим, которые жили в диаспоре. В 1966 году Шмуэль Агнон совместно с Нелли Закс был удостоен Нобелевской премии за оригинальные художественные произведения на иврите. Эту литературу, конечно, читали евреи Палестины, что способствовало развитию разговорного языка.

Таков вклад Бен-Йехуды в возрождение иврита. Разумеется он проделал эту огромную работу не в одиночку, а пользовался помощью и поддержкой общественности и местного еврейского населения.

Так за сорок лет с 1881-го по 1921 год сложилось ядро говорящих на иврите молодых энтузиастов, для которых этот язык стал символом возрождения нации. Британские мандатные власти признали этот факт и 29 ноября 1922 года утвердили иврит официальным языком еврейского населения Палестины. Возрождение иврита обрело законные рамки и мечта всей жизни Бен-Йехуды осуществилась. Он явился первопроходцем, пророком и пропагандистом, теоретиком и стратегом, знаменем и символом возрождения языка.

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Monday, May 18 *Last day, with Volunteer Recognition*

11:30-12:00	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00	Roasted Chicken with Preserved Lemons, Tomatoes and Olives, Herbed Rice with Pistachios, Caramelized Cauliflower, Garden Tossed Salad, Chocolate Rugelach
1:00-2:00	Les Goldsmith leads a *Kumsitz* (aka, Hootenanny)

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

Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эль (Temple Beth El), по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 608-278-1808, прямой 608-442-4083 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 14:00 часов пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовит *Blue Plate Catering*. Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу. Стоимость обеда - $7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00

Понедельник, 4 мая
11:00-12:00 Измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Баклажаны с сыром пармежан, клецки с соусом маринара, чесночный хлеб, дыня, шербет "Радуга"
1:00-2:00 Пол Бул "Американские евреи: Культурный вопрос"

Понедельник, 11 мая
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1: 0 Вегетарианская фаршированная сладкая и кислая капуста по-азиатски, японская жареная лапша с тофу, ягодный компот, шоколадное печенье
1:00-2:00 Надав Шелеф, "Обсуждение выборов 17 марта в Израиле"

Понедельник, 18 мая Последний день, поздравление волонтеров
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Жареная курица с консервированными лимонами, помидорами и оливками, рис с фисташками и приправами, карамелизированная цветная капуста, салат, шоколадный ругелач
1:00-2:00 Лес Голдсмит приводит Кумзитз (Kumzitz)

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

The Older and Wiser Driver

Excerpted from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Fitness

Driving is a physical activity, and a driver who gets no physical exercise may not have the strength, flexibility and coordination to operate a vehicle safely.

• Stay physically fit. Walk for at least 20 minutes five times a week, or the equivalent.

• Gardening, golf, tennis and other sports keep you in good physical shape.

• Stay mentally active and use problem-solving skills in non-driving ways to aide mental flexibility; these can include crosswords and jigsaw puzzles.

• Learning a new skill or hobby keeps your mind flexible.

Making Lechayim Reservations



• 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 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.

Shalom from Jewish Social Services!

Do you know a senior who is new to Madison, or are you yourself a newcomer? JSS volunteers will visit and bring you a gift bag with information about programs for seniors and JSS' services, treats and a few surprises. Just contact us at 608-442-4083.
Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for their donations to this program.

Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org.

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

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

www.jssmadison.org

About our Programs

Increasingly, scholars recognize crucial changes in American popular culture of the 1970's and later: self-identification of Jewish actors, directors, writers and other artists. Why did it take so long? In Madison, the Jewish community's crucial role in political culture takes place in roughly the same period. What does it tell us? On **Monday, May 4** Professor Paul Buhle will address these and other questions and lead a discussion.

Paul Buhle, an honorary scholar at the Weinstein-Mosse Center for Jewish Studies at UW-Madison, has written or edited many books on Jewish-related topics including the three volume *Jews and American Popular Culture* and *Yiddishkeit*, a comic art volume created in collaboration with Harvey Pekar. He was honored with "Harvey" and "Eisner" Awards in 2010 for a biography of Harvey Kurtzman and CHOICE academic book awards in 2002 and 1992 for *The New Left Revisited* and *CLR James's Caribbean*.


Prof. Paul Buhle

Buhle received his BA from the University of Illinois in 1966 and PhD from U-Madison in 1975. He has taught at UW-Madison, Cambridge-Godard graduate school and the Rhode Island School of Design. He retired as a senior lecturer from Brown University.

A lot of airtime, ink and internet resources have gone into discussing and analyzing the recent Israeli parliamentary elections, including the controversy over Benjamin Netanyahu's invitation to speak to the US Congress, the speech itself, the election campaign in Israel and its results. By **Monday, May 11** enough time will have passed since the election for the dust to have settled and for the picture to begin to clear. On that day Professor Nadav Shelef will come to Lechayim to describe the election and explain its results.

Professor Shelef is the Harvey M. Meyerhoff Professor of Israel Studies and Associate Professor of Political Science at UW-Madison. He teaches and studies nationalism, religion and politics, Israeli politics and society, and Middle East politics. His BA's in Political Science and Economics are from the University of Pennsylvania; he earned his MA and PhD in Political Science at the University of California-Berkeley. He is the author of *Evolving Nationalism: Homeland, Religion, and Identity in Israel, 1925-2005*, (Cornell University Press) and numerous scholarly articles.

Our last Lechayim of the season on **Monday, May 18** will feature our annual recognition of the Lechayim volunteers who keep things friendly, warm and running smoothly, and we will present the Toby Raff Volunteer Award. Our program that day will be Les Goldsmith leading us in an old-fashioned *Kumsitz*, aka Hootenanny. We'll provide song sheets and sing lots of favorites, so if there's anything in particular you'd like to sing that day, be sure to get your requests to Louise as soon as possible.


Les Goldsmith

Some Scenes from Lechayim



Photos by David Lipman



Photos by Eve Siegel

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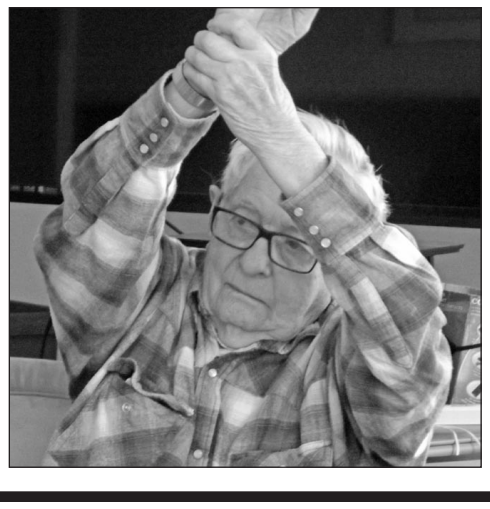
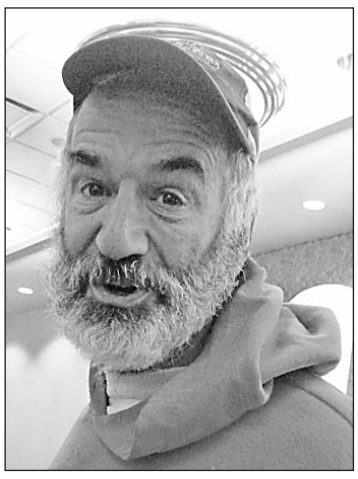


Spotlight: Mike Pressman

By Pamela Phillips Olson

Michael Pressman grew up in Queens, his family having joined the exodus from the Lower East Side and Brooklyn. His dad managed the Everard Baths for 25 years. Owned by Irving "Two-Gun" Fine, it was a famous place in Manhattan.

"My father taught me to be kind to everyone, no matter who they were." His mother was "a real character and a terrible cook." Whenever he and his older brother complained, she pointed out how tall and strong they were and said, "I didn't do so bad, did I?" "She played the ponies and cursed like a sailor. She worked for ASCAP."



Mike Pressman

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

Mike remembers his grandma fondly. "She was from Russia, a good cook, and an International Ladies Garment Workers Union organizer, the original Gray Panther. She was a very loving and committed person."

Mike has volunteered at Lechayim, giving kind attention to participants for over 15 years. It is as if they are family. He also tutors, runs a children's baseball league, and visits seniors. All this, and he plays three pick-up basketball games each week!

Just as he greets everyone at Lechayim, Mike welcomes people to Beth Israel Center. Every year he organizes an annual Beth Israel trip to a Milwaukee Brewers game. Mike, an avid Yankees fan, gives talks about baseball history wearing baseball sneakers, ties, hats and shirts.

As his parents had moved to provide a better life for their children, in 1996 Mike and his wife Marsha, a nurse practitioner, moved to Madison from New Jersey; Marsha has worked at ElderCare since 1996.

The family loves to explore and travel. Mike said his daughter Nina was recently in Bolivia, and his son Sam in Turkey. Both attend the University of Michigan and Nina graduated this spring. Sam is getting a certificate in Mountain Climbing Instruction, no doubt influenced by Marsha, who recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro!

Mike is proud of his family. "I take care of Gretsky, my black lab.

I also cook. In New York I attended a class called, 'How to Boil Water.' For years I have made the same excellent meal every Shabbat – chicken, potatoes, and a vegetable."

Michael admits, "I didn't like school when I was a kid." Yet he attends UW as a special student, currently taking a course in Scandinavian history.

Between his studies, his travels and his generous volunteer work, Michael truly is a man for all seasons and a life-long learner.

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
8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith with the assistance of Attic Angel Volunteers.
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 the assistance from UW students through the UW-Hillel Foundation.
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.
May 22 (With a farewell to Lauren Mazur)

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

Passover Seder Photos



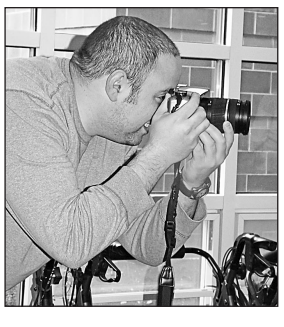
Photos by David Lipman











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Transitions

Happy May Birthday

Adrianne Imilkowsky
Bill Meyer
Charlotte Marshall
Corine Cohn
Len Sable
Linda Montello
Lois Stoler
Sandra Golden
Warren Randy

Mazel Tov

To Janis Wrich & Charlie Shoham on being named to the Senior Adult Committee.
To Michael (Marsha Cohen) Pressman on the graduation of his daughter Nina from the University of Michigan.
To Nan (Jim) Youngerman on the engagement of their daughter Rebecca Youngerman to Mark Aronson.

Best wishes for your wellness

Milt Leidner

Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Nena Dyhr, East Caribbean cruise
Karen Shevet Dinah, Ramah Darom

Condolences

To the family of Stanley (Sandra) Kutler.
To the family of Jane Kralj, cousin of Diane Nestle.

Israel and the World

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, leaving an enormous human tragedy in its wake. Latest numbers, as of Monday, April 27th, suggest over 4000 people have been killed and thousands more injured. According to the United Nations, the death toll is likely to rise to the tens of thousands in Nepal, India and China.

Federations have already swung into action and are collecting funds for emergency relief efforts. We are working closely with our partners who are focused on assessing the unfolding situation on the ground in order to identify how we can best ensure survivors' immediate needs are addressed. Some emergency supplies from the Joint Distribution Committee, one of our partners, have already arrived in Nepal.

Approximately 2,000 Israelis are currently in Nepal and Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said that at least 250 of them are still "out of contact," their fate unknown at this stage. Hundreds of Israelis spent Saturday night, April 25, 2015, in the courtyard of the Israeli embassy and in the Chabad House in Kathmandu, and were awaiting evacuation aboard El Al jets. Meanwhile, an IDF advance team of about a dozen officers arrived in Kathmandu on Sunday, April 26, 2015, to assess needs and a larger medical mission of Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Magen David Adom personnel departed Israel that morning. The IDF Spokesperson said a delegation numbering 260 medical and rescue crew members departed for Kathmandu. The delegation established a field hospital which was operational within 12 hours, with the capability of treating 200 wounded a day. The team included dozens of army physicians in the regular army and the reserves.

It's at times like this, that our shared commitment to Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, finds its deepest expression. In the past, Federations have worked through our partners to provide immediate relief and long-term assistance to victims of natural and manmade disasters around the globe, including the Philippines, Haiti, Japan, and South Asia after the Indian Ocean Tsunami and continue to operate programs designed to rebuild infrastructure and community life in disaster-stricken regions.

Help us respond to victims of this disaster by donating at www.JewishMadison.org or calling 608-278-1808.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the victims of this tragedy.

Sincerely,
James H. Stein, President *Dina Weinbach, Executive Director*

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

The month of April was full of events and celebrations. I think I'm ready now to retire!

My month of Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations started with a trip to Israel for my sister's wedding. We had two programs for Yom HaZikaron, a sing-along for Israelis and a movie followed by a thoughtful discussion with the Kesher film series. I was a tour-guide in my adopted city of Madison for a delegation of young adults from Israel. They met with the Jewish Federation of Madison's Future Directions Young Leadership group for an evening of schmoozing, BBQ and fun. Guy Raz, a curator from Israel, lived in Madison for several weeks and was hosted by several members of our community. I want to thank the people who joined us for the young adults BBQ, to Mark Jacobs for hosting Guy Raz for the weekend, all the wonderful people who took Guy out to eat, toured him around and gave him warm hospitality.

Partnership Together has helped us to bring some really exciting programming to Madison. Guy Raz's "Kinneret people" exhibit was intended to show everyone the beauty and history of the region we have partnered with. I hope whomever met Guy Raz or the Israeli young adults could feel they built a connection for when they travel to Israel. If you ever travel to Israel now you have some personal connections and tour guides in the Sovev Kinneret region. It was so valuable for the Israeli's to come to America, to see American Jewish culture and to get a more personal understanding of what it means to be an American Jew.

This is what the Partnership is all about – building connections!

We have many more programs and ideas coming up, stay posted and come connect, after all we are all a big family!

I want to thank Hillel for hosting the exhibition, the Partnership committee for helping with planning and to Jewish Federation of Madison for understanding the importance and the potential of the Partnership and making these programs happen!

We have only three months before we head back home – to Israel. We feel there's so much more to experience here, more people to meet and learn from one another. We are sad to leave but this is the nature of our job here. If you'd like to hang out with us – meet for coffee, go for a swim, bowl, sail on the lake or anything else we would be happy to join, either one of us, both of us or three of us… ☺

Israeli Start-Up Hoping USB Drives Will Bridge Digital Divide

TEL AVIV (JTA) — In Peter Jairus' Nairobi neighborhood, almost nobody has a personal computer.

Mathare is one of the Kenyan capital's largest slums. Buildings are constructed from sheets of corrugated metal and Internet access is rare, found only in places like schools or community centers. Even then, the connection can be spotty.

So when Jairus heard about Keepod, a cheap device that places a computer's operating system on a small USB drive, he jumped at the idea. Last April he met with Keepod's creators, and six months later 60 of the devices were delivered to Mathare.

Jairus, a musician and youth activist, now runs a cybercafe where 30 to 40 people come daily to go online with their Keepods.

"The Keepod is very personal to everyone," Jairus told JTA. "People use it for studying, someone else is using it for YouTube, Facebook, social media. This one is using it for research.

"It helps the community very, very much because a lot of people cannot afford the laptop, and 99 percent of the community could not have computer access."

Based in Tel Aviv, the Keepod company aims to provide the world's poorest countries with widespread computer and Internet access. By putting a modern computer operating system on affordable USB drives, users are able to connect to the Internet using older — and much less expensive — computers.

Founders Nissan Bahar and Franky Imbesi say their innovation will help bridge the so-called digital divide — the gap between those with and without regular computer access.

"People can access information to empower themselves," Bahar said. "That means education, health care, personal growth, being able to read and see what's going on around the world through a free medium."

Attempts to bring Internet access to the world's poorest people are hardly new. Nearly a decade ago, the United Nations backed an effort to create a $100 laptop through One Laptop Per Child, a project that aimed to bring inexpensive computers to developing nations.

But Bahar believes such efforts are impractical on a large scale because even $100 can be hard to afford for citizens of developing countries. Keepods cost just $7 a pop, and by allowing users to store their personal information on the drive, people can use their individual Keepods to share a single computer, further depressing the cost of Internet access. Keepod has arranged to collect some of the tens of millions of computers discarded each year and ship them to schools and community centers in the developing world at a cost of under $100 each.

"[It's] something very cheap that people won't even try to steal, that if you lose it, you replace it," Bahar said. "We don't believe in making a cheap computer; $140 will never be cheap enough."

When they began Keepod in 2011, Bahar and Imbesi aimed to create a USB drive that kept all of a user's data on a small external drive rather than on a computer's internal hard drive. By keeping sensitive information off the computer, the product gave users an added layer of security.

In late 2013, Bahar and Imbesi realized their device could be a boon for those in the developing world who shared computers. Keepods can run a modern Android operating system even on older computers. And because every program will be run from the USB drive, viruses won't infect whole computers.

"After a couple of years, my partner and myself started seriously questioning what we were doing in life," Bahar said. "How we could make a positive impact on the world around us instead of just making products?"

Keepod has already sold more than 30,000 USB drives. This year, Bahar hopes to vastly increase that number. About half of the company's sales have been made through partnerships with NGOs; the rest are purchased directly from Keepod's website. The device is also available through retailers.

College Socka Bongue, a 500-student high school in Cameroon, bought USB drives for its students last year along with 26 used computers. Philippe Socke, the executive director of a foundation that funds programs at the school, said the drives have allowed them to conduct research on the Internet for the first time.

After so many years of limited digital access, the transition has been a challenge. Socke said only about 5 percent of the students have computers at home.

"The administration was still relying on pads of paper and chalkboards," Socke said. "Not having computer experience negatively affected the education. Our collaboration with Keepod literally allowed us to put computer access in the hands of every student."

Still, Keepod has encountered some challenges in putting their product into the hands of those who would most benefit from it. Two of the five funded projects listed on Keepod's website have fallen through because the company's NGO partners could not afford it or faced infrastructure challenges.

At one of the two, the WhyNot Academy in Mathare, 26 students had Keepods last year. Now only seven have them. Students either lost them or transferred to other schools, taking the devices with them. The school also lost Internet access for several months, making the Keepods far less useful.

Mike Dawson, CEO of Ustad Mobile, which installs educational programs on smartphones for children in the developing world, said that spotty electricity, plus the challenge of maintaining old computers, present obstacles to the wide deployment of Keepod technology.

"The problems come from electricity costs, come from maintenance costs, come from access to skilled people," he said. "These are all costs, and they don't add up

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Connecting with Israel

Time Is On Israel's Side

By Michael Ordman

After 2,000 years of exile, the citizens of the modern State of Israel can be proud of their phenomenal technological achievements in just 67 years. It's as if the gift of Time itself has been bestowed on the Jewish State for the benefit of humanity.

Israel is at the forefront of the age-old fight against cancer. In 2004 Professor Aaron Ciechanover of Israel's Technion won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry by identifying the ubiquitin pathway that controls the timing of cell death. Eleven years later, scientists working in Professor Ciechanover's laboratory, have identified the chemicals in the body that suppress malignant growth and protect healthy cells. In another line of research, scientists at Israel's Weizmann Institute have identified that tumors can be triggered by information-overload at the cell level. They have also found a molecule that can block inter-cell messages, allowing the cell nucleus more time to behave correctly. Meanwhile, up to 20 Nobel Prize laureates are giving up their time this summer, in order to attend the World Science Conference in Jerusalem. The five-day event will be the largest such event of its kind ever to be held, attracting scientists and thinkers from 60 countries.

There is no time like the present for dispelling the long-held view that we cannot reverse the effects of time on our bodies. Now you can rejuvenate your arteries by consuming pomegranate juice and dates together - according to researchers at Israel's Technion and Haifa's Rambam Medical Center. And following research by scientists at Israel's Weizmann Institute, it won't be too long before heart tissue can be regrown to replace that damaged by heart disease or heart attack.

Imagine how much medical research and diagnostic time can be saved in the future once Israeli startup Zebra Medical Vision has built up its database of anonymous medical images (X-rays, CT scans and MRI scans). Due to privacy laws, such data was unavailable previously. And surgeons in the USA can now take their time planning hip replacements following FDA approval of the TraumaCad iPhone / iPad mobile app developed by Israeli health-tech firm Voyant. It allows doctors to download a digital image of the patient's hip, simultaneously with that of the new implant, in order to simulate the operation.

Israel's success can partly be attributed to the many incubators and accelerators that give hundreds of startup companies time to grow their business. Israel's Office of the Chief Scientist is opening three new hi-tech incubators in Akko, Haifa and the Golan, each running for eight years. Then at Israel's Startup Fusion 2015 on 22nd March, over a dozen startups, (including three Japanese and three Turkish) competed for a $100,000 seed investment to be provided by Samurai Incubate. And when the time comes for these startups to make the decision whether to sell out to the big multinationals, many have now come to realize that they should stay the course and grow into big Israeli companies.

Over 100 students from 11 European countries found their time well spent when they attended a free four-day electron microscope workshop at Israel's Technion. And the engineers supervising the Delphi Automotive "Roadruner" driverless car had plenty of time to relax and enjoy the record-breaking 3,400-mile ride as the Advanced Drive Assistance System from Israel's Mobileye guided them from San Francisco to Manhattan.

We now come full circle, back to hospital, where Israeli doctors took their time in performing the complex surgery necessary to enable a Syrian boy to walk again after he was severely injured by a shell in Syria's civil war. During his recovery time during the festival of Passover, the boy even enjoyed the time-honored tradition of eating matza crackers. In contrast, time was of the essence for 27-year-old Ran Azulai, who was born with a serious congenital defect. After three previous heart operations, Ran had very little time to live when surgeons replaced his heart and two lungs in a rare, complex last-minute operation. The donor's other organs extended the lives of three more patients.

There is just time to mention two innovative Israeli medical devices. Israel's Teva has now received FDA approval for its ProAir RespiClick inhaler for asthmatics. The device is the first of its kind that is breath-activated, which means the user doesn't need to co-ordinate the timing of his/her breathing with manual activation of the inhaler. The other device is the MD-Logic Artificial Pancreas developed by Israel's DreaMed Diabetes. DreaMed has struck a deal with Medtronic, the world's biggest medical device company, to use the algorithm of the Artificial Pancreas in Medtronic's insulin pumps. The algorithm ensures that the timing of the release of insulin is regulated exactly to the needs of the individual diabetic.

We go into extra time, to visit Jerusalem – Israel's ancient and modern capital – to relive the time when gazelles grazed in the outskirts of the holy city. On 30 March, Jerusalem's Mayor Barkat formally opened the Gazelle Valley Nature Park to the public. The 62-acre park cost NIS 90 million and is Israel's first urban nature reserve. It even contains a female gazelle from the original wild herd that lived in the area, plus others from zoos and their offspring.

Finally, there is a new opportunity for world leaders to understand and appreciate the bond linking the Jewish people to the Land of Israel from time immemorial. The exhibit entitled "People, Book, Land – The 3,500 Year Relationship of the Jewish People and the Land of Israel" has just opened at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York. The words of that timeless folk song are: "When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?" Perhaps the answer is:

"In time."

Michael Ordman writes a free weekly newsletter containing positive news stories about Israel.

www.verygoodnewsisrael.blogspot.com

USB

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to $7 per person."

Unreliable infrastructure may continue to hinder Keepod, but Bahar hopes that selling the drives through retailers — in addition to providing them through NGOs — will give increasing numbers of people access to the digital world, at least when the Internet is on.

"We want to enable anyone to buy a Keepod and use it, if not part of an NGO or organization," he said. "We want to be sustainable."



A computer in your palm: Keepod's USB drive sells for just $7. (Photo courtesy of Keepod.)

Anne Frank Remembered In Her Own Words 70 Years After Her Death

(Reuters via WJC) – Young diarist Anne Frank was remembered through her own words rather than a minute's silence on Tuesday, in a new UK campaign to commemorate 70 years since her death in World War II.

The Anne Frank Trust UK has launched a social media campaign called #notsilent in which celebrities and the public are invited to record themselves reading one-minute extracts from her diary about life in hiding from the Nazis and to post their videos online under the hashtag.

At a ceremony at London's British Library, school children read from Frank's "Diary of a Young Girl" and Holocaust survivor Freda Wineman recalled being at Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps at the same time as the teenage Jewish girl.

"Seventy years – it doesn't seem possible but some of us are still around to keep the memory alive," Wineman told Reuters.

"The young generation mustn't forget and I think through her book and through her wonderful writing, there is a message that she gave already, without knowing, to the future generation that they must take note of what's going on around them."

Frank and her family lived in a secret annex in a house in Amsterdam. They were discovered in 1944, and Frank died at age 15 at Bergen-Belson in 1945. Her diary was published two years later and has since been read worldwide.

"We all looked terrible. We all looked horrible. You know we were without hair, we're starving, we were with boils, we were ill," Wineman said of their time in the camp. "Some of us survived with all that, but others just couldn't take anymore. The typhus got them."

British actress Naomie Harris and children's author Jacqueline Wilson are among those who have already recorded readings in Frank's memory.

Organizers said that while the exact date of Anne's death is unknown, April 14 is a day before the anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen.

"We could have a minute's silence to mark Anne Frank's death, but it wasn't appropriate," Gillian Walnes, co-founder and executive director of the Anne Frank Trust, said.

"Anne Frank could not be silenced. Her voice has resonated across the generations in the 70 years since she died, and she's inspired people ... to actually speak out in her memory, and try to make the world better, as she wanted to do but couldn't do."

The Trust has put up diary extracts on its website. Members of the public can also pick their own passages.

(Reporting By Sara Hemrajani; Writing by Marie-Louise Gumuchian; Editing by Larry King)

Over 500 Israelis Attend Funeral of Holocaust Survivor on Yom HaShoah

(WJC) Hundreds of people attended the funeral of an Israeli Holocaust survivor in Ashdod on Thursday after his relatives had posted on Facebook, concerned there would not be enough people to form a minyan.

Benjamin Schlesinger passed away on Wednesday, on the eve of Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), at the age of 82. He had one son and very few of his family members are still alive.

At 10 o'clock, the funeral in Ashdod was interrupted for the traditional two minutes of silence, the moment Israel came to a halt to pay its respects to the six million murdered Jews.

Olga Ohayon, a relative of Schlesinger, thanked those who attended the funeral. "It proved to us that all of Israel are responsible for one another and we'll stand together in any trouble.



"We mourn Benjamin's loss, but it must have been his time. There isn't a more dignified way to say goodbye to him. Hundreds of people came here, even security forces and policemen, not just from Ashdod, but from the entire country. They came and embraced us and it was emotional and heartwarming," she was quoted by 'YNetnews' as saying.

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Address _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

Total requested	Type	Fee	Total
		Total Enclosed	

Please make your check payable to the Jewish Federation of Madison and send it with this registration form to 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53719. Season memberships can be purchased online with credit cards.

Names of Participants	Child's age/year of birth

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Pool Schedule

June 6-7 & 13-21	Daily	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
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June 22-Aug. 14	Monday-Friday	4:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
	Saturday & Sunday	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Special Dates:		
Monday, July 13	Open	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
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September 1-4	Open	4 p.m.-8 p.m.
September 5-7	Open	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Early Lap Swim:		
June 22-Aug. 26	Mon. & Wed. only	6 a.m.-8 a.m.

The pool may be closed due to weather, private events, or other reasons

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Policies: The Jewish Federation of Madison reserves the right to close the Goodman Aquatic Center at any time and for any reason including but not limited to inclement weather, to accommodate groups or other uses, or lack of attendance. Lifeguards will be on duty as required by Code. Children age ten and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Children who are not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers. These policies are subject to change and other rules and policies may be posted and will apply.