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Shabbat 75 – A Special Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Madison

What is Shabbat 75? Shabbat 75 is a special night where the Madison Jewish community will celebrate by asking 75 community members to host Shabbat dinner.

How do I participate in Shabbat 75? You participate by committing to celebrate Shabbat on April 24th. Create an evening that fits your life. It could be kid friendly or gourmet, pot luck or pizza. Invite friends and family and keep the celebration short, simple, small and intimate or open your home to a larger group and even consider including someone that you don't know who is looking for a place and people with whom to celebrate. Be creative and enjoy the occasion.

Why is this Shabbat different from all other Shabbats? Because with Shabbat 75 we celebrate all that is beautiful about Judaism and all that is beautiful about the Jewish community that has been created in Madison.

Join Us! Shabbat 75 will be held on April 24th and registration materials are available at JewishMadison.org. Please register on-line so that we can keep track of how many homes are hosting Shabbat and if you are willing to include other members of our community looking for a place to celebrate. The first 75 host homes to register will receive a prayer book, recipes from around the community and a Shabbat candle lighting kit. Also, you may register online to be a guest in someone else's home for Shabbat 75.

A Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Grant made this event possible.

For more information, contact Tiz Goff, Jewish Community Outreach Coordinator at 773-620-4404 or email her at outreach@jewishmadison.org.

Seeking Long-Time Madison Residents

Has your family lived in Madison for the last 75 years? If so, please let us know. We are looking to identify as many families as possible that have roots in Madison reaching back to 1945 or before. If your family fits this description, please drop us an email or give us call.
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Challahgrams – A Special Way to Show Someone That You Are Thinking of Them

You have heard of telegrams and candy-grams. Well in Madison, you can send a challahgram. On April 17th, volunteers from the Jewish Federation of Madison will be delivering challahgrams. Send a freshly baked kosher challah with a note to let someone know that you are thinking of them. It's a great way to say "Shabbat Shalom" or "I love seeing you at services" or "thanks for driving carpool this week". Whatever your message, we will include it with your challah to create the perfect challahgram.

Any community member that has more than one challah purchased for them will only receive one challah. They will receive the messages from all those thinking of them, but the additional challahs will be used to brighten the day of our seniors, newcomers to Madison or community members that we know of that could use a little cheer.

While we understand that many people might need delivery service, we encourage you to pick up your challahgram and deliver it personally. Leave it as surprise on their doorstep, or take the opportunity to stop and wish them a very personal Shabbat Shalom.

A Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Grant made this event possible. Challahgrams cost $6 and are pareve and

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Community Yom HaShoah Service and Program

Wednesday, April 15th
7:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center

Yom HaShoah service immediately followed by a special community program with guest speaker Guy Raz as he presents the story of his exhibition LIGA TEREZIN. During the program he will tell the story of how this exhibit came to be. We will learn the history of Liga Terezin, a soccer league that was formed in the ghetto of Theresienstadt. We will see photographs, videos of survivor's testimonials and learn about this artist and his experience creating this exhibit.

ABOUT THE EXHIBIT:

Art exhibition LIGA TEREZIN focused on the link between past and future memory. The role of an artist is to participate in the current relay race aimed at passing the memory baton from the past to the future in order to prevent the oblivion. The exhibition's point of origin was love for the game of soccer taking place all over the

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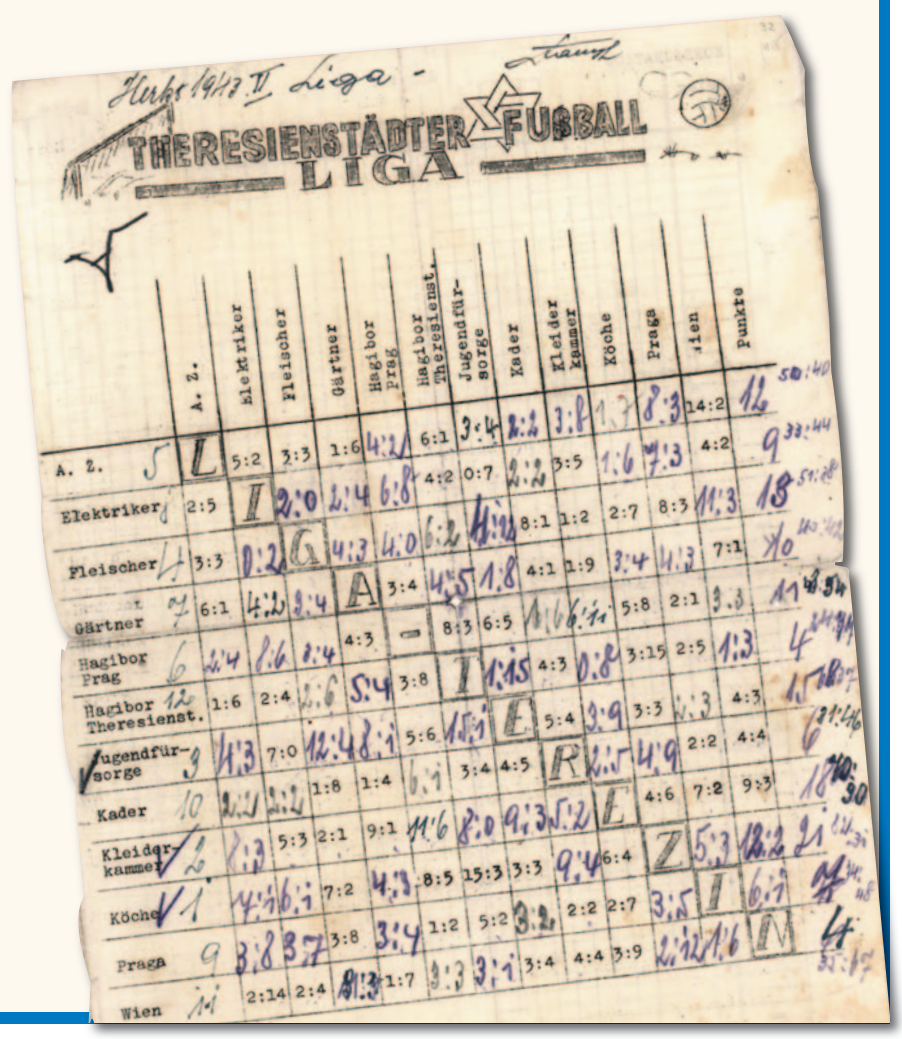

Save the Date for the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic!



The Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic will be held on

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

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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.

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



- Wednesday, April 22: **From Remembrance to Independence!** Israeli movie – *A New Home In Heavens*, discussion and sing-along at Temple Beth El. 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 23: Young adults in Madison meet their Israeli peers. **Barbecue with Israeli young adults at Hillel.** 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26: **Oh! The Places You'll Go!** A family fun celebration of Israel at Vilas Park Shelter, rain or shine. 11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26: Opening of the **Sovev Kinneret exhibition** with curator Guy Raz at Hillel. 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join us for a great variety of ways to celebrate Israel's birthday!

Yom Ha'Atzmaut 2015!



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Camp Shalom Offers Annual 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 $114,000 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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Community Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Interfaith Couples – Join us on April 29!

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.

On April 29 our session will be exclusively for people in interfaith relationships. Both partners are encouraged to attend.

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

April 29 – for interfaith couples
May 27 – all are welcome
June 24 – all are welcome
July 22 – all are welcome
August 26 – all are welcome
September 9 – all are welcome
October 28 – all are welcome
November 11 – all are welcome
December 14 – all are welcome.

This program is generously funded by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison and co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, Jewish Federation, and UW Hillel. Registration is required and space is limited. To sign up or learn more please e-mail Sara at office@shamayim.org.

Yom HaShoah

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globe as a parallel to the contemporary world of violence and wars, especially, the World War II and the Holocaust of the European Jewry. In our world, LIGA TEREZIN exemplified an attempt to play on the game of everyday life despite the death looming on the morrow. At the exhibition, a memory wall was erected to represent all the teams that played in the ghetto by reprinting their names on the background of the photograph of the Ohre River, where the ashes of cremated corpses were thrown down. The other wall showed the contemporary photographs of the Terezin Soccer Club of today.



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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS



Camp Shalom Registration is Open

Looking for a great way for the kids to spend summer? Look no further!
Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim dates:
Session One: June 22nd-July 10th
Session Two: July 14th-July 31st
Session Three: (Camp Shalom only): August 4th-August 14th

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.

For more information including programming, transportation, bus schedules and registration, visit www.jewishmadison.org



Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) Playgroup

Monday, April 13th, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Free playgroup for children ages 0-2 and their caregivers. Please join us at a friend's house where we will be outside (weather permitting) and the kids can play in the sandbox and create works of art with chalk! Please note this date is different from the flyer you may have!

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



K'tantanim Israeli Dance Class

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

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



Community Yom HaShoah Service and Program

A service to commemorate the Jewish people who perished in the Holocaust and to honor the survivors and their families. Followed by a presentation by guest speaker Guy Raz and his art exhibition LIGA TEREZIN.
Wednesday, April 15th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound Street, Madison

For more information see the article on page 1.



Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebrations
Events to celebrate Israel's 67th Birthday

- **Israeli Movie & Sing-along**
  Wednesday, April 22nd, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
  Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison
- **Young Adult BBQ**
  Thursday, April 23rd, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
  UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison
- **Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Carnival**
  Sunday, April 26th, 11:45 am - 2:30 pm
  Vilas Park, Madison
- **Sovev Kinneret Exhibition Opening with curator Guy Raz**
  Sunday, April 26th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
  UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison

Shabbat 75



To celebrate the Jewish Federation of Madison's 75th Anniversary, we are looking for 75 families to host a Shabbat dinner on the same evening.
Friday, April 24th
6:30-9:30 p.m.

For more information please see the ad on the back page or visit www.jewishmadison.org. For online registration to host or attend a Shabbat 75 dinner, go to: http://jewishmadison.org/jewish-federation-of-madison-calendar/ shabbat-75

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

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

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



Beth Israel Center Reopens its Doors to the Community

By Jordy Loeb



The newly renovated Beth Israel Center.

Beth Israel Center re-opened its doors to the congregation and the community in December. Though construction was ongoing, the community resumed full use of the building. The last details, including landscaping and installation of the ark, will be completed this spring.

This project set out with lofty goals, including: improved worship, educational and functional spaces. Beth Israel Center prioritized adding more natural light and a refreshed and transformational presence. Accessibility needed to exceed ADA requirements wherever possible.

Returning visitors to Beth Israel Center will immediately notice improved access to the building. The main entrance has been re-graded to allow for easier entry and to provide a comfortable gathering space. There is a grade-level entrance for the Talmud Torah and offices adjacent to the new pick up/drop off circle. These exterior features are just the beginning of the transformation.

Once inside, visitors experience wide, sunlit gathering spaces and hallways. The sanctuary is designed for flexible seating; chairs can be set in various configurations depending on the occasion. The circular bimah is thrust into the room so that the kehal seating surrounds it. This promotes greater interaction during services and other uses of the space.

Stone is a dominant architectural element throughout the building. Jerusalem stone is featured in the construction of the ark, evoking a connection to the Old City. Stone flooring combines with floor-to-ceiling windows to give the foyer an indoor/outdoor feel. The same stone is incorporated elegantly into the mikvah.

The intention of this project was to create a fresh and inviting space for Beth Israel Center and the entire community. The Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation joined in this vision to support the project and the building will bear the brothers' names. This vision is already coming to fruition as the Madison Jewish Community Day School, Ivrit B'Kef, Yonim, the Yiddish Choir and others use the building. Beth Israel Center has been pleased to host programs for the entire community such as the Purim Carnival, speakers and classes.

Beth Israel Center will celebrate the culmination of this project with several events and programs throughout the year. Notably, all are invited to the Gala Grand Opening featuring an elegant seated dinner and entertainment on Sunday evening, May 3.

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Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Film Series

The following are showing at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Doors open at 7:00pm, with movies beginning at 7:15pm:

Wednesday, April 22nd, *"A New Home in Heavens"*

The movie will be followed by a discussion, an Israeli ceremony and an Israeli sing-along. Come to learn why Israel's day of fallen soldiers, Yom HaZikaron, is followed immediately by Israel's day of independence, Yom Ha'Aatzmaut.

Wednesday, May 20th, *"Fill the Void"*

Wednesday, June 17th, *"Bethlehem"*

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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

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Mathew Benjamin Suttin, son of Jonathan and Lindsay Suttin, grandson to Georgie and Jerry Suttin, and brother to Joshua.

Condolences to the families of:

Sara Lieberson, aunt of Jacki (Milt) Friend, great-aunt of Lisa (Jim Kalupa) Friend-Kalupa, and great-great aunt of Allison and Devon Kalupa; and

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State Budget Cycle in Full Swing: Public Policy Seminars Continue

By Michael Blumenfeld

Executive Director
Wisconsin Jewish Conference

UW-Madison Political Science Professor Ken Mayer and Wisconsin Jewish Conference (WJC) Executive Director Michael Blumenfeld gave an overview of state and federal policy issues to the Madison Jewish community on February 22. This event was made possible by funding from the Jewish Federation of Madison's Innovation Grants and is the first of three WJC public policy seminars this year.

Attendees received information on the political landscape after the November 2014 election and learned about what policy items are being debated in both Washington, D.C. and Madison. Mayer and Blumenfeld talked about the implications of a Republican-controlled Congress and state legislature. In a mix between Federal and state politics, Mayer discussed Governor Walker's presidential ambitions, noting that Wisconsin has never had a sitting governor campaign for the office.

Blumenfeld discussed the upcoming state budget process and issues that may impact the Jewish Community. Governor Walker introduced his 2015-17 state budget on February 3 and it is now in the hands of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC). JFC held four public hearings on the proposed state budget in March. The Committee will vote on the proposed state budget during April and May, and has the authority to remove, modify or add any language from/to the bill.

Top budget issues to watch are: drug testing requirements for public assistance, new premium requirements for childless adults on BadgerCare and a 48-month cap on enrollment, major changes to the state's long-term care system, and the proposed $300 million cut to the UW System.

After the budget receives the approval of JFC and both houses of the Legislature, Governor Walker must sign the bill into law by June 30.

As the Joint Finance Committee works on the state budget, the legislature is busy debating other proposed legislation.

Handgun Purchases: The legislature is debating ending the current 48-hour waiting period for purchasing handguns in Wisconsin. Both the Senate and Assembly held public hearings on the bill in March.

Human Trafficking: A bi-partisan bill that would require the Wisconsin Department of Justice to design a poster that provides information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline and encourage gas stations, hotels, adult entertainment establishments and other locations to display the poster is moving very quickly through the legislature. The Assembly passed Assembly Bill 16 unanimously in February and the Senate took up the measure on it March 17, after this issue's publication deadline.

20-week abortion ban: Governor Walker said last month that he would sign legislation that bans abortions after 20 weeks. No legislation had been introduced at this issue's publication date, but Wisconsin Right to Life is drafting a bill on this topic and it will likely be introduced this session.



Ken Mayer, UW-Madison Political Science Professor

Looking for ways to get involved in the state budget process or weigh in on legislation? The remaining two advocacy events that the Wisconsin Jewish Conference is offering are coming up quickly.

Advocacy Training Seminar, April 12, 2015: Participants will receive advice from public policy experts on how to effectively communicate with elected officials and bring about real policy change—skills that will not only enhance their Interfaith Advocacy Day experience but also allow them to continue their advocacy throughout the 2015-16 legislative session and beyond. Participants will receive an overview of the 2015-17 state budget, pending legislation on both the state and federal level and other timely legislative information. The event is free and a light brunch will be available. Please RSVP to Kelsey at kspencer@mblumenfeld.com or 257-1888.

2015 Interfaith Advocacy Day, April 29, 2015: WJC will subsidize the registration fee for Interfaith Advocacy Day for individuals who participate in the Advocacy Training Seminar on April 12.

Advocacy Training Seminar

Who: Wisconsin Jewish Conference Executive Director Michael Blumenfeld and experienced guests in public policy.

What: Learn how to effectively communicate with legislators and bring about real policy change.

When: April 12, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: The Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

RSVP: This event is free, but please RSVP to kspencer@mblumenfeld.com or 608-257-1888. A light brunch will be available.

Interfaith Advocacy Day

Learn, discuss, pray and advocate together for social justice issues of importance to all the people of Wisconsin.

When: April 29, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church, 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison

Registration: More information on the event and registration can be found at www.wichurches.org/2015-advocacy-day/. Those participating in the Advocacy Training Seminar will receive a subsidized registration.

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

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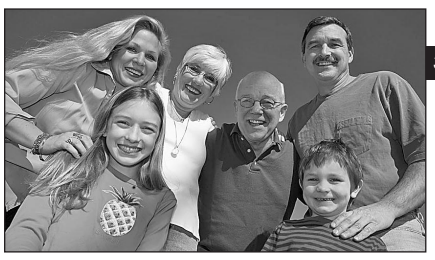
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Temple Beth El

Our events listed below are open to the community. Check out our Temple Beth El website at www.templebethelmadison.org for more information on our worship times and special events. All events take place at Temple Beth El; 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, unless otherwise noted.

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

We will not be holding Friday evening services on April 3. Our office will be closed on April 10.

Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 4
5:15pm – Afternoon Mincha Service
6pm – Community Seder. Register by March 27

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

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

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

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

Questions? Register on our website (events page) or to Aleeza Hoffert: program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123.

Passover Memorial Service – Yizkor

Thursday, April 9 at 6pm

The Holiday Memorial Service (Yizkor) is a time when we recall our loved ones who have departed this earth and who reside in our memory. It is an expression of profound respect for our loved ones, and of longing for their presence at a holiday time when we might recall family get togethers and the love that was shared.

We observe this service four times a year - on Passover, Shavu'ot, Sukkot, and Yom Kippur - times when we would miss our loved ones the most, and when the comforting presence of our family and friends can help us through the difficult moments of longing. Please come and spend some time with your Temple Beth El family members as, one and all, we recall our loved ones.

Shalom Passover Preschool Program

Friday, April 10 at 9:30am-10:30am

Finish your Passover experience for the year with us through song, story, food and fun. For Preschool children and their parents. Open to the Jewish community. RSVPs appreciated to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608.238.3123. Walk-ins welcome.

Celebrate Tikkun Olam

Friday, April 10 at 7:30pm

Social Action Shabbat Evening Services with Remarks from Rev. Jerry Hancock, Director of the Prison Ministry Project and co-President of the interfaith organizing group MOSES.

Celebrate Temple Beth El Social Action. Join together for a service of shared reflection, gratitude and creative renewal led by Social Action Committee members along with the Temple Beth El Choir and clergy. Our Temple community does so much good through the many Temple committees and organizations throughout the year. We'll give thanks together for work done, and seek inspiration for Temple Beth El Tikkun Olam in the months to come. Jerry Hancock, Director of the Prison Ministry Project and co-President of the interfaith organizing group MOSES will be our guest speaker. He will speak on the challenge to end mass incarceration and overuse of solitary confinement in Wisconsin.

Tots and Tunes

Sunday, Apr. 19 at 9:30am-10:30am in the Ezra Frank Adult Lounge

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

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

Singles Creating Community Coffee Clutch

Friday, April 17 at 9am
Manna Cafe & Bakery
611 N Sherman Ave., Madison

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

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Film Series

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel film series will be showing the next movie in its series of four films. Please join us for what is sure to be another educational and riveting experience. Doors open at 7:00pm, with movies beginning at 7:15pm:

Wednesday, April 22nd, *"A New Home in Heavens"* and program for Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

Wednesday, May 20th, *"Fill the Void"*

Wednesday, June 17th, *"Bethlehem"*

Lag B'omer at Picnic Point

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

Join us for Havdalah, bonfire, s'mores, singing and fun together in the great outdoors.









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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, April 11 and 25
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On April 11 Torah study begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m. and Kiddush at 12:30 p.m. At this service we will honor our graduating seniors. On April 25 the congregation celebrates the bat mitzvah of Zoey Yandell. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Young Family Havurah

Sunday, April 26
Center for Families
2120 Fordem Avenue

Do you have a child who is 0-5 years old? If so, join us for our Young Family Havurah! We meet in the large playroom during our children's education program, and different teachers come in to read a story and lead singing. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children. Feel free to join us for assembly at 9:30 a.m. or for the playgroup at 9:50 a.m.

Social Action Shabbat

Friday, April 17
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. (Topic to be announced.) 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.

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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.

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Visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or call us at (608) 256-7763 for service schedules and other programming information beyond what is listed here.

See what our vibrant style of traditional, egalitarian Jewish community is all about. All Beth Israel Center programs are open to the community. Most programs are offered at no charge (except where noted).

Highlights from our spring calendar:

GALA! Celebrate the new Beth Israel Center

5:30pm Sunday, May 3

Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner and entertainment, and see what the new Beth Israel Center has to offer. Tickets are $118 per person. Groups of eight may reserve a table together for $900. Consider purchasing a table and inviting guests. All are welcome!

Kolot Kehilla

Sunday Morning Speaker Series
9:30-11:00am Sunday, April 19

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.

Yom Rishon

10:00am Sunday, April 12

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.

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.

Pesach Services

10:00am Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5
9:30am Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11
Pesach Yizkor is observed on Saturday, April 11

Yiddish Choir Concert

4:00pm Sunday, April 19

Beth Israel Center hosts a Yiddish Choir concert of "Songs that Survive" in honor of Yom HaShoah. The concert will be in the Small Sanctuary on the lower level.

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 a war and explores the differences between a defensive war of necessity--what might be called a righteous war--and other wars. The class covers both how to study Talmud and the text and subject matter.

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30am every Saturday

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

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

The entire online ***Defining Zionism*** series described in the December 2014 *Madison Jewish News* is free and open to the entire community at 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.

Please RSVP to Racheli: israel@jewishmadison.org, or call 608-669-8042.

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Families in Focus: Profile of Jenna Freeman

By Melissa Miller

A gap year in Israel between high school and college sparked Jenna Shira Freeman's passion for photography. Now a Jewish Studies and Rehabilitation Psychology dual major at UW-Madison, Jenna uses her lens to capture the unique stories of the Jewish special needs world. While working as a camp counselor in California, Jenna began to photograph portraits of campers with special needs in order to show their beauty and personalities. This experience inspired Jenna to do a senior Capstone Project that combined her interests in photojournalism, rehabilitation studies and Jewish life: a series of captioned portraits of Jewish families of kids with special needs.

As Jenna explains, a core mission of her project is to increase the diversity that one often sees in photos. Through her camera, Jenna helps subjects with special needs to articulate their stories to the outside world, narratives which, all too often, go untold. Jenna's portraits examine the dynamics of Jewish families of kids with special needs in the Los Angeles and Madison areas. In her work, it is crucial to balance the notion of family as a constellation with the unique identities of each of its members. In order to illustrate the impact that children with special needs have on the family unit, Jenna takes whole group shots. To showcase individual personalities, Jenna photographs children's bedrooms. For the kids Jenna works with, these photos may be the most fun part of the project—she notes that the kids love showing off their rooms to an appreciative audience!

This project has also strengthened Jenna's bond with the local Jewish communities in Los Angeles and Madison. She credits the "incredible and inclusive" community structures that Judaism fosters with giving these families the support they need to thrive. After graduation, Jenna plans to fuse her interest in Jewish community life with her interest in rehabilitation studies and pursue a career in art and visual media therapy. She hopes to explore new ways to facilitate telling the personal stories of those with special needs.

Jenna's Capstone Project will be available for public viewing at the Center for Jewish Studies' Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m., in the Virginia Harrison Parlor in Lathrop Hall at UW-Madison.

Challagrams

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kosher certified. They will be made by students involved in Challah for Hunger, a UW Hillel Foundation Student Organization.

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UW Hillel Jewop Always a Crowd Favorite

By Jennifer Jennings

Jewop, UW-Madison's Jewish A Capella Group, recently returned from another successful Kol Haolam competition in Washington D.C., winning Audience Favorite and Best Beat Boxer. Kol Haolam is the National Jewish A Capella Competition. Jewop has been competing at Kol Haolam for the last four years, receiving numerous accolades including 2nd Place, 3rd Place, Crowd Favorite, Best Beat Boxer, and Best Original Arrangement.

Jewop president Erika Kaske, Sophomore, says that Jewop is more than just a capella, it is a life changing experience. "Jewop is special because it creates a space for Jews (and non-Jews!) to come together and sing, but Jewop is more than just singing. I have met so many amazing people through Jewop, Hillel, and the a cappella community in Madison and I think I speak for the whole group when I say our college experience wouldn't be the same without it."

The name "Jewop" is a play on the word "doo-wop." Jewop's repertoire includes classic Jewish, Hebrew, and Yiddish songs as well as contemporary arrangements and crowd favorites. They are all tied together by one common theme—the composer or the singer is Jewish. Members of Jewop are both Jewish and non-Jewish. For the non-Jewish members, becoming part of a Jewish a cappella group gives them an appreciation for Jewish culture.

Founded in 2008 at Hillel, Jewop primarily performed at events in Madison's Jewish community. Over the years, Jewop has become a crowd favorite at area congregations and senior centers. Today Jewop performs mostly on campus, hosting two of their own shows each year and performing for other student organizations upon request. The spring show is on Saturday, May 2. Members say that Jewop has "its roots in Judaism but it is not bound by them." Jewop is part of the mainstream campus a cappella community, joining together for fundraisers and other group concerts, such as the recent benefit "Music for Manahaim."

For many Jewop members, the Kol Haolam Competition is the most memorable experience. Jenna Quilty, senior, said "It's unique to be part of an exclusive Jewish competition, and after being together in Washington D.C., staying at Sarah's house (Jewop member), and traveling, we all come back a little changed."

Rebecca Schwab, current UW Hillel Engagement Associate, was a Jewop member for the past four years, helping it grow into the strong organization it is today. Reflecting on her time with the group, she said, "I am proud of a legacy of diversity and Jewish fusion in the form of a nationally ranking a cappella group. Jewop changes what a cappella can mean on a campus like Wisconsin."





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Chabad Hosts Midwest Campus Shabbaton

A Shabbaton is a gathering or retreat where Jews come together for an entire weekend celebrating Shabbat.

On February 19-21 Chabad at the University of Wisconsin-Madison hosted its first Shabbaton, bringing in students from across the Midwest. One hundred thirty students from eight schools gathered for a weekend of Jewish celebration, education and friendship. Some of those attending were from schools with large Jewish communities such as the University of Minnesota and the University of Illinois. Others however, came from schools where they often feel isolated as Jews, schools such as Beloit College and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

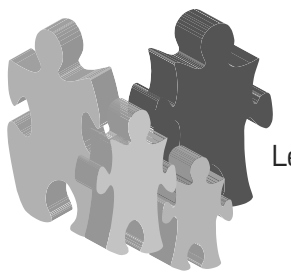
Throughout Shabbat the students participated in uplifting Shabbat services, delicious meals, breakout sessions and discussions on modern Jewish issues on campus, and lots of classic Jewish geography socials. After nightfall on Saturday, and the close of Shabbat with a musical Havadalah ceremony, the participants went skating at the new outdoor rink at the Edgewater Hotel.

Wisconsin students were also very active in fulfilling the great Jewish concept of Hachnasat Orchim – having guests. While Chabad provided all the meals, students across campus opened up their homes, apartments and dormitory rooms to provide housing accommodations for the guests.

It was a wonderful expression of the concept of Jewish community; people from around the Midwest coming together to bond, learn and discover. All attendees left with a sense of pride knowing the Am Yisrael Chai – the Jewish people live.







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The Whole Megillah ~ Purim 2015

Purim Photos by Ellen Weismer

The month of Adar was a busy one for the Madison Jewish community! The Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education committee started off our Purim adventure with the Hamantashen Baking Workshop. For an entire week Susan Roquitte led a team of volunteers to mix, measure, make the dough and cut the more than 2000 circles. The circles of dough were filled, folded, baked and packaged by another group of dedicated volunteers.

This year's carnival was an afternoon filled with fun. The festivities began with the Purim Spiel, an entertaining musical retelling of the Purim story starring Rabbis Joshua Ben-Gideon, Jonathan Biatch, Laurie Zimmerman, Andrea Steinberger and Rebecca Ben-Gideon, educators Beth Copelovitch, Stephanie Kirklin and Lily Nagy-Deek and Shlichim Mickey and Racheli Komar-Aziz.

Carnival games, hot dogs and veggie wraps, face-painting, a bake-walk, bouncy house and prizes topped off this joyous festival for attendees of all ages!

And what happened to all those Hamantashen? They were sold individually and by the dozen for people to take home and enjoy.

Thank you to Beth Israel Center, Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Gan HaYeled Preschool, JFM's Family Education Committee, Madison Jewish Community Day School, BBYO, MOUSY, MaTTY, Bet Sefer Teaching Assistants and Chabad of Madison for helping to organize booths. And, thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this a memorable Purim for everyone!



























































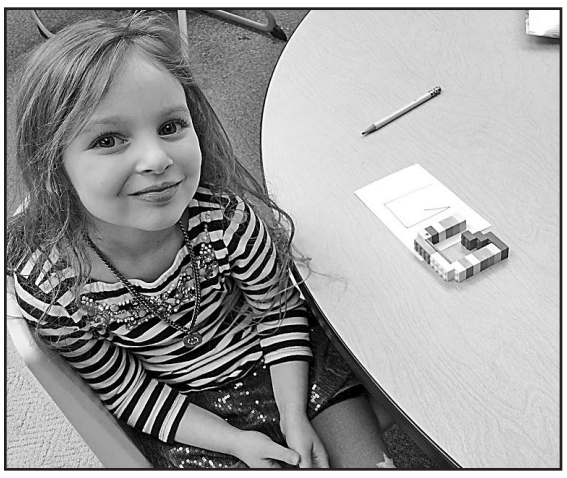




Small Day School Offers Big Benefits

Small but mighty. Good things come in small packages. Research suggests that these ideas apply to small schools as well. In the case of Madison Jewish Community Day School, size definitely matters.

"Let's just say it straight out," says school head Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon. "MJCDS is a small school! In our case, our size offers students and families a uniquely personal and positive experience. Teachers can truly get to know each student as an individual learner. And I think that the sense of pride and connectedness that parents, teachers, students, and volunteers feel about our school community is stronger because of our size," she says.



Lila presents the letter "tet."

Multi-age learning

Though MJCDS's enrollment has tripled in recent years, there's no doubt that parents continue to praise the many advantages that only a small school can offer.

Parents often talk about the feeling of kinship their kids feel with all of their classmates, and how special it is to watch younger students being mentored by their older peers. Older students grow and blossom into leaders.

"I've witnessed the older students gain confidence, patience, and pride through this process," says Rebecca Suda, mother of kindergartener Maggie. "When my daughter told me that a fifth grade boy often helps her with her shoelaces and spelling words, I was incredulous. They really do look out for each other."

Individualized Academics

The teachers get to know students' interests, strengths and challenges, both academically and in the social-emotional realm. No one gets lost in the academic or social shuffle.

"A small school has been very good for our son because he gets a lot of individualized attention." says Shelby O'-Connor, mother of kindergarten student, Eli. "As a student whose birthday lies just after the state cutoff, he is the oldest in his grade. At a small school, he can be a kindergarten student, but he can be challenged at a first grade level."



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In addition, the continuity offered by having the same teachers for more than one year of school holds great appeal for parents who choose MJCDS. "My daughter will have the same teachers during her entire six years of elementary school – this seems the most organic to me," says Erik Weinstein, father of first grader Juliette.

Plus, while social cliques might form at larger schools, "At Madison Jewish Community Day School there is only one 'in' group – the entire student body and staff and parents," Weinstein says.

Parent voices

Students aren't the only ones to receive personalized attention at a smaller school. Parents also reap the benefits of being in a close-knit community of educators and students.

"Whenever we have any issue, question or idea there is always someone to talk to and discuss it with," says Rachel Pinkesz, mother of kindergartner Heshy. "It gets resolved so much faster because there are fewer people it needs to get run by."

A Community of Shared Values

The school's size and Jewish mission also enables teachers and students to engage with questions of spirituality and meaning. The teachers (morot) know how to raise questions like "Why are there many religions?" and "Did the story in the haggadah happen just like the Torah says?"

"I liked being able to observe Jewish holidays without feeling like I was cramming everything into evenings so that my daughter wouldn't miss school," says Naomi Mercer, mother of MJCDS alumna Rory. "I loved knowing all the other parents and the fact that we were all involved with the school and with our kids' education."

To learn more about what the small, Jewish school has to offer, visit www.mjcds.com or contact Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon to arrange a visit: rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com or (608) 204-9900.

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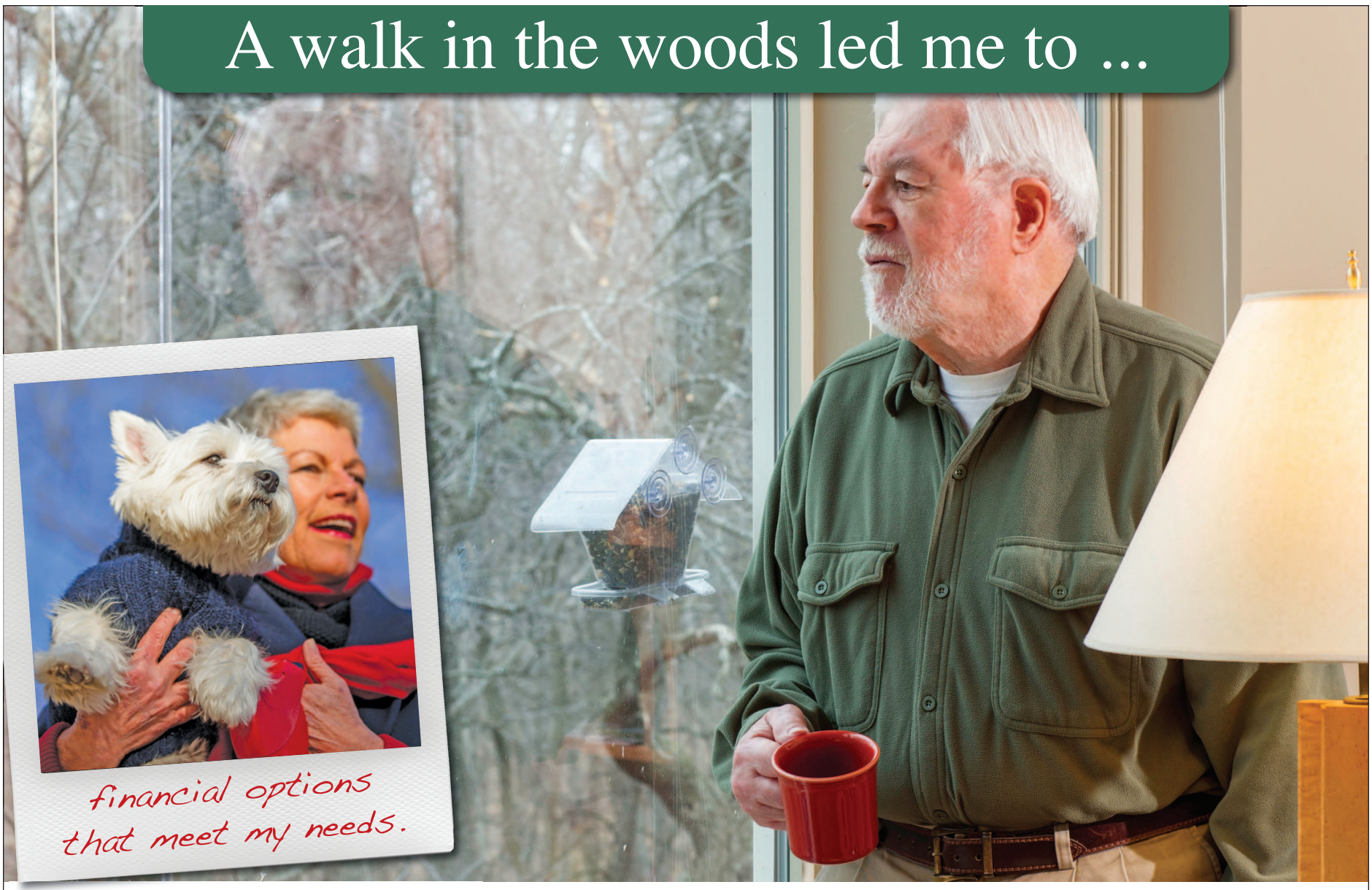

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JSS and Volunteers: An Enduring Partnership

Volunteers are celebrated during National Volunteer Week, this year April 12-18. While it's important to have an annual way to celebrate volunteers, we at Jewish Social Services are grateful year-round for the ways in which volunteers help us meet our mission. In 2014, 254 people gave generously of their time, energy and hearts to help our clients in various ways. Our volunteers spend time with elderly and disabled people, drive to appointments, assist at immigration workshops, serve at Lechayim, help at Shabbat gatherings and seders, reach out during holidays, provide *pro-bono* services, practice English with non-native speakers, tutor for the citizenship exam, take people shopping or shop for them, help with odd jobs around the house, visit the sick and serve on committees and the JSS Board of Directors.

It's no exaggeration to say that our volunteers are important partners in the work we do. In Pirkei Avot 1:2, Rabbi Shimon the Righteous talks about the three pillars upon which the world rests: Torah, Avodah ("service," worship) and Gemilut Chasadim (acts of loving-kindness). Our volunteers perform acts of loving-kindness every day, acknowledging people and their intrinsic worth, supporting our clients in gentle but significant ways. We can never thank our volunteers enough, so we will say a simple and heartfelt, "THANK YOU."



Barb Esser, left, shown here with Alene Wiseman, has volunteered at the Oakwood Shabbat gathering and in many other ways for over ten years.

News from JSS' Immigration and Refugee Services

In response to President Obama's recent Executive Orders on Expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA), 36 people attended an information session at JSS in January to learn about eligibility guidelines for these programs. The first of a series of workshops designed to help immigrants prepare to apply for DAPA was held in early March, with three more planned. Eight clients met with either an immigration attorney or with Janice Beers, JSS' Accredited Representative with the BIA (Bureau of Immigration Appeals), to check their eligibility for these and any other immigration benefits. Volunteers helped gather and review the documents needed to support their applications.

Thank you to immigration workshop volunteers: *pro-bono* attorneys Amanda Gennerman, Kris Rasmussen, Ramona Natera and Margaret Maroney, and volunteers Lauren Siech, Kelsey Spencer, Kristine Juarez Bautista and Maria Rojas-Monroy for their assistance with document review, interpreting and logistics. For information regarding subsequent DACA and DAPA workshops, contact Janice Beers at janice@jssmadison.org or 608-442-4082 or go to www.jssmadison.org.



Immigration workshop volunteers and staff.

Save the Dates for the 2015 Levy Summer Series

The 2015 Levy Summer Series, ***"The Tree of Life: Jewish Roots & Cultural Reflections"*** will again be held at Nakoma Golf Club, with an elegant and reasonably priced lunch and an after-lunch salon. Speaker, program and menu descriptions are at www.jssmadison.org. Registration materials will be available in early May; in the meantime, please save these dates: Tuesday, June 9; Wednesday, June 24; Tuesday, July 7; Wednesday, July 22; Tuesday, August 4; and Wednesday, August 19.

Our thanks to Jeffrey C. Levy for his continued support and to the committee members, who 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.

Volunteer for Jewish Social Services!

Add something special to your life – Volunteer for Jewish Social Services. Volunteer application at http://jssmadison.org/becoming-volunteer

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

Current Volunteer Opportunities: Friendly Visitors for:

- A middle-aged disabled woman, west side.
- A social and friendly man with dementia, downtown.
- A sharp, intelligent elderly woman, Middleton.

Jewish Social Services of Madison, Wisconsin

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND

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

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

THE POSITION

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

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

PREFERRED QUALITIES AND ABILITIES:

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

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

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

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

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

Jewish Education

News and Notes from Midrasha

Midrasha will be in session on the following days in April:

Sundays: 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

Wednesdays: 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29

Programming Note

Wednesday, April 15 is Yom HaShoah. The Midrasha students will be joining the community for the service and program starting at 7pm. Hebrew classes will meet from 6:30-7pm. Parents and families are invited to join us.

Stay In Touch

Midrasha is on Facebook! Find our page MIDRASHA HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL, click on the like button and stay in touch with what is happening. This semester we are featuring recipes and pictures from the 11th/12th grade cooking class. Like us today!

Curricular Connections

This semester Laurel Hefty, one of our most veteran Midrasha staff members, is teaching an elective class to 9th and 10th graders called, "The Lower East Side Does Exist – and not just on the Simpsons." In March they learned about the Triangle Fire and were asked to write a short news article or poem from the perspective of a bystander. Here is an example of what one student wrote:

By Sophie

Sewing machines lined the walls
as cries of screaming women fall

Down, down, riding down to death
A "thud" was heard, a final breath

I rushed to the stairs to find them locked
My exit, my hope, my hero, blocked

It was my fault, my doing, I did this myself
Because of one single match, that I should have left on the shelf

As the first one aware of the fire awaking
I fled to the escape, praying it would keep from breaking

I ran down the stairs, three at a time
As the staircase behind me broke like a crime

I survived the fire, the one I started
But 142 dead…gone…I'm sorry!











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


Elijah, Roger and Ruby are working hard coloring their Seder plates.


Maya loves to color too.


Aliza is happy that she can play outside in the cars.

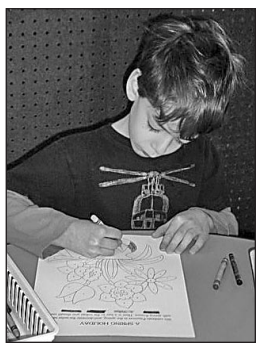

Malia, Olive, Nolan, Ruby and Lexi worked together to build an amazing structure.



Ravyn and Sophie are celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday.


Olive and Nolan make Hamantaschen together.


Solomon is happy that Spring is here and he can play in the cars.


Ian enjoys coloring by numbers.



Sam, Gabe and Naomi get a little silly after reading *Yertle the Turtle*.


Makaila and her Daddy, Scott, make Hamantaschen together.


Avner, Eve, Gabriel and Sydney like to play on the loft.


Daniel likes to build with blocks.


Elijah and Nathan like to build with Legos.


Judith, Talya's mom, helps Eve make Hamantaschen.

Teachers Take Time for Learning Too!

On Monday, February 23rd the teachers from the Jewish schools in Madison were invited to participate in our annual Teacher Training. The focus of this year's workshops was Tikshoret – communication. More than 50 teachers participated in two different workshops led by an experienced and informative group of presenters. The break-out sessions and presenters for this year were:

• 10 Strategies for Communicating with All Kinds of Parents – **Sylla Zaroff**

• Let's Get Physical: Using Movement (or non-Verbal Communication) in the Classroom – **Janelle Bentley**

• Well that was Awkward! – Talking about tough topics with your parents and students – **Simone Schweber**

• Connect More! Using Social Media to Reach Students and Families – **Ann Imig**

• If Walls Could Talk, Using Your Classroom Environment to Communicate with your Students – **Romy Arenson**

Following the workshops everyone enjoyed a delicious Falafel Bar catered by Adamah before participating in a chavruta (group) text study. Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon led the educators on exploration of how Jewish texts relate to the topics covered in the workshops.

It is a really special thing that we do in this community, to bring the educators, new and veteran, together for an afternoon of learning. A huge kol hakovod to everyone who was a part of this year's Madison Jewish Community Teacher's Training.


Ann Imig spoke to a packed room about the importance of using social media safely and effectively.



Hands-on learning for the teachers and teaching assistants from Temple Beth El.



Tina Schwartz and Nicole Rudisill participate in a discussion about Jewish text.


Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon leads the room in an informative text study.

Sharsheret Dance Camp Registration is Open!

Sharsheret Festival is May 3!

All 5th through 12th graders are invited to come to Sharsheret Dance Camp, an exciting weekend of dance workshops, activities and fun May 1-3! Camp will be at OSRUI, located on the shores of beautiful Lac La Belle in Oconomowoc, WI. On Sunday, May 3, the kids from camp will showcase a new dance at the Sharsheret Festival. No dance experience necessary and open to non-Yonim kids! Registration forms available at www.yonim.org. Contact Cathy at yonim@jewishmadison.org for more information.

Sunday, May 3, 2015 is the 19th Sharsheret Festival – a celebration of international dance and peace at Middleton Performing Arts Center. In addition to the Sharsheret camp and Yonim dancers, several other wonderful dance groups will be performing. This spring's Sharsheret will feature dances from the Middle East, India, China, Japan and more! You won't want to miss this exciting show!

Don't miss out on K'tantanim! Preschoolers are welcome to join us Sunday, April 19th at 3:30-4:00pm to move and groove to Israeli music. They will have the opportunity to perform as a group at the Sharsheret Festival a few weeks later!

March was an exciting month for the Yonim Israeli Folk Dance Troupe. They performed for the first time ever at the Chazen Museum on the UW campus. The Bet and Gimel dancers performed and taught dances at the Taste of Israel. The entire troupe performed at Oakwood Village and entertained many residents with a vibrant, energetic show. Also in March, the high school dancers took a trip to an Israeli dance camp called Beketzev Acher in Zion, IL. It was three days and nights of learning from some of the top Israeli dance choreographers in the world, and dancing with other Israeli dance enthusiasts who came to the camp from all over the US and Canada.



Fun time dancing at the Taste of Israel.



Yonim dancers perform at the Chazen Museum.

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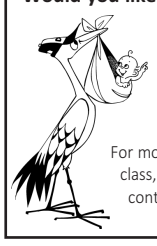

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April Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, direct 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org no later than 12:00 p.m. the preceding Friday. The kosher-style meals are catered by Blue Plate Catering; a **vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation**. If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what you can afford. The cost of the meal is $7.50 for those under age 60.

Monday, April 6 *Passover; Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, April 13 *Lechayim commemorates Yom HaShoah*
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Sweet and Sour Turkey Meatballs, Lemon Fig Rice Pilaf, Glazed baby Carrots, Green salad, Rugelach
1:00-2:00 Nina Edelman, *"A Tale of Two Soldiers"*

Monday, April 20 *Lechayim celebrates Yom Ha'Atzmaut*
11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Shakshuka: Israeli dish of eggs cooked in a spicy tomato sauce, Pita Wedges, Celery and Carrot sticks with Hummus, Israeli Couscous Salad, Baklava
1:00-2:00 Mickey Aziz-Komar, *"Making the Desert Bloom, 21st Century-Style"*

Monday, April 27
11:00-12:00 *Operations Diabetes & Heart with Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students*
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Pretzel Crusted Baked Cod, Cranberry Mustard Sauce, Coleslaw, Baked Wedge Potatoes, Applesauce, Chocolate Decadent Brownie
1:00-2:00 Prof. Daniel Usshishkin, *"The First World War – A Century Later"*

Next month's dates:
May 4, 11, 18

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Понедельник, 6 апреля Пасха, Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 13 апреля Лехаим в память Йом ха-Шоа
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Фрикадельки из индюшатины в кисло-сладком соусе, плов с лимоном, глазированная морковь, зеленый салат, ругала
1:00-2:00 Нина Эдельман, "Повесть о двух солдатах"

Понедельник, 20 апреля Лехаим празднует Йом HaAtzma'ut
11:00-12:00 Измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Шакшука: яйца в остром томатном соусе, пита, сельдерей и морковь с хумусом, израильский салат с кус-кусом, пахлава
1:00-2:00 Мики Азиз-Комар, "Заставить пустыню цвести, стиль 21-го века".

Понедельник, 27 апреля
11:00-12:00 Операция "Диабет и Сердце" с обществом студентов-фармацевтов штата Висконсин
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Запеченная в тесте треска под клюквено-горчичным соусом, салат из капусты, запеченный картофель, яблочное пюре, шоколадные пирожные
1:00-2:00 Проф Даниэль Юшишкин, "Первая мировая война - век спустя"

Даты мая: 4, 11, 18

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions provides door-to-door service for $1 round trip, payable to the driver. Contact Louise Goldstein (608-278-1808, direct 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org) by 2:00 p.m. the Friday before Lechayim to make a reservation. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Please contact us if you need to cancel a ride.

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 noon 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.

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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
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About our Programs

Lechayim will not meet on **Monday, April 6**, as we will be celebrating Passover. We will commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) on **Monday, April 13**, with Nina Edelman, who will discuss her father Max Gendelman's memoir, *A Tale of Two Soldiers*. It is the story of a Jewish-American sniper who became a prisoner of war and a German Luftwaffe pilot, who formed a friendship at a German slave labor camp. This friendship saved both their lives and endured through the decades that followed the war.

Nina Edelman grew up in Milwaukee as a part of the Gendelman/Zilberbrand clan, where at every gathering her grandmother Feigel Gendelman would joyfully recount her happiness that "Maxie came back from the war." Nina graduated from UW School of Library Science, was a school librarian for 36 years and founded the library at Milwaukee Jewish Day School. Now retired, she is a fiber artist whose work can be seen at synagogues and other Jewish institutions in Milwaukee. It was her privilege to work with her father on the book, and after he died, with an editor to smooth out the details. It is her wish that as many people as possible learn and spread Max's story of hope, honor, and courage in the face of despair, and of course, of friendship.


Nina Edelman

We will celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the rebirth of the State of Israel, on **Monday, April 20**, with Mickey Aziz-Komar. Mickey is a Jewish Agency shaliach (emissary) to the Madison community, along with his wife Racheli Komar-Aziz. He will discuss *"Making the Desert Bloom, 21st Century-Style."* Israel's ability to do more with less and its successes in the development of sustainability technology have brought international recognition and led many international figures to describe Israel as a "sustainability superpower." Such developments include bringing water to crops in arid and dry land regions, water re-use and recycling technology and the development of battery-charging and battery-switching devices for electric cars by the international company, "Better Place." These are only a few examples of how Israel is leading the way in sustainability now and into the future.


Mickey Aziz-Komar

Mickey Azizullahoff-Komar was born in Jerusalem and later moved with his family to Efrat. After high school, Mickey studied in a yeshiva at Kibbutz Ein Tzurim for two years. Following his three years of military service in the IDF, Mickey worked with different youth groups and then spent a year with the World B'nei Akiva "Tafnit" year program for youth from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Mickey received his BA in Education and Youth Studies from Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva. As a shaliach in Madison, Mickey has been working with UW students through Hillel: Foundation for Jewish Life on campus.

It has been little more than 100 years since the First World War (also known as the Great War and the War to End All Wars) exploded over Europe, the Middle East and parts of Asia. Empires that had held sway over much of the world for centuries were divided into a spate of new countries. The Treaty of Versailles left Germany in a weak and shaky position that helped nurture the rise of National Socialism. The Sykes-Picot Agreement between Great Britain and France carved up spheres of influence within the former Ottoman Empire and led to the creation of the map of the Middle East as we know it today. A hundred plus years after the guns of August first roared, the world still


Daniel Ussishkin

lives with the fallout of that war and its immediate aftermath. **On Monday, April 27** Professor Daniel Ussishkin will discuss "The First World War – A Century Later" and will explore how this catastrophe and the events that followed in its wake shaped the last century.

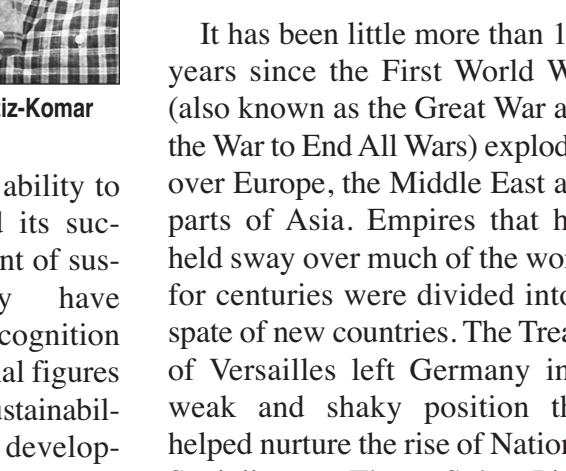
Daniel Ussishkin is an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he teaches courses on British and European history, including an upper-division class titled "The First World War and the Shaping of Twentieth-Century Europe." He is currently completing a book on the history of the notion of morale in modern Britain. His next book-length project will examine imperial war culture in Britain during the 19th and 20th centuries. Prof. Ussishkin received his BA from Tel Aviv University and his MA and PhD from the University of California-Berkeley, where he was awarded the 2007 James Kettner Prize for the Best Dissertation in History. He was a Hanadiv (Rothschild) Postdoctoral Fellow in European History in 2009-2011, following a Newhouse Humanities Center Fellowship at Wellesley College in 2008-2009.

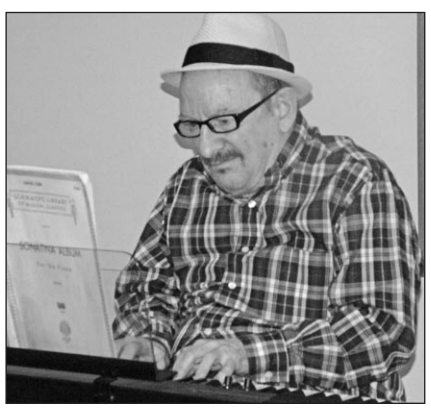
Some Scenes from Lechayim

Photos by Eve Siegel





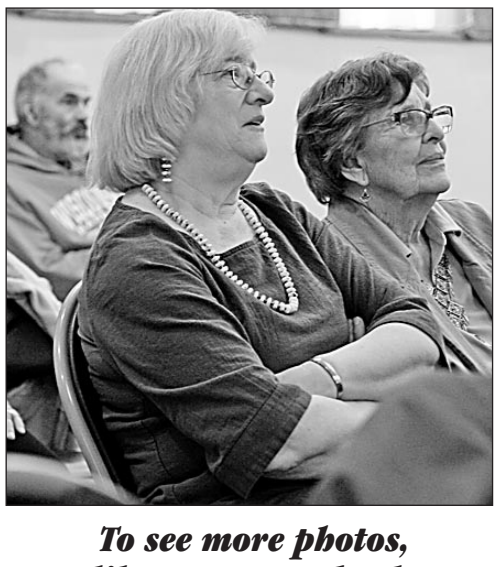














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Spotlight: Ruth Boll

By Pamela Phillips Olson

Ruth's life began in calm, comfortable Switzerland. When she was three, it changed dramatically. "Father, a geologist, accepted a job in northern Venezuela with a petroleum company. Our home was a canvas jungle shelter on stilts to keep out snakes and other frightening creatures. Trips outdoors to the latrine ended when a huge snake was discovered in the pit! Mother almost fainted."



Ruth Boll

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

Heat, humidity and mosquitoes drove the family back to Switzerland after three trying years. At eight, while vacationing at a spa, Ruth met John Boll, a boy who would never forget her. His family had fled to Switzerland from Berlin. His Catholic mother and Jewish father became close friends with Ruth's parents.

"When we moved to Barbados, I learned English and attended the Ursuline Convent School. I did well and made lasting friendships."

Tragically, Ruth contracted malaria. "A strong cure was prescribed. I went to Switzerland to convalesce in grandmother's care. The medicine had painful effects, causing a sensitive stomach forever,"

Her mother accompanied her to America for surgery. "Landing in New York, we could not disembark. World War II was raging. People needed clearance." Because she was there for medical reasons, they were permitted to stay overnight with a distant relative. Ruth, exhausted and yearning for stability, gratefully unpacked, only to be reminded they had to leave in the morning.

"On Ellis Island, I was x-rayed and given a meal of spaghetti, bread, and milk in a huge, bright cafeteria." They were transported to court with others. Some were in shackles, a sight she never forgot. After a brief hearing they received permission to remain for three months.

Ruth's stalwart determination grew in spite of dealing with all manner of bureaucracy. By reassuring her nervous mother, Ruth found her own strength. She recuperated in the Boll's Schenectady home, where they had relocated after having been denied Swiss citizenship. Ruth returned to Switzerland and began work in an office.

In 1962, her family was home in Basel. "The Bolls, after revisiting Berlin, joined us for dinner. John attended Columbia and taught Library Studies. He noted how well we got along and proposed marriage. He promised to propose in writing! 'Take time to consider,' Mother advised. But I answered immediately!"

They were married for over 50 years and raised three successful children.

Ruth believes: "We need to accept what fate has in store for us." This she did with an open mind and heart.

The Older and Wiser Driver

Part 2; Excerpted from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Vision

Beginning at age 40, the eye's lens loses the ability to change focus quickly, peripheral vision narrows, and the retina becomes less sensitive to light. A driver aged 60 needs three times as much light to see as a teenager and will take more than twice as long to adjust to a change from light to darkness. Ninety percent of decisions made while driving are based on information acquired through the eyes, so good vision is crucial to safe driving.

• See a doctor at least every two years and more often if your eyes are changing rapidly.

• Cataracts can be corrected with surgery and the progression of many other eye problems can be slowed if they are detected in time.

• Trouble with night vision or glare? Limit driving to daytime hours.

• Turn your head frequently to compensate for diminished peripheral vision.

• Keep headlights, mirrors, windshields and interior glass clean. A larger rearview mirror can increase the range of visibility (or use a back-up camera).

• Keep your eyes up – in the city look at least one block ahead; on the highway look at the section of the road you'll reach in 20 to 30 seconds.

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 and the assistance of 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 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.

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The last Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment of this season, an *Operation Diabetes and Operation Heart Health Fair*, will be at Lechayim on Monday, April 27 from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your diabetes and cardiac-related questions and concerns.

Transitions

Happy April Birthday

Darlene Schwartz
Dorit Bergen
Elinor Stotsky
Euna Staniforth
Fay Nager
Gary Geller
Genya Kleyman
Gerry Randy
Janelle Bentley
Lillian Deutsch
Muriel Rotter
Sheyla Bodnikevich
Warren Randy

Mazel Tov

To Karen Shevet Dinah on her position with the Immigration Program at JSS.
To Sandra Golden, on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Emily Bittorf.

Best wishes for your wellness

Ruth Boll
Sandy Bierman
Susan Eichhorn

Welcome to your new home

Eve Siegel
Verjel Beiler

Welcome back

Fay Nager, Florida

Condolences

To the family of Tony (Susie) Blinstrub, brother-in-law of Ginny Graff, uncle of Stacy Graff & Lynn Ballesta.
To the family of Anne Marion, mother of Ed (Margaret Maroney) Marion.

Israel and the World

What is Israel Fighting For?

By Michael Ordman

As Israel's political parties fight another election and form alliances in its aftermath, here are some other perhaps more constructive battles that the Jewish State has been fighting recently.

The war against cancer is one that Israel is determined to win and each week brings a new breakthrough in Israeli treatments. Israel Technion scientists, with their US allies at MIT and Harvard have discovered that chemotherapeutics, delivered in tiny silicon containers with nano-sized holes are able to destroy malignant tumors, whilst avoiding adverse effects on healthy tissue. Then chemotherapy developed by Professor Dan Peer of Tel Aviv University that previously fought ovarian cancer has now been engineered to target Glioblastoma multiforme – the most aggressive form of brain cancer.

Fighting heart disease will become much easier now that researchers at Israel's Weizmann Institute have revealed that heart disease causes individual heart filaments to lose synchronization. Replacing diseased cells in a structured manner can re-establish a regular rhythm. The battle against brain diseases such as Alzheimer's will benefit from the results of the Tel Aviv University research study into how brain neuron networks preserve memories. Meanwhile Israeli biotech Kadimastem is winning a war on two fronts with the recent success in pre-clinical tests of its stem cell treatment for the brain disease ALS. Kadimastem has also formed an alliance with Tel Aviv University's technology transfer company, to use the same technology to induce pancreatic cells into producing insulin and attack diabetes.

In clinical tests, Israeli biotech, Pluristem, is winning the fight against radiation sickness. Pluristem's stem cells enable recovery from bone marrow failure following total body exposure to high doses of radiation. And another Israeli biotech Advanced Inhalation Therapies has received a major support boost in its mission to beat the effects of cystic fibrosis by being granted Orphan Drug status from the US FDA for its nitric oxide treatment. But if all you want to do is fight the flab, you may want to know that Israel's Tulip Medical has successfully completed its first clinical trial of its pill that expands in the stomach, inflates like a balloon, and creates a sense of fullness.

Israel is a major force in the war against world hunger and thirst. In India, Israel is well underway in its campaign to open 30 agricultural centers of excellence for Indian farmers. And the US Agency for International Development has just refueled the funding of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's research into boosting crop yields.

The Governor of Embu County in Kenya received an army of Israeli entrepreneurs who will introduce water technology to revolutionize agriculture into the arid, yet fertile soils of Embu. And Israel's TakaDu is saving billions of liters of water in Australia's battle against severe drought with its unique leaks and faults detection technology. Yet another Israeli water-tech company, CropX, has just launched its advanced adaptive sensors and software service that increases crop yields whilst saving up to 25% of the water and energy used in irrigation.

Israel goes far beyond the call of duty in the fight to save and restore life. Hundreds of Syrians injured by the fighting in their civil war have been treated in Israeli hospitals - including a 13-year-old boy who was seriously injured by a mortar in the Quneitra region three months ago. He has now been fitted with a prosthetic leg that will allow him to walk again. One battle that Israel will probably lose is that of welcoming the Queen of England to the holy land; however at least her grandson Prince William did meet recently with IsraAID workers who are still in Japan, helping victims in their long fight to recover from the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

My own personal war is against media bias. It is a constant battle to get the international press to recognize Israeli efforts to win equal opportunities for all its citizens. To publicize disabled kids completing the Jerusalem marathon, using Israel-developed Upsee mobility harnesses and trained by 20 police officers. To acknowledge that the brain-damaged, autistic or minorities (e.g. Moslems or even Catholic Filipinos) can – if they want to – serve their country in meaningful and useful ways. To highlight praise from European Union inspectors of Israel's actions to promote reconstruction in Gaza and ease the humanitarian crisis in the Strip. And not to ignore examples of Israeli inclusiveness, such as the press conference featuring the Israeli-Arab Chairman of Israel's Election Committee where the only news reporter was Sharon from The Real Jerusalem Streets.

Finally, let's celebrate the announcement that this year's ceremony to mark Israel's victory in its 1948 War of Independence will feature 14 winning Israelis who have been chosen to light the ceremonial torches at the Mount Herzl national cemetery in Jerusalem. They include hi-tech developers, entrepreneurs, Israeli-Arabs, top women achievers and aid workers. Next year we will be joined by thousands of young French immigrants who want to win the fight to live as Jews.

Israel – fighting for what is right!

Michael Ordman writes a free weekly newsletter containing positive news stories about Israel.
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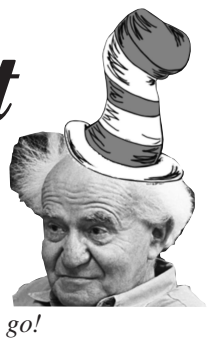
From the Mid-east to the Mid-west



By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

On Yom Ha'Atzmaut we celebrate one of the most important holidays for the Jewish people. After 2000 years of exile, dreams and hopes, we are a sovereign people in our land.

And what is the traditional Jewish way to celebrate such an important Jewish holy day? Food, of course, but also – by reading a text.

Every Jewish holiday centers around text: on Passover we read the Haggadah, on Purim we read Megilat Esther, and on Shavuot we read Megilat Ruth.

And what text do we have for Yom Ha'Atzmaut?

For Yom Ha'Atzmaut we have an amazing text, and it even happens to be a Megilla – Megilat Ha'Atzmaut – Israel's Declaration of Independence. The Megilla that was read by David Ben Gurion exactly 67 years ago and marked the magical moment of the establishment of the state of Israel.

Please join us to celebrate Israel's special day in the theme of:

ISRAEL – OH!
THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!
Taken from: www.hadracha.org

You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the Israeli people
who fought for our rights.

Oh!
The places you'll go!
Oh!
The people you'll meet!

In a cave in Tzfat,
Spiritual people you'll meet,
In Machaneh Yehuda,
Grab a quick bite to eat!

Oh!
The places you'll go!
Oh!
The people you'll meet!

Jerusalem of Gold,
the heart of it all,
Write your own tefillah,
Stick it into 'The Wall'!

Oh!
The places you'll go!
Oh!
The people you'll meet!

From the beggar on the street,
You may receive a treat!
Take a chamsa or charm,
Tie the red string to your arm!

Just go right along,
Sing a song, plant a tree,
Absorb and learn from the people and places you'll see!

Please see "ISRAEL – OH! The Places You'll Go" on page 3 for complete listing of what's happening when!

Thessaloniki Remembers its Jews Deported to Auschwitz

(JTA) — The Greek city of Thessaloniki remembered its nearly 50,000 Jews sent to Nazi death camps during World War II. A memorial marking the 72nd anniversary of the roundup and deportation of Thessaloniki Jews was held Saturday, ahead of March 15th, the day when the first Jewish convoy left the city.

Participants placed flowers on train tracks where the Jews were taken away in cattle cars headed for Auschwitz-Birkenau, The Associated Press reported.

In March 1943, the Nazis began sending Jews in railway convoys to Auschwitz-Birkenau. By August, 49,000 of the city's prewar population of 55,000 Jews had been deported. Fewer than 2,000 survived.

Thessaloniki had been a vital center of Sephardic Jewry for 450 years following the expulsion from Spain. Known as the "Flower of the Balkans," it was the center of Ladino culture in the region, writes JTA.

Fewer than 2,000 Jews are living in a city of about 800,000 residents today.

The first such memorial was held two years ago, with the participation of the World Jewish Congress and then PM Antonis Samaras, on the 70th anniversary of the deportation.



Flowers placed on the tracks where Jews were taken away in cattle cars.

Connecting with Israel

At Streit's 90-Year-Old Lower East Side Factory, 'The Men' Turn Out Their Last Matzah Batch

By Gabe Friedman

NEW YORK (JTA) — Seated in his Lower East Side office, in front of a large portrait of company patriarch Aron Streit, Alan Adler avoids becoming too nostalgic.

"It's like I tell my family members: none of you own a car from 1935, why do you think a matzah factory from 1935 is what we should be using today?" says Adler, one of Streit's Matzos' 11 co-owners.

This is the line of thought behind the imminent closing of the Streit's matzah factory, a longtime Jewish fixture in a city neighborhood that once was home to one of the highest concentration of Jews in the country.

Streit's, the last family-owned matzah company in the United States, announced in December that it would be permanently closing its 90-year-old factory after this Passover season because of longstanding mechanical problems and subsequent economic concerns. Sometime in April, the company will shift its matzah production either to its other factory across the river in northern New Jersey, where several other products such as macaroons and wafers are made, or to another non-Manhattan location.

The greatly gentrified Lower East Side has seen its real estate values skyrocket in recent decades. Although Streit's has not yet identified a buyer for its landmark building on Rivington Street, the property was estimated to be worth $25 million in 2008, when the company first considered shuttering the factory.

"We should've been out of here five or 10 years ago," says Adler, 63, who oversees the company's day-to-day operations along with two cousins. "But we feel committed to the men [who work here] and we feel committed to the neighborhood, so we tried to keep this place afloat as long as we could. We probably could've stayed here even longer if I could've found somebody to work on the ovens."

The ovens, identified only by "Springfield, Mass" on their side, date back to the 1930s. They are 75 feet long and are continuously fed a thin sheet of dough that emerges from the convection heat in perfect crisp form. Streit's does not disclose its official production numbers, but Adler says the factory churns out millions of pounds of matzah each year.

However, Adler also estimates that the ovens are now about 25 percent slower than they used to be and he cannot find a mechanic willing to fix them. The slower pace decreases matzah output and affects the product's flavor.

But the ovens aren't the only outdated element of the factory. Except for a few electrical parts added to the machinery over the years, nearly all of the other equipment is more than 70 years old. As a result, employees' tasks have barely changed in over half a century — from mixing the flour in small batches (in under 18 minutes to satisfy kosher requirements) to separating the matzah sheets into pieces that then travel up to higher floors on a conveyor belt.

"Nothing changes at Streit's," says Rabbi Mayer Kirshner, who oversees the factory's kosher certification.

However, plenty has changed in the matzah business since Adler's childhood in the 1950s and '60s, when he liked to spend time picking fresh matzah out of the ovens. Back in the "heyday," as Adler calls it, of the 1930s through the 1960s, there were four matzah factories in the New York metropolitan area: Horowitz-Margareten and Goodman's in Queens, Manischewitz in New Jersey and Streit's in Manhattan. Horowitz-Margareten and Goodman's were sold to Manischewitz, which was bought by the private equity firm Kohlberg and Company in 1990. (Today it is owned by Bain Capital, Mitt Romney's former investment firm.)

The Streit's factory also used to boast a vibrant storefront with lines that spilled outside and around the corner. Today there is still a retail counter, but often it is left unmanned.

"Families have moved on, the Lower East Side has changed, so now we've sort of transitioned from a local bakery where people would stop by and pick up their matzah hot out of the oven in 1925 to now where 99.9 percent of our sales are wholesale to distributors who resell," Adler says.

While his cousins helped at the retail counter, Adler, who joined the company 18 years ago after a law career, says he was always more comfortable working behind the scenes. In the factory's freight elevator he has clearly ridden in innumerable times, he cracks a rare joke.

"You couldn't build an elevator like this today," he says. "It's passed every safety law from 1925 and not one since."

Adler says the 30 factory employees were shocked by the news in December but are taking it "surprisingly well." The company has told them that there are many jobs available at the New Jersey facility, but only three employees have taken the company up on the offer.

Many of "the men," as Adler calls the employees, live in Queens and take public transportation to work, meaning that a potential commute to New Jersey would be difficult. Streit's is working with the New York Department of Labor to help them find new jobs.

Anthony Zapata, who has worked at Streit's for 33 years, and who Adler says does everything from packing matzah to putting out fires ("literally, not figuratively"), tells JTA that he is very depressed about the factory's closing. He says the increased transportation costs of traveling to New Jersey would be too much for him.

"I'm going to miss this place, and I'm going to miss everyone in it," Zapata says. "I've never had a modern job to know what's old, and what's different between modern and old."

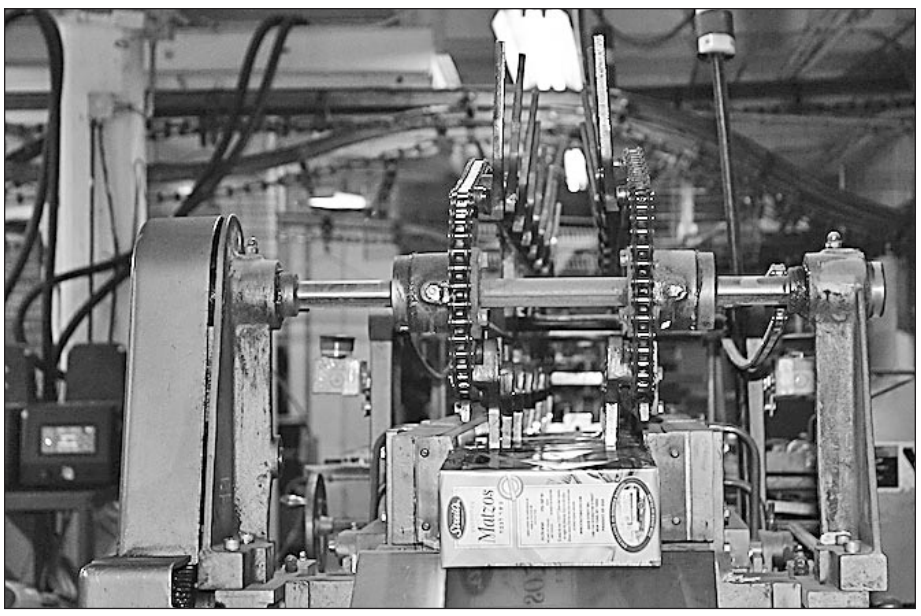
Zapata, 53, says that all the employees are friends and have barbecues together around the city in the warmer months.

"We'll remain tight," he says.

Adler does not betray many emotions on the matter, but he offers a bittersweet anecdote on the neighborhood's evolution. Shortly before the company first thought of selling the property in 2008, a man living in one of the condos adjacent to the factory complained to Adler about the noise and flour dust coming out of the building. Adler responded to his requests by blocking in and sealing several factory walls, and when he saw the man months later, he told him what he thought would be "good news" about the factory's potential closing.

"He said, 'Oh, God, I don't want condos — there won't be enough parking on this street!'" Adler recalls. "All of a sudden he liked my noise and my flour dust.

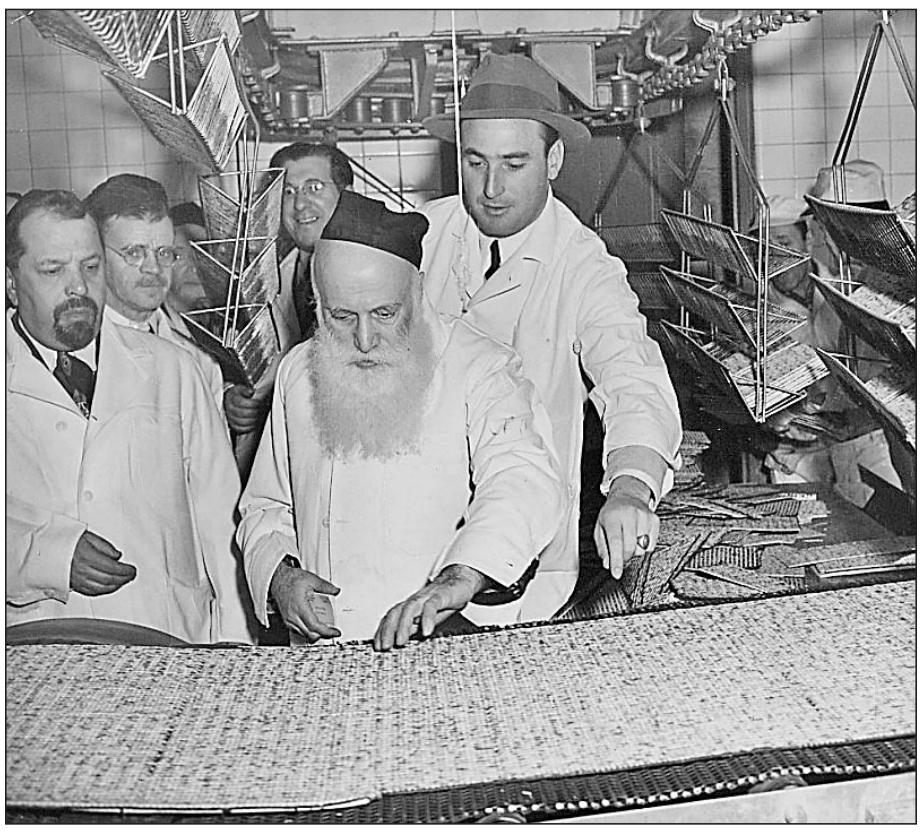
"I don't know what they'll do with this building now," he adds, "but people don't like change."



Matzah being packaged at the Streit's factory on Manhattan's Lower East Side.



At the Streit's factory, matzah is broken into pieces and sent to be packaged in the same way it has been for over half a century.



Baked matzah coming out of the oven at Streit's factory on Manhattan's Lower East Side, date unknown.

This article is about famous Jewish musicians in the United States.

Генрих Бабич

О вкладе евреев в музыкальную культуру США

В этой статье рассказано лишь о некоторых деятелях искусства еврейского происхождения, которые оказали существенное влияние на американскую музыкальную культуру конца XIX и XX веков.

Джордж Гершвин (George Gershwin, 1898 – 1937) – выходец из русской еврейской семьи. Дед Джорджа прослужил 25 лет механиком в российской армии. Под угрозой призыва в армию отец эмигрировал в США. Юношеские годы самого Джорджа прошли в Нью Йорке, в районе, где кипела театральная жизнь на языке идиш. Собственную музыкальную деятельность Гершвин начал в 1916 году и за короткое время сочинил десятки, если не сотни, коротких мелодий, которые затем распространились как песни. На его музыкальное творчество повлияли французские композиторы, в особенности Равель, а также русские Шостакович, Стравинский и др.

Д. Гершвин сказал свое слово в популярной музыке не только США. Благодаря ему "участился пульс музыки" во всем западном мире. Гершвин считал, что "джаз – это американская народная музыка". Композитор разрушил барьер между популярной и классической музыкой. Он доказал, что мир популярных песен может быть столь же артистичен, как и строгая музыка. Он говорил: "Истинная музыка отражает мысли и вдохновения народа и времени. Мой народ – американцы, мое время – сегодня". Гершвин особенно прославился благодаря опере "Порги и Бесс" (1935 год), которая считается наиболее популярной американской оперой XX века. Через много лет после смерти Гершвина его музыка получила еще большее признание, чем при жизни. В 2007 году Библиотека Конгресса учредила премию композиторам и исполнителям за вклад в распространение музыки Гершвина.

Ирвинг Берлин (Irving Berlin, 1888 – 1989) родился в Сибири, по другим данным – в районе Могилева, на Украине. Вместе с отцом-кантором синагоги, после погрома, в результате которого их дом был сожжен, Ирвинг в 1892 году эмигрировал в США. Семья поселилась в еврейском театральном районе Нью Йорка и дома говорили на идиш. Отец получить работу кантора не смог, занимался мелкой торговлей кошерным мясом и давал уроки на иврите. Старший брат работал на потогонном производстве по пошиву одежды. Сам Ирвинг продавал вразнос газеты и распевал при этом незатейливые песенки в надежде получить от покупателей лишнюю монетку. Затем он устроился в питейный салун, где также пел для посетителей. Рожденный и воспитанный в жизненном укладе гетто, он воспринял американский "язык улиц", а музыка стала единственным источником его существования. В свободное время он самостоятельно учился играть на фортепьяно. Так складывались "университеты" жизни мальчика.

В 1911 году Берлин написал песню Танцевальной Группы Александра (Alexander's Ragtime Band). Песня, рожденная на нью-йоркском Бродвее, приобрела мировую известность. Композитор Гершвин, предвидя будущее песни, написал, что это – "первая, истинно американская песня. Берлин указал путь. Теперь нам будет легче следовать этому идеалу". В последующие годы Берлин создал множество лирических песен на простом английском языке. Он говорил: "Я стремлюсь дойти до сердца среднего американца, не ученого и не малообразованного, а именно среднего, который составляет душу нашей страны". К 1918 году Берлин написал сотни песен, многие из которых были ориентированы на особенности культуры иммигрантов, недавно прибывших из Европы.

Началась Первая мировая война и в 1917 году Берлин был призван в армию, но от него потребовалось не стрелять, а создавать патриотические песни. Он тогда написал песню, предназначенную для шоу. Это была "Боже, благослови Америку" (God Bless America), которую сегодня поет вся страна. Вернувшись из армии, он с 1921 года отдавал всего себя театру, владельцем, режиссером и композитором которого был сам.

Но вернемся к песне "Боже, благослови Америку". В ее название были вложены слова матери Берлина, которые она повторяла, когда говорила, что без Америки ее семье некуда было деться, спасаясь от преследований. Песня была исполнена в 1938 году в связи с двадцатилетием окончания Первой мировой войны. Ее патриотическое значение выходило за рамки той войны, так как обстановка в Европе предвещала новую войну. Об этой песне сам Берлин написал: "Для меня 'Боже, благослови Америку' была не просто песней. Я вложил в нее чувства к стране, которой обязан всем, что имею, и которая целиком отражает то, как я вижу самого себя". После того как Америка вступила во Вторую мировую войну, "Боже, благослови Америку" стала вторым национальным гимном, а в 1954 году Президент Эйзенхауэр наградил за нее Берлина Золотой медалью Конгресса. В день 11 сентября 2001 года, после террористической атаки на Мировой Торговый Центр, сенаторы и конгрессмены стояли на ступенях Конгресса и пели эту песню. Двумя днями позже песня широко исполнялась в театральных шоу на Бродвее.

В результате 60 лет творчества Ирвинг Берлин стал всемирно известным автором более 1500 популярных песен и мелодий. В течение многих лет он своими песнями с поразительной регулярностью веселил счастливых влюбленных и утешал неудачников, создавал сентиментальное настроение у тех, кому еще предстояло сделать свой выбор в любви, сочинил множество патриотических песен, а желающие просто повеселиться танцевали под его зажигательные мелодии. И американцы, с их любовью к развлечениям, воздавали ему должное. О нем писали: "Неправильно было бы сказать, что для Ирвинга Берлина нет места в американской музыке – он и есть сама американская музыка".

Ал Джолсон (Al Jolson, 1886 – 1950) был одним из наиболее популярных певцов легкого жанра в американской культуре. Его музыкальная деятельность началась на заре развития звукового кино, а затем он много раз выступал на радио и в огромных концертных залах. Джолсон обладал поразительной способностью овладевать аудиторией и передавать чувства своих песен. Его исполнительский стиль был энергичный и завлекательный. На вершине артистической карьеры он был назван "Величайшим в мире артистом увеселительного жанра".

Джолсон родился в местечке недалеко от Каунаса. В 1891 году его отец, раввин и кантор, в поисках лучшей жизни приехал в Нью Йорк. Вскоре после приезда мать Ала умерла и он со своим братом были вынуждены зарабатывать на жизнь исполнением простеньких песен на улице.

В 1904 году при исполнении песен Джолсон начал гримироваться под афроамериканца. Это принесло ему внутреннее чувство непосредственности. В этом была не только форма, но и определенная философия, которая дала толчок его артистической карьере.

Джолсон впервые услышал афроамериканскую музыку – джаз, блюз и специфический африканский танцевальный ритм (ragtime) – на задворках Нового Орлеана. Он увлекся современным джазом, который сформировался к тому времени. В кинофильме "Певец джаза" (The Jazz Singer), (1927 год), он в черном гриме исполнял несколько песен. Этот фильм, предоставляя афроамериканскую музыку зрителям во всем мире, бросал вызов расовым предрассудкам. В нем говорилось, что еврейский иммигрант и самый известный в Америке артист развлекательного жанра обладает намерениями и необходимыми ресурсами с тем, чтобы помочь преодолеть расовое неравноправие. Джолсона не смущало то, что в 1920-е годы сторонники Ку Клукс Клана составляли 15% избирателей (4-5 миллионов человек). Это было время, когда афроамериканцам не надо было далеко ходить, чтобы натолкнуться на врага, а в Джолсоне они увидели друга. Фильм "Певец джаза" строил мост через культурную пропасть между черной и белой Америкой. Историки джаза видят, что в объединении афроамериканского грима с оригинальным стилем исполнения песен содержится художественное описание страданий, через которые и евреи, и афроамериканцы прошли в истории.

После трагедии в Пирл Харборе Джолсон заявил о готовности поехать в любой район военных действий, для того чтобы оказать поддержку американским солдатам. Он выступал в войсках и на морских базах буквально по нескольку раз в день. В 1946 году Комитет американских ветеранов выразил Джолсону благодарность за его добровольную деятельность во время войны. В 1950 году Джолсон был посмертно награжден специальной медалью "За вклад, который страна не может отплатить".

Помимо рассказа о композиторах и исполнителях американской популярной музыки необходимо сказать и о вкладе евреев в развитие классической музыки.

Леонард Бернстайн (Leonard Bernstein, 1918 – 1990) – выдающийся композитор и дирижер многих симфонических оркестров мира. Бернстайн был иммигрантом во втором поколении. Он родился в штате Массачусетс в семье украинских евреев, выходцев из Ровно. Музыкальное образование получил в Гарвардском университете. Выпускную работу защитил под названием "Восприятие расовых элементов в американской музыке" и эта проблема занимала его в течение многих последующих лет. Бернстайн был первым американским дирижером оркестра миланского Ла-Скала. В июле 1967 года он дирижировал оркестром в Старом Иерусалиме на концерте, посвященном победе Израиля в шестидневной войне. Бернстайн обладал уникальным стилем дирижирования, который отличался высоким эмоциональным накалом. Ритм музыки он сопровождал у дирижерского пульта особой манерой поведения. Будучи музыкальным директором нью-йоркской филармонии, Бернстайн внес много новаций в репертуар старейшего американского оркестра. В 1959 году он возглавлял этот оркестр в турне по Европе и Советскому Союзу, где с большим успехом исполнил Седьмую (Ленинградскую) симфонию Шостаковича. Утверждается, что Бернстайн был "наиболее талантливым и успешным музыкантом в американской истории". Как композитор, он был автором произведений многих стилей – симфонической и оркестровой музыки, оперы, балета, музыки для хора, а также к кинофильмам и театральным спектаклям. Многие его произведения регулярно исполняются во всем мире, но по популярности ничто не может сравниться с "Вестсайдской историей", музыка к которой была написана Бернстайном в 1957 году.

Camp Corner



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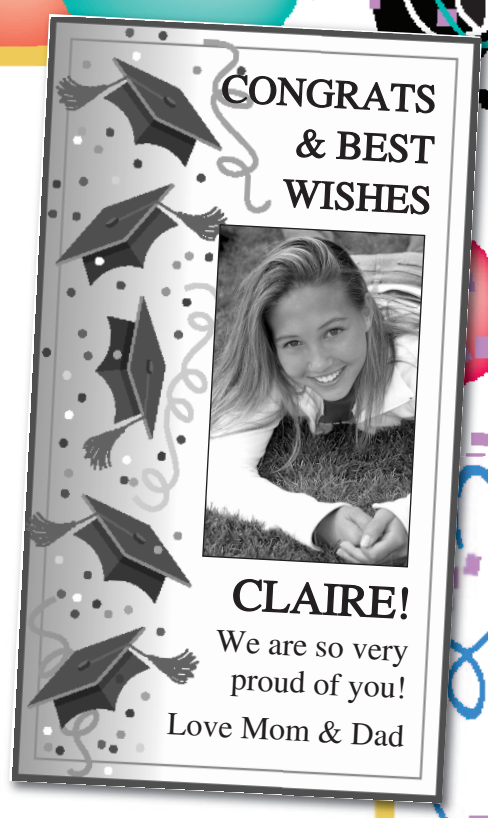



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