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# Jewish Federation of Madison Proposes By-Law Amendment

Join us for a Meeting of the Members on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 7: 30 PM at the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison to vote on the proposed amendment.

The Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison proposes to amend Article III, Section 15 of the Jewish Federation of Madison's by-laws. This paragraph currently reads:

*"The Board of Directors or the President may authorize, and appoint or remove members of (whether or not members of the Board of Directors), standing and/or temporary committees to consider appropriate matters, make reports to the President and/or Board of Directors, and fulfill such other advisory functions as may be designated. The designation of such standing and/or temporary committees, and the members thereof, shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Directors.* ***Members of standing and temporary committees must be Members in good standing.*** *Chairs of committees shall not serve for more than four (4) consecutive years."*

The amendment is to delete the sentence:

***"Members of standing and temporary committees must be Members in good standing"***

And replace it with:

***"A member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Budget and Planning Committee, the Panels (Jewish Education, Overseas and National, Administration and Personnel, and Local Services & Agencies), the Finance Committee, Endowment Committee, and Financial Resources Development Committee must be a Member in good standing. An individual who is not a member in good standing may participate in other committees by approval of the President unless the Board of Directors directs otherwise. Such an individual must become a Member in good standing before 24 months elapse following his or her appointment in order to continue committee participation. All Chairs of Committees must be members in good standing."***

A Member is defined in the by-laws as follows: "Every person who contributes to the Corporation a fixed sum set by the Board of Directors from time to time shall become a Member of the Corporation and shall remain a Member as long as she or he contributes the fixed sum set by the Board of Directors each year."

The intent of this amendment is to permit non-members to engage with the Jewish Federation of Madison through committee participation. We hope that active involvement with committees will increase engagement and understanding of the Jewish Federation of Madison and the work that we do, which in turn will encourage membership and support. It will also broaden the available pool of committee expertise.

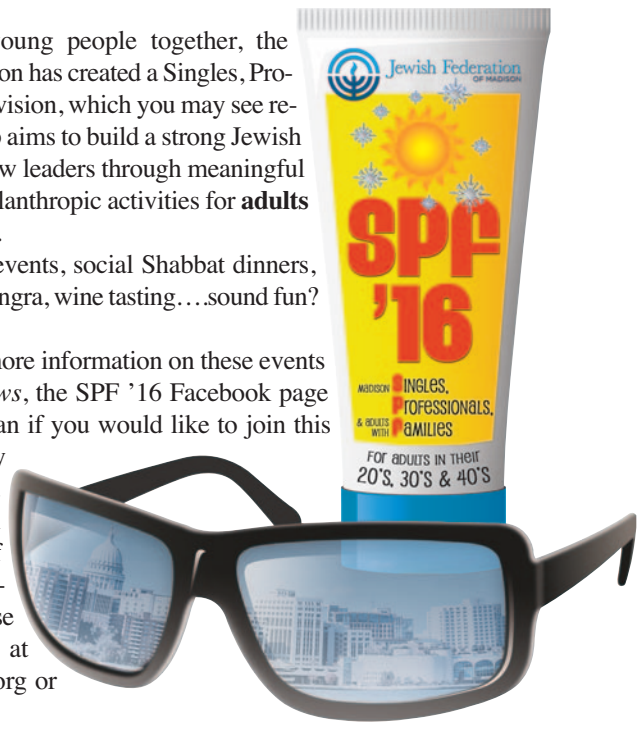
Please join us on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. for a Meeting of the Members to vote on the proposed amendment.

RSVP to Dina Weinbach, Executive Director, at dina@jewishmadison.org or by calling 608-278-1808.

# *Programming for Adults in Their 20's, 30's and 40's is Coming to Jewish Madison!*

**By Lee Lazar**

Moving to Madison in 2014, I was pleased to discover the growing and diverse population of young professional Jews living in Madison. My first Jewish Federation of Madison event was speed networking. This group filled the entire party room of the Great Dane Hilldale and revealed that this is a growing segment of the population. It makes sense. The University of Wisconsin, various medical institutions, the center of Wisconsin government and burgeoning entrepreneurial start-ups are attracting talent. The fun urban environment, access to outdoor activities, and favorable real estate options make it an appealing place to move.

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**This year's Purim Shpiel starred our community Rabbis, educators and Shaliach.**
**See more photos from Purim on page 15.**

**Photos by Ellen Weismer**

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The Jewish Federation of Madison website is 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 2,400 households and 6,000 individuals. The announcement will be given preferred placement and run in full color in the first few pages of the newspaper. The announcement will also include a photo of your choice, which you can change as often as you choose.

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

**Extra benefits for Platinum and Gold sponsors:**

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

At the platinum and gold levels, your business will receive larger logo displays on the website homepage and larger newspaper recognition announcements.

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

# Camp Shalom Offers Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Camp Shalom is once again 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 $110,000 in scholarship funds for the summer of 2016. 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 $104,500 in full and partial scholarships to 180 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 2016 at Camp Shalom the best one yet.

Thank you to the following businesses who have already committed to corporate sponsorships for the summer of 2016:



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# Scenes from Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable Events in February and March

## *February 23, Featuring Speaker Jon Rozenfeld*



Jon Rozenfeld, Sarah Dunn and Ron Luskin



Dan Weiss, Tiz Goff, Matt Bernstein and David Bookstaff



Lee Lazar and Yvonne Fox

## *March 15, Featuring Speaker Paul Jadin*



Professor Jon Eckhardt interviews Paul Jadin.



Networking through lunch.



Andrew Garner, Matt Bernstein and Eileen Tublin

## Notice for News Submissions

Please note the new deadline for submissions to the *Madison Jewish News*. **Copy deadline is at noon on the 12th of each month for the following month's issue.** If the 12th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, copy must be received by noon the preceding Friday. If the 12th is on a holiday when the Federation is closed, copy must be received by noon the preceding weekday.

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# Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

## Kosher Soul with Michael Twitty

**Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**
**Temple Beth El**



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

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

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

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



## Interactive Hands-On Cooking Event for Adults with Michael Twitty

**Thursday, April 14**
**10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**
**Meadowridge Public Library**
**Online registration required, available at www.JewishMadison.org**

Join us for a cooking demonstration and talk at Meadowridge Public Library, 5726 Raymond Road, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Optional lunch following the program.

All events are sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison with generous support from Hadassah, Temple Beth El Sisterhood, Jewish Social Services and the West Madison Senior Center.

## Gan HaYeled Fundraiser at Panera Bread

**Tuesday, April 19**
**4:00-8:00 p.m.**

When you dine with Panera Bread on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, they'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to Gan HaYeled Preschool. It's a handcrafted, delicious meal, all for a great cause! Please go to: http://www.jewishmadison.org/jewish-federation-of-madison-calendar/gan-hayeled-fundraiser-at-panera-bread-jfm to download the flyer and bring it with you.

## Community Yom Hashoah Service and Program

**Wednesday, May 4**
**7:00 p.m.**
**Temple Beth El**

Join us for a community service and special program.



## SPF '16: Singles, Professionals and Families Happy Hour at the Nitty Gritty

**Tuesday, May 10**
**Save the date! More details to come!**

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## Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

**Sunday, May 15**
**3:00 p.m.**
**Goodman Campus**
**Save the date! More details to come!**



## Hava Nagila Community Picnic

**Sunday, June 26**
**Goodman Jewish Community Campus**
**Save the date! More details to come!**

# Don't Forget to Vote on April 5!

## *Photo ID Requirements will be Enforced*

**By Michael Blumenfeld, Executive Director**

***Wisconsin Jewish Conference, A Beneficiary Agency of the Jewish Federation of Madison***

Wisconsin's Spring General Election and Presidential Primary is Tuesday, April 5. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and you can register to vote at the polls on Election Day as long as you provide proof of residence. You will also need a photo ID to vote.

There are two statewide races on the ballot as well as many local elections around the state.

**Presidential Primary**

Both the Republican Presidential Primary and the Democratic Presidential Primary are held on April 5. While Wisconsin law allows you to vote in a partisan primary even if you are not a registered member of that political party, you can only cast a vote in one primary race. This means that voters must decide whether they want to vote in the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary. You cannot vote in both races.

**Supreme Court Race**

The other statewide race being held on April 5, is for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. This is a hotly contested race between current Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Bradley and Wisconsin Court of Appeals Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg.

**What You Need to Know About Photo ID**

Wisconsin's Photo ID Law is now in effect. Voters will need to present a photo ID to poll workers on Election Day; however, it is important to note that your photo ID **does not** need to contain your current address in order to be accepted. There are also exceptions to the photo ID requirement for absentee voters who are active-duty military or who have a hard time getting to the polls because of age, illness, infirmity or disability.

**These are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election:**

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

**These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:**

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.

**How to Get a Free ID for Voting**

1. Go to your local Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

2. Bring your Social Security number (does not have to be your SS card) and *original* documents—photocopies won't be accepted-- that prove your name and date of birth; your identity; U.S Citizenship; and Wisconsin Residency.

3. Fill out a "Wisconsin Identification Card" application. Check the box that says Free ID for Voting Purposes. You can use the ID receipt at the polls until you receive the Wisconsin ID card in the mail.

Acceptable documents include: birth certificates, Social Security cards, utility bills, marriage certificates, and military discharge papers. To see a full list of acceptable documents, please visit www.bringit.wi.gov.

If you have questions about Wisconsin's Photo ID Law, you can contact the Government Accountability Board at 1-866-VOTE-WIS or gab@wi.gov. Additional information can be found at www.bringit.wi.gov

# Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Committee Presents *Broken Wings*

The sudden death of a beloved husband and father of four leaves his family struggling for survival. While their mother works at a hospital to earn a living, the eldest daughter is forced to care for her three siblings while struggling to keep up with her schoolwork and follow her dream.

*Broken Wings* is an Israeli film which portrays domestic drama rather than Israeli conflict. Nevertheless, it is a sensitive and touching portrayal that gets to the heart of both individual conflict and family life. "The film is filled with lovely little moments of humor, warmth and insight that draw us deeply into the drama." "*Broken Wings* is a small, overlooked gem…"

Run time: 84 minutes
Produced: 2002
Director: Nir Bergman
Rating: R: under17 requires accompaniment by parent or guardian.
SHOWING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
PLACE: TBE LOUNGE
TIME: 7:00PM, DOORS OPEN
7:15 MOVIE

Free snacks, discussion follows the movie

# Simchas & Condolences

***Mazel Tov on the birth of:***

***Mara Seligman Crespo**, to Jami Crespo and Aaron Seligman, granddaughter of Betsy Abramson and David Seligman and great granddaughter to Corrine Cohn*

***Henry Rowe Rosenthal Croake**, to Shira Rosenthal Phelps and John Paul Croake, grandson of Hannah Rosenthal, Rick Phelps, Mary Jo Howard Croake, Paul and Denise Croake*

***Lilah Bee Kladnitsky**, to Marni Ginsberg Kladnitsky and Sasha Kladnitsky and grandparents Alan Ginsberg and Linda Truman Ginsberg*

***Condolences to the families of:***

***Lee Sinovoi**, brother of JoAnn (David) Schoengold*

***Michael Tjader**, former father-in-law of Jason Leabman and grandfather of Micah Tjader*

***Herbert Weiner**, husband of Dottie*

***Leon Applebaum**, husband of Rita Applebaum and cousin of Michael Feldman (Sandra Wolens)*

***Marda Brown**, mother of Barb Brown*

***Barbara Fish Saltzman**, mother of Mark Saltzman (Diane Kravetz), grandmother of David (Michelle) Saltzman and Becky Saltzman, and great-grandmother of Robert Saltzman*

***Florence Sinaiko**, sister of Babe (Marv) Conney, aunt of Lisa (Rick) Rosenstock, and great-aunt of Jayme, Kylie, Lauren, and Mara Rosenstock*

***Joan Chesler**, mother of Naomi Chesler (Dan Sidney), grandmother of Josephine, Amelia and Ruby*

***Kevin Carlin**, brother-in-law of Barry Baruch*

***Elinor Stotsky**, wife of Jerome, mother of David Stotsky, Susan (Maurice) Thaler and Eileen (Steven) Berkley*

***Ilya Fiksel**, husband of Ninel Babinskaya, father of: Gennady Fiksel (Toni Whited) and Alexander Fiksel (Elena Breyter), Grandfather of: Julia Fixel (Gennady Bekasov), Mikhail, Kira and Jacob Fiksel, Great grandfather of: Katherine Bekasova, Honorary Daughters: Janice Beers and Irina Ilinich*

***Stephen Fine**, son of Isadore Fine*

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# Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) Elects Bruce Thomadsen as its Next President

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

The Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) is pleased to announce that Bruce Thomadsen, a member of Beth Israel Congregation and the Madison Chevra Kadisha, will be its new president. Thank you to Hiam Garner, the previous president of JBAM and a member of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, for all his hard work over the past two years.

JBAM administers Madison's Jewish cemetery, Beit Olamim, located in Sunset Memory Gardens, 7302 Mineral Point Road. It was created as a non-profit in 2009 to establish and maintain a Jewish cemetery that serves the greater Madison Jewish community today and for generations to come.

JBAM's goals for the coming year are to increase awareness of the cemetery in the Madison Jewish community, improve communication with the community, and develop and implement a landscaping plan. The board is here to serve the community, so please be in touch with questions and concerns. Bruce can be reached at brthomad@gmail.com or 442-9457. Madison's rabbis are also available for consultation regarding burial options and can be contacted through their congregations.



Bruce Thomadsen

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

***In honor of Mr. Jere Willcoxen***
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***In honor of Mrs. Merle Dubin***
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***In memory of Leon Applebaum***
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***In memory of Monroe Glazer***
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*Marc Shovers and Jan Loeb*
*Susan and Jonathan Lipp*

***In memory of Joan Chesler (Chanah bat Elisheva)***
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***In honor of Steven Schwartz***
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***In memory of Stephen Fine***
*Steven Morrison and Goldie Kadushin*


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7pm Service honoring local Holocaust survivors & families

with music by the Yom HaShoah Youth Chorus, Directed by Kenny Lyons

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
7:00 P.M.
AT TEMPLE BETH EL

The service will be followed by a viewing and discussion of 2008 Oscar Winner:

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# Congregation News

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## Beth Israel Center

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

Here are some upcoming highlights:

### TRY Kickoff Dinner

**Sunday, April 3**
**5:00 p.m.**

Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (TRY) is a semester of high school study in Israel, open to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. New for the 2016-17 school year, Beth Israel Center is offering a $2500 scholarship, generously sponsored by the Temkin family, to support the participation of a Madison teen in the TRY program. Families with children in 8th through 11th grades are invited to come learn about TRY and the qualifications for next year's scholarship. Can't make the program on April 3? Contact Beth Copelovitch for information at (608) 256-7763 or education@bethisraelcenter.org.

### Kolot Kehilla with Professor Roberta Kwall

**Sunday, April 3**
**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Our Sunday morning speaker series, which typically features the voices of our community *(kolot kehilla)* continues on April 3, with a visit from Dr. Roberta Kwall, Founding Director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology at the DePaul University College of Law, and author of *The Myth of the Cultural Jew: Culture and Law in Jewish Tradition*.

Many Jews say they are simply "cultural" rather than religious. This talk will explore the intersection between Jewish law and Jewish culture, and reveal why and how cultural Judaism is steeped in Jewish law. It also explores the consequences of this reality for the future of the Jewish people. Professor Kwall's new book will be available for (discounted!) purchase and signing at this talk.

As always, a light breakfast will be served, and donations of $5 are suggested to offset the costs of the program.

### MOUSY Makes a Meal

**Saturday, April 9**
**8:30 p.m.**

In the name of Tikun Olam (Building a Better World), the MOUSY senior high, and Kadima middle school youth groups, are partnering up at our annual ***MOUSY Makes A Meal*** on Saturday night, April 9. Join our merry band of teenagers at Beth Israel Center as they put together bunches of lunches for the men's shelter at Grace Episcopal Church. Contact Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org or 608-256-7763) for more information about our community service project.

### Yom Rishon

**Sunday, April 10**
**10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

Come experience family education for preschoolers at its finest! Each session includes art, movement, music, stories and snacks as well as age-appropriate learning on a Jewish theme for preschoolers and their grownups. Yom Rishon meets about once a month during the school year. Our last Yom Rishon of the programming year will be May 1.

### Pre-Pesach Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, April 15**
**5:45 p.m.**

Welcome Shabbat with friends and a delicious kosher dinner at Beth Israel Center. Catered by Adamah Neighborhood Table, our pre-Pesach dinner will be Moroccan beef stew, curried tofu stew, chicken tenders, or simple spaghetti. Dinner also includes sides, salad, wine/juice, coffee/tea and dessert. Choose your entrée. Bring friends and let us know whom you'd like to sit with. Cost is $22/person for stew, $10/person for chicken tenders or spaghetti. RSVP to office@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763 by Sunday, April 10.

### Fast of the Firstborn/Siyyum

**Friday, April 23**
**7:00 a.m.**

Throughout the generations since the Exodus, firstborn Jews have commemorated and thanked God for passing over the Israelites in Egypt during the plague of the firstborns. This commemoration takes the form of a fast the day before Passover. Also, throughout the ages, Jews have followed the commandment to eat a festive meal, a siyyum, upon completing study of a text. In the days just before Passover, Rabbi Ben-Gideon will complete his study of a text and share a brief teaching. Thereafter, he and all other

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## Temple Beth El

Visit us online at www.templebethelmadison.org. All events are open to the community and take place at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, unless otherwise noted.

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

Our office will close at 2:00 p.m. on April 22 & April 28, and will be closed on April 29. There will be no Friday evening services at Temple Beth El on April 22, in observance of Passover.

### Shabbat Starts Here! Weekly Welcoming of Shabbat

**Every Friday! (Except April 22)**

5:30 p.m. **Family Fridays Shabbat** activities for kids

5:45 p.m. **Family Fridays Shabbat service** w/songs & stories

6:15 p.m. **Informal dinner**

7:15 p.m. **Shabbat greeting and gathering** before the evening service

7:30 p.m. **Shabbat evening service**

Approx. 8:45 p.m. **Oneg Shabbat** following the service

Everyone is welcome! Come for all or part of the evening.

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### Shabbat Dinner Get Together

**Friday, April 1, 5:30 p.m.**
**Nonno's Ristorante Italiano**
**704 S. Whitney Way, Madison**

Enjoy an informal, relaxing dinner with others who are also unwinding from the week. Everyone purchases their own meal. There will be plenty of time to schmooze for those who would like to head to Temple Beth El for the 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service. RSVP for dinner to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org 608-238-3123 so we have enough seats at the table.

### Tots and Tunes

**Sunday, April 3, 9:30 a.m.**

Fun for all children, newborns to 5 year olds! There will be singing, crafts, challah & juice. Come hang out with our leaders as they teach about Shabbat and Jewish holidays through songs and crafts!

### Social Action Shabbat

**Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy readings and music chosen around the themes of engagement with the community, tikkun olam, and welcoming the stranger. Rabbi Jonathan Biatch with Cantorial Soloist and Guitarist Kenneth Lyons will be leading.

Our guest speaker will be Ibrahim Saeed, speaking on "Being Muslim in Madison". He will talk about the "ABCs of Islam", the experience and expectations of being a Muslim immigrant in Madison, and how we can help support the Muslim community. Mr. Saeed is an Academic Fellow at the Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions at UW Madison. He is currently the President of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic Center of Madison and is actively involved in the interfaith dialogue among the various communities of faith.

### Paint Your Own Passover Pottery

**Sunday, April 10, 1:00 p.m.**

Make a one of a kind Seder plate or wine goblet that can be used as Elijah's or Miriam's Cup or for your 4 cups of fruit of the vine at your Seder this year. Open to all ages. $25/per item painting. Register online or to Aleeza Hoffert, engage@tbemadison.org by April 3, specify what item you want to paint.

### Passover Around the World & Chocolate Seder

**Sunday, April 17, 1:00 p.m.**

Explore Passover customs from Jews around the world through hands on learning. Experience ways to bring meaning to your Passover seder. Enjoy chocolate in many forms as we journey from slavery to freedom through a Chocolate Seder.

$8/person (all ages welcome). Register by April 7, online or contact Aleeza Hoffert, engage@tbemadison.org or 608-238-3123.

### Temple Beth El Kesher (Connection) Israel Committee Presents:

**Israeli Film & Discussion Series**
**"Broken Wings" – Wednesday, April 20, 2016**
**"James' Journey" – Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; Films begin at 7:15 p.m. with Israeli snacks provided. Discussions follow each film.

### Madison's Jews' Next Dor Young Adult Passover Seder

**Friday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.**
**Private Home near Temple Beth El**

This is a home-hosted kosher for Passover Seder for 20s and 30s in the Madison Jewish Community. Space is limited. $10/young adult that RSVP by April 1, $12/young adult after April 1. RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org

### Community Passover Seder

**Saturday, April 23, 6 p.m.**
**Register by April 14**

Follow in the traditions of our ancestors, while still finding meaning and relevance for today's world as you join Rabbi Biatch to celebrate our freedom at our annual community Passover Seder dinner.

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

Youth (Age 5-13): $20/member; $25/non-member

Tiny (Age 2-4): $7/member; $10 /non-member

Questions? Register online or to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org or 608-238-3123.

### Shalom Passover

**Friday, April 29, 9:30 a.m.**

For pre-schoolers & their companions. Enjoy singing, kosher for Passover snack, story time and decorate a pillow cover to assist our Passover reclining. RSVPs appreciated to engage@tbemadison.org. Walk-ins welcome.

### Shabbat Dinner Get Together

**Friday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.**
**Nile, 6119 Odana Rd., Madison**

Enjoy an informal, relaxing dinner with others who are also unwinding from the week. Everyone purchases their own meal. There will be plenty of time to schmooze for those who would like to head to Temple Beth El for the 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service. RSVP for dinner to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org 608-238-3123 so we have enough seats at the table.

# Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Congregation 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.

## Shabbaton with Rabbi Tirzah Firestone

**"Renewing Our Jewish Legacy: Ancient Practices for a New Era"**
**Jewish Meditation for Everybody**
**Thursday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.**
**Call the office for location.**

Rabbi Tirzah Firestone, PhD, is an author, Jungian psychotherapist, and founding rabbi of Congregation Nevei Kodesh in Boulder, Colorado.

In Rabbi Tirzah's first session we will explore four different styles of Jewish meditation based on ancient Jewish texts and practices.

## Shabbat Dinner and Service

**Friday, April 1, 6:00 p.m. Vegetarian potluck dinner, 7:15 p.m. Service**
**First Unitarian Society**
**900 University Bay Drive (Landmark)**

Rabbi Tirzah will lead the service and lead prayers in a style developed by Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi.

## Shabbat Services

**Shabbat Services, followed by a vegetarian potluck lunch and text study Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.**
**First Unitarian Society**
**900 University Bay Drive (Landmark)**

Rabbi Tirzah will teach throughout this service and continue with a text study during lunch. Kiddush begins around 11:45 a.m.

## Havdalah and Dessert: Teaching Tales from our Mystical Tradition

**Saturday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.**
**First Unitarian Society**
**900 University Bay Drive (Gaebler)**

At Rabbi Tirzah's last session she will lead Havdalah and tell Hassidic stories. This event is family friendly! Please eat dinner ahead of time and bring a dessert to share. Because of multiple programs that evening, please park on the main floor the garage at 800 University Bay Drive.

For more information or to register, please contact Joy at office@shamayim.org. This weekend is free and open to the community.

## Havdalah Passover Dessert Tasting Competition

**Saturday, April 16, 6:00 p.m.**
**Please call the office for the location.**

Suzanne and Mike Swift invite you to join the competition, bringing your favorite dessert to share. It should be an authentic Passover dessert (no chametz, please!); prizes will be given. They will provide a simple dinner.

## Unpacking Israeli Identity: A Look at Contemporary Religion, Politics, and Culture

**Sunday, April 17, 9:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**
**Center for Families**
**2120 Fordem Avenue**

Madison's shaliach (Israel fellow), Daniel Gil, will lead a discussion about contemporary Israeli society, specifically looking at Israeli identity – how Israelis think of themselves, their culture, and the society in which they live. In doing so, he will explore Israeli relationships towards Judaism, which span secular to ultra-Orthodox; Israeli perceptions and reactions towards political issues of the day; and the vast diversity of Jewish culture in Israel.

## Young Family Havurah Tot Passover Seder

**Sunday, April 17, 3:00 p.m.**
**Arboretum Cohousing**
**1137 Erin Street**

Looking for a child-friendly seder for your young child? We're getting together a week before Passover for a seder. With little ones in mind, we'll tell stories, sing songs, and act out the story. Rabbi Laurie will give parents several ideas for engaging their young children and making the holiday meaningful for people of all ages.

# Beth Israel Center

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firstborns present will share in a "feast," an obligation that supersedes the requirement that firstborns fast on this day. All are welcome, and firstborns are especially encouraged to attend this program and the bagel breakfast that follows.

## Pesach Services

**Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.**
**Sunday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m.**
**Friday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m.**
**Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m. Including Yizkor.**

## Adult Education Programs

## Conversational Yiddish

**Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center**

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

## Talmud

**Wednesdays, 9 a.m. in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center**

Study Talmud in Hebrew and Aramaic with Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. New students are welcome any time. Contact either Rabbi Ben-Gideon or subscribe to our e-newsletter for information about this year's topic.

## Hebrew Reading Level II

**Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Anna's home**

This class is designed for those interested in reading Biblical Hebrew through study of the weekly Torah portion. Whether beginner or intermediate readers, all levels of knowledge are welcomed. Led by Anna Heifetz. Contact the office to confirm the schedule and location.

## Shabbat Services

**Every Friday at 5:45 p.m.**
**Every Saturday at 9:30 a.m.**

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

Our Shabbat morning worship begins with P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. Children's services for babies, preschoolers, and elementary school age children begin at 10:30 a.m. most weeks. Visitors are always welcome!

To receive schedule updates and other information, subscribe to our e-newsletter or "Like" us on Facebook. For the e-news, find "Get our E-announcements" on our website or email office@bethisraelcenter.org and ask to be added.

# *Talking About Death: End of Life Customs Presentation is April 10*

The Madison Jewish community invites you to a presentation by Rabbi Linda Holtzman on Sunday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m.

*"Talking About Death: Jewish Customs to Care for Loved Ones at the End of Life,"* will be held at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street.

Confronting death and dying is difficult, and many of us avoid it. We prefer not to think about it, discuss it with others, or do pre-planning for our deaths or the deaths of our loved ones. We live in a society that does not encourage us to confront our mortality, and it leaves us little space to process the reality that at some point we will all die.

Judaism encourages us to do just the opposite. Many rituals are designed to help us embrace the certainty that we will die and watch loved ones die, and they give us many opportunities to find holiness during times of distress and grief.

Rabbi Linda Holtzman, founder of a chevra kadisha (burial society) in Philadelphia and faculty member at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, will discuss Jewish customs around death and help us explore the rich traditions of Judaism. She will specifically explain the rituals of shmira (watching over the body) and tahara (ritual washing of the body). She will also address the psychological importance of accompanying a loved one through the dying process, being emotionally present after death occurs, and taking the time to properly mourn.

Please join us for this important community-wide conversation on death and dying.

Co-sponsored by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Jewish Social Services, and the Madison Chevra Kadisha. This program is free and open to the entire community thanks to the generous support of the Madison Chevra Kadisha.



Rabbi Linda Holtzman

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**SAVE THE DATE:**
**Community Yom HaShoah Program**
**Wednesday, May 4, 7:30pm**
**Temple Beth El**
***Join us for a community service and special program***

Online registration:
jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield

For more information please contact the Center for Jewish Studies at 608-890-3572 or greenfield@cjs.wisc.edu

The Greenfield Summer Institute is sponsored by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies through the generosity of Larry and Roslyn Greenfield.

# Moving From Charity to Justice: A Workshop in Faithful Advocacy

From the ancient Israelite prophets crying out on street corners, to modern-day Buddhist monks immolating themselves in protest against tyranny and injustice, religious leaders and people of faith have been inspired and impelled to speak out in the public square. Social justice is a fundamental concern of the majority of faith traditions, manifested both through service and through activism.

To help us live out our commitment to faith-based social justice advocacy, Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice and Jewish Congregations for Social Justice present **"Moving From Charity to Justice: A Workshop in Faithful Advocacy"**, a three-session workshop. You can join us for one, two or all three of the sessions.

**Session I:**
**April 3, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

1. Introduces participants to the challenges and opportunities for congregational engagement in advocacy
2. Explores the many forms advocacy can take
3. Dispels myths about whether a non-profit can engage in public policy work

**Session II:**
**April 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

1. Trains participants in the nuts and bolts of effective advocacy
2. Works on how to write effective Letters to the Editor or Op-eds

**Session III:**
**April 17, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

1. Provides opportunities for role-play in making a lobby visit to your elected official or presenting testimony at a hearing

**WHERE:** Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison.

Please enter from the parking lot side doors. Sessions will be held upstairs.

**COST:** $10 (covers all three sessions)

**RSVP to:** Aleeza Hoffert, 608-238-3123, engage@tbemadison.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice is a joint project of the social action committees of Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

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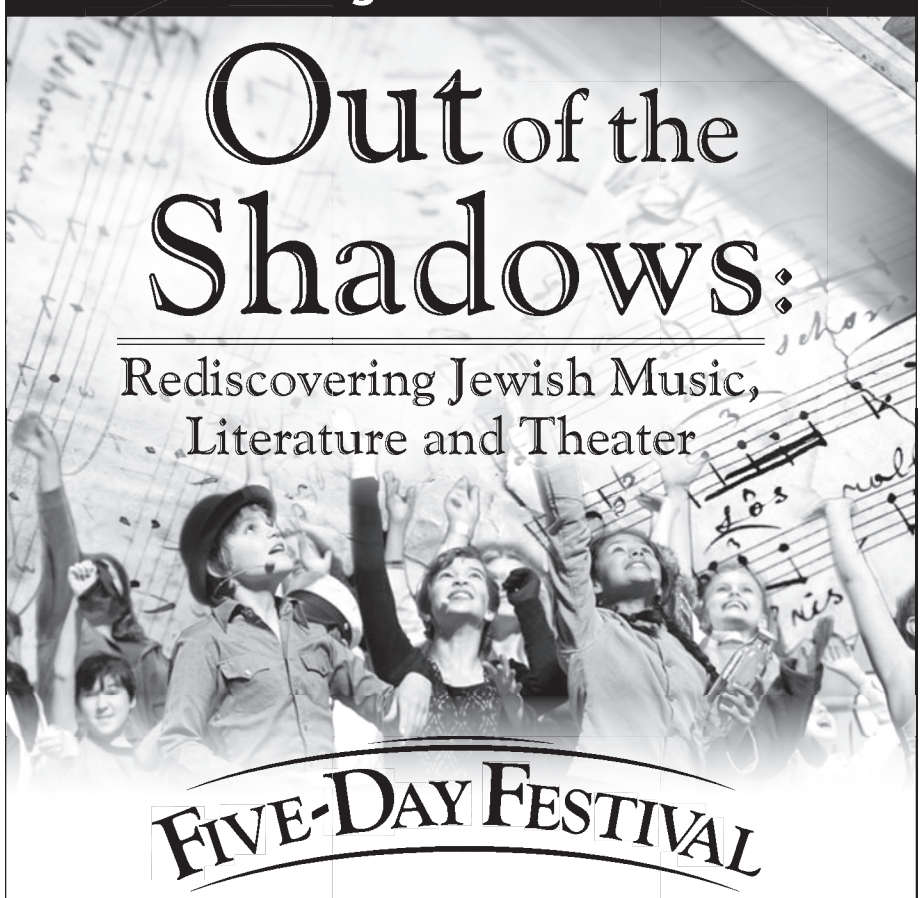


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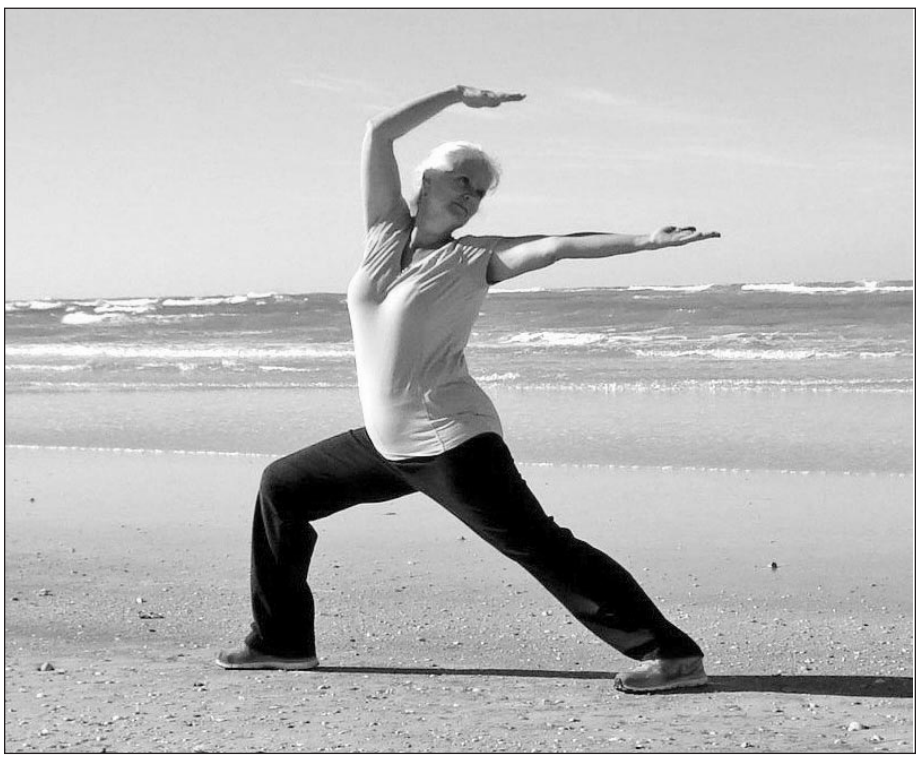
# Come and See What Hadassah is All About



You are invited to Yoga and Tai Chi for all ages, and levels of experience with Patricia Green Sotos of Gecko Yoga and Shelly Stillman this April and May. (Free 1st class)



Hadassah's summer walking adventures will explore many parts of Madison. Check Madison Hadassah's website and Jewish Federation News for locations and times.

## The Oscars with JAM (Jewish Adults of Madison)

On Sunday, February 28, the participants of JAM (Jewish Adults of Madison) gathered to eat, talk, and watch the Oscars. This group loves to be around each other to catch up on personal stories, discuss what is going on in the world, and to enjoy the food. The votes are in, and April brings not 1 but 2 events! JAM will take a tour of the Wisconsin State Capitol AND a tour of the Chazen Museum of Art. If you would like to join us, or know of someone who would enjoy this group, please contact Tiz Goff outreach@jewishmadison.org.

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# Sharing His Commitment to Our Community by Leaving A Legacy

Having grown up in Madison, Jordan D. Taylor feels a strong sense of responsibility to the Jewish Federation of Madison. From his summer days at Camp Shalom to his weeknights at Midrasha, the Jewish Federation of Madison played an important role in Jordan's life.

Now, as an attorney with DeWitt Ross & Stevens S.C. living in Madison, Jordan is giving back to our community. He donates much of his time helping the Federation and its beneficiary agencies serving in a variety of roles, including: Treasurer of Jewish Social Services of Madison, Inc., member of the Jewish Federation of Madison's Endowment Committee, and former member of the Federation's Community Relations Committee.

"I truly believe in the importance of the work of the Jewish Federation of Madison in our community. I want to make sure that the programs and agencies it supports thrive now and in the future after my time. To help to ensure the future of the Jewish community in Madison that has given so much to me, I have pledged to provide for the Federation in my estate plan and I encourage the rest of the community to do so as well".

If you, like Jordan and so many others, are interested in creating a legacy, please contact Lynn Kaplan at Jewish Federation of Madison for more information. LKaplan@JewishMadison.org or 608-442-4076.

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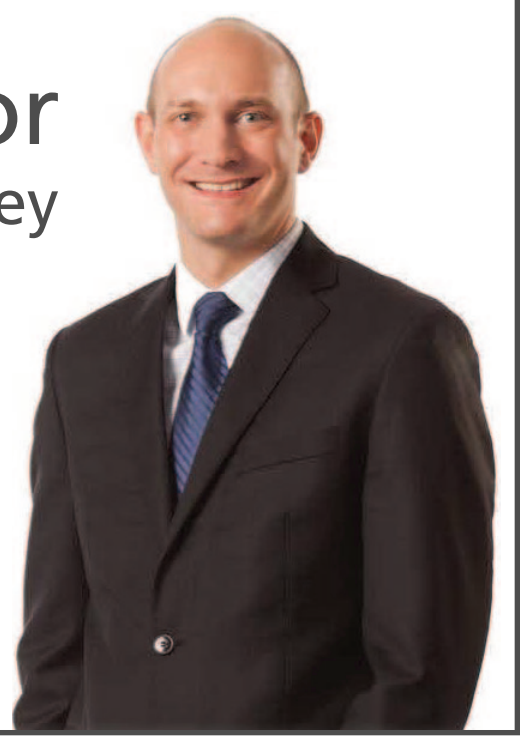

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## Declaration of Intent to Create Your Jewish Legacy

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It is with deep satisfaction and an abiding commitment to my community that I sign this declaration so that my intended contribution can provide for future generations and ensure continuity of services and programs in the Jewish community.

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____ Email _____

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- ❑ I will provide the Jewish Federation of Madison with documentation of my commitment.
- ❑ I prefer to convey my commitment verbally.

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- ❑ Distribution from my trust
- ❑ Designation from my retirement plan
- ❑ Recommendations from a donor advised fund
- ❑ Gift of life insurance
- ❑ Other (specify) _____

❑ I intend to include the Jewish Federation of Madison in my estate plan and will make this provision during the next _____ months.

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- ❑ I prefer to remain anonymous and do not want recognition.
- ❑ To encourage others to make commitments that will ensure a vibrant future community, I permit my name to be recognized and listed in printed materials. My name should appear as follows:

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## *Fill, Fold, Bake, Repeat ... Hamantashen Baking Workshop*

For the fifth year in a row Susan Roquitte helped the Jewish community achieve our goal of baking enough Hamantashen to sell at the Community Purim Carnival. This year we offered advanced sales of apricot-, poppy- and cherry-filled hamantashen. More than 50 dozen Hamantashen were sold before the actual baking took place and the rest were sold at the carnival. The volunteers at the hamantashen workshop filled, folded and baked 1800 hamantashen this year! Thanks to the hard work of Susan and an awesome team of volunteers the 2016 Hamantashen Baking Workshop was a success!





# Camp Corner

CAMP SHALOM SINCE 1954

It's not too late to register for Camp Shalom! Register online at www.JewishMadison.org or contact campshalom@JewishMadison.org for more information.




Dear Camp Shalom families,

It is a privilege to be returning for my third year as Director of Camp Shalom, and fourteenth overall summer. During the school year I work as a fourth grade teacher at Sunset Ridge Elementary in Middleton, WI.

I am proud to say we have an amazing staff this year, the majority of whom were campers at Shalom themselves. Their experiences as campers and counselors contribute to their success in planning and implementing creative and engaging programs; they serve as positive role models that campers can look up to.

In addition to the creative activities our staff designs, we are also excited to bring back and welcome new programs to Camp Shalom. Highlights from last summer include Boulders Climbing Gym, Korean Martial Arts, Vilas Zoo to You, building projects from Home Depot, and a visit from the UW Marching Band, to name a few. We would love to bring all of these programs back as well as try some new ones too. If you know of any programs or groups who can help enrich campers' self-esteem, teach them a new skill, or simply contribute to the everyday fun please contact me.

The rich tradition of Jewish culture, amazing friendships, and lasting memories make Camp Shalom a wonderful place to be. I am looking forward to continuing this tradition, and making every day this summer a great day!

B'Shalom,
Ari
shalomdirector@JewishMadison.org



## Camp Shalom is Hiring!

Rewarding and fun…come work at Camp Shalom or Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim! Applications for summer 2016 are available online.

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

Positions available include:

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

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**Mark your calendars for these upcoming Family Education Programs!**

- **Wednesday, April 13th, 7:30pm:** Kosher Soul with Michael Twitty
  5:30 p.m. Kosher Soul Family Education program for elementary school kids
  6:30 p.m. Community Dinner (registration preferred)
  7:30 p.m. Kosher Soul Talk
- **Thursday, April 14th:** Interactive hands-on cooking event for adults with Michael Twitty, details TBA
- **Sunday, May 15th:** Yom Ha'Atzmaut community celebration
- **Sunday, June 26th:** Hava Nagila Picnic at the Goodman Jewish Community Campus

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

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## UPCOMING FAMILY EDUCATION EVENTS

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

# Purim Around the World!

## Scenes from the Community Purim Carnival

*Photos by Ellen Weismer*


















# Local Madison Chefs Compete in Kosher Chopped

**By Sadie Dorf**

In the beginning of March, Hillel at the University of Wisconsin Madison, and Adamah Neighborhood Table hosted Kosher Chopped. The event, where local Madison chefs competed to win the title of *Kosher Chopped* Champion, was part of Madison Area Chefs Network's 2016 Chef Week.

The event, structured like the popular Food Network show *Chopped*, tested the competitors' culinary abilities to work on their feet while using mystery ingredients in each dish. The bonus challenge to this event was all food and cooking had to follow kosher laws—adding an extra element of difficulty while educating the community about the rules of Kashrut.

The competition, which took place on March 7, hosted three unique Madison based chefs: Joe Gaglio of Gotham Bagels and MATC, Shinji Muramoto, owner of 43 North and Restaurant Muramoto, and Dave Heidi of Lilliana's and Charlie's on Main. The evening was divided into three rounds: appetizer, entrée, and dessert, with each round containing three to five mystery ingredients. The chefs were challenged by the preparation of kosher dishes but all agreed that the event was "fun and exciting."

While all three competitors did a fantastic job making tasty dishes, there could only be one winner in the *Kosher Chopped* kitchen. Chef Joe Gaglio was declared the 2016 *Kosher Chopped* Champion taking home the title, the trophy, and bragging rights. Gaglio, who has competed in other cooking and *Chopped*-like competitions, won over the panel of esteemed judges, which included UW law professor and Hillel Board of Directors' chair Cheryl Weston, former NFL and UW football player Gabe Carimi, and Barry Levenson, founder and curator of the National Mustard Museum, by intertwining his Italian roots with kosher foods. The chef created a well-balanced meal from ingredients including white fish, Jerusalem artichokes, halvah, brisket, and other pantry ingredients provided by Adamah Neighborhood Table.

"This competition is all about talent and luck as these guys competing with me are extremely talented," said Gaglio. "With kosher cooking, it's a lot of people in the kitchen making sure what you're doing is right and kosher. It's crowded but you want to keep going and enjoy the culinary atmosphere with everyone."

What was so incredible about the event was the chefs' ability to keep the rules of kashrut. In addition to never cooking kosher before, the chefs were also working in an unfamiliar kitchen space. Nevertheless, the chefs were able to create tasty meals that were kosher, tasted delicious, and were esthetically pleasing.



**Pictured left to right, Chef Dave Heidi from Lilliana's and Charlie's on Main; *Kosher Chopped* Winner Chef Gaglio from Gotham Bagels and MATC; Chef Jason Pierce from Adamah Neighborhood Table; and Chef Shinji Muramoto from 43 North and Restaurant Muramoto.**

*Kosher Chopped* was Adamah Neighborhood Table and UW Hillel's first time participating in the Madison Area Chefs Network's annual Chef Week. The event brought over 150 community spectators into the UW Hillel building. Jason Kierce, Adamah Neighborhood Table's Executive Chef, was the key inspiration behind the evening, as he wanted to showcase kosher cooking's beauty and importance. "Anyone can be a good chef; but being a good chef and knowing how to make kosher food taste and look good…well that shows real talent," Kierce said.

It was apparent through the smiles on the attendees' faces and the delicious smells wafting throughout the building that the event was a great success. *Kosher Chopped* enabled the community to see the impact that Adamah Neighborhood Table is having on Madison. Moreover, the event showcased the importance of having a kosher restaurant in the area that serves delicious food.

While no information is available about next year's Madison Area Chefs Network's Chef Week, it is certain that Madison chefs' kosher culinary skills will be put to the test as they compete to be crowned the 2nd annual *Kosher Chopped* champion.

Following the success of *Kosher Chopped*, UW Hillel and Adamah Neighborhood Table hope to see more community members coming into the building and enjoying the café's delicious menu. Adamah Neighborhood Table is open Sunday-Thursday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Additionally, Adamah will be open throughout the week of Passover serving kosher for Passover lunches and dinners.

## Deadline Notice

Please note the new deadline for submissions to the *Madison Jewish News*. **Copy deadline is at noon on the 12th of each month for the following month's issue.** If the 12th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, copy must be received by noon the preceding Friday. If the 12th is on a holiday when the Federation is closed, copy must be received by noon the preceding weekday.



# Take Part in Your Community

By Sadie Dorf

Community involvement can uphold values and traditions, but traditional beliefs are often lost in a modern society, said Rabbi Andrea Steinberger. A notable challenge current Jews are facing is, "What is important about having a part in a Jewish community and why should I be involved," asked the rabbi.

Steinberger made these remarks Wednesday night to an audience of young Jewish college students at the University of Wisconsin Madison's Hillel. Hoping to encourage the members of her young audience to find their purpose within their religious community, she drew on personal experiences and contemporary sources to explain why finding an individualized role in Judaism is necessary for the continuity of the Jewish people.

Not surprisingly, the rabbi discussed the apparent indifference to religion of today's younger generations. One of the students even commented on the challenge of staying true to her faith while maintaining a modern lifestyle.

To counter this perception of religion and reality, the rabbi emphasized that combining religious community with modern choices is doable and in fact maintains a community's future.

"Tradition and community are open to be whatever and however you want to make it," Rabbi Steinberger said.

Steinberger spoke with passion and hope, which were noticeably reflected in the enthusiasm of the engaged Jewish students sitting before her.

The lecture ranged from Saturday Night Live to contemporary media, discussing both celebrity experience and a popular dating application.

In a "Saturday Night Live" monologue, Drake, an African American Jewish hip-hop artist, reminisced on his Bar Mitzvah experience. While the sketch's script was amusing, the significance behind the artist's comedy was clear: finding your meaning within a community provides an incomparable element of family, love, support and guidance.

Rabbi Steinberger then talked about the popular mobile dating application JSwipe, an app created to connect young adult Jewish singles. The technology's design and purpose sprang from a desire to create Jewish couples who would hopefully maintain their religious roots and procreate the Jewish people. This technology encourages community involvement and love in a unique, contemporary way.

"The Jewish community has existed for a long time," Rabbi Steinberger said. "We all have an invitation to an open door that is waiting for whoever wants to enter, but it's our job to take that step and enter it. This community is what you want it to be but what's important is to be an active participant."

Rabbi Steinberger concluded by asking "What can my story in the Jewish community be and how can I make that story a part of who I am?"

While no one gave a direct answer, the pondering faces, questioning eyes and satisfied smiles ensured Steinberger of a job well done and a message clearly delivered to a generation of Jewish young adults.



## *Kosher Soul ... Featuring Culinary Historian Michael Twitty*

## Join us for two Special Community Events!

### Wednesday, April 13 KOSHER SOUL TALK

***All Events are at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive***

***Schedule of Events:***

- 5:30 p.m. Kosher Soul Family Education program (for elementary school aged children and their families)
- 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner featuring vegetarian, ethnic foods cooked by a diverse group of local chefs
- 7:30 p.m. Kosher Soul Talk – A Celebration of the History of African American and Kosher Cuisine
- 8:30 p.m. Reception provided by Temple Beth El Sisterhood

### Thursday, April 14 KOSHER SOUL COOKING DEMO & TALK

Join us for a cooking demonstration and talk at Meadowridge Public Library, 5726 Raymond Road, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Optional Lunch following the program.



**Online registration required, available at www.JewishMadison.org**

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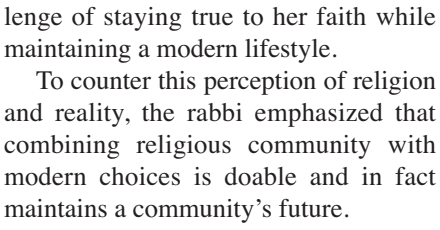


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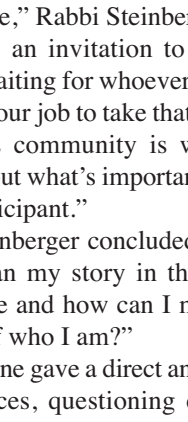


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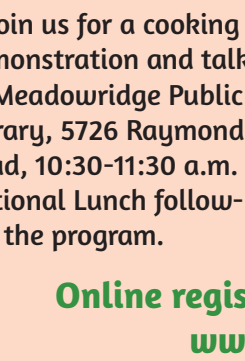


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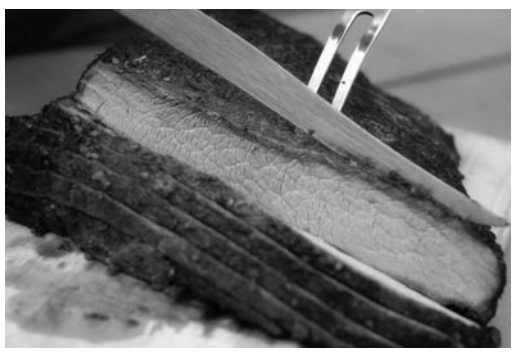

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# Jewish Social Services Presents the Levy Summer Series

Registration will be available in May. In the meantime, we'd like to share the exciting topics and biographies of this year's featured speakers!

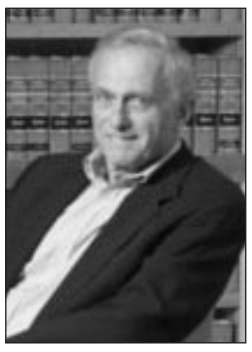
**Professor Jordan Ellenberg – June 7th**
***"The Torah Code: Mathematics, Judaism, and the perils of wiggle room"***


Prof. Jordan Ellenberg

In 1994, a group of Israeli mathematicians published a paper with a startling claim, apparently backed up by sound mathematical reasoning: that the words of the Torah contained predictions of events that took place thousands of years after its writing. The controversy over the "Torah codes" spawned bestselling books and created an intellectual rift among Jewish mathematicians. I'll talk about how the claim worked, how it eventually unraveled, how the question looks from both a mathematical and Jewish perspective, and explain how the underlying statistical principle applies more broadly to investment returns and assessing results in social science.

**Professor Frank Tuerkheimer – June 22nd**
***"Forgotten Trials of the Holocaust"***

Starting about a decade after the end of the Second World War and continuing to the present, Germany has prosecuted persons assisting in the running of death camps. In the 1950s and 1960s there were several trials involving administrators at Chelmno, Sobibor, Belzec and Treblinka camps and, from 1963 to 1965, the major trial of the period, the Frankfurt Auschwitz trial. The most recent prosecution of an Auschwitz guard ended in 2015 and it is conceivable but not likely that there will be still more trials. These cases are brought under the German Penal Code and while that eliminates any claim of improper retroactive application of law or of victor justice, the process has come with its own problems. It has also witnessed a very belated but sympathetic turn towards the prosecution by the German judiciary.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**Sheila Cohen – July 7th**
***"Wisconsin's Jewish History"***

Learn what brought Jewish people to Wisconsin and where and why they settled in communities from Milwaukee to Madison and Sheboygan to Stevens Point and Superior. Drawing from the historical information and personal accounts she gathered for her new Wisconsin Historical Society Press book "Jews in Wisconsin," Cohen will detail the history of the diverse communities of Jews who have made Wisconsin their home and contributed to the rich fabric of the state's history—including their battles against anti-Semitism, their efforts to participate in communities they joined, and their successes at holding onto their cultural identities.


Sheila Cohen

**Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann – July 20th**
***"Prayer as Revolution: Reclaiming, Repurposing, Restoring Religion for the Next Generation"***

When Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann explored the possibility of creating a spiritual community as a way of connecting with Jewish young adults in Chicago, people thought she was nuts. Four years later, Mishkan Chicago connects over 2,000 people every year through music, prayer, learning, social activism and one-on-one relationship building among unengaged Jews in Chicago, its signature event being Friday night Shabbat services. Rabbi Lizzi will share the ethos behind this kind of revolution and what it will take to reclaim Judaism with meaning and spirituality at its center, for the next generation.


Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann

**Rabbi Dena Feingold – August 10th**
***"Why Less is Sometimes More: Jewish Life in Smaller Communities"***

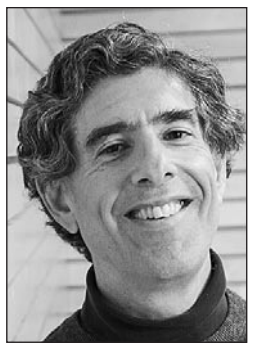
Rabbi Feingold will speak about the upside of Jewish life and Jewish identity when framed in a smaller Jewish community setting. She will also address the challenges and changes she has seen over the 30 plus years she has served as a Rabbi in Kenosha, WI and in a congregation, which has never topped 130 families.


Rabbi Dena Feingold

Rabbi Dena A. Feingold is the Rabbi of Beth Hillel Temple in Kenosha, Wisconsin, a position that she has held since 1985. She was ordained at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, in 1982 after receiving her Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters there in 1981. When she was ordained, she became Wisconsin's first female Rabbi. In 2007, Rabbi Feingold received her Doctor of Divinity degree from HUC-JIR for serving 25 years in the Rabbinate.

A native of Janesville, Wisconsin, Rabbi Feingold graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1977 with majors in Communications/ Public Address and Judaic Studies. Before coming to Kenosha, Rabbi Feingold was assistant rabbi at Congregation Shalom, Milwaukee, from 1982 to 1985.

**Dr. Richard Davidson – August 24th**
***"Well-Being is a Skill"***


Dr. Richard Davidson

This talk will consider scientific evidence that suggests that we can change our brains by transforming our minds and cultivate habits of mind that will improve well-being. These include happiness, resilience, compassion and emotional balance. Each of these characteristics is instantiated in brain circuits that exhibit plasticity and thus can shaped and modified by experience and training. Mental training to cultivate well-being has profound implications for the workplace including its impact on leadership, creativity, employee health, productivity and collaboration.

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**Volunteer at the JSS Office** – We are always looking for people to help out with administrative tasks!

**Volunteer at the Oakwood Shabbats!** – Help seat guests, pour wine and juice, help the residents of Oakwood Village welcome Shabbat. Bonus points if you like to sing Shabbat songs!

**Youth Volunteering, Youth Group Projects and B'nai Mitzvah Projects**

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**Double your Volunteering Mitzvah**

Check with your human resources department to see whether your company has a policy of matching employees' community volunteer hours with a monetary donation to the agency for whom the employee volunteers. What a great way to enhance the benefits of your volunteer work!

**Deducting Expenses Incurred while Volunteering**

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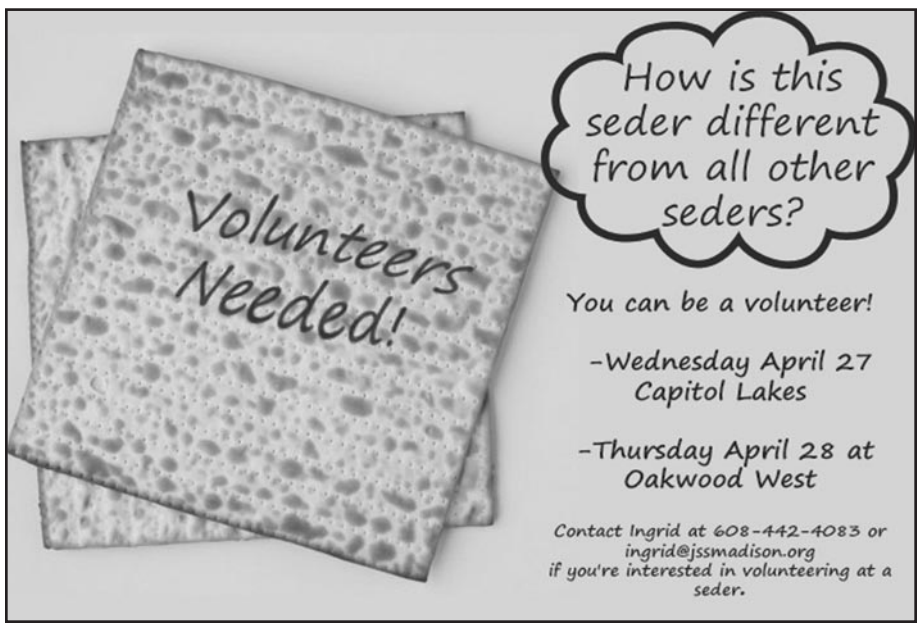

# The Fifth Question

By Elena Robbins

As Passover approaches, the Jewish community in the Madison area is gearing up for the Seder. We are cooking and cleaning, and in my case, frantically sending my husband to the grocery store for a last-minute shank bone. This year, I have started to teach my daughter Ma Nishtana. As the youngest, she will have the job of asking the Four Questions that countless children have asked at the Seder table. Why is this night different from all other nights? We use these questions as a way of engaging children in the Seder, and to explain how what we are doing relates back to the story of the Exodus. Matzah, maror, dipping, reclining…As I sing with my daughter, I consider what I would like for her to learn from the Passover story and how these questions can be used as a tool to help her understand the bigger picture.

A fifth question comes to mind: *On all other nights we speak of ourselves, why on this night do we speak of others?*

We think of Passover as a time to reflect on the past. We tell the story of the bitterness of slavery in Egypt, of the miraculous parting of the Red Sea. But the fifth question allows us to apply these lessons to present time. Why are we still



telling this story after all of these years?

On this night, we speak of others to remind ourselves that there are still those who are enslaved (literally and figuratively), there are still people who struggle to get their basic needs met. This suggests that we should not lose ourselves in our own personal lives or forget to walk beside others along the path to their own empowerment. If we are struggling, the Passover story offers a gentle reminder that it is important to seek help when needed. Most importantly, it enables us to continue the conversation and to keep asking "Why?"

When we teach our kids to sing the Four Questions, we are giving them a role in the Seder. This teaches them that even the smallest person at the table can participate in something great. We can continue this lesson through giving them tools to volunteer or maintain awareness of current events, and by encouraging them to seek help when needed and to think of others when they think of themselves.

My daughter is only two and a half years old. I'm not sure how well these questions will go over at the Seder; but when she's still singing "Ma Nishtana" in the back of my car during our menorah drop-off in December, it will serve as a reminder of this fifth question and how even the smallest person can make a big difference.

*Jewish Social Services offers a wide-range of volunteer opportunities, some appropriate for young families. If you would like more information, please contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at 608-442-4083 or Ingrid@jssmadison.org.*

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# The Jewish Social Services Resource Library

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

*A Heart of Wisdom: Making the Jewish Journey from Midlife through the Elder Years*, Edited by Susan Berrin with a forward by Rabbi Harold Kushner. The book is "…a quilt of the human condition; is is as universal as it is Jewish…" (Theodore Bikel).

*End of Life: Helping with Comfort and Care*, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, US Department of Health and Human Services, with articles on finding care, providing comfort, dementia, health care decisions, death, grief and planning.

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# Jewish Education

## Midrasha ... Stay Connected!

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Midrasha turned 40 in 2015, and it's time for a new look! The current Midrasha logo is pictured here. It was designed by a student more than a decade ago and it needs an update! Submit your design by April 4th, 2016 by emailing it to Ellen, program@jewishmadison.org.

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

Sundays: April 3rd, 10th, 17th (not the 24th because of Passover)

Wednesdays: April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th



## Teen Israel Trip Stipends Available

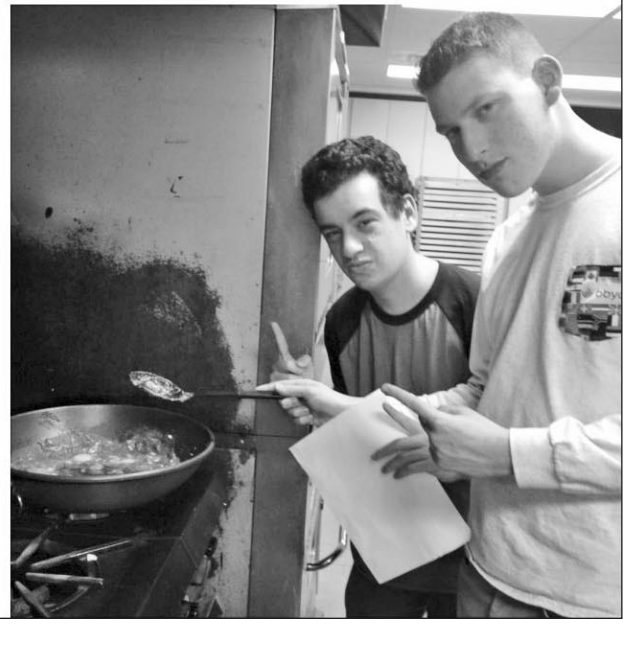
Does your teenager want to travel to Israel on an organized trip? The Jewish Federation of Madison wants to help! The Federation now has a limited number of stipends available for up to $1500 per student to help with teen trips to Israel. Students entering ninth grade through the end of twelfth grade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











# Day School Students Win Honors in Art & Poetry

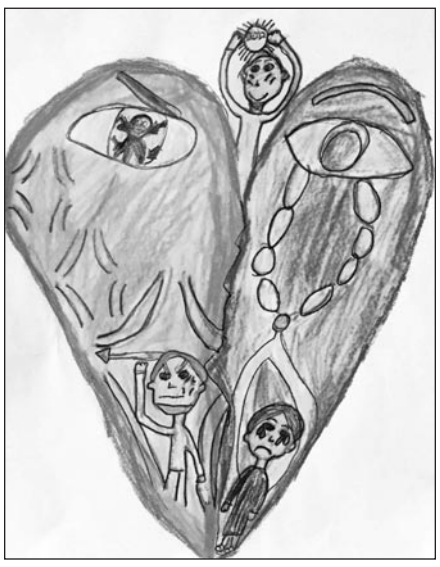
Two Madison Jewish Community Day School students received honors this spring in national competitions of art and poetry sponsored by RAVSAK, an international network of pluralistic Jewish day schools.

RAVSAK's Artists' Beit Midrash awarded Baila Becker (Grade 5) an honorable mention for her artwork, while RAVSAK's Hebrew Poetry Contest chose a poem by Noam Ben-Gideon (Grade 4) as a Staff Pick this year.

Baila's artwork was selected from a field of more than 800 students at 35 day schools around the world. Noam's poem was recognized from among 543 poems submitted by entries from 32 schools.

**Artists' Beit Midrash**

For the art competition, students used their creativity and passion for text study to create original works – in the forms of photography, sculpture, mixed media, and drawing and painting.



Art by Baila Becker, MJCDS grade 5.

Now in its fifth year, the Artists' Beit Midrash provides elementary, middle, and high school students the ability to delve into Jewish sources and create art that draws inspiration from their studies. A panel of nine distinguished artists judged the artwork.

This year's theme was Ahava (Love). Baila explained her work in an artist's statement; "Isaac had the beracha (blessing) for his firstborn, Esau, but Jacob took it. Esau and Jacob look back at the memory of what happened. Esau is very angry at Jacob. He is so angry that he is plotting to kill his own brother. Jacob is very sad because he misses his twin brother."

"The RAVSAK Judaic Art Contest not only helps students develop their artistic expression, but reinforces the links between creativity and Jewish tradition," says Dr. Marc N. Kramer, Executive Director of RAVSAK.

**Hebrew Poetry Contest**

Noam's poem, "חסד קצת /A little kindness," was chosen as a Staff Pick this year. This is the second time that Noam has been recognized in this annual competition. In 2012, when Noam was a kindergartener, his poem "Rivka" won first-place for non-native elementary school submissions.

Now in its sixth year, the Hebrew Poetry Contest inspires students and teachers around the world to creatively use and expand their knowledge of the Hebrew language. Submitted poems, of any style and on any theme, are read by esteemed Hebrew writers and shared on a national stage.

With the guidance of Judaics and Hebrew teacher Clara Lazimy, MJCDS students in Kitah Bet all submitted poems in Hebrew – gaining a deeper appreciation for and a better understanding of the nuance and subtlety of the language.

"The RAVSAK Hebrew Poetry Contest not only helps students develop their Hebrew language skills, but also gives them a chance to tap into their creative expression, reinforcing the links between creativity and Jewish tradition. By writing original poetry in Hebrew, participants develop a deeper sense of Jewish literacy," said Dr. Marc N. Kramer, Co-Executive Director of RAVSAK.

Winning poems and works of art are published on the RAVSAK website and will be highlighted in the prestigious journal HaYidion.

Madison Jewish Community Day School is now enrolling for the 2016-17 school year. Contact Head of School Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon for more information: 204-9900 or rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com.

**Noam Ben Gideon, 4th Grade**
**Madison Jewish Community Day School**

***A Little Kindness***

Let's say I go for a walk
around the corner
I see a poor person on the street
I have some money in my pocket
I see a lemonade stand
I am tempted
but
I go up to the poor person instead
I give him the money
He says "thank you"
I keep going
around the corner
I see a blind man
trying to cross the street
I help him to go to the other side
Then I go home

קְצָת חֶסֶד

נַגִּיד שֶׁאֲנִי יוֹצֵא לְטַיֵּל
מִסָּבִיב לַפִּינָה
אֲנִי רוֹאֶה אָדָם עָנִי
יֵשׁ לִי קְצָת כֶּסֶף בַּכִּיס
אֲנִי רוֹאֶה דוּכָן לִימוֹנָדָה
זֶה מְפַתֶּה
אֲבָל
אֲנִי נִיגַּשׁ לָאִישׁ הֶעָנִי
וְנוֹתֵן לוֹ אֶת הַכֶּסֶף
הוּא אוֹמֵר תּוֹדָה
אֲנִי מַמְשִׁיךְ לָלֶכֶת
מֵעֵבֶר לַפִּינָה
אֲנִי רוֹאֶה אָדָם עִוֵּר
הַמְנַסֶּה לַחֲצוֹת אֶת הַכְּבִישׁ
אֲנִי עוֹזֵר לוֹ לְהַגִּיעַ לַצַּד הַשֵּׁנִי
וְהוֹלֵךְ הַבַּיְתָה

# Lots of Fun at Gan HaYeled Preschool!



Benny is making a crown for Purim.




Firefighters Cora, Stav, Hephzibah and Nitzan rush to put out a fire!



Costumes in the Gimel Class with Talya, Eve, Mateo, Lolly, Jaime and Nevo.



Sam's Dad, Dr. Steffin, came to teach the Dalet Class about bones.



Shushan is almost ready.

The Dalet Class is hard at work making crowns for Purim.





Ziv is cooking chocolate in the play house.




Mateo is putting on a puppet show for the Gimel Class.



Amazing play between Philip, Nevo and Lolly.



Parachute fun in Schmooze.



Picnic time in "Early Care" for Tova, Orly, Shira and Ravyn.



The Aleph and Bet dancers performed on the Waisman Center stage.

# Yonim Takes the Stage!

Yonim was pleased to kick off their performance season with a month full of dancing! On March 6th, the Yonim dancers performed alongside other young talents at the Kids' Expo at the Alliant Energy Center. On March 13th, Aleph and Bet had the great opportunity to teach other kids about the Mayim, Yemenite and Charkessia when they performed at the Waisman Center for an audience full of enthusiastic young dancers. After learning basic steps, kids were able to join Yonim onstage and enjoy moving to Israeli beats. Meanwhile, our high school dancers were performing at the Boston Israeli Folk Dance Festival. This was an honor to be a part of. It took a lot of preparation and practice and they enjoyed dancing in tandem with other unique national folk dance groups. Looking ahead, we are thrilled to participate in this year's big Yom HaAtzmaut celebration. Yonim will start the exciting event with a preshow at 3 p.m. and looks forward to performing and teaching some beginner dances to the wider community!



Yonim's Gimel group performed at the Boston Israeli Folk Dance Festival.

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# Lechayim Lights

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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 Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808, (608) 442-4083 (direct) or ingrid@jssmadison.org no later than 12:00 p.m. the preceding Friday. **A vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation**. If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what you can afford. The cost of the meal is $7.50 for those under age 60.

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

***Many thanks to Blue Plate Catering for providing our kosher-style meals!***

**Monday, April 4**
11:30-12:00 p.m. Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 p.m. Salmon w/ lemon pepper cream sauce, Roasted Potato, Garden Salad, Roll, Cookie
1:00-2:00 p.m. Bill and Bobbie Malone – *Lecture Concert – Country Music during WWII*

**Monday, April 11**
11:30-12:00 p.m. Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 p.m. Orange Chicken, Panfried Noodles, Stir Fry Vegetables, Fruit Salad, Dessert
1:00-2:00 p.m. Rabbi David Kopstein – *"The Rabbi Who Knew Too Much: Stories about working as a Rabbi overseas and the production of his first novel."*

**Monday, April 18**
11:30-12:00 p.m. Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz
12:00-1:00 p.m. Eggplant Moussaka, Greek Salad, Garlic Breadstick, Birthday Cake
1:00-2:00 p.m. Pam Olson – *"Lechayim Lunch: Ingredients for a Good Life."*

**Monday, April 25 –** ***Lechayim does not meet***

**Next month's dates**
May 2, 9,16, 23

**Присоединяйтесь к нашему столу, увлекательной беседе и интересным программам на встречах «Лехаим. Больше чем обед»**
Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эль (Temple Beth El), по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Ингрид Рейс-Гласс по тел. 608-278-1808 или 608-442-4083 или по электронному адресу: ingrid@jssmadison.org до 12:00 часов пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовит *Blue Plate Catering*. **Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу.** Стоимость обеда - $7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00 если возможно.

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

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

**Понедельник, 4 апреля**
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Красная рыба под лимонно-перечным сливочным соусом, жареный картофель, зеленый салат, булочка, печенье
1: 00-2: 00 Билли и Бобби Мэлоун - лекция-концерт - Кантри во время Второй мировой войны

**Понедельник, 11 апреля**
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Цыпленок под апельсиновым соусом, лапша, обжареные овощи, фруктовый салат, десерт
1: 00-2: 00 Раввин Давид Копстейн - "Раввин, который знал слишком много: история о том, как работать раввином за рубежом и о написании своего первого романа."

**Понедельник, 18 апреля**
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Естель Кац
12: 00-1: 00 Мусака с баклажанами, греческий салат, чесночный хлеб, торт ко дню рождения
1: 00-2: 00 Пэм Олсон - "Лехаим на обед: Ингредиенты для хорошей жизни."

**Понедельник, 25 апреля** Лехаим не состоится

## Transportation to Lechayim

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

## Making Lechayim Reservations

- When you check in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
- Call Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808 or (608) 442-4083 (direct) or email ingrid@jssmadison.org **by 12 p.m. on the preceding business day.**
- Reservations cannot be taken after noon on Fridays or over the weekend.
- If you didn't make a reservation but would like to come, **call Ingrid before 10:00 a.m. on Monday** to see if there have been cancellations.
- We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins.

## Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment will be at Lechayim April 18, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., to discuss safe medication disposal. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your questions and concerns.

## Transportation to Medical Appointments

The RSVP Driver Escort Program is a Dane County service which is coordinated by many local volunteers throughout the county. Rides are scheduled for seniors age 60+ who live independently in their own apartment or home and who are not eligible for Medical Assistance transportation. Riders must be able to get in and out of the vehicle with minimal assistance. Wheelchairs are not able to be transported and walkers must be folded and fit in the trunk or back seat. There is no fee for this service and it is strictly by donation. Rides are provided Monday through Friday for medical appointments scheduled between the hours of 8:30 and 2:30 p.m. Rides must be scheduled 4 business days in advance. If you live in Madison or Monona, call Robin Heilprin at 441-7898 to schedule a ride or if you have questions. If you live in Dane County outside of Madison, contact your local senior center.

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

# About our Programs

**Monday, April 4**

Our friends Bill and Bobbie Malone return on Monday, April 4th, with a lecture concert, "Country Music and World War II". The post-World War II years marked an important era in the development of country music, during which time bluegrass was born, honky-tonk music entered a golden age, and popular and commercial interest surged. The war itself also profoundly affected country musicians and informed the music of the time. In this combined lecture and musical performance, Bill Malone, one of the first and foremost scholars of American country music, and his wife Bobbie Malone, will present songs and commentary dealing with country musicians' reactions to the Second World War.



Bobbie and Bill Malone

Bill is the host of the popular weekly show, "Back to the Country" on WORT (89.9 FM) and his book, "Country Music, USA" is the definitive scholarly work on American country music. An Emeritus Professor of History at Tulane University, Bill's honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1984 and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for American Music in 2008. His books include *Don't Get Above Your Raisin': Country Music and the Southern Working Class,* and *Working Girl Blues: The Life and Music of Hazel Dickens* (co-authored with Hazel Dickens) and *Music from the True Vine: Mike Seeger's Life and Musical Journey*.

After teaching for ten years, Bobbie Malone received her Ph.D. in American History from Tulane University and came to Madison to be director of the Office of School Services at the Wisconsin Historical Society, from which she is now retired. There she wrote many books for students as well as teachers' guides for the study of Wisconsin history. Her writings include the book, *"Rabbi Max Hiller: Reformer, Zionist, Southerner, 1860-1929."*

Bill and Bobbie perform all around Madison, including the High Noon Saloon and Wild Hog in the Woods. Lechayim is one of their favorite venues, and we're thrilled to have them back.

**Monday, April 11**

Retired Madison rabbi David Kopstein will share stories about working as a Rabbi overseas and the production of his first novel – *"The Rabbi Who Knew Too Much."*

David Kopstein, also known as RD to his friends is a world traveler and really good guy. Although officially retired, David is frequently called into service as a cruise rabbi aboard Celebrity Cruises, Princess Cruises, Seabourn and Holland America Line. He is the author of the newly-published fictional memoir.

David was ordained in 1978 and served as a pulpit rabbi for thirty years in northern California, New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong before retiring to Hawaii in 2008. Although he never did become an astronaut, he has clocked enough air miles to make it to the moon and back – twice.



Rabbi David Kopstein

Descending from a long line of rabbis dating back to eleventh century Spain, David is the proud grandfather of ten grandchildren with another on the way. Perhaps one of them—or even more than one—will choose to go into "the family business" and become a rabbi, too. Saba, as David is known to his grandchildren, loves to hike, ski, swim and sail and is an avid senior softball player.

**Monday, April 18**

Pamela Phillips Olson will talk about the process of creating her book: "Lechayim Lunch: Ingredients for a Good Life." The completed Life Memories Photo Project will be displayed. There will be readings from the book and together we will discuss what are the elements of a good life.



Pamela Phillips Olson

Pam has been a licensed MSW psychotherapist for over 35 years, dedicated to supporting children, adults, couples and families to find ways of living fulfilling lives and interacting authentically in their relationships and their communities. In addition to a Masters degree in Social Work, Pam is also certified in Trauma and Corporate counseling.

**Monday, April 25 – Lechayim does not meet**

# Scenes from Lechayim

















*Photos by Eve Siegel*

*To see more photos:* "like" us on facebook

# In Memoriam

***Elinor Stotsky***

**Elinor Stotsky**, along with her beloved husband Jerry, was a dedicated, long-time member of Lechayim. Though unable to attend in recent years, Elinor was a steady, quiet and gracious presence. They were one of those couples that moved to Madison to be near family, and succeeded in making a rich life for themselves with friends and family. Long-time Lechayim participants will miss her quiet smile and intelligent conversation. May her memory be a blessing!

***Ilya Iosofovich Fiksel***

**Ilya Iosofovich Fiksel** died peacefully and surrounded by love on February 28, 2016, at the age of 87 in Madison, WI. Ilya was a proud volunteer at JSS and served on the Board from 1998 – 2003. Ilya attended the Lechayim lunchtime program and Shabbat Programs at Oakwood Village. In 1993, Ilya and his wife Nella immigrated to the United States from the former Soviet Union. They were resettled by Jewish Social Services. Ilya was extremely thankful and appreciative to have Madison as his second home.

Ilya was born in 1928 in a small Jewish settlement in Ukraine. In 1941 the Nazis occupied their village and immediately killed all adult Jewish men, including Ilya's dad. Women and children were marched to an extermination camp. They were forced to walk a very long distance on the way to the camp. Many did not survive the walk. During one of the short stops, near the city of Rybnitsa (in present day Moldova), Ilya's mom Sara ordered Ilya and his younger sister Genya not to get up and remain lying quietly on the road. The three of them were thought dead by the Romanian police, and this is how they escaped the extermination camp. A Ukrainian woman gave them some food and water. She later showed them the place where all Jews of the city had been settled, which the Nazis turned into a ghetto. There in the ghetto they remained for 18 months in horrible conditions. Their mother Sara saved them from starvation. She was assigned to work as a cleaner at a field military hospital, under the Romanian police surveillance, where she received some bread and soup for her work, and was occasionally able to stash away food scraps in order to feed her children. Sadly, Ilya's sister Genya died in the ghetto from dysentery. After the war Ilya returned to finish his high school education and that is where he met the love of his life, and wife of nearly 63 years, Ninel (Nella) Babinskaya. He later graduated from the Civil Maritime College in Odessa (a port city on the Black Sea), and worked as an engineer, and later as the Chief Engineer (Senior Project Manager) at a Project and Design Department of the Civil Maritime Fleet in Vladivostok. Each year, accompanied by his grandson Jacob, he lit a candle at the Community Holocaust Remembrance Service. In 1999, with his honorary American daughter, Janice Beers, by his side, he publicly told his story of survival at a Senior Shabbat Service.

Nella and Ilya raised two wonderful sons. They also helped raise 4 grandchildren and a great granddaughter. Ilya appreciated each day of his life and inspired others to be loving, patient and kind. May his memory be a blessing!

***Leon Applebaum***

After a gallant battle with Alzheimer's disease **Leon Applebaum**, who was known by all as Lee, died at 86 years old at Agrace Hospice Care, surrounded by his precious family. Well-read and articulate, he was a popular lunch companion at the "guys'" table. He was friendly to all. He loved to be in the middle of a good discussion. He enjoyed telling a story, especially ones that had an ironic twist.

He was teaching at the UW-Milwaukee when he saw from a distance a young woman talking to the department secretary. Lee was smitten. A meeting was arranged and a marriage with Rita resulted. After over 50 years of marriage, Lee still couldn't help beaming when he saw her. They loved to travel and had a large circle of friends. However, the center of their universe was their children and the granddaughters.

Growing up in Brooklyn, Lee began work at twelve, delivering packages for a pharmacy. He never stopped working until his retirement in 1993. His parents worked in the garment industry so it is no wonder that he became an economics professor with a deep interest in labor law. He served in the army during the Korean War. Later he completed his education on the GI Bill.

As Professor of Economics, he taught at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. At the University of Wisconsin-Parkside he served as chair of the social science division and Associate Dean of Letters and Science.

He loved living in Wisconsin, especially in Madison. He embraced the Badgers, enjoyed running and walking, and he and Rita regularly attended concerts, opera and theater.

Lee will be missed by many, but none will forget the warmth and love radiating from his smile. Lee's philosophy was, **"When your life brings you such good fortune, share it with others!"** May his memory be a blessing!

# Transitions

***Happy April Birthday***

Darlene Schwartz
Dorit Bergen
Euna Staniforth
Fay Nager
Gary Geller
Genya Kleyman
Lillian Deutsch
Muriel Rotter
Sheyla Bodnikevich
Abigail Cantor

***Condolences***

To the family of Leon Applebaum
To the family of Ilya Fiksel
To the family of Elinor Stotsky
To the family of Herb Weiner

# Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



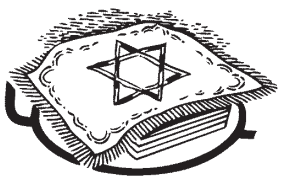
Our monthly Shabbat gatherings, with wine donated by Frank Liquor, includes candle lighting, challah, singing and discussion.

**Attic Angel Place at 2:30 in the Garden Room**
**8301 Old Sauk Road**
*A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and with the assistance of Angel Volunteers.*
May 6

**Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall**
**333 West Main Street**
*A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the UW-Hillel Foundation.*
May 6

**Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room**
**6225 Mineral Point Road**
*A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg*
May 13

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



# Passover Seders at Retirement Communities!

**Capitol Lakes Retirement Community,**
**led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger**
Wednesday April 27, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,
in the Seasons Dining Room, 333 West Main Street.
Seating begins at 11:00 a.m.; the Seder begins at 11:30 a.m.
$16/person.

**Oakwood Village University Woods,**
**led by Sara Karon; music by David Adler**
Thursday April 28, 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Nakoma/ Westmoreland Room, 6205 Mineral Point Road. Seating begins at 2:30 p.m. and the Seder starts at 3:00 p.m. $16/person.

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

**Reservations:**
• Capitol Lakes residents & their families: RSVP to Ami Shimanek at 608-283-2037 by April 22; your account will be billed.
• Oakwood residents & their families: RSVP to Melissa Rutledge at 608-230-4260 by April 22; your account will be billed.
• All others: RSVP to Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison WI 53719 by the appropriate due dates. Make your check out to "Capitol Lakes" or "Oakwood Village" and write "Seder" in the memo line.

**Scholarships:** Capitol Lakes residents, see Chaplain Guta Cvetkovic. All others contact Jewish Social Services at 608-278-1808 or Ingrid@jssmadison.org.

# Israel and the World




# From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

**By Daniel Gill and Shirly Raiz**

*Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists*

## Israel and Eurovision

Israel was all over the news during the month of March; the security situation, the US elections and Bar Refaeli's pregnancy. But there was another very important topic that Americans might not know about. An annual event that is important to Israelis and is representative of Israeli society, the Eurovision Song Contest!

The Israeli music culture is fundamental to the development of the Israeli society. Popular Israeli music is different from what is characterized as "pop" here in the US. In Israel, the popular music is complex and culturally diverse. It reflects the artist's relationship with the State of Israel. Music has been so influential to both of us that we have developed classes at Midrasha and at UW Hillel that teach about Israeli society through music.

Why is the Eurovision contest such a big deal to Israelis? There is a lot that has to be considered in determining what song will represent Israel. What language will the song be in? Which culture should it come from? What message does the song express about Israel? And, of course, if the song doesn't place well in the contest we can always blame the current political situation ☺. Here's a short history of Israel's winning songs since joining the contest in 1973:

| year | song | rank |
|---|---|---|
| 1973 | Ey Sham (Heb) | 4 |
| 1974 | Natati La Khayay (Heb) | 7 |
| 1975 | At Va'Ani (Heb) | 11 |
| 1976 | Emor Shalom (Heb) | 6 |
| 1977 | Ahava Hi Shir Lishnayim (Heb) | 11 |
| 1978 | A-Ba-Ni-Bi (Heb) | 1 |
| 1979 | Hallelujah (Heb) | 1 |
| 1981 | Halayla (Heb) | 7 |
| 1982 | Hora (Heb) | 2 |
| 1983 | khi (Heb) | 2 |
| 1985 | Balalaika (Heb) | 5 |
| 1986 | Olé, Olé (Heb) | 19 |
| 1987 | Yavo Yom (Heb) | 8 |
| 1988 | Shir Habatlanim (Heb) | 7 |
| 1989 | Ben Adam (Heb) | 12 |
| 1990 | Derekh Hamelekh (Heb) | 18 |
| 1991 | "Kan" (Heb) | 3 |
| 1992 | Ze Rak Sport (Heb) | 6 |
| 1993 | Shiru (Heb+Eng) | 24 |
| 1995 | Amen (Heb) | 8 |
| 1998 | Diva (Heb) | 1 |
| 1999 | Yom Huledet (Heb+Eng) | 5 |
| 2000 | Sameach (Heb+Eng) | 22 |
| 2001 | En Davar (Heb) | 16 |
| 2002 | Nadlik Beyakhad Ner (Heb+Eng) | 12 |
| 2003 | Milim La'Ahava (Heb+Eng) | 19 |
| 2004 | Leha'amin (Heb+Eng) | X |
| 2005 | HaSheket SheNish'ar (Heb+Eng) | 4 |
| 2006 | Together We Are One (Heb+Eng) | 23 |
| 2007 | Push the Button (Heb+Eng+French) | X |
| 2008 | The Fire In Your Eyes (Heb+Eng) | 9 |
| 2009 | There Must Be Another Way (Heb+Eng+Arabic) | 16 |
| 2010 | Milim (Heb) | 14 |
| 2011 | Ding Dong (Heb+Eng) | X |
| 2012 | Time (Heb+Eng) | X |
| 2013 | Rak bishvilo (Heb) | X |
| 2014 | Same Heart (Heb+Eng) | X |
| 2015 | Golden Boy (Eng) | 9 |
| 2016 | Made of Stars (Eng) | ? |

1. In 1978, the song "Abanibi" by Izhar Cohen was the winner. The whole song is in Hebrew, but the chorus is in the *Bet* language which was popular among Israeli children. It is a coded language game, similar to Pig Latin, which involves adding the letter "Bet" after every word. The chorus of the song says: "I love you" (אנא רתוא בהוא) but in the Bet language its: "Abanibi Aobohbb Aobotbc". While Europeans have not understood the coded language, they found the chorus catchy.

2. The following year, in 1979, as the reigning champions, Israel hosted the contest in Jerusalem and won once again with the song "Hallelujah" by Gali Atari. Winning for a second consecutive year, caused great joy and pride. This is a song praising God for all the good things in the world. This is the only time in the history of Eurovision that a song with a religious word ("Hallelujah") won. Despite the victory, Israel did not participate in Eurovision the following year because the contest was held on the Israeli Memorial Day.

3. In 1998, Israel won for the third time with the song "Viva La Diva" by Dana International. The song is half in Hebrew and half in English. The win was covered widely in the media because Dana International is transgender, a topic that at the time wasn't in the news as much as it is today. She became even more famous after her victory because she wore a famous feathered costume that did not characterize the typical style for Israelis at the time.

Since then, Israel has failed to win. But one of the most interesting things is that the three winners- Izhar Cohen, Gali Atari and Dana International – are all Yemenite!!! Therefore, there is a strong Israeli belief that choosing a Yemenite singer is the best route to victory.



**Dana International is the first transgender winner of this award from Israel.**

This year's Israeli representative is not a Yemenite artist. It will be Hovi Star, with the song "Made of Stars," which won the Israeli singing competition "Next Star" (Hacochav Haba).

It's such a complex process to decide which song to use because there are so many factors to consider. For instance, there have been bitter feelings when the Israeli song was entirely in English. There are questions about how that is representative of Israel if it is not even in our native language. All the songs that won first, second and third place were in Hebrew! On the other hand, many of the world's most popular songs are in English, so Israel is just following the trends. Some say that despite being in English, the song from last year, Goldan Boy, was Israelis' thanks to the Mizrahi rhythm and a reference to Tel Aviv. Other questions arise about the content of the songs and how they represent the Israeli spirit.

This year, the Eurovision semifinals will take place on May 12 (Yom Ha'atzmaut) at 2:00 pm (Central Time). The final will be held on Motzay Shabat, May 14 (still Saturday in Central Time, 2:00 p.m.). Stay up to date on the results by looking online to see how the songs do in the contest. Or, even better, invite us to your house with some friends and we will take you on a Youtube video tour of Israeli music over the years!

We will be attached to the screen. Good Luck, Israel!!

**Announcement:**

Looking for a way to bring some culture into your night with friends? Ma HaSeret Shelcha (What is your movie)? It's so easy! Choose a movie, a date and a time. Shirly and Daniel will bring the film, watch it with you, and stay to discuss if anyone has questions or thoughts.

Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) is getting closer. We are going to celebrate as a community by celebrating the heroes among us! Mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, May 15th, at 3:30 p.m. at the Goodman Campus. It's going to be awesome!

In honor of Yom Ha'zikaron (Israeli Memorial Day), the Israeli Shlichim, with help from community volunteers, are planning a ceremony to commemorate those who died in the line of duty fighting for Israel to have our own state. (May 10th evening). Stay tuned to the Monday Morning email, Facebook or contact Daniel, Israel@jewishmadison.org for more information.




**Hovi Star will represent Israel this year.**

# This article is about the national memory of Jewish and Russian people (part 3)

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## Об особенностях национальной памяти еврейского и российского народов

(историко-философские заметки)

*(окончание)*

### О национальной памяти российского народа

С использованием определений кратковременной и долговременной памяти проанализируем **многолетнюю историю развития России** и попытаемся сделать предположения о ее дальнейшем развитии.

**Первое. Главным фактором** российского национального мышления является **имперский синдром.**

Русское царство существовало с 1547 по 1721 годы, а Российская империя – с 1721 по 1917 годы. С самого начала история страны характеризуется стремлением к расширению владений за счет захвата земель, на которых проживали другие народы. Это началось с присоединения Украины к России 350 лет тому назад. Столетия длилось стремление России подчинить себе народы Северного Кавказа, где имперский синдром проявился наиболее ярко. Это направление в формировании русской долговременной памяти усиливалось еще и тем, что на политику захвата Кавказа оказали влияние запутанные противоречия во взаимоотношениях между группами многонационального местного населения. Россия считала, что только она в состоянии решить эти проблемы. То есть, имперский синдром ее народа имеет вековую историю.

Для завоевания Северного Кавказа с 1817 по 1864 годы против горцев велись ожесточенные военные действия, которые получили название Кавказская война. В результате, Северный Кавказ вошел в состав Российской империи. Одним из последствий Кавказской войны стала русофобия, распространившаяся у народов Кавказа, в особенности, среди чеченцев.

В каком же направлении кавказские события почти двухсотлетней давности отразились в долговременной памяти русского народа? В социальном смысле русская армия тех времен состояла из двух, существенно различных групп – офицерский корпус и солдатская масса. Офицерский корпус почти целиком состоял из дворян и это очень важно. Солдатский состав формировался из крестьян, которых зачисляли в армию принудительно.

Российские дворяне являли собой меньшинство, но это было интеллектуальное меньшинство. В результате, движение России на Кавказ имело значительно более глубокие причины, чем военно-стратегические, геополитические и экономические. Культурно-психологический аспект играл огромную роль в российско-кавказской драме. Именно через дворянство пролегло главное направление в формировании российской долговременной памяти. Русский дворянин понимал, что в этой борьбе на его плечи легли задачи европейского и азиатского масштаба. Для активного дворянства Кавказ стал средоточием вражды между Россией и враждебной всему христианскому миру энергии мусульманства, которую необходимо было подавить. Этому предшествовал процесс формирования уникального явления – особенность восприятия Кавказа в целом, что оставило важный след в долговременной памяти.

Мир Кавказа отнюдь не был идилличен, но психологически этого и не требовалось. Символом Кавказа для русского человека были горы – тип ландшафта, резко контрастировавший с российской плоскостью, антитеза Великой русской равнины. Горы очаровывали человека уже при первом своем появлении на горизонте. Это был мятеж природы против унылой упорядоченности. Радикальная смена рельефа была достаточно важной составляющей взаимоотношений россиянина и Кавказа. Война в горах переключала восприятие горного ландшафта в иную плоскость. Дело, разумеется, было не только в тех трудностях, которые создавали особенности рельефа в чисто военном плане. Важно было ощущение необычности этого пространства. И солдаты и офицеры не знали ни Алтайских гор, ни гор Средней Азии. Редко кто из них пересекал даже низкорослые Уральские горы. Немногие офицеры бывали в Альпах. Горный пейзаж стал особым психологическим опытом для русского человека. Даже опасность кавказской жизни, близость смерти, для определенной части дворянства, являла одну из важных черт Кавказа.

Кавказская особенность имеет два слоя, причем оба связаны с представлением о свободе и независимости. Первый, о котором здесь шла речь – дворянский. Второй – народный, актуальный для десятков тысяч солдат и казаков. Эта двойственность выразилась во фразе одного солдата. "Как нам не защищать чеченцев", говорил он, "они наши братья, вот уже 20 лет, как мы с ними деремся!" Русский солдат видел, что горец находится под воздействием традиции, дающей ему прочную психологическую опору. Это ожесточенный противник, хищник, живущий разбоем, рыцарь, загадочное существо, превыше всего ценящий свою "дикую свободу" и достоинство. Горец мощно влиял на смятенное сознание русского солдата, ищущего смысл бытия. Горец жил непререкаемым преданием, русский человек – историей своей страны, которую можно поставить под сомнение. Горец воспринимался как носитель свободы, русскому солдату недоступной. С другой стороны, он был враг, который отказывался подчиняться.

Роль феномена Кавказа в русском общественном и культурном сознании XIX века была значительно выше, чем мы это себе представляем. И для русского дворянина это сделало органичной идею включения кавказского мира в общероссийский мир, как исторически и культурно необходимый фрагмент империи, а не просто как колонизированное пространство. В долговременной памяти русского солдата также остался свой, специфический для его уровня понимания, отпечаток.

Итак, Кавказская война длилась 47 лет, т.е. в течение жизни двух поколений. За это время через умы мыслящего дворянства и значительной части простой крестьянской массы прошло все то, что описано выше. Это, конечно же, отразилось тогда в кратковременной памяти русского народа. До наших дней дошло то, что передалось через механизм долговременной памяти.

**Второе.** В течение всей истории России в стране существовал **тоталитарный способ правления**. Тоталитаризм – это форма отношения общества и власти, при которой политическая власть берет под полный (тотальный) контроль общество, полностью влияя на все стороны жизни людей. Проявления оппозиции в любой форме жестко и беспощадно подавляются или пресекаются государством. Важной особенностью тоталитаризма является создание иллюзии полного одобрения народом действий этой власти. Хотя термин в современном его понимании сформулирован лишь в XX веке, принцип тоталитарного правления известен с древнейших времен. До советского тоталитаризма эта система существовала на Руси.

Сегодня российская власть воспроизводит иерархическую структуру, которая получила название вертикали власти. Истоки этого следует искать в социокультурных пластах массового сознания. От царя исходил карающий меч, от него же можно было ожидать желаемых благ. На всех уровнях россияне издревле следовали философии: "Вот приедет барин, барин нас рассудит".

Можно сказать, что в долговременной памяти российского народа сложилось что-то вроде привычки к тоталитарному правлению. Косвенно свидетельство того, что монархическая идеология и сегодня является важной частью политического сознания россиян видно из того, что в апреле 2013 года спикер Русской православной церкви протоиерей В. Чаплин заявил, что церковь не исключает возрождения монархии в России. В апреле 2015 года он предложил совместить в России монархию и социализм (!). Стереотип памяти о тоталитарном правлении и централизованной системе власти, который начал складываться в умах русских людей более пятисот лет тому назад, сохранился до настоящего времени.

**Третье.** Имперский синдром и тоталитарная система правления требуют поддержания **образа врага в сознании народа**. В зависимости от конкретных исторических проблем внутри страны и за ее пределами система формирует образ врага в нескольких направлениях.

**Образ врага в социальной политике** создается по-разному. В тоталитарной системе этот образ создается властью для своего собственного сохранения. В демократической же системе образ врага заменяется на понятие противника, с которым борьба ведется политическими средствами. Показательным в этом смысле является то, что еще в Древней Греции (во времена демократии) архитектура города предусматривала главную площадь в размерах, достаточных для проведения общих собраний жителей с целью принятия решений в спорных ситуациях.

В тоталитарной системе Советского Союза был распространен и доведен до ужасающего значения образ **"врага народа"**. Внутренний "враг народа" изменялся – от кулаков, "вредителей" во всех сферах деятельности и до "безродных космополитов" в идеологии. Правящая партия не могла обойтись и без образа внутрипартийного врага в своих рядах – верные ленинцы превратились в антиленинцев, фанатичные партийцы – в предателей дела партии. Марксистская идея породила образ врага-эксплуататора – капиталиста и помещика. Главным врагом после победы революции было капиталистическое окружение. Когда партии меньшевиков и эсеров были физически уничтожены, ярлык "социал-предатели" был перенесен на социал-демократов зарубежных стран.

Образ **врага во время войны.** Поскольку руководство ведением войны является прерогативой высшей власти, то формирование врага также осуществляется этой властью. Любая война начинается задолго до ее объявления, которому обязательно предшествует идеологическая и психологическая обработка народа. Играя на патриотизме, национальных чувствах, традициях и предрассудках, пропаганда закладывает в сознание народа образ врага, воскрешая старые обиды и выискивая новые, на которые можно опереться в современной ситуации. Психология "свой-чужой" в кризисный период обостряется до предела.

Таким образом, проведенный анализ исторического развития России показывает, что многовековой путь страны привел к ряду морально отрицательных черт ее населения. **Чтобы Россия сбросила с себя эти путы и стала на путь современного демократизма и добрососедских отношений с другими народами, понадобится немало времени, возможно, десятилетия.** Это не может произойти в одночасье. Начинать движение в этом направлении надо силами средств массовой информации, искусства, литературы, исторической науки и всей демократической общественности.

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**1**

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**2**

**FACT:** We invite Elijah in to drink from his cup on our Seder table.

**3**

**FACT:** He never drinks. What's up with that?

**4**

**FACT:** The cup isn't actually for Elijah. It's for us. To remind us of all the times we've been helped by his unseen hand, and to inspire us to return the favor.

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