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The 2014 Tzedakah Campaign: A True Community Effort

We are so happy to report that thanks to the generosity of 694 gifts by 1,164 donors to the Jewish Federation of Madison's 2014 Tzedakah Campaign, our community will continue to support all of the essential agencies and wonderful programs that we have here in Madison and the hundreds of humanitarian programs in Israel and 70 other countries around the world. These donors, recognized on pages 14 and 15, contributed a total of $1,009,524.03 to the 2014 Tzedakah campaign.

This exciting result is thanks to the hundreds of donors who gave with incredible generosity as well as the hard work and dedication of the Federation board and committee members, campaign solicitors and the entire professional staff.

The campaign was expertly led by Marc Shovers with the help of his vice-chairpersons, Elizabeth Schreiber and Dan Mitchell. In addition, members of the Financial Resource Development Committee, Shanee Ellison, Jeff Levy, Alicia Schiff, Judy Schreiber and Orly Vardeny Ni, provided endless help and enthusiasm for the campaign.

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

We express our sincere appreciation to the community members who contributed to the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign. The *Madison Jewish News* will continue to keep you updated throughout the year about the needs being met through your generosity.



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Contact Rachel for more information at gan@jewishmadison.org, or call 608-278-1808.

Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable

Guest Speaker: Zach Brandon, President, Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce

Date: Thursday, February 12th

Time: 12pm-1:30pm – Lunch will be served followed by a discussion with Mr. Brandon and Professor Jon Eckhardt

Place: Nakoma Country Club

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


Zach Brandon

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

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

Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on March 9th

Dreaming of sunny days filled with swimming, laughter, friends, music, art, sports and more? Camp Shalom is for children entering kindergarten through ninth grade. Registration will begin on Monday, March 9th. It does NOT matter what time of day you register. Registration policies will be available online. We will accept registrations based on a first come, first serve basis according to the date people register, starting with March 9th.

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

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

Please email, call, fax or write to:

Camp Shalom
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719-1117
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The Jewish Federation of Madison website serves as the central information source for the entire Jewish community. More than 2,000 individuals visit JewishMadison.org each month. Members of other Jewish communities who are planning to move to Madison also depend on the Federation website for information about where to live, work, and shop.

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

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

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

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

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

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Our Community expresses its sincere appreciation to these dedicated volunteers and businesses who made the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign a success

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The Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel Request for Proposals March 2015

Calling all Jewish Social Entrepreneurs!

The Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel (JFMIP) is pleased to announce that we are accepting proposals for new, **innovative** Jewish community projects by **March 3, 2015**. Supported by a board designated endowment fund as a result of an anonymous bequest, JFMIP will award up to $28,000 annually to deserving, creative initiatives for Madison's Jewish community. This fund will be available until 2016, before it may be redirected by Jewish Federation of Madison Board of Directors. Grants will be made on a semi-annual basis. The fourth proposal and deadline cycle is March 3, 2015. Submissions are due by 5:00 pm CST on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 and should be submitted electronically to dina@jewishmadison.org. A fifth round of submissions will be accepted on September 3, 2015.

The JFMIP is chaired by Deborah Minkoff, with members appointed to serve on an annual basis. The panel will read all applications, evaluate and rate each one according to the established criteria, then prioritize for approval by the Executive Committee of the Federation. Recipients will be presented to the Board of Directors prior to a public announcement.

Applicants are welcome to share their proposal ideas with a panel member by **February 3, 2015**. The panel member will be happy to work with applicants prior to the deadline. If interested, please email dina@jewishmadison.org.

JFMIP is charged with identifying and investing in creative, innovative, new programs and organizations that have the potential for community impact. JFMIP supports programs based in the greater Madison area.

For more information, criteria and guidelines, please visit JewishMadison.org or email Dina at dina@jewishmadison.org.

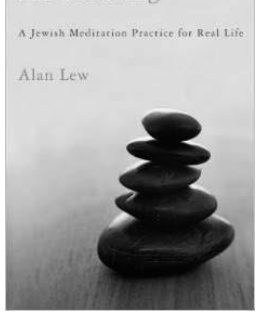
A Unique Adult Education Opportunity

Torah & Mindfulness

Two Sundays and a series of Thursday evenings
March 15 - May 3, 2015

Beth Israel Center brings together the teachings of three thought leaders in Jewish practice and mindfulness:

- Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell
- Professor Richie Davidson
- Rabbi Alan Lew, z"l



Learn with Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell:
Sundays, March 15 and May 3
9:30am - 3:00pm

On Thursday evenings in March and April, Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon leads discussions and practice based on Rabbi Alan Lew's book, *Be Still and Get Going*. Professor Richie Davidson will co-lead one of the Thursday night sessions.



Jordan Bendat-Appell is the co-founder and director of the Center for Jewish Mindfulness (Chicago) and the Director of Regional Programing for the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (New York). Prior to pursuing his rabbinical studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Jordan studied Conservation Biology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, spent several months at Zen centers in California and France, and studied Jewish text at the Conservative Yeshiva and Machon Pardes in Jerusalem. He is a 2014 recipient of the Covenant Foundation's Pomegranate Prize for emerging Jewish educators.

Cost: $96/person ($72 for members of Beth Israel Center)
To register, call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org.

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

Beth Israel Center 1406 Mound Street

The 2015-16 Wisconsin Legislative Session Begins; Kickoff Event is February 22

By Michael Blumenfeld, Executive Director

Wisconsin Jewish Conference

The 2015-16 legislative session has officially begun. The Governor, Attorney General and state legislators were sworn in on January 5, 2015. Republicans control the State Senate with a 19-14 majority and the State Assembly with a 63-36 majority—the largest since 1957.

As promised, the first bill of the new session is a comprehensive school accountability bill, which has created controversy on both sides of the aisle.

In his State of the State Address held on January 13, Governor Walker provided a broad overview of his legislative agenda, including plans to merge several state agencies, increase employment initiatives for people with disabilities and enact education reforms. More details about the Governor's legislative agenda will emerge when he releases his 2015-17 state budget on February 3.

Other "hot topics" that may be addressed during the 2015-16 session include: public assistance reform, human trafficking, a revamped voter ID bill, expansion of the school choice program, mental health reforms, a 20-week abortion ban and possible Right-to-Work legislation.

To learn more about the state budget and other legislation making its way through the State Capitol and Capitol Hill, be sure to attend Wisconsin Jewish Conference's kickoff public policy event on February 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison.

This post-election briefing and overview of the new legislative session will feature UW-Madison Political Science Professor Ken Mayer who will be joined by Wisconsin Jewish Conference Executive Director Michael Blumenfeld. They will provide an analysis of the 2014 state and federal elections as well as an overview of the political landscape going into the 2015-16 legislative session. This event is free and open to all members of the Jewish community, but please RSVP to Kspencer@mblumenfeld.com or 608-257-1888. A light brunch will be served.

And keep an eye out for two other upcoming advocacy events sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison and the Wisconsin Jewish Conference in conjunction with Interfaith Advocacy Day:

Advocacy Training Seminar, *March 2015:* Participants will receive advice from experienced advocates on how to effectively communicate with elected officials and bring about real policy change. Participants will receive an overview of the 2015-17 state budget, pending legislation on both the state and federal level and other timely legislative information. This event is free and open to all members of the Jewish community.

2015 Interfaith Advocacy Day, *April 29, 2015*: The Jewish Federation of Madison and the Wisconsin Jewish Conference are cosponsoring this important biennial event. Please see information in this issue of the *Madison Jewish News*. Those participating in the Advocacy Training Seminar will be able to participate in this day for a reduced fee.

Please contact Michael Blumenfeld with any questions regarding these upcoming events at mblumenfeld@mblumenfeld.com or 608-257-1888.

Post-Election Briefing and Overview of the 2015 Legislative Session

UW-Madison Political Science Professor Ken Mayer and Wisconsin Jewish Conference Executive Director Michael Blumenfeld.

Analysis of the 2014 state and federal elections as well as an overview of the political landscape going into the 2015-16 legislative session.

When: February 22, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS



Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) Playgroup

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

Free playgroup for children ages 0-2 and their caregivers. Kosher snacks provided.

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



Schmooze and Shabbat Classes

Friday, February 6th, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building Conference Room
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

This is a free playgroup for children ages 0-3 and their caregivers. Move, sing, read, smile, and shake off the cold. For more information or to register, visit www.JewishMadison.org

Jewish Business & Professionals Roundtable

Lunch with Guest Speaker Zach Brandon, President, Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, February 12th, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Nakoma Country Club
4145 Country Club Road, Madison
Cost: $25 per person



Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. followed by a discussion with Mr. Brandon facilitated by Professor Jon Eckhardt of the UW Business School. For more information or to register contact Lynn Kaplan, lkaplan@jewishmadison.org, or visit www.JewishMadison.org

Collaborative Dialogue about Israel and Its Conflict with the Palestinians. (Second of two sessions)

Thursday, February 12th (for UW college students), 7:00-9:00 p.m.
UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison
Fee: $5 (can be waived if needed)

To register for more more information, please contact office@shamayim. org. Funded by the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel Grant.

Hamantashen Baking Open House

Sunday, February 22nd, 2:00-5:00 p.m. (Dough making tutorial 2:00-2:30 p.m.)
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St., Madison
(Dough prep help needed Feb. 22 and 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.)



Help fill, fold, and bake Hamantashen to be sold at the Community Purim Carnival on March 5th. For details or to sign up to help, contact Ellen Weismer at program@jewishmadison.org; or visit www. JewishMadison.org

Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun) ~ Time for Hebrew, Time for Fun!

Dates: Thursdays through May 28th, Time: 3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
(Note: No class on March 5th, April 2nd, April 9th)
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison
Cost: $270 per student (cash or check) / $275.50 (credit card)

Immerse your child in learning Hebrew in a fun, casual and engaging program! Kindergarten – 2nd graders are invited to join Racheli Komar-Aziz, our Community Shlicha, on an adventure through the Hebrew language in 18 exciting sessions focused on familiar themes. No Hebrew language experience is necessary.



Registration is available online at: www.Jewish-Madison.org

For more information: Contact Ellen Weismer, Program Director at (608) 278-1808 or program@jewishmadison.org.

K'tantanim Israeli Dance Class

Sundays, February 15th, March 8th, and April 19th, 3:30-4:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St., Madison
Cost: $5 per class



Our programming this year will be focused on Tikshoret – Communication. For more information contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org

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

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

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



Community Purim Carnival!

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



See the back page ad in this issue for more information.

KEEP CALM AND LEARN HEBREW

Are you an adult who is interested in learning Hebrew? Would you like to learn conversational skills?

Now is your chance!

Join Racheli Komar-Aziz, our community Shlicha (Israel Program Coordinator), for an adult Hebrew class.

When: Beginners, Mondays, 6-7 p.m.; Advanced, Mondays, 7-8 p.m.
Where: The Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison
Fee: $18 (Scholarships available)
Please contact Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org with questions. Register online at **www.JewishMadison.org**

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Madison Jewish Youth Groups Go Cosmic with Laser Tag

Join the Madison Jewish Youth Groups for a night of laser tag fun, new friends, and tasty snacks at Ultrazone Laser Tag on Saturday night, February 7. Take on the challenge of team strategy in a high-tech arena and hang-out time in the glowing party room. Meet in the Ultrazone main lobby at **7:30pm sharp**, located at 680 Grand Canyon Drive. Game play starts at **7:30pm** and ends at **10:00pm** in the party room. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

All 8th through 12th grade teenagers from Temple Beth El (MaTTY), Beth Israel Center (MOUSY), BBYO Heifetz, and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim are invited to join forces in the alternate universe of laser tag. See your individual youth group Facebook or adviser for the participation fee for this event.

RSVP by **Monday, February 2** to your specific youth group or congregation. If you are from **Temple Beth El**, email Naomi Segal at matty@templebethelmadison.org. If you are from **Beth Israel Center**, email Deborah Hoffman at hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org. If you are from **BBYO Heifetz**, email Jake Futerfas at heifetzbbyo @gmail.com. If you are from **Congregation Shaarei Shamayim**, email Sara Joss at office@ shamayim.org.

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We're Celebrating Purim on Purim? What's Up With That?

By Ellen Weismer

Over the past couple of weeks I have received several emails, phone calls and questions from members of the community about why the Community Purim Carnival is on a Thursday this year instead of a Sunday and the answer is quite simple. We are having the carnival on a Thursday because that is Purim and the community leadership, including myself, the Rabbis and the Executive Directors felt that it was important to show the significance of this holiday by celebrating it on the actual calendar date. We don't move other holidays like Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Passover and there is nothing in the Torah that says that a Purim Carnival must be held on a Sunday! The carnival is going to be from 4:30pm-7:00pm, a reasonable window for kids of all ages and the best part…you don't have to cook dinner that night! So, mark your calendars now and get those costumes ready for a fun evening of entertainment, games, delicious foods and most important COMMUNITY! We hope that everyone will embrace this change and join us for the fun! See the ad on the back page of this issue for more details and information about how to get involved.



Hamantashen Baking Open House

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

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

When: **Sunday, February 22, 2:00-4:30 p.m.**

Where: **Beth Israel Center**

Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little while to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2:00-2:30 and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging.

Learn to bake Hamantashen. Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim carnival on **Thursday, March 5** at Beth Israel Center.

***We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the Hamantashen dough in the mornings on February 18 and 20, if you are interested in helping, please contact Ellen Weismer program@jewishmadison.org.**



Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the engagement of:
Hannah Jacobs, daughter of Mark Jacobs and the late Susan Jacobs, to Adriel Bienn.

Congratulations to:
David Gordon and Dr. Kari Sveum on their recent engagement.

Mazel Tov on the birth of:
Jackson Elliot Stone, son of Emily and Jeff Stone; grandson of Willie and Claudia Haus and grea-grandson of Warren and Gerry Randy; and
Matthew Benjamin Suttin, son of Lindsay and Jonathan Suttin.

Condolences to the families of:
Meyer Williams, husband of Lucille Williams;
Betsy Scharlack, sister-in-law of Bobbie (Bill) Malone; and
Claire Goodsitt, cousin of Ginny Graff.

Torah & Mindfulness with Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell

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

Our awareness of mindfulness and Jewish mindfulness in particular has become much more acute in recent years. Mindfulness, a type of meditation, is a way of directly relating to, and working with, our lived experience as human beings: how we act, think and feel. Mindfulness is not specific to any religious tradition; it is a human capacity. Traditional Jewish sources call this kind of spiritual practice avodah. Avodah reflects Jewish values, the Jewish calendar, and other conceptions of spiritual practice (mitzvot, prayer, Shabbat, etc.).

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

To bring these kinds of connections to Madison, Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell, co-founder and director of the Center for Jewish Mindfulness (Chicago) and the Director of Regional Programing for the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (New York), will lead a two-part program this spring -- on Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, May 3, from 9:30am until 3:00pm -- with supplementary sessions on several Thursday evenings in between, including one special evening with Professor Richie Davidson.

The program begins on Sunday, March 15 with a timely Passover theme: *Pesach, Matzha and Marror: A Day of Jewish Mindfulness Practice*. Pesach is called *z'man cheiruteinu*, the time of our freedom, and it is the epitome of a spiritual quality that we cultivate throughout the year and our lives: how can I move from narrowness and constriction to greater expansiveness and freedom? Jewish mindfulness is a practice that can help us enter into these themes of Pesach in a lived way. By engaging in the dynamics of inner liberation in an experiential, felt way, we are able to open up the symbols (like *Pesach*, *matzah* and *marror*) of the holiday for the sake of truly growing as a human being.

The first day-long retreat will draw upon the wisdom of Pesach in order to frame a Jewish mindfulness practice that is accessible and effective. Participants will learn the fundamentals of this practice and have an opportunity to engage in them over the course of the day through sitting, walking, and eating meditation.

In the weeks between the two Sunday sessions, participants will read Rabbi Alan Lew's groundbreaking book *Be Still and Get Going*, with discussion and practice facilitated by Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon on Thursday evenings in late March and throughout April (excluding Pesach).

The cost for the Torah and Mindfulness program, which includes two day-long sessions (March 15 and May 3) and the additional sessions in March and April, is $72/person for Beth Israel Center members and $96/person for non-members. The cost includes Rabbi Lew's book and lunch on both Sundays. To register, please contact Beth Israel Center at (608) 256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org.

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

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

Mazel tov to Ken Stein, in honor of his 75th birthday:
Norm and Doreen Marcus
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Cathy Rosen
Al and Barbara Simon

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Marcus, in honor of their new grandson
Dee and Ken Stein

In Memory of beloved mother and father of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schlossman
Dee and Ken Stein

In honor of Ken Stein's birthday
Happy birthday, Love Jim, Hannah and Jake

In memory of Meyer William
Len and Mary Ellen Sosnowski
Jim and Nan Youngerman

In memory of Sheila Botnick, mother of Sue (Richard) Strait
Ken and Dee Stein

In memory of David Wolkenstein, husband of Judy
Ken and Dee Stein

Thank you Madison Jewish Federation, Jewish Social Services and Camp Shalom for all you do to make our community great!
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Discovering My Jewish Birthright with Chabad

By Corie King
UW-Madison senior

Many people, I am told, lose touch with their Jewish identity while they are away in college. I am proud to say that the opposite is true for me. Although I grew up in a mixed religion household, I loved celebrating Passover and Hanukkah. This, plus the fact that I had plenty of Jewish friends, caused me to consider myself Jewish, although I had no idea what that meant nor did it mean much of anything to me. Arriving as a student to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, I joined a mostly-Jewish sorority and often joined my friends for delicious Shabbat dinners at the UW Chabad House. My friends and I always enjoyed ourselves immensely in the warm and inviting environment of Chabad. Nevertheless, as one of the only Jews I knew who never went to Hebrew school and didn't have a bat mitzvah, I wasn't really sure how much I belonged in the Jewish community. All of that changed this winter when I chose to join Rabbi Mendel on a Birthright trip to Israel with other UW students. We arrived on a Friday and on that first day of our trip I celebrated my first full Shabbat with services, dancing, food, and friends. Rabbi Mendel's passion towards Judaism inspired me instantly. Throughout the trip, this inspiration continued to grow. One thing that Rabbi Mendel said that stuck with me was that he is not more Jewish than any of us. One could tell that he didn't just say it, he meant it. This really made me feel connected to Judaism as it was a weird thought for me. How can I be just as Jewish as Rabbi Mendel when I don't keep kosher, celebrate Shabbat on a weekly basis, and had never had a bat mitzvah? He told us that despite different upbringings, every one of us are, through our birthright, an integral part of the Jewish people. We each have an innate relationship with God, Israel, the Torah, and Jewish history. Everything Rabbi Mendel taught me in just ten short days made me feel a real connection to being Jewish. That is why I was ecstatic when he asked if I wanted to have a Bat Mitzvah at the Western Wall. I finally had the opportunity to make my commitment to Judaism and it came at the perfect time in my life. Unlike those who had bar mitzvahs for a party or because their parents made them, I made this decision based on my personal beliefs. I now feel just as Jewish as any of my peers which is something I never thought I would have. I am very fortunate I had a bat mitzvah at a time when my commitment to Judaism could mean the most to me. It would not have been possible without Rabbi Mendel's guidance and support. I look forward to continuing my Jewish journey in Madison with the help of Chabad. I will also make sure that all my friends take advantage of this beautiful community that they have created on campus, a community emphasizing of uniqueness of each individual.



Bat Mitzvah celebration at the Western Wall. The author is sitting in the center.



Wisconsin pride in the Jerusalem hills.



Congregation News

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Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Shabbat Evening Potluck and Intergenerational Tu B'shevat Seder

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

Celebrate Shabbat in community and join us for our monthly potluck in a member's home. Children are welcome. We will celebrate Tu B'shevat with singing, eating dried fruits and nuts, and storytelling. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Mindfulness Seder for Tu B'shevat

Saturday, February 7, 6:00 p.m.
Please call the office for the location.

We will celebrate Tu B'shevat mindfully through singing, chanting, meditation, and Havdalah in the framework of a seder of fruits, nuts, wines, and juices. If you would like to attend, please RSVP at office@shamayim.org.

Special Guest: Rabbi Maurice Harris from InterfaithFamily

"On the Cusp of New Jewish Community"
Following Intergenerational Shabbat Services
Saturday, February 14
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

Join us for a musical service for all ages from 9:30-11:00 a.m., followed by a bagel lunch. See below for more information about Rabbi Harris's presentation.

Social Action Shabbat: "Working Towards a New Understanding of the Mid-East Conflict"

A Presentation and Discussion by Zaccai Lewis
Friday, February 20
Please call the office for the location.

We'll gather at 6:00 p.m. and begin our Shabbat service at 6:15 p.m. This will be followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. and our discussion at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

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

Sundays, February 22, March 1, 8
Center for Families
2120 Fordem Avenue.

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

Visiting Rabbi Speaks on Interfaith Issues

"On the Cusp of New Jewish Community," a Presentation by Rabbi Maurice Harris

Saturday, February 14, 9:30-11:00 Shabbat Service, 11:00 a.m. presentation

First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive

Rabbi Harris will lead a workshop on patterns and trends in American society around interfaith marriage and what this means for the current and future Jewish community. Now that we have entered into an era of changing definitions of what it means to be part of an identity group, we see that older paradigms are phasing out. How will the group identities we have taken for granted reconfigure and adapt? How do we reframe and confront the fear embedded in Jewish continuity discussions? What is the function and purpose of Jewish identity and community?



Rabbi Maurice Harris

Maurice Harris is the Rabbi / Senior Educator at InterfaithFamily (www.interfaithfamily.com), the premier resource supporting interfaith couples exploring Jewish life and inclusive Jewish communities. A graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Harris served for eight years as Associate Rabbi and Head of School at Temple Beth Israel in Eugene, Oregon. He and his wife, Melissa Crabbe, are the adoptive parents of two children, Clarice and Hunter, who had previously been in the Oregon foster care system. Harris is also the author of two books offering progressive Jewish readings of Torah: Moses: A Stranger among Us and Leviticus: You Have No Idea, both published by Cascade Books.

Beth Israel Center

Come see our newly renovated synagogue at the corner of Mound and Randall!

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

Experience our vibrant style of traditional, egalitarian Jewish community. All Beth Israel Center programs are open to everyone.

Program highlights:

Melton Class on Creating a Jewish Family begins Feb. 1

Beth Israel Center is bringing the Melton School to Madison, starting with a Foundations of Jewish Family Living 10-class series. Classes, taught by Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon, will meet at Beth Israel Center on Sunday mornings starting February 1. Class dates run through the end of May. The cost is $96, which includes course materials. Developed by the renowned Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a project of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Foundations of Jewish Family Living is a new curriculum designed for parents that acknowledges the important role of learning in adulthood. To register, go to www.events.org/Melton-Madison.

Yom Rishon

10:00am
Sunday, February 1

Come experience preschool family education at its finest! Yom Rishon is a theme-based program including art, movement, music, stories, and projects. There will also be some further learning on each session's topic for parents and other adults who accompany the children.

Put all the 2014/15 dates on your calendar: February 1, March 1, April 12, and May 10. Attendance at all sessions is not required. Come when you can! Questions? Contact Beth Copelovitch, education@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763.

Youth Group Laser Tag

7:30-10:00pm
Saturday, February 7

MOUSY is pleased to partner with MaTTY, Heifetz BBYO and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim for a night of Laser Tag at Ultrazone. More details are on page 6 and on each youth group's Facebook page.

Board Game Shabbat

Saturday, February 28

After lunch on the last Shabbat in February, we'll bring out the games and cards and play throughout the afternoon. If you have a favorite Shabbat-appropriate (no writing required) game to contribute, please bring it to the BIC office before noon on Friday, Feb. 27.

Torah & Mindfulness with Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell

Sunday, March 15 through Sunday, May 3

Beth Israel Center presents a program on Jewish mindfulness lead primarily by Rabbi Bendat-Appell, co-founder and director of the Center for Jewish Mindfulness (Chicago) and the Director of Regional Programming for the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (New York), along with a night of learning with Professor Davidson (Thursday, March 26) and the study of teachings from Rabbi Alan Lew z"l. Please see the full article about this unique opportunity on page 7.

Talmud Class

9:00am
Wednesday mornings

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

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30am every Saturday

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

Temple Beth El

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

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

Tots and Tunes

9:30am-10:30am, Sunday, Feb. 1, Feb. 22, Mar. 22 & Apr. 19 in the Ezra Frank Adult Lounge

Fun for all children newborns to 5 year olds!!! There will be singing, crafts, challah & juice. Come hang out with leaders Lynn R., Karin H. and Kenny L. as they teach the tots about Shabbat and Jewish holidays through songs and crafts!

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

7:15pm, Friday, Feb 6
Imperial Gardens
2039 Allen Blvd, Middleton

Be part of our first Shabbat dinner on the town in 2015. Choose your favorite Chinese dish to spice up the dreary winter. Order exactly what you want, or join with others and share a variety of dishes. You can't go wrong. There will be fortune cookies at the end of dinner, which may tell us about the upcoming year. Join us before hand at Temple Beth El Pre-Shabbat Oneg at 5:30pm and Shabbat Services at 6pm.

Roaring 20s Murder at the Juice Joint Speakeasy

7pm, Saturday, Feb 7

Callings all Flappers, Dolls, Mobsters & Gents! Come to our speakeasy in your 20s garb and solve the mystery. $20/ adult. 21+. Register on our website to be assigned your character. Contact Aleeza Hoffert 608-238-3123 or program@templebethelmadison.org. Advance registration requested to assign characters in advanced. Walk-ins also welcome.

Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Greg Jones

7:30pm, Friday, Feb 13

Greg Jones, newly elected president of the Dane County NAACP, will address our congregation on the relationship of police and young black men, and the inequity that still exists in our society in a talk entitled, "An Awakening Among Us: Will Justice Prevail?"

Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture & Brunch

Jill Karofsky, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Crime Victim Services.
"Bravery of a Super Hero: We Rely on Victims to Fully Cooperate with the Justice System. Are We Doing All We Can to Support Them in This Process?"
9:30am, Sunday, Feb 15
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

The lecture is a joint program of Jewish Social Services and Temple Beth El. The program and brunch are free and open to all, but we ask that you register online by emailing program@templebethelmadison.org or calling Aleeza Hoffert at 608-238-3123 with how many people will be attending.

Prior to her appointment, Jill was an Assistant Attorney General – Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. In that role, she provided training and support to Wisconsin prosecutors to enhance their prosecutions of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and related offenses.

Singles Creating Community Coffee Clutch

9am, Friday, Feb 20
Panera on University
3416 University Avenue, Madison

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

MaTTY led Shabbat Service

7pm, Friday, Feb 20

Everyone is invite to join us to usher in Shabbat together as our MaTTY teens lead us in Shabbat Services. MaTTY sponsored oneg to follow.



Author Doug Moe

Talk by Author Doug Moe on his latest book: *Good Men, The Lives and Philanthropy of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman*

Sunday, March 1, 9:30am Brunch
10am Talk by Doug Moe with Q & A

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

Doug Moe is a lifelong Madisonian and has worked as a journalist in the city for nearly four decades. For the last 18 years he has written a daily newspaper column about the city, most recently for the *Wisconsin State Journal*. Prior to that, he was editor of *Madison Magazine*. He has been named Madison's best writer or columnist in reader polls more than a dozen times. He is the author of numerous books, including "The World of Mike Royko," a *Chicago Tribune* Choice Selection of the Year, and "Lords of the Ring: The Triumph and Tragedy of College Boxing's Greatest Team," runner-up for the August Derleth Award as best non-fiction book of the year by a Wisconsin author. He is currently working with former Wisconsin governor Tommy G. Thompson on Thompson's autobiography.

Purim Seudah (Dinner) and The Scroll of Purim

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

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

Film Screening: *The Nazi Officer's Wife*

7pm, Thursday, March 12

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

Special Engagement: Angela Schluter Coming from London

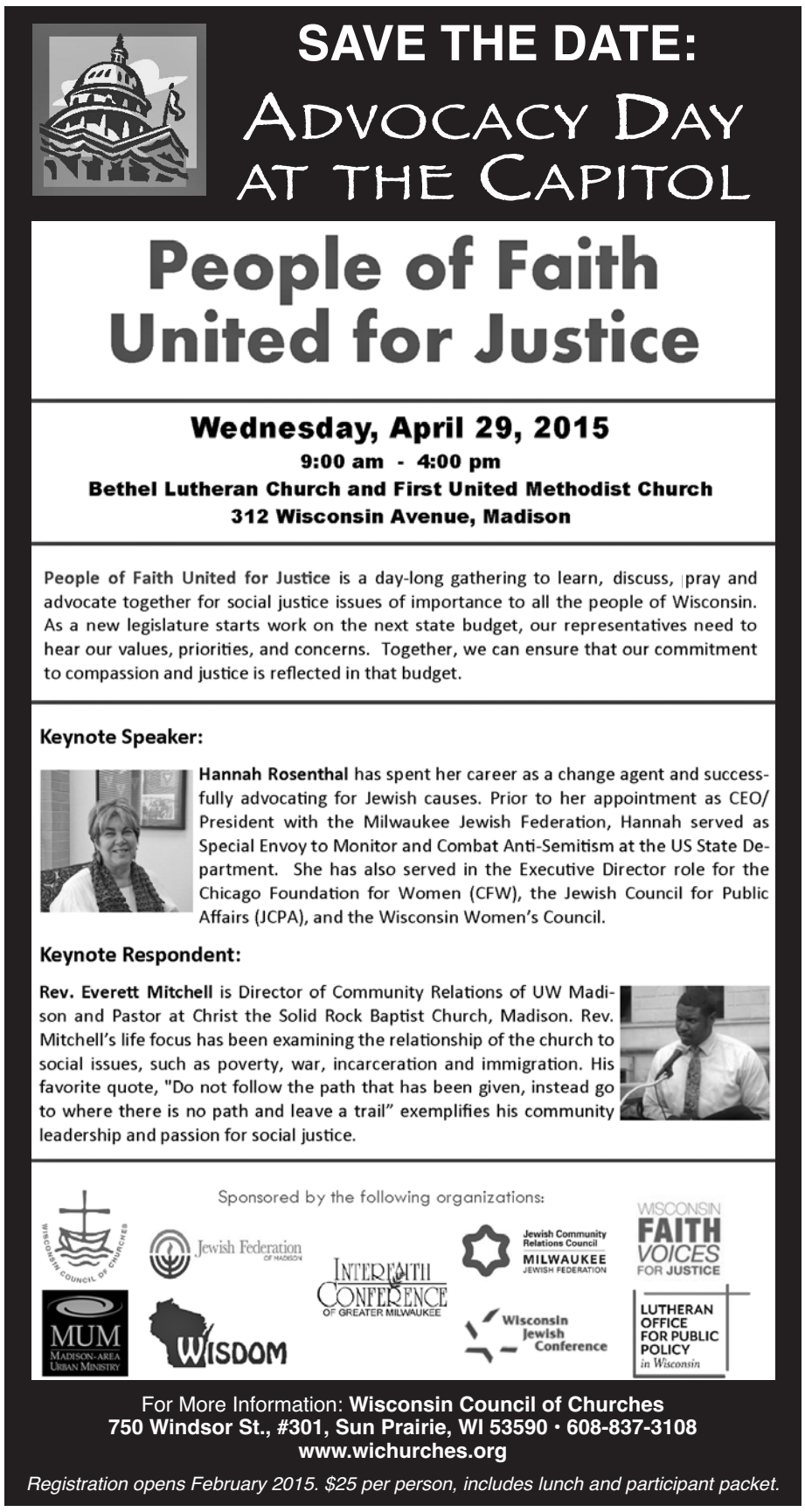
Daughter of the famed couple whose lives are depicted in the book and movie *The Nazi Officer's Wife*.
6:30pm, Monday, March 16

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

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



Angela Schluter and Edith Hahn Beer



Representing Tel Aviv, Representing the West Bank: A Symposium with Israeli Author Assaf Gavron

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and the Hillel Foundation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Student Life are thrilled to announce an upcoming joint event: Representing Tel Aviv, Representing the West Bank: A Symposium with Israeli Author Assaf Gavron. Leading Israeli author Assaf Gavron will appear together with UW Madison faculty to explore the challenges facing Israeli writers who are working to break down stereotypical images and provide a more nuanced understanding of Israel and the Middle East. The first session will revolve around the city of Tel Aviv and its representation in *Tel Aviv Noir*, a recent anthology edited by Gavron and Etgar Keret, featuring stories by them and ten other leading young Israeli writers. Critics have praised this "outstanding" volume for escaping the limits of formula fiction and exposing the "noir underbelly" of Tel Aviv, far from the popular images of sunny beaches and political turmoil, where "human passions run deep." The second session will address Jewish settlements in the West Bank and their representation through the prism of Gavron's most recent novel, *The Hilltop*. Praised by the *New York Times* and named a Best Book of 2014 by NPR, *The Hilltop*, according to Tablet's Adam Kirsch, is a 'great Israeli novel' in much the same way that Jonathan Franzen's *Freedom* was a 'great American novel'.

The event will take place on February 5, 2015 at the Hillel Foundation at University of Wisconsin-Madison Hillel (611 Langdon St.).

The first session on *Tel Aviv Noir*, will be held at noon, and the second session on *The Hilltop* will be held at 7 p.m.

The event is funded by the UW-Madison Jay and Ruth Halls Visiting Scholar Fund, the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, Hillel Foundation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the Middle East Studies Program.

The event is co-sponsored by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, Hillel Foundation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Middle East Studies Program, the Center for the Humanities, and the Program in Creative Writing.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please e-mail events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu.

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Bilha Mirkin, center, will retire at the end of the fall semester.

Bilha Mirkin, Gifted and Inspiring Teacher of Modern Hebrew, to Retire After 37 Years at UW-Madison

By Laurie Silverberg

The Modern Hebrew program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison has long been recognized as one of the finest in the country. By all accounts, the success of the program would be unthinkable without Bilha Mirkin, who has taught here for nearly four decades. "Bilha and I joined the Hebrew Department at the same time," recalled Gil Morahg, now an emeritus professor of modern Hebrew. "I was a young assistant professor. She was a younger language instructor. I was hired to restructure and revitalize the modern Hebrew language and literature program. As I began working, it quickly became clear that Bilha was the most valuable collaborator in this undertaking."

Mirkin's students and colleagues will now have to face the unimaginable: Mirkin, who started teaching here in 1977, will retire at the end of the fall semester. "It's almost as if Bascom Hill or the Terrace were to one day disappear," said Jacob Beckert '14, a former student, upon hearing the news.

With her colleague Haya Yuchtman, Mirkin was responsible for teaching the first 2–3 years of the modern Hebrew sequence. Despite the difficulties of learning a new language, Mirkin inspired students to rise to the challenge. "She is so passionate about what she wants students to get out of her class that she is not afraid to stand her ground," noted Naomi Segal, a major in Jewish Studies. "When a student complained about rules in Hebrew, [she would say to them], 'It's not my father's factory,' — i.e., she did not create these rules, but they are the way they are." A note of thanks Mirkin received from two former students conveyed a similar sentiment: "We have never met such a teacher… who has made us truly passionate about a language. [Her] warm composure and friendliness allowed us to want to continue learning Hebrew."

Beyond simply teaching the mechanics of Hebrew grammar and vocabulary, Mirkin exposed her students to the richness of Israeli literature and culture. As Yuchtman recalled, "working with Bilha, I could feel the enthusiasm and passion she had for the Hebrew language, Israeli culture and Jewish heritage. Bilha brought to her classes an authentic and memorable Israeli experience." For many students, Mirkin's classroom offered a place of refuge and support. "It is very easy to get lost at a school this big, but your class is the thing that keeps me smiling," wrote a student to her years ago. Mirkin's colleague Professor Rachel F. Brenner similarly observed that Mirkin "gave [students] a sense of understanding and sympathy that is so difficult to find in a big university."

Mirkin will remain in Madison after her retirement, using her new time to do other "adventures of the mind," as she puts it: travel to India in February, auditing courses, and spending time with her family. "We wish Bilha all the best in the next phase of life for her," Simone Schweber commented about Mirkin's departure, adding, "we also secretly hope that she may decide to come back and teach Hebrew again…."





YJP Madison Hosts Hanukkah Party at Epic

By Sophie Reisman

Well, not exactly, but I'll explain. In the weeks preceding Hanukkah the advisory board of YJP Madison was planning for a busy Hanukkah. With Hanukkah Wonderland geared for families, Hanukkah Social for adults and many other Hanukkah celebrations, there was a lot going on. But this year they did something special, a Hanukkah-party specifically for Epic employees.

"Can we host the party at the hotel across the street?" Rabbi Avremel asked, "Let's do it!" was the unanimous answer. And that's how on Tuesday evening, the eighth and final night of Hanukkah, over 50 young Jewish Epic employees found themselves singing Hanukkah songs, playing dreidel, and of course eating delicious latkes.

Hanukkah to me has always been about the family getting together and celebrating, so I felt it very fitting to be celebrating with my extended "Jewish family" in Madison and many colleagues from Epic. I met many new people, some that even work in the same building as me, and we made up to meet again at work and at Jewish events, which we did at the Shabbat 100 with 118 other Jews! I am looking forward to continued programs, classes, Holiday and Shabbat events and of course most of all Mushkie's cooking!

YJP Madison is a program of Chabad.



Hillel is My Home Base: A Student's Story

By Naomi Segal



Naomi Segal

As a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, it is easy to feel lost amongst the thirty-thousand undergraduate students and overwhelmed by the hundreds of clubs and organizations on campus. Early on, I felt lost at times. Now, as a junior, I do not feel lost anymore because I have found a home, and essentially a family, at the UW Hillel. Hillel is now my home base for most of the activities that I do on campus, off campus, and in the Madison Jewish community.

The year before I started college, I lived in Israel on a Reform Jewish, Zionist, leadership gap-year program. When I began my college journey, I did not think that I would find a community on campus that was similar to my gap-year community. Luckily, there was Hillel. As a freshman, I had the opportunity to participate in the Freshmen Leadership Experience (FLEX) with about 40 other Jewish freshmen on campus. The most important thing that FLEX created was an understanding for the freshmen is that Hillel is a pluralistic community for all Jewish students on campus that provides various outlets for the ways students express their Judaism. Since participating in FLEX, I have served as the David Project intern, founded the Social Action Israel Network, an apolitical pro-Israel student organization that focuses on raising awareness, support, and money for certain Israeli organizations that strive to make the world a better place, and this year I am one of the four Next Step interns. In my various positions at Hillel, I have made some of my best friends. The friendships and experiences have taught me that Hillel is a unique place serving students from all different types of Jewish backgrounds. Students are able to thrive in this pluralistic atmosphere and have the opportunity to grow as individuals from the new experiences, to express our views and teach others about our customs and our home community.



For example, one of my friends found her home at Hillel after she went on Birthright and loved Israel so much that she became the Israel intern at Hillel. Birthright and similar programs are so successful at Hillel because when students return from their trip they can apply their knowledge and experience in leadership roles at Hillel. These experiences give all students an opportunity to further their Jewish education in areas that interest them while empowering their peers and building confidence.

My experience with Jewish life in Madison goes beyond Hillel; since I am the youth group advisor for Temple Beth El and I coordinate programs with the three synagogues in Madison and the Jewish Federation. As I have become more involved with the larger Jewish Madison community, I have also grown more attached to Hillel because it is where I feel my roots are in Madison. My passion for Jewish education has been growing since high school, but with the support of Hillel, the Center for Jewish Studies, and the larger Madison Jewish community, I have been able to turn my passion into real programs.

Hillel's commitment to Jewish education, pluralism, and leadership are why each student can find their individual voice at Hillel. We, as the future Jewish leaders of our generation, will be able to ensure Judaism's values will continue to be passed down from generation to generation.

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First Annual Maccabee March

Day School Hanukkah Project Benefits The Road Home

This past Hanukkah, students at Madison Jewish Community Day School held the first annual Maccabee March, a tzedakah project benefiting homeless children housed through The Road Home.

Students ran laps at the YMCA West for 18 minutes, spurred on by festive Hanukkah music. Families donated money to sponsor their children's marching/running, and volunteers kept track of the laps and refreshed students with water and oranges at a "pit stop" station.

Then students took the money earned to Target, where they purchased gifts for children in need. The Road Home had sent a list of individual children and their specific holiday gift wish lists and ages, so students knew they were making a gift to a real and individual person.

Students then returned to school to decorate wrapping paper, write personal holiday notes to the recipients, and wrap the gifts.

"I wanted them to experience the whole process of giving and to understand there are kids that don't have what they are accustomed to having," says teacher Marla Becker, who designed and led the project.

"We wanted them to experience everything from earning the money (by running laps) to going out and actually visiting a store, picking something out with the money they earned, and bringing it back and wrapping it up, so that it's a very personal gift," she says.

MJCDS students enjoyed the day and were also proud of what they had accomplished. "It felt great because I knew I was doing a mitzvah," says kindergartener Sheleigh Leguizamon. "I was helping other kids."

Second grader Charlotte Kobylarz agrees. "It was a good workout! Then we went to Target and picked out toys which was really fun, because we got to choose the toys. It's nice to do things for other people.

First grader Lilah Heifetz also enjoyed many aspects of the day. "I liked the running and then how we went to Target and picked out something to give to homeless kids. We were doing a mitzvah and it's nice to do a mitzvah!" she says.

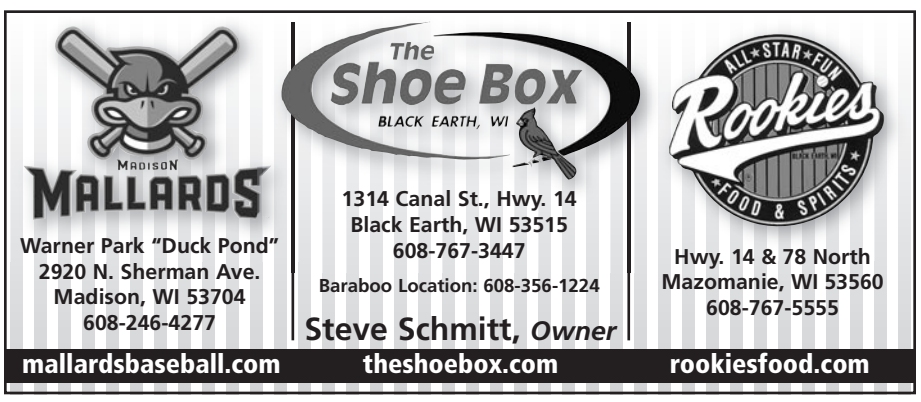
Todah Rabbah to the YMCA West, Coaches Brian and Mark, The Road Home, Sherry Minkus, Michelle Minkus, Domingo Leguizamon, Aimee Coen, Lena Ben-Gideon and Vered Ben-Gideon for their help in making this a memorable and rewarding project.



MJCDS students hold gifts they purchased and wrapped for the children of The Road Home.



First Annual Maccabee March at the YMCA West.







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More details on how to register will follow in upcoming issues of *Madison Jewish News* and at www.JewishFederation.org.

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Clarifying Madison Hadassah's Priorities

The world may be a drastically different place for Jewish women today, when compared with 1914, when Madison Hadassah was founded. But the core values of Hadassah members are not that different one hundred years later.

As a group, the Jewish women in Hadassah want to make a difference, to take action. They share aspirations for a better world that practices our Jewish values of tikkun olam and tikkun klal Yisrael, caring for the world and creating strong community and an enduring Israel.

Hadassah's action priorities can be viewed as three pillars:

- Empower Women to Advocate
- Build Community & Leadership
- Advance Health & Well-being

For example, Hadassah has been a staunch advocate and will continue to advocate for the prevention of all forms of violence against women and children. We will also continue to advocate for gender equality and health care access for everyone.

This year, National Hadassah has committed to emphasize its pursuit of Four Advocacy Priority Issues (on a national level and to assist chapters that choose the same issues).

- Gender Equity
- Affordable Child Care
- Preventive Health Care
- Human Trafficking

Madison Hadassah members are invited to share your thoughts, to get more involved in planning events, help with advocacy campaigns and/or help with other tasks.

We are currently preparing for programs on Health and Human Trafficking in Madison. And of course, fun social gatherings will always be on the agenda.

Important: Please send us or call us with your current email address or mailing address if you are not hearing from Madison Hadassah. Also, let us know if you do not have or use email.

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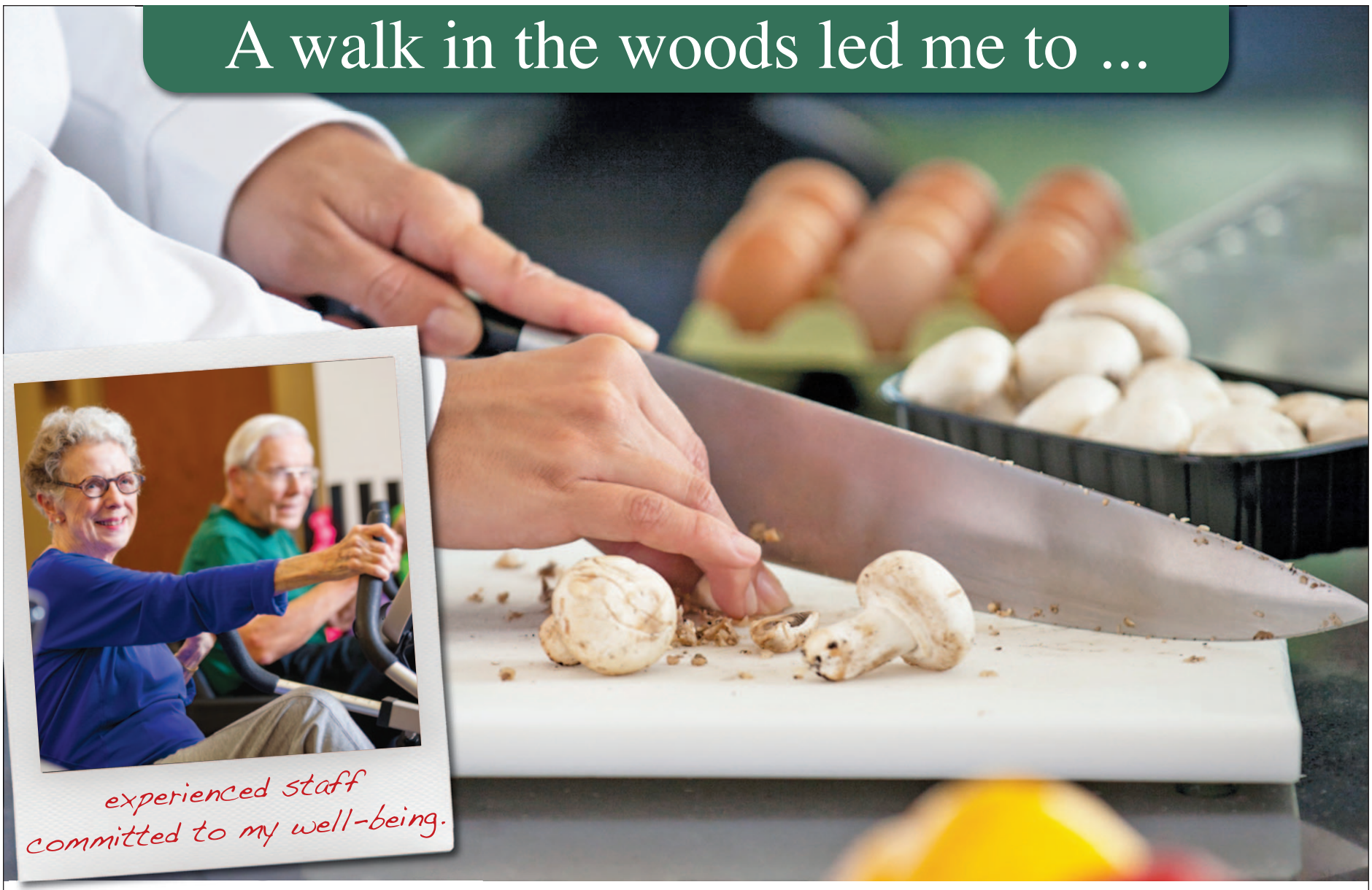

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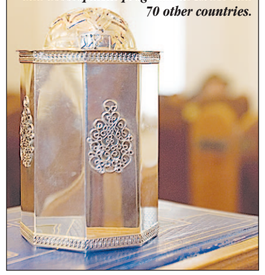

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Wisconsin Weather Doesn't Stop Us!

Adamah Neighborhood Table Hosted its First Community Night Open House

Adamah Neighborhood Table opened its doors for extended hours on Thursday night, January 8th for its first Community Night Open House. Despite subzero temperatures and snowy conditions, there was a good turnout for the event! All Madison community members were invited to stop by for an evening filled with tasty samples, raffle prizes, community and fun! There were samples of several favorite dishes – cinnamon challah french toast, falafel with roasted garlic hummus, fresh fruit smoothies and of course- matzo ball soup!

The next Community Night is slated for Wednesday, February 25th from 6:00-8:00pm. There will be samples of NEW menu items that will likely become fan favorites – word is, there will be a Chicago style dog and a true deli pastrami sandwich – piled high on rye! For more info about Adamah Neighborhood Table and upcoming special events visit www.adamahmadison.com/calendar or call 441-1574.



It was a busy Open House event at Adamah Neighborhood Table.

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Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture and Brunch is Feb. 15

Temple Beth El and Jewish Social Services are pleased to announce Jill Karofsky will be the honored speaker at the 2015 Liesl M. Blockstein Annual Memorial Lecture on Sunday, February 15 at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison. The program will start at 9:30 a.m. with brunch, and the speaker will begin around 10:15 a.m. Jill is the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Crime Victim Services. She was appointed to the position by Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen on January 3, 2011. Prior to her appointment, Jill was an Assistant Attorney General – Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. In that role, she provided training and support to Wisconsin prosecutors to enhance their prosecutions of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and related offenses. From 2001-2010 Jill was an attorney for the National Conference of Bar Examiners where she served as the Director of Human Resources and Counsel, and the Director of Education. Jill started her career in the Dane County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney and then Deputy District Attorney. Since 2005 Jill has been an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She has taught Trial Advocacy and is currently teaching a course she developed called Victims in the Legal System. Jill is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D.) and the LaFollette School of Public Affairs (M.A.) Her undergraduate degree is from Duke University.

The Liesl M. Blockstein Fund was established by her family as a memorial fund after her untimely death in 1986. The Fund supports two purposes: a scholarship for a Wisconsin woman who chooses to study at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in the fields of rabbinical studies, cantorial studies or education, and presenting an annual lecture at Temple Beth El. The Liesl Blockstein Memorial Lecture series annually honors a Wisconsin woman involved in politics, academics, the arts and/or cultural affairs to address our community. This lecture is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and Jewish Social Services of Madison, in which Liesl was actively involved.

The program and brunch are free and open to all, but we ask that you register by emailing program@templebethelmadison.org or calling Aleeza Hoffert at 608-238-3123 with the number of people attending.



Jill Karofsky





Volunteer Opportunities at our Passover Seders

Jewish Social Services will hold two Passover Seders at retirement communities, for which there are volunteer opportunities. On Wednesday, April 8 we will be at Capitol Lakes and on Thursday, April 9 we will be at Oakwood West. Volunteers will help set-up, escort and seat guests, pour wine, water and grape juice, participate in the Seder, assist dining room staff with serving and clearing, and other duties as they come up. Ten volunteers are needed at Capitol Lakes and five at Oakwood; volunteers will receive a complementary meal at both locations (vegetarian option available). Contact Louise at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 direct or louise@ jssmadison if you're interested in volunteering at a seder. Registration information to attend the seders themselves will be available in the March issue of "Lechayim Lights."

Volunteer for Jewish Social Services!

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

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

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

Bikur Holim means visiting those who are sick. The Talmud says that such a visit removes 1/60th of the person's illness, but really the good that is done through a simple visit is immeasurable.

A la Carte Volunteering

Choose "single servings" of volunteer opportunities if that's what best fits your life.

Driver Connection volunteers provide rides to appointments and community events. You'll only be called when we need you, and you only drive when you're available.

OddJobbers: The really easy way to be really helpful! Can you change light bulbs and hang a few pictures? Program a remote control? Reach something high? OddJobbers do these and similar tasks for seniors and people with disabilities. To be an OddJobber, you don't need to be able to do everything; you just have to like being helpful.

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

Learn more at www.jssmadison.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer

Come talk with us about doing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services. There are also opportunities for older youth and youth groups to volunteer and contribute to the community, develop new skills and have fun. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-608-278-1808, ext. 227 for a brochure or to discuss doing a mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services.

Double your Volunteering Mitzvah

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

Deducting Expenses incurrred while Volunteering

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

Jewish Education

Midrasha Incentive Award Recipient Sam Pressman's Experience in Turkey

By Sam Pressman

Below is an article by Sam Pressman, a 2013 Midrasha graduate and recipient of the Lawrence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award. Sam is currently a student at the University of Michigan. The Midrasha Incentive Award is given to graduating seniors who have completed all of the Midrasha requirements. The recipients receive [up to] $2000 to use in furthering their Jewish education.

During Winter break of 2013, I used my Midrasha award to travel to Turkey with a friend of mine and freelance reporter Aaron Magid, where we would try to both explore a little about the Jewish history there and talk to the Israeli ambassador and the Turkish foreign minister about the tense relationship between Israel and Turkey.

Upon my arrival in Istanbul, I sought out a synagogue that I had read about to try and meet some of the people in the local Jewish community. Located near Taksim Square in the Karakoy neighborhood, this synagogue has been the target of multiple attacks since 2000. After searching for over an hour in the neighborhood of the synagogue, I finally found it, clued in by the small Star of David hanging above it. To my dismay, the synagogue was blocked off by two heavy duty security doors, multiple cameras, and security fencing. Without a prior form filled out, I was unable to simply show up and enter the synagogue, understandable, yet disappointing. Due to their history, we found out that Turkish Jews are often secretive and much less welcoming than Jews in other parts of the world, where showing up to a shul or finding a Shabbat dinner to attend is much easier.

Leaving Istanbul, my friend and I headed off to Ankara, the capital of Turkey, where we would meet with the two government officials. To make a very long story short, we came out of the two encounters with similar experiences. Heavy security, vapid answers, and some free food. Both the foreign minister's spokesman and the Israeli ambassador (who was kicked out the year prior) seemed to deflect our questions, and it was obvious that each of them held vastly different views on the other country. When my friend brought up quotes that Erdogan (the prime minister of Turkey) had said about Israel, the Turkish minister often blamed it on "Western media" rather than addressing the quote itself. A deep distrust of the West by the Turkish people was apparent even in their government, one which is struggling with its identity in both the European and Arab worlds.



The synagogue, its heavy security doors on the lower left of the picture.

Our last foray into the world of Turkish-Israeli relations was one which presented much more tension and hostility: a basketball game. On a whim, we saw Maccabi Tel-Aviv play Galatsay, two teams in the premier EuroLeague, of which Maccabi Tel Aviv has won its fair share of championships (when we saw them, they were being coached by the current coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers). Outside of the stadium, riot police in full gear stood guard while pat downs and metal detectors were mandatory for all entering the stadium. Palestinian flags were a common confiscation item, despite many making it in. Maccabi's bench (of which many players are not actually Israeli), was covered by bulletproof glass. Despite my rudimentary Turkish learned from the back of a Lonely Planet type book, I was still able to understand the constant inappropriate language and gestures towards the Maccabi team and Israel. All in all, it was probably the most intense sporting event I have ever been to, and I would not have wanted to wear anything identifying myself as a fan of the Israeli team. While I found many Turkish people to be very welcoming and friendly, their attitudes towards Israel and Jews was often not welcoming and rife with countless conspiracy theories (including the Turkish minister). Based on our experiences, we felt that the tensions between the two countries is unlikely to dissipate anytime soon.

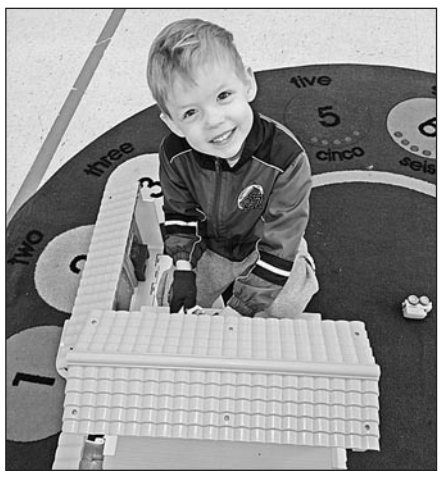
While Turkey was an amazing experience in many ways, it made me realize that being a Jew is not always easy. While I may go to a school where one in every four people are Jewish and it is easy to find a Shabbat dinner to go to, many Jews around the world are not so fortunate. While Beth Israel Center in Madison makes the front page for marching around with the Torah, these shuls in Turkey make it for horrible attacks that are directed at them. Despite all of this, the many Turkish people who I interacted with and felt comfortable enough to bring up Judaism or my family in Israel were often surprised that I was Jewish or had connections to Israel. This just goes to show that many of our fears and the ongoing tension can be confronted with simple day to day interactions, such as sitting down for coffee with someone different than yourself. I would certainly like to thank the Weinstein family for giving me this amazing opportunity to travel and see a part of the world, both Jewish and non-Jewish alike, that I had never seen before. This year, my award will go towards a class I am taking on Anne Frank at the University of Michigan, one which will open up yet another realm of the Jewish world to me, this time in Northern Europe.

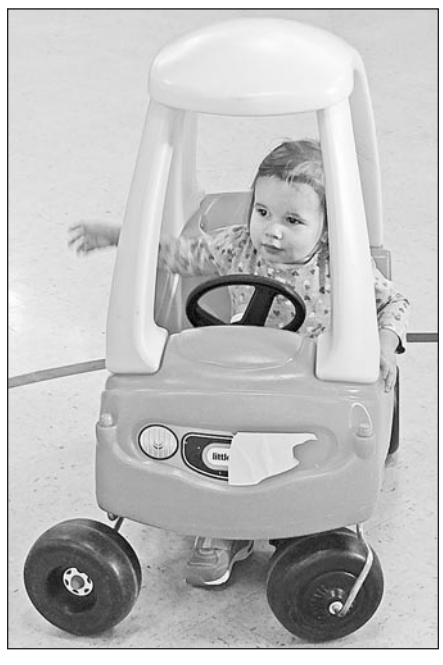


The Maccabi Tel Aviv bench, covered by bulletproof glass.

Parents Connect While Kiddos Play!

Yad B'Yad met in the bitter cold of January. We decided to venture out of a members' home and meet at an indoor play space. While it was a small group, it was fun to get out of the house and have time to talk to another parent in the Jewish community. Sure, Yad B'Yad is for kids ages 0-2 to meet their Jewish peers, but it also the time for parents to connect to other parents. Childrearing questions, funny stories, Jewish geography, networking, and more is discussed during our monthly meetups; please join us if you are available! Also, we have a Facebook page (JFM's Jewish Caregivers) you can join. Please contact Tiz Goff for further questions: 773-620-4404 or outreach@jewishmadison.org.





Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun) Time for Hebrew, Time for FUN!

Kindergarten through 2nd graders are invited to join Racheli Komar-Aziz, our community Shlicha (Israel Program Coordinator), on a fun adventure through the Hebrew language. Racheli will lead the students in 18 exciting sessions of exploring the letters of the Aleph Bet and developing reading and writing skills through structured lessons, arts and crafts, movement and more! No Hebrew language experience is necessary.

Dates: Thursdays, January 8th through May 28th (no class on March 5, April 2, and April 9)

Time: 3:45pm-5:30pm

Price: $270/ student

Registration is available at www.jewishmadison.org. For more information please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.

Look What's Happening at Gan HaYeled Preschool!

Fun during Winter Session!



Jenna climbs through the tunnel.



Solly climbs through the tunnel.



Malia likes playing with the Doll House.

For more information, please contact Rachel Sauer at 608-278-1808 or gan@jewishmadison.org



Sophie shows her clay creation.



Jenna paints a snow flake picture.

Fun in the Gimel Class ...



The Gimel Class participates in KEVA this semester. Ravyn shows her class how to do the balance beam.



Benny and Jacob practice "Hop-Scotch".



Gabe and Sophie enjoy painting pictures of themselves.



Orly and Benny are working on their "Self Portraits".



The Gimel Class is learning about how everyone is the same and how everyone is different.

Winter Maccabiah Camp For Kids A Huge Success!

Thanks to the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovations Panel, Camp Shalom and the Family Education Committee we organized a Winter Maccabiah Camp for kids in 2nd-8th grade. There were 53 campers registered for Winter Maccabiah. Before the program started, all of the families received emails with details about the events. And most exciting of all, the participants learned which team they were on (they were divided into three teams: red, blue and green) so they could come to camp each day full of ruach (spirit)!

The program was led by two Head Coaches (Ari Davidson and Emily Satchell), three Team Captains (Micah Baum, Kailee Winkle and Amy Prine) and 12 coaches (Oliver Kemp, Paul Miner, Emma Ranheim, Jake Prine, Hannah Ehrlich, Emery Rankin-Utevsky, Benji Weissburg, Ben Shovers, Sam Shovers, Jake Stein, Jennifer Wagman and Rachel Klein), all high school and college students who were selected from 30 applicants based on answers to questions and creative programming ideas. This was an outstanding staff that brought so many creative ideas to the table and worked like a team from day one even though they didn't all know each other and hadn't worked together before.

Highlights from the week included:

• Exciting opening ceremonies including a "torch lighting," music, staff performances etc.

• Warm-ups each morning including calisthenics and team challenges.

• A scavenger hunt involving solving Sudoku puzzles, climbing through yarn obstacles, physical challenges and teamwork. Teams collected supplies along the way to be used for building "bobsleds" which the counselors had to race.

• Israel Programming with Racheli and Itamar (the Shinshin from Milwaukee) involving an active and fun lesson on how to play Netball. Racheli was on the Israeli National Team and participated in the Maccabi Games so it was really fun for the kids to learn from a real athlete. She and Itamar made an awesome team and they had everyone moving and working hard.

• During Chofesh (free-choice) the kids had the chance to participate in playing board games, using a life-sized Jenga set, making pita with Itamar and Racheli, playing dreidel, doing arts and crafts and of course Ga-ga.

• Knowing that the weather was not predicting snow we ordered make-your-own-snow kits. Enough to make 20 gallons of "snow" that we colored with the teams colors and left outside so it was frozen. It was too cold to go outside on the last day so we covered the Moadon floor with tarps and set up targets on the floor and the kids tossed snowballs to earn points for their team. It was amazing!

• Classic camp activities like Ga-ga, jewelry making and arts and crafts were incorporated each day.

• "Ugly-sweat suit" decorating contest and fashion show.

• Team talent contests involving song-writing, dancing and banner-decorating.

• Kids received long-sleeved tee shirts, a team photo and a trophy at the end of the program.

• The final day was a half-day that included a pizza lunch, cake, dance party, and videos of highlights from the three days.

At the end of the day, the Blue Team was crowned victorious, however, with this much fun and excitement all of the campers and staff members were winners!

Thank you to the staff and campers who made this event such an awesome success. And thank you to the JFM Innovations Panel for helping to make it possible!



























Sharsheret Dance Camp Registration Coming Soon!

Sharsheret Dance Camp 2015 registration will start later this month. Sharsheret is a full weekend of Israeli dancing for 5th-12th grade girls and boys, Yonim and non-Yonim kids, no dance experience required! This is your chance to learn amazing choreography and perform on stage at the end of the weekend. Sharsheret Dance Camp runs May 1-3, 2015 at OSRUI in Oconomowoc. The Sharsheret Dance Festival will be Sunday, May 3rd in Madison.

Upcoming Performance:

Sunday, March 22 at 2pm in the Oakwood Village Auditorium, 6205 Mineral Point Rd., Madison





K'tantanim Israeli Dance classes for kids ages 3 to 5 years old!

Three more classes will be held this spring: Sundays, February 15, March 8, and April 19, at 3:30-4:00pm at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St.

Final performance will be Sunday, May 3 at the Sharsheret Dance Festival.

All pre-schoolers are welcome!

Please contact Cathy Schrager at yonim@jewishmadison.org with any questions.



Camp Corner

Summer, Friendship, Laughter, Fun…
Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on Monday, March 9th



Camp Shalom

Amira has been a camper at Camp Shalom since she was 5 years old. Below is an article that she wrote last summer all about Camp Shalom.

By Amira Pierotti

Camp Shalom is held on the Goodman Campus each summer. It is a camp that gives kids a fun learning experience. Each day the counselors are there to greet the campers, in a happy and cheerful way, when they get off the bus.

There are three units each made up of campers entering two grade levels. Unit Aleph is grades K-1, Unit Bet is grades 2-3 and Unit Gimel is grades 4-5. There is also a Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (sometimes referred to as NOBO) that is for grades 6-9. The NOBO campers spend some of their days at the Goodman Campus and some of their days on field trips.

Three different specialty programs are offered. Omanut is arts and crafts where campers work on big projects. This summer we made catapults that we used to throw paint balloons onto big wooden boards to create group masterpieces. Other projects this summer included creating wire and plaster sculptures. At Teva (nature) we played games and went on lots of nature walks. During Sport we played Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee and more. Each of these activities are run by specialists with help from many counselors.

Once each day there is a choice time called Chugim. Kids get to choose from many activities that are offered such as friendship bracelets, swimming, fishing, tye dye, scavenger hunts and a bunch more. Campers also have group time where they get to spend time doing an activity in a smaller group of 10-15 kids divided by grade level. There is also a daily unit time where the entire unit comes together for a big, fun activity.

Campers have the chance to swim each day. We have wonderful lifeguards who lead activities and help campers with their swimming skills before they have open swim.

Every Friday is special at Camp Shalom because everyone comes together for a peaceful song session and to say some blessings over challah, grape juice and candles and to listen to a special story. Afterwards each group finds a quiet spot to eat their challah and reflect on the fun times they had during the week.

The entire camp comes together at least twice a day for "rally" which is a time for singing, learning Hebrew words and information about the day. During the afternoon rally at the end of the day, several awards are distributed. The "Golden Broom" is given to the group that did the best job with their end-of-the-day Nikayon (clean-up) job. This is a great way to keep the campers motivated to help keep our campus clean!

The other award is called the "Mitzvah Medal". A mitzvah is a good deed and this award is given to a camper who has gone above and beyond by helping a friend, picking up garbage, listening or doing something else out of the ordinary.

A big highlight for all of the campers is on the last Wednesday of each session when we have a late night program. The campers stay late at camp, have another rally, a chance to do Chugim again, and a chance to practice skits or dances they will perform later that evening. It is a great chance for the campers to bond with each other and with the counselors. Everyone typically ends up playing a few rounds of Comedy Sports which is always a favorite. Comedy Sports are games led by the counselors that involve creative thinking and camper participation.

Around dinnertime the families start to arrive bringing a picnic dinner to share with their camper. Everyone sits in the big field together around the makeshift stage, created by lining up orange cones. Camp shirts, CDs, water bottles and sometimes raffle tickets are available for purchase to help raise money for Camp Scholarships.

After dinner the counselors and campers come to the stage to perform songs together as a camp. Then, each unit has an opportunity to perform a special song or dance. Unit Aleph typically does a cute dance to a popular kids' song and units Bet and Gimel perform a song about Camp to the tune of a popular song. A group of kids also participates in Dance Chug and they practice a routine every day that they perform during the late night program. They always have cool outfits and awesome dances!

Finally, at the end of the late night we do a Friendship Circle, similar to the one that the campers do at the end of each day. Everyone crosses arms and holds hands with the person next to them while singing a song about friendship and the end of the day. And then, the Aleph and Bet campers leave and the lucky Gimel campers are invited to sleepover at camp. This year we had night swim, made s'mores and listened to campfire stories!

After hearing about all of this fun don't you want to try it? You should come to Camp Shalom some day and meet all of the friendly faces!



Camp Shalom is Hiring!

Rewarding and fun…come work at Camp Shalom or Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim! Applications for summer 2015 will be available online on January 15th.

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

Positions available include:

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

Junior Counselors – under 18 years old

Senior Counselors – over 18 years old

Senior Counselors with lifeguarding certification

Specialists – flexible hours or full-time positions available for those with experience facilitating sessions in yoga, pottery, fine arts, performance arts, dance, graphic design, personal training, improv and comedy, martial arts and more.

For more information about any of the positions above or to apply please visit our website, www.JewishMadison.org/campshalom.

Harry J. and Belle Goodman, parents of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman

Lechayim Lights

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February Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, direct 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org by noon on the preceding business day, usually a Friday. The kosher-style meals are catered by Blue Plate Catering and a **vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation**. If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what you can afford. The cost of the meal is $7.50 for those under age 60.

Monday, February 2
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 African Sweet Potato Spinach Stew, Rice with Lentils, Honeydew Melon Wedge, Golden White Cake
1:00-2:00 Marsha Cohen, *"Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro"*

Monday, February 9
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Broccoli Cheese Casserole, Garden Salad with French Dressing, Fruit Salad, Rainbow Sherbet
1:00-2:00 Bill & Bobbie Malone sing *"Love Songs for Valentine's Day"*

Monday, February 16
11:00-12:00 *Operation Self-Care* (medication labels) with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Crispy Cod Fillet with Tartar Sauce, Dilled Baby Carrots, Creamy Coleslaw, Chocolate Chip Cookies
1:00-2:00 Linda Hancock, *"Calligraphy in the Modern Age"*

Monday, February 23
11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Minestrone Soup, Rotini Pasta with Marinara, Green Beans Almondine, Turtle Brownies
1:00-2:00 Kris Rasmussen & Janice Beers, *"Immigration: An Inside View of Family Detention"*

Next month's dates
March 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 Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 608-278-1808, прямой 608-442-4083 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 14:00 часов пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовит *Blue Plate Catering*. Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу. Стоимость обеда - $7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00

Понедельник, 2 февраля
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1:00 Рагу из сладкого картофеля со шпинатом по-африкански, рис с чечевицей, Ломтики дыни, Бело-золотой торт.
1: 00-2: 00 Марша Коэн, "Восхождение на гору Килиманджаро"

Понедельник, 9 февраля
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Сырная запеканка с брокколи, овощной салат с соусом по-французски, Фруктовый салат, радужный шербет.
1:00-2:00 "Песни о любви" в предверии Дня Святого Валентина, в исполнении Билла и Бобби Мэлоун.

Понедельник, 16 февраля
11:00-12:00 Общество студентов-фармацевтов штата Висконсин: Операция "Забота о самом себе (лекарственные этикетки)"
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Хрустящее филе трески с соусом тар-тар, маринованная морковь, салат из свежей капусты, моркови и лука с маслянной заправкой, шоколадные пирожные.
1: 00-2: 00 Линда Хэнкок, "Каллиграфия в современную эпоху"

Понедельник, 23 февраля
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Суп Минестроне, макароны с томатным соусом, зеленая стручковая фасоль с миндалем, шоколадные пирожные с орехами.
1: 00-2: 00 Крис Расмуссен & Дженис Вирс, "Иммиграция: взгляд изнутри"

Даты Марта 2, 9, 16 и 23

Two Ways to Make Your Lechayim Reservation:

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

Transportation to Lechayim

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

Lechayim Snow Day Policy

Lechayim is cancelled when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes schools due to inclement weather. Listen to WIBA, WTSO, WZEE, WMLI, WMAD, WOLX, WMMM or Charlie FM or watch a local channel on TV or the Internet (WKOW, WMTV, WISC or Fox 47) to learn if Madison schools are closed. If Madison schools are open but we think conditions warrant it, we will decide whether to cancel Lechayim. In that case, the decision will be made by 8:00 a.m., we will send an email or someone will call you and we will post the cancellation on our website.

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

Lechayim Lights

About our Programs



Marsha Cohen

In recent years we've become familiar with the concept of a "bucket list," essentially a wish list of experiences people would like to have in their lives. Last year Marsha Cohen accomplished a major item on her list when she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. As she said to her children, "I hope you realize that when you are middle age, happily married, you can still pursue something that is scary, new & difficult. That you can shake up your world by challenging yourself to do something you always wanted to do and that you will be cheered on by those who love you." On **Monday, February 2**, Marsha will share what it was like to prepare for and accomplish this feat when she discusses, "Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro."

Our friends Bill and Bobbie Malone return on **Monday, February 9** to serenade us with "Love Songs for Valentine's Day." 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*, *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*.



Bill and Bobbie Malone

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."

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

The ancient art of hand lettering has been brought back to life in the modern era, a stunning example of which can be seen in the Saint John's Bible currently on display at the Chazen Museum of Art in Madison. On **Monday, February 16**, local artist Linda P. Hancock will present images from this artwork, and will expand her discussion with examples of the creations of modern calligraphic artists including herself, who are exploring new and exciting paths for presenting the written word.



Linda Hancock

Linda P. Hancock has been a working artist for over 30 years, with an emphasis in watercolor painting and drawing. She maintains a fulltime commercial lettering & calligraphy studio in Madison, Wisconsin. Linda has studied painting and drawing with instructors both at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and at Edgewood College. Her emphasis is on still life, with a continuing desire to explore light and shadow, and negative and positive space. Her artwork has been selected for exhibition and awards in many juried exhibitions. She has studied with such noted artists as Thomas Ingmire, Brody Neuenschwander, Georgia Deaver and Denis Brown among others and has exhibited in Madison, Minneapolis, Chicago, New York and London. Her calligraphic art has been selected for the permanent collection of the Chazen Museum of Art in Madison and the Newberry Library in Chicago and has been showcased in many of the juried annual exhibitions in the international publication Letter Arts Review. Examples of Linda's art may be viewed at her website: www.lindaphancock.com.

Jewish Social Services has a vibrant and well-respected immigration program, headed by Janice Beers, Director of Immigrant and Refugee Services. As a volunteer representative of JSS, Kris Rasmussen spent a month working with a pro bono project that provides legal services to women and children who, after fleeing violence in Central America, are being detained while their asylum cases are pending. On **Monday, February 23**, Kris will talk about her experiences working with those families in her presentation, *"Immigration: An Inside View of Family Detention."* Janice Beers will also provide an update on JSS' immigration program, which received a $25,000 grant from the 2015 Dane County budget.

Kris Rasmussen is an attorney currently providing pro bono services to JSS's Immigration Program. Formerly in-house legal counsel for UW-Madison, Kris has volunteered for many nonprofits in the Madison area and served for several years on JSS's Board of Directors, including as President of the Board. Janice Beers started working at JSS in 1990 and led JSS' resettlement effort of refugees from the Former Soviet Union. She is fluent in Russian and continues to provide casework, case management and interpreting services to the Russian-speaking community. In 2005 Janice became Dane County's first Accredited Representative with the Board of Immigration Appeals. This accreditation allows Janice to represent immigrants in a variety matters at the Milwaukee United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).



Kris Rasmussen

Janice has a BA in Slavic Languages and Literature from Northwestern University and an MA in Linguistics from the UW-Madison.



Janice Beers

Scenes from Lechayim



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Racheli Komar-Aziz, Jeremy Maissel, Louise Goldstein, and Joanna Burke

Spotlight: Sandra Golden

By Pamela Phillips Olson

When the Israeli soldier spied Sandy tromping through the desert in 1955, he became irate! He made her get into the jeep and transported her to safety, scolding her all the while. "I was just thinking how cute he was!"

Sandy was used to taking risks. Growing up, she lived in farm country in Pennsylvania. "I was tormented by anti-Semitic peers. One day I got so fed up I punched a girl and they finally quit."



Sandra Golden

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

Her mother, the daughter of an Orthodox Cantor, spoke Yiddish to Sandy until she started school. Her father, born in Ukraine, moved to London and finally to America where her parents met. Sandy attended a distant Orthodox shul to learn Hebrew. The trip entailed complex maneuvers for a little girl. "I had to jump up to reach the lever to stop the train and open the doors to let me out. It was nerve-wracking." Sandy, always a good student, attended Temple University.

When she married she moved to Madison. Her husband set up a branch of the animal feed business his father owned. Sandy attended University of Wisconsin earning a master's degree in Rehabilitation Psychology. She and her husband visited Cuba right before the revolution to visit his college roommate. "Chico's family was working for Castro, although Batista was in power. I was sure we were in danger."

Sandy secured a job at Mendota Mental Health Institute, working in a maximum-security unit with the "criminally insane" while working on her doctorate.

"Once an inmate was lying on the floor crying. I got down and comforted him. After that, all the others looked out for me. They'd get between me and anyone who was trying to give me trouble."

Sandy is proud of her children. Her daughter works with aggressive kids in Chicago. She has a deep well of compassion and follows in her mother's footsteps. Her three sons live in Madison. One is a doctor who has adopted two Chinese girls, and one is a lawyer. Her youngest son is a drummer. "He's also a gourmet cook. I have no idea how he learned."

Although she says she is not a great cook, Sandy possesses an avid hunger for learning. She is a lifelong learner who appreciates and takes advantage of the many courses, films and lectures offered by the UW-Madison and community organizations.

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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

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

March 6, May 1

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

February 13, March 13

Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room
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A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Lauren Mazur.

February 6, March 20

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

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment will be a Med-Drop at Lechayim on March 16 from 11:00-12:00. You may bring prescription and over-the-counter medicine (pills, liquids, creams, powders & patches), medications for pets, vitamins, medication samples, nebulizer solution and inhalers. They will not collect IV bags, oxygen tanks, nebulizer machines, thermometers, sharps, Epi-pens or anything with a needle or lancet.

Transitions

Happy February Birthday

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Tom Becker

Best Wishes for your Wellness

Sally Jamison
Lillian Deutsch

Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Fay Nager, Miami
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Hilary Blue
Harsha Keister, India
Karen Shevet Dinah, Guatemala

Welcome to your New Home

Lillian Deutsch

The Older and Wiser Driver

Part 1; Excerpted from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Cognition

Older minds are as sharp as younger ones, and keener in some ways, but react more slowly. Age lengthens the time it takes the brain to process information and makes it harder to ignore distractions. Reacting to a situation while driving involves sensing, deciding and acting. For an older driver each step takes longer. To overcome the natural tendency to need more time to act:

• Allow a greater distance between you and the vehicle ahead, so you can stop in time;

• Avoid left turns if you're uncomfortable making them. If you must turn left, pay extra attention to the speed of the oncoming cars. Make sure you have enough time and space to safely cross oncoming traffic before turning and watch for pedestrians.

• Eliminate distractions such as the radio or cell phone.

• Plan and go over your route so you won't have to make last-minute decisions about which way to turn.

• If freeways are confusing or too fast moving, use side roads. Avoid rush hour and driver during slower times of day.

Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org. If it's something we can help you with, we'll have a volunteer OddJobber contact you.

Shalom from Jewish Social Services!

Do you know a senior who is new to Madison, or are you yourself a newcomer? JSS volunteers will visit and bring you a gift bag with information about programs for seniors and JSS' services, treats and a few surprises. Just contact us at 608-278-1808, ext. 227.

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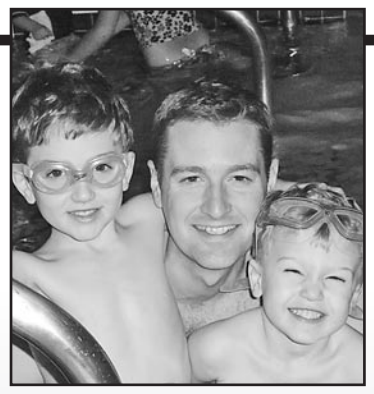

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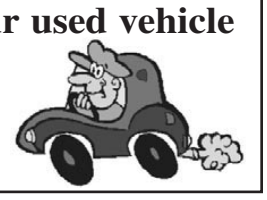

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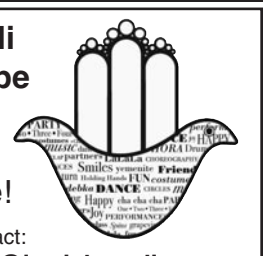

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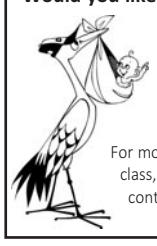

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This article is about the influence of the Jewish emigrants on the culture of the USA (part 1).

Генрих Бабич

О вкладе евреев-эмигрантов в социальную жизнь и культуру США

Известно, что Соединенные Штаты Америки – страна эмигрантов. Влияние на ее развитие приезжавших сюда евреев следует рассматривать под углом зрения двух факторов – **демографического и культурного**.

История иммиграции евреев в Новый Свет начинается с 1654 года, когда первая еврейская семья ступила на американскую землю в районе Нью Йорка. Тогда на этом месте было поселение Нью Амстердам и евреи высадились, спасаясь от религиозных преследований в Бразилии, где они до этого жили. Трехсотлетие этого события широко отмечалось в 1954 году и, в частности, создание Департамента Еврейской Истории в нашем университете объязано именно этому юбилею.

Перемещение большого числа людей подчиняется сложным законам социального и политического развития. Эти законы отражают, во-первых, условия жизни людей в районах **откуда** они эмигрируют и, во-вторых, определяют ситуации в местах **куда** они иммигрируют. В течение двух столетий после 1654 года иммиграция евреев в США не была массовой. Демографические изменения в этой стране в течение почти всего XIX века определялись, главным образом, иммиграцией ирландцев и немцев.

Положение существенно изменилось в последние два десятилетия XIX века и в начале XX века. В Америку хлынули массы евреев из Восточной Европы. Анализируя вопрос "**откуда**", следует сказать, что главной причиной эмиграции были преследования евреев в Европе. Вспомним при этом, что в 1648-49 годах в Восточной Европе банды Богдана Хмельницкого уничтожили 150 тыс. евреев, но массовой эмиграции в те времена не было. Затем, при Екатерине II в 1791 году была создана Черта Оседлости, существовавшая вплоть до Февральской Революции 1917 года. Тем не менее вопрос "**откуда**" ждал своего часа. Первый погром евреев в Российской империи произошел в 1821 году. Затем на фоне нестабильной политической ситуации, сложившейся после убийства Александра II, последовали масштабные погромы 1881-82 годов. Свою устрашающую лепту внес Кишиневский погром 1903 года, когда было убито около 50 человек, искалечено 600 и повреждена треть домов города. Царский манифест 1905 года привел к антиправительственным и антимонархическим выступлениям, в которых евреи приняли большое участие. Реакцией были массовые еврейские погромы – 690 погромов в 660 населенных пунктах. В период с 18 по 29 октября 1905 года было убито четыре тысячи человек и ранено около 10 тысяч. Тяжелые погромы произошли в Ростове на Дону (150 убитых), а также в Одессе, где было убито от 300 до 800 человек и несколько тысяч ранено, разгромлено около 1600 домов. Затем еврейские общины серьезно пострадали в период Гражданской войны, когда в 1918-20 годах было убито по разным данным от 100 до 200 тыс. человек. Кстати, кроме белых, в этом отличились и буденновцы Первой конной армии.

Что касается вопроса "**куда**", то главным фактором стал, как теперь говорят, исторический "драйв" – Даешь Америку, Золотую Страну!, где религия отделена от государства и большое значение имеет человек как личность.

Массовость иммиграции евреев проиллюстрирую несколькими цифрами. В 1870-х годах из России в США бежали около 30 тыс. евреев, с 1881 по 1900 год в эту страну прибыли 600 тыс. евреев, а к 1914 году к ним присоединились еще 1,4 миллиона. Большинство еврейских иммигрантов, пройдя через контрольный пункт на острове Элис Айленд, оседали поблизости в районе Большого Нью Йорка. К 1950-му году их было здесь до 25%, в то время как в стране евреи составляли только 2% населения.

Эмигрировав в США, евреи сразу столкнулись с языковой проблемой. Из Восточной Европы и России они приехали с языком идиш, который, хотя и на 70% состоял из немецких слов, имел свой алфавит и другие признаки самостоятельного языка. В течение сотен лет еврейские дети учились в хедере (традиционной национальной школе). С 4-5 летнего возраста, мальчики (редко девочки) проводили здесь 10-12 часов ежедневно, изучая сначала алфавит, затем молитвы, Библию и, наконец, Талмуд. Все преподавание происходило на идиш. В Америке, начиная с 1910 года, подавляющее большинство еврейских детей посещали общеобразовательные школы, а занятия на идиш перешли на послеобеденное время. Летом вокруг больших городов была организована широкая сеть еврейских детских лагерей, где общение происходило на идиш.

С 1880 по 1920 годы в своем Новом Доме евреи создали богатую культурную жизнь на идиш. БОльшая часть этой культуры была в своей основе светской, так как религиозный компонент еврейской жизни ослаблялся с течением времени.

В то же время отметим, что хотя Тора написана на иврите, а Талмуд – на иврите и на арамейском, потребность в изучении этих языков уменьшилась, хотя иудаизм требовал от верующего еврея знания этих древних языков. Для общения с Богом еврей мог ограничиться молитвами, которые запоминал каждый еврейский мальчик, учась в хедере, а также пользоваться переводом Торы на идиш. Для познания философских законов иудаизма евреи получали образование в высшей школе (иешиве).

Несмотря на большие языковые сложности, евреи-иммигранты внесли существенный вклад в американскую культуру масс, в которой выделим пять направлений:

- печать,
- художественная литература,
- театр,
- кинематограф,
- музыка.

Значение **печати** в американской жизни проявлялось еще с фронтьерских времен. Выработалось понимание того, что создание каждого поселения на западе требовало строительства гостиницы и выпуска местной газеты. Гостиница предназначалась для человека, приехавшего по бизнесу, а газета нужна была ему для получения местной информации.

Первая газета на идиш начала издаваться в США уже в 1870 году. Она помогала прибывающим ориентироваться в повседневной жизни, главным образом, бытовой. Затем, для предоставления новым эмигрантам информации в широком диапазоне политических проблем и идеологий – от анархистских до коммунистических – на идиш стали выходить другие газеты. Открылись газеты для женщин, о театре и даже для вегетарианцев.

22 апреля 1897 года в Нью Йорке вышел первый номер Forward – ежедневной газеты на идиш, ставшей на многие десятилетия центром периодической информации на этом языке. Газету создала группа из 50 журналистов, которые заимствовали название и политическую ориентацию газеты у немецкой социал-демократической партии и установили связи с Социалистической Рабочей Партией Америки.

Огромный вклад в успех газеты Forward внес Абрахам Каган. Он родился в 1860 году в Литве (тогда это была Россия) в ортодоксальной еврейской семье и получил подготовительное образование, чтобы стать раввином. Его, однако, привлекала светская деятельность и поэтому он изучил русский язык. Окончив учительский институт в 1881 году, Каган преподавал в общеобразовательной русской школе. В 1879 году он присоединился к радикальному революционному движению. В 1882 году в его квартире был произведен обыск в подозрении о хранении запрещенной социалистической литературы. Это стимулировало Кагана присоединиться к мощному потоку еврейской эмиграции и в том же году он прибыл в Нью Йорк, где и прожил всю оставшуюся жизнь.

Каган стал известен как активный политический деятель. Буквально через месяц по прибытии в США он выступил на социалистическом митинге с речью на идиш. В 1887 году он вступил в Социалистическую Рабочую Партию, которая в те времена пользовалась поддержкой лишь небольшого числа интеллектуалов. Знание русского и английского (который он изучил довольно быстро), а также способность к литературе и журналистике помогли Кагану занять ведущее место в еврейской политической среде и до конца своей карьеры он был значимой фигурой в еврейском левом движении.

На работу в газете Forward Кагана привела драма Кишиневского погрома, которую газета широко освещала. Начиная с 1903 года он полностью возглавил выпуск газеты и руководил ею до 1946 года. За эти годы Каган преобразовал газету от малозначащего издания, которое имело только шесть тысяч читателей, в ведущую трибуну журнализма на идиш. Газета стала символом американского социализма и еврейской иммиграции. Она знакомила читателей с социальными, экономическими, политическими и культурными сторонами жизни в Америке. Существенным фактором, определявшим тираж газеты, стало то, что она печатала бытовые заметки, в которых особенно нуждались вновь прибывающие эмигранты. В этих заметках они находили информацию, которая помогала в адаптации к новой для них социальной среде.

К 1912 году тираж газеты достиг 120.000, а к началу 1930-х годов он составлял 275.000 экземпляров. Затем, в 1939 году, в результате ограничений на иммиграцию и соответствующего уменьшения числа читателей, тираж несколько упал. В течение трех десятков лет газета приобрела огромное политическое влияние. Один из ее ведущих авторов Исаак Зингер был удостоен Нобелевской премии в области литературы. Здесь печа-тался также Л. Троцкий. Сегодня Forward издается в виде двух газет – еженедельной на английском и двухнедельной на идиш.

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Israel and the World

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

The Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Jewish Social Services joined together to present The Israel Seminars from January 10 – 12th.

Jeremy Maissel who lives on Kibbutz Alumim, on the border of Gaza, gave three talks during his short stay in Madison.

First, he spoke at Beth Israel Center tracing Israeli history through music. Participants came expecting to sing Israeli songs but were pleasantly surprised to be taken on an emotional ride through music that told stories of fear, wars, promises and hope! We learned how much history influences Israeli music, and how music influences the people of Israel.

On Sunday, January 11th, Jeremy spoke about his and his neighbors' experiences and personal conflicts during "Operation Protective Edge." What would you do if the siren sounded and you had just 15 seconds to get to the safe room? He told of how the people on the kibbutzim deal with children, elderly or people with special needs during these scary times? Do you leave town and leave your home and community behind? Do you send your wife and kids out of town, while you stay to protect the land and maintain what has to be in your Kibbutz or town?

Those were Jeremy's dilemmas and the dilemmas of his friends and neighbors, and all of our friends and family living in Israel.

On Monday he spoke at Lechayim, giving a firsthand account of the pleasures and difficulties of kibbutz life. What does it mean to share your belongings and responsibilities with everyone else on the Kibbbutz? How do you split the duties of the people on the Kibbutz and what it means to truly live communally.

Jeremy's visited resonated differently with everyone who attended his workshops and we hope it helped the Madison community to have a deeper understanding for Israel and the Israeli people. Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make this program a success, including Joanna Berke and the Kesher Committee for working on the details, the Ben Gideon family for hosting Jeremy Maissel on Shabbat, and Laura and Ken Felz for their hospitality hosting him during the remainder of his stay.

Spotlight from this month:

Gan HaYeled:

We continued learning the Alpha Bait. We did Zebra for the letter Zaiyn. Animals (chayut) for the letter Chet.

Ivrit Bekeef (fun Hebrew):

We had a great start with learning the Aleph Bait, recognizing letters, playing Hebrew Twister! Discussed the day, the weather, the month, described in Hebrew things we like the most and many more! There is still space in this program for kids in K-2. Registration is available online at www.jewishmadison.org

Jewish Day School:

We learned about the Kibbutzim in Israel. In groups we established our new kibbutzim and played as if we are Kibbutznikim (term for people who live on the Kibbutz.)









In Mumbai, Investing in Young Leaders

India's 5,000-member Jewish community may be small—a mere 0.0004 percent of the country's 1.2 billion+ population—but it's robust and vibrant, as an intrepid group of Australian Jewish philanthropists learned on a recent visit to the country.

Traveling to Mumbai from Sydney and Melbourne, the group, spent time with the elderly residents of the Bayiti old age home; dined with young community activists; visited welfare clients in their homes; and even learned how to dance Bollywood-style with Jewish youth and children from the city's slums at the JDC-supported Evelyn Peters JCC.

A major highlight of the trip came when the group received the chance to attend an Indian Jewish wedding. To the delegation's delight and surprise, the bride and groom were very happy to invite them to share in their festivities.

As a wedding gift, the Australians donated funds to JDC's Jewish Youth Pioneers program, a multi-faceted initiative for young Indian Jews. The contribution made it possible for five young leaders, ranging in age from 18 to 22, to take part in the JYP winter camp, held in late December.

In total, 33 college-age students participated in the 2014 camp, engaging in activities like text study, leadership development, river rafting, and more.

The winter camp is just one of JYP's offerings, all of which are designed to engage Jews of all ages in enjoyable, educational, and innovative community activities.

Nikita, a camp participant, spoke with enthusiasm as she described the success of the recent Khai Fest, an event JYP organizes each year for Chanukah.

"My involvement in JYP provides me with a sense of belonging," she said, "and an unparalleled opportunity to use my creative talents for the benefit of the larger Jewish community."

But the winter camp is an especially meaningful and important experience for the college students who participate, explained Salome Abraham, JDC's program manager in India.

Even though India is largely free of anti-Semitism and fiercely proud of its multiethnic heritage, the camp represented the first time many of the participants were able to spend a weekend outside the city bonding with Jews their own age.

"It provides a space for them to relax and have fun with their Jewish peers, form personal connections, and make new friends. It gives them a chance to nurture and develop their Jewish identities," Abraham said. "And most importantly, they gain confidence in their leadership skills, which benefits the entire Jewish community."

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Connecting with Israel

For Youngest Israelis, Healing Post-War Trauma

Five-year-old Guy knows all too well the difficulties associated with living in the south of Israel.

Guy, who lives in Ashkelon with his mother and younger brother, experiences the realities of conflict every day. During the first week of Operation Protective Edge, Guy was in his front yard with his mother when a siren sounded. They lay down and covered themselves, but a number of fragments hit the house next door, just a few feet away from where they'd taken shelter.

"The noise of the explosion was terrifying," said Guy's mother, who was treated for shock after the event.

Following the incident, the only thing that brought Guy any comfort was a piece of shrapnel from the Iron Dome defense system that had fallen near him during the siren. He carried the shrapnel fragment with him and would not give it up.

Guy's behavior changed after that day. He began to cry every time he was frustrated and would burst into tears at the sound of each siren. Between alarms, he refused to leave the house out of fear and grew too scared to continue sleeping in his own bed.

But most troubling was the violent behavior he started exhibiting. Guy began throwing objects and even biting people.

Around ten days after the close call with the rocket, Guy and his mother were given the opportunity for a respite trip and were invited to recover for a few days in an emergency center away from the constant rocket fire. In the beginning, it was very hard for Guy at the center; he would not participate in activities, and often cried and clung to his mother.

Guy's situation began to change when he was introduced to his very own JDC-issued Hibuki huggable doll.

JDC's Hibuki doll program, which has been used in emergency situations since the Second Lebanon War, makes children the caretakers of a plush, sad-faced Hibuki puppy doll whose long arms can be fastened around a child, embracing them in a comforting hug. Hibuki was initiated by JDC in conjunction with psychologists from the Ministry of Education and Tel Aviv University.

The Hibuki program is based on the principle that children who actively face their stress can alleviate fears and better adapt to life after a trauma. The child is told that his/her Hibuki is scared and suffering. By working with the stuffed animal, the child transfers his/her own fears onto the doll and in fact, through the doll, helps "treat" him/herself.

For Guy, it was love at first sight; he wrapped the Hibuki doll around him and squeezed his new friend. Though he still clung to his mother and cried, the therapists were able to work with him and counsel him, using the doll as a tool.



When the program therapists asked Guy why his Hibuki doll was sad, he reported that it was scared of the loud "booms," adding that the dog missed his father (Guy's parents are divorced and he resides with his mother). They were able to gain insight into Guy's feelings and after a few days of working as the dog's caregiver, Guy began to improve.

The little boy was significantly more relaxed as a direct result of his Hibuki doll, and his violent behavior decreased. He gave up his piece of shrapnel, began participating in activities, and no longer clung to his mother.

"I am repeatedly amazed to see the change that begins to take place once a child 'adopts' a Hibuki doll," said JDC's Dr. Flora Mor. "Ordinarily we don't have a way to know why a small child is responding to the trauma they have experienced in a certain way. The doll has proven to be a critical and powerful tool in the therapeutic process, since children explain clearly what Hibuki is upset about, expressing their inner worries and fears through the doll. Then our therapists can treat the child and guide parents and teachers."

JDC's Hibuki doll program has been very successful in previous conflicts, and continues to comfort children like Guy during these difficult times.

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Nous Sommes Juifs (We Are Jews)

JDC stands together with the hundreds of thousands of people, including world leaders, who gathered in Paris to stand up to terror and demonstrate their solidarity with the French people — and mourns the loss of all those who were murdered in cold blood by the terrorists.

Our thoughts and prayers especially go out to the families of Yoav Hattab, Yohan Cohen, Philippe Braham, and Francois-Michel Saada, viciously killed in the Hyper Cacher supermarket in an act of anti-Semitic violence. May their memories be a blessing.

Today — as a Jewish organization with a proud century of history assisting, empowering and where necessary rescuing our fellow Jews in need and danger wherever in the world they might be — we proudly stand with the Jewish community of France and the French people — in an expression of kol yisrael arevim zeh la'zeh.

Nous Sommes Juifs.

We're also taking concrete measures at a time of even more heightened concern for the global Jewish community:



• We have dispatched senior JDC professionals to consult with the French Jewish community on needs in the aftermath of this tragedy and to ensure resilience measures are being executed and expanded as the circumstance dictates. This is in addition to our round the clock contact and cooperation with French Jewish leaders since the events unfolded after the Charlie Hebdo massacre.

• Addressing challenges and threats to Jewish safety and security are nothing new to JDC and our staff, and we do so continuously. We are now carefully reviewing key needs in the hundreds of communities where we work, consulting with local leaders and our global security and program teams.

• We also take to heart the incredible outpouring of support — from world leaders as well as millions of ordinary Parisians — who are determined to fight for a robust, tolerant, multi-ethnic, democratic, and free Europe.

The reality is that today's Europe is home to hundreds of thousands of Jews and our role remains using all our skills and expertise to enable them to build strong, robust, self sustaining communities where they and their families can lead full Jewish lives in freedom and security in whatever way they choose.

We pray for better times ahead.

Breaking Down Barriers for Israelis with Disabilities

When it came to his job search, Chai Bardogo was hitting a brick wall.

Though he had graduated with a degree in economics and business administration and was a veteran of the Israel Defense Forces, all of the 32-year-old's job interviews were unsuccessful.

For Chai, who has had cerebral palsy since birth, everything changed when he joined JDC's RampUp program in Migdal HaEmek, a small city in northern Israel, about a half-hour southeast of Haifa.

Established in 2013, RampUp works to promote and advance the integration of people with disabilities into the work force. Currently, some 110,000 young Israelis with disabilities do not work, and 60 percent of those who do wish to enter the workforce fail to find a job.

At employment centers across Israel, RampUp staff are trained to provide assistance to clients with disabilities and to liaise with employers to help create positive working environments for job seekers with special needs

RampUp staff helped Chai improve his interview skills, and when a teller position opened at a local branch, they worked with the bank's human resources staff to make the interview process more accessible to Chai.

That meant making the interview one-on-one, instead of in a group, and giving Chai extended time to answer a pre-employment questionnaire.

Now working at that bank as a teller, Chai said he's incredibly grateful for the boost RampUp gave him.

"I know I work slower than my colleagues, but I'm determined to sharpen my skills and improve my performance," he said. "And just last week, I was offered a permanent position at my bank."

RampUp is one of many critical interventions developed by JDC's TEVET employment partnership with the Government of Israel to integrate 700,000 chronically jobless Israelis into the workforce, and its Israel Unlimited partnership with the Israeli government and the Ruderman Family Foundation to promote the inclusion of the country's one million adults with disabilities in all aspects of Israeli society.

RampUp currently works in the northern Israeli cities of Karmiel, Acre, Migdal HaEmek, Tiberias, and Yokneam.

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