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Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund Needs Your Help



We are writing this article with a bit of urgency concerning Camp Shalom scholarships for this summer. We have 180 campers who have requested partial or full scholarships who will not be able to attend camp unless they receive financial assistance. The total amount of funds needed to assist these campers is $106,000. Camp has already started and we still need to raise **$12,000** in order to grant the scholarship requests that have been received. At this time and despite our best efforts we have not raised the necessary funds to help these children. We need your help.

It is not too late to help support the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

This summer marks the 61st summer of Camp Shalom. Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. Throughout the history of this program we have never had to deny a child a summer camp experience because of financial need and we hope we never do. Please help us to continue this tradition.

Without exception, families tell us how grateful they are and how much their children love Camp Shalom, an experience the children would not have without scholarship support. The different reasons for scholarship requests from families are often heartbreaking. We hear from parents who have lost their jobs, parents who have had medical emergencies who cannot afford to pay for summer camp with their little to no income, grandparents who are the primary caregivers for their grandchildren because the parents have health issues or for different reasons cannot be involved in their children's lives. Camp Shalom is a wonderful place for these children to spend their summer. They will be nurtured, cared for, and exposed to many stimulating and fun experiences which can help them take their mind off any stress that presents itself outside of camp.

Please help us send these children to Camp Shalom.

We extend a huge heartfelt thank you to the businesses and individual donors who have already contributed to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

If you attended Camp Shalom or your children or grandchildren did or know someone who did, please make a contribution to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

If you are a part of a business or a Foundation, we urgently ask you to make a scholarship donation and to become a Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsor.

If you care about kids please contribute to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

Mostly, we ask everyone who is reading this to help us make sure that no child misses out on a Camp Shalom experience this summer because of family finances.

Please help us send these children to Camp Shalom.

Thank you!



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Help us to honor the past 75 years of Jewish community in Madison by laying the groundwork for our future. Creating a Jewish Legacy empowers you to support the Jewish causes you care about. Because all of us, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation, have the ability to secure our people's traditions, promote Jewish values and create a strong future for generations to come.

The Jewish Federation of Madison is asking for 75 people to sign the Declaration of Intent on the back page to create a Jewish Legacy. Please read it and consider signing and returning it to the Federation.

Help us to reach our goal by being one of the 75! Thank you!

Be one of the 75! Please see the back page for your Declaration of Intent form.

Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable

Lunch Meeting: Tuesday, August 11 • Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Nakoma Golf Club, 4145 Country Club Road

Join us for lunch with our guest speaker, Jay Loewi.

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Oodles of Noodles Pool Party 2015

Monday, July 13th, 4:00 p.m.

- Enjoy a Noodles & Company dinner (order in advance using the form at: www.JewishMadison.org)
- Play with pool noodles
- Meet new people
- Have oodles of fun
- Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

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*Noodles will only be ordered for those whose orders and payments have been received by Friday, July 10th!

***Please note that all pool parties are weather dependent. If the weather is bad and the pool is closed, the event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and we will eat dinner in the Minkoff Center and watch a kid-friendly movie.*







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Wisconsin Jewish Conference: Legislative Updates

By Michael Blumenfeld

Wisconsin Jewish Conference

The state legislature's Joint Finance Committee was still debating the 2015-17 budget bill, which determines state funding levels for many programs that impact the Jewish community and provider agencies such as Jewish Social Services and Jewish Family Services, at this article's publication deadline.

Once the budget is passed by Joint Finance, it goes to the Senate and Assembly for approval.

Budget Initiatives Passed By Joint Finance:

Family Care Expansion and Reform

The budget expands the Family Care program, which provides long-term care services to the elderly and adults with disabilities, statewide. It also includes major reforms to the way the program currently operates and adds acute and primary care to the benefit package. The Joint Finance Committee voted to require the Department of Health Services to seek stakeholder input as they work to develop the new Family Care model and benefit package.

BadgerCare Childless Adult Reforms

The Joint Finance Committee voted to give the Department of Health Services permission to ask the federal government to require monthly premiums for all childless adults on BadgerCare and higher premiums for childless adults who engage in high-risk health behaviors. Additionally, the proposed budget would require health risk assessments and screening for drug use to receive benefits. BadgerCare enrollment for childless adults will be capped at 48 months.

SeniorCare

The budget as proposed by Governor Walker would require older adults to enroll in Medicare Part D before accessing SeniorCare. The Legislature's Joint Finance Committee removed this provision from budget bill, so no changes will be made to SeniorCare at this time.

Drug Testing for FoodShare and other public benefits

The budget requires drug testing for recipients of unemployment insurance benefits, FoodShare (food stamp) and other programs provided by the Departments of Children and Families and Health Services. The state must receive permission from the federal government to instate this policy.

Services for Child Victims of Sex Trafficking

The budget includes an extra $2 million in funding to expand treatment services for child victims of sex trafficking.

Education Funding

There were no significant increases to K-12 school funding in the Governor's budget and changes to the way per pupil aid is calculated would have resulted in a cut to public schools during the 2016 Fiscal Year. The Joint Finance Committee restored funding to K-12 schools in the first year of the budget and slightly increased funding for per pupil aid in the second year. The Committee also approved a provision to remove the enrollment cap on the statewide school choice program. The UW System budget is cut by $250 million, but the Joint Finance Committee rejected the Governor's proposal to convert the System to a public authority model.

Legislative Initiatives:

Once the Legislature takes its final vote on the budget, their focus will return to drafting and passing legislation.

So far 443 bills have been introduced. They include:

Healthy Foods Bill: Assembly Speaker Robin Vos created a committee on Public Benefits Reform early this year. In addition to drug testing public benefit recipients, the Legislature is also debating Assembly Bill 177 which requires 67% of food purchased with FoodShare benefits to meet certain criteria. The State Assembly passed AB 177 and it now awaits approval by the State Senate.

20-week Abortion Ban: Legislative leaders have fast-tracked a bill that would ban abortions after 20 weeks unless the mother is facing a medical emergency. The Senate passed Assembly Bill 237/Senate Bill 179 in June and the Assembly was scheduled to vote on it shortly after this issue's publication deadline, and Governor Walker has indicated that he will sign it into law once it reaches his desk.

Handgun Purchases: Both houses of the Legislature have voted to repeal the 48 hour waiting period for handgun purchases. Assembly Bill 49/Senate Bill 35 was passed by the Senate in April and the full Assembly in June. It is awaiting a signature by the Governor.

Going Armed on School Grounds: Both houses of the Legislature have passed a bill to make exceptions to the "gun-free school zones" law. Assembly Bill 46/Senate Bill 70 would allow off-duty, former, and out-of-state officers to carry firearms on school grounds. The bill is awaiting the Governor's signature.

ABLE Act: Assembly Bill 236 would implement the ABLE Act in Wisconsin, which would allow individuals with disabilities and their families to save money in tax-deferred accounts without losing access to public assistance programs like Medicaid. Money could be withdrawn tax-free to pay for qualified expenses related to the person's disability, such as transportation, housing and medical expenses. AB 236 was recently introduced and received a public hearing in May.



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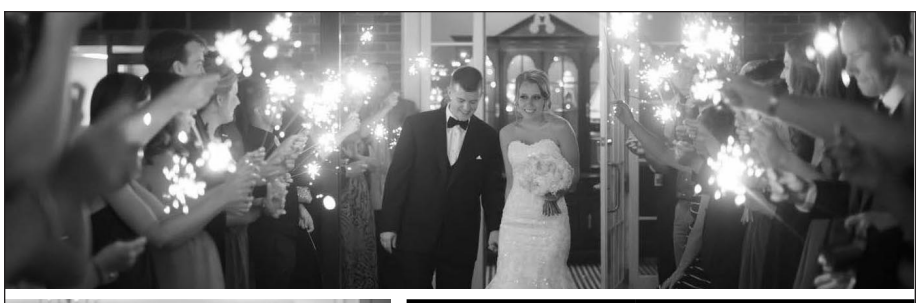



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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

Oodles of Noodles Pool Party – Enjoy a Noodles & Company Dinner and Swimming

Monday, July 13, starting at 4:00 p.m.
Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Road PD, Verona



Enjoy a Noodles & Company dinner (order your noodles in advance at www.jewishmadison.org). Swim in the pool, meet new people, bring your own swimming noodles and have oodles of fun! Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

$10/dish (regular sizes only), includes drink and dessert. Dinner options include Mac and Cheese, Japanese Pan Noodles, or Mediterranean Salad

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For more information contact: Ellen Weismer, 608-278-1808 or email: program@jewishmadison.org



Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim

Space is available for Camp Shalom Sessions 2 and 3

Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim is the summer day camp of the Jewish Federation of Madison. Its Jewish environment is welcoming to all elementary and middle school-age children and provides a safe, nurturing and fun experience. For more information regarding dates, fees and more, visit: www.JewishmMadison.org

Goodman Aquatic Center is Open!

Registration is still open for pool memberships
Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Road PD, Verona

Enjoy the beautiful 5,500 sq. ft. outdoor pool with six 25-meter lanes and zero depth entry, located in Verona. Plenty of shaded area and deck chairs to lounge with friends and family. For season dates and times, pool membership information and more, visit www.jewishmadison.org/pool



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Goodman Aquatic Center, 7762 County Road PD, Verona

$50 season fee for Goodman Aquatic Center members; $75 season fee for non-members. Payable at the pool.



Get Fit for Madison Marathon Team or Hadassah Walking Program at the Safe Running/Walking Clinic with Tom Kaufman

Sunday, July 19, 1:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison

Get a safe start or boost your running or walking routine at this summer's Fitness Clinic. Tom Kaufman, running/walking coach and owner of Movin' Shoes, will work with both beginner and seasoned runners and walkers on everything from warm up exercises, footwear, running and walking form for different physiques, setting up individual exercise plans, to diet. This event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison and Madison Hadassah.

"JAM" Jewish Adults of Madison Open House

Saturday, July 25

Looking for a group of adults to: socialize with, learn with, plan activities with, attend entertainment events, and MORE!

This group plans to meet monthly with an Open House in the evening on Saturday, July 25.

Please join us! For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Laura Felz, lefelz@charter.net or Tiz Goff, outreach@jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404.

Community-Wide Paint Event

Monday, August 3
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Road PD, Verona



Open to adults age 21 and older. No experience needed. All supplies provided, as well as some beverages. $25 per person. Registration form available at JewishMadison.org.

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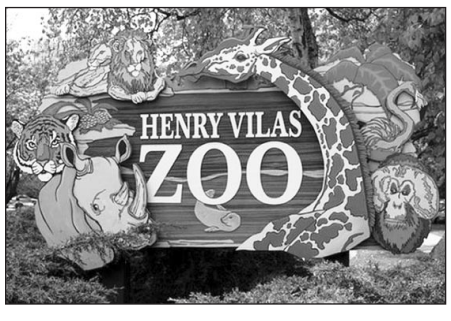
Shabbat Oneg in the Park

Saturday, August 29
12:30 p.m. at Vilas Park Zoo



Join us for stories, playtime and snacks and lemonade. Meet by the painted shoe. Organized by the Family Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Madison's Jewish Artists' Laboratory Seeks New Participants

By Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

The arts are the best education. "They are immediate," says Jody Hirsh, Director of Judaic Education at the Jewish Community Center in Milwaukee. "You can experience a work of art, and it can strengthen your identity."

This fall, the Hillel Foundation at the University of Wisconsin is beginning a new cohort of the Jewish Artists' Laboratory of the Upper Midwest. A collaboration of five cities, the Jewish Artist Laboratory is funded by the Covenant Foundation, a philanthropic organization that funds creative Jewish educational opportunities across all denominations and settings.

By creating a Jewish Artists' Lab, artists in the Jewish community of the upper Midwest region have a space in which to study and discuss Jewish texts to inform their artistic creations. "Experiencing a work of art helps create meaning in one's life," Hirsh says.

Here in Madison, we are engaging Jewish artists in learning and conversation and creating a center for Jewish art in Madison. The Jewish Artists' Laboratory challenges the participants' intellect and creativity. It also connects Jewish artists to one another. Many artists will say that they do not know the other Jewish artists in town. The Jewish Artists' Laboratory begins to build the connection between one artist and another.

Megan Katz, a participant in the artist lab, talks about how the Jewish Artists' Laboratory builds these connections. "The most important part of the Jewish Artist's Lab, for me, has been the connections I built with the people I met there. We continue to get together outside of the lab to meet for dinner, go for walks, look at one another's artwork, or get together and draw. Most importantly, we laugh a lot. They are new friends, and yet familiar, as if I have known them for a long time. This has been a true gift to me, branching me out of my regular circles and networks, reaching across multiple generations, and forming a new community that I connect with on many different levels."

The Jewish Artists' Laboratory brings together a mix of people who encourage each other – and not only in the Madison Jewish community. The Jewish Artists' Laboratory is part of a five city collaboration – The Jewish Community Centers in Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Kansas City, as well as the Spertus Museum in Chicago. This collaboration between cities cultivates a community of Jewish artists beyond Madison, and throughout the Midwest. Artists get to know one another by attending a retreat once each year in one of the cities. Many participants keep in touch and have begun to collaborate with artists that they met at the annual retreat. This year, the retreat will be hosted by the Milwaukee Jewish Artists' Laboratory.

In addition, each year culminates in an exhibition that is based on the theme of study, in each of the five locations. Here in Madison, the exhibit is displayed at UW Hillel. Past themes for the exhibits have included: Wanderings, Radical Amazement, Light, and Water.

The Jewish Artists' Laboratory will begin a new group this fall. The program costs $180. For more information about the Jewish Artists' Laboratory, speak to Rabbi Andrea Steinberger by calling (608) 256-8361 ext. 704 or asteinberger @uwhillel.org.

For a short video featuring the artists of the Jewish Artists' Laboratory, please see: http://covenantfn.org/sightline/news/109/78/The-Creation-of-an-Artists-Beit-Midrash-A-Jewish-Artists-Lab

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Artists from the first year of the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory along with Rabbi Andrea Steinberger, back row right.

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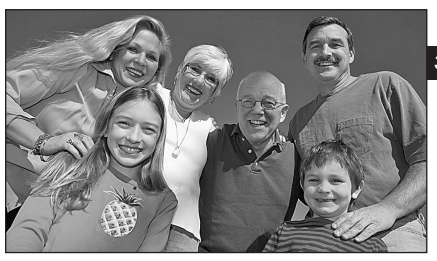
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Arthur Rosen, brother of Howard (Miriam) Rosen; and
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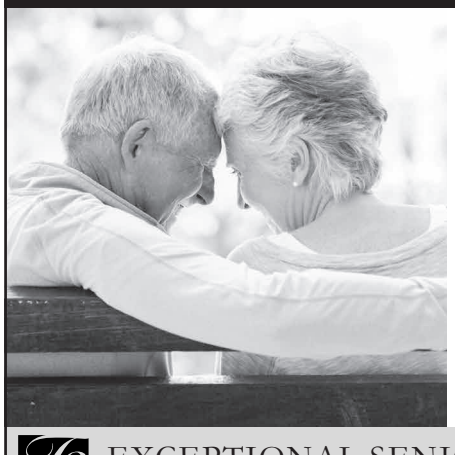

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Congregation News

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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 Morning Services

Saturdays, July 11 and 25
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

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

Pajama Havdalah – For Children ages 0-6 and their parents

Saturday, July 25
Please call the office for the location.

The Young Family Havurah is sponsoring this special gathering to help parents in Shaarei Shamayim and throughout Madison's Jewish community connect with each other. We'll come together at 5:00 p.m. for playtime, stories, dinner, and Havdalah. Children are encouraged to dress in their pajamas and bring their favorite lovey. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Community Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

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

Join us as we continue our unique series of dialogues moderated by a professional mediator using materials from the Jewish Dialogue Group. Some are open to particular groups within the community while others are more general, and there are plenty of opportunities to join one throughout the year. We also welcome people to join more than one as space permits.

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

August 26
September 9
October 28
November 11
December 14

This program is generously funded by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison and co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, Jewish Federation, and UW Hillel.

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

Get Volunteer Hours! Build Your Resumé! Join the Mad Town Jewish Teen Volunteers

Calling all Jewish high schoolers in Madison! Shaarei Shamayim is organizing an awesome week for Jewish teens to learn about issues affecting Madison, including the achievement gap, poverty, and homelessness. We will volunteer at a variety of organizations around town including schools, community centers, and programs working for social change. We'll end with a camping trip over Shabbat at Camp Shalom.

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

Here are five reasons to do the program:

1) You can do something meaningful at the end of the summer.
2) You can earn up to 20 volunteer hours for school.
3) You can build your resume and show people you know what's going on in your community.
4) You can hang out with cool Jewish teens from around Madison.
5) You can contribute to your community and make a difference.

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

To obtain more information, including registration forms, please contact Parthy Schachter at civilhands@yahoo.com. The deadline for applications is May 1.

Beth Israel Center

Come be a part of Madison's vibrant, spiritual, traditional and egalitarian Jewish community over the summer. All Beth Israel Center programs are open to the community. All of the programs listed here are offered at no charge.

Except where noted, programs are held at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. Sunday through Friday, please enter from the parking lot (off Randall). On Shabbat morning and other times when we gather in the main sanctuary or social hall, you may enter from Mound Street or the parking lot.

Highlights from our July calendar:

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Picnic

Friday, July 17
Hoyt Park, 3902 Regent Street

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors. Services begin at 5:45 in the Hoyt Park shelter closest to Regent Street and are followed by a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Paper goods and soft drinks provided. Please bring vegetarian food to share. Can't make it on July 17? We'll do it again on August 21 and September 11.

Torah & Mindfulness

Four Thursday Evenings
7:30-9:00pm

The Torah & Mindfulness program that began this spring at Beth Israel Center is continuing through the summer and into the fall. Come on select Thursday evenings in July and August (dates below) for mindfulness practice and discussion of *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared* by Rabbi Alan Lew. The discussion on July 9 will be derived from chapters 1-3. Attendance at all sessions is not required. All are welcome.

July 9
July 30
August 13
August 27

Also hold the date of Saturday, September 19, for a Shabbat afternoon mindfulness retreat from 2:00 to 5:00pm. The retreat will build on the group's discussions of *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation*, by Rabbi Alan Lew. The retreat will include opportunities for practice, and Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon will teach about mindfulness, Yom Kippur liturgy, and the theology of The High Holidays. The retreat is co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

Children's Services

Children's Services
10:30am Saturdays, July 11 and 25

We offer children's services for babies, preschoolers and early elementary school age children most weeks during the school year and select weekends during the summer – including two Saturdays in July.

Check www.bethisraelcenter.org or subscribe to our weekly e-mails for additional summer program dates. (Find "Get our E-announcements" on our website or email office@bethisraelcenter.org and ask to be added.) Visitors are always welcome!

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30am every Saturday

Experience our warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services. Come see our new sanctuary! Our worship begins with P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a community kiddush lunch after services every week.

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



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Temple Beth El

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

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

Shabbabeque!

Friday, July 3

Start your holiday weekend with us as we welcome in Shabbat on our new Terrace! Co-sponsored by Men's Club.

5pm Shabbabeque. Dinner includes teriyaki chicken, hot dogs, marinated portobello mushroom caps, sesame noodle salad, broccoli salad, and dessert. $9/person, please register online or to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org by Wednesday, June 24th.

6pm Shabbat Service

"The Theology Dialogues: Three Discussions, Three Kinds of Theologies"

God is a hot property these days. God is claimed by many, equivocated about by others, and rejected by still more. What do you believe? Where is your comfort level in speaking about God?

Our synagogue, as a microcosm of the liberal Jewish world, accepts many different beliefs and understandings about God. Yet our liturgy is replete with God references that seem to place belief in God as the sine qua non of identification. How do we deal with this dichotomy, as Jews who achieve so much as a unified synagogue community?

Come and learn, and share experiences with like-minded TBE members. Select one of the discussion groups below with which you identify, and come for some serious and comfortable talk about God.

Sunday July 5 – 10am – Temple Beth El

"Theology Talks: Do You Believe in God from Above?"

If so, come and share your ideas, concepts, notions, and beliefs with like-minded believers. Share some fun beverages and snacks as we explore the belief system that has kept our people thriving as a moral force in the world, and has preserved our moral and ethical way of life.

Wednesday July 8 – 6pm – The Great Dane, Hilldale Mall

"Theology on Tap: What If God Was One of Us"

Confused about the God thing? Ever wonder how beliefs get started, and whether you should believe, disbelieve, or continue searching? This is a discussion among seekers, perhaps-ers, and doubters. If you are uncertain as to your notion of deity, this is a group for you. First drink is on us for an early evening of probing conversations!

Sunday July 12 – 10am – Temple Beth El

"Anti-Theos-Ology": What's God Got to do with It?

Doubting is permitted here, but only if you start out as a Jewish non-believer. Secular, agnostic, atheistic and Humanistic Jews – and other kinds yet to be defined – are welcome to share some good food and conversation about the God that others believe in. Even with our God-centered worship, how can non-believers feel a part of this community?

Camping Trip

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

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

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

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, July 16 at 7pm
Taste of India
2623 Monroe St. #150, Madison

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

Picnic Shabbat

Friday, August 7
We'll either be at Wingra Park or on the Terrace, check our website.
5:30pm—Pre-Shabbat Oneg Nosh
6pm— Shabbat Service
7pm— Picnic Dinner

Bring your own or order a box picnic dinner through Temple, from Panera, for $10 each. Visit our website on the Events page for the Panera options and to register. RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Shabbat Honoring Our Seniors

Friday, August 14

The Madison Jewish Community is invited to a Special Early Shabbat Service & Dinner Honoring Our Seniors! All events will take place in the Swarsensky Auditorium, Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Dr. Homemade kugel and desserts. Everyone, of any age, is invited to join us!

5:45pm Reception

6:00pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Biatch — open to all, no reservation required

6:30pm Dinner — Brisket (or veggie entrée), kugel, salad, challah, and homemade desserts. Reservations required for dinner. $6 for Seniors, $10 for non-seniors. Transportation provided as needed if notified no later than 1pm on Friday, August 7.

Register for dinner by Friday, August 7. Contact Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org or register online.

Temple Beth El Welcomes Nicole Jahr, New Director of Lifelong Learning

Temple Beth El of Madison, Wisconsin has hired Nicole Jahr as its first Director of Lifelong Learning. Nicole will take over this leadership role from the outgoing Interim Educator, Stephanie Kirklin, on July 1, 2015. Temple Beth El is extremely grateful for Stephanie's loyal service over the past year.

Nicole grew up in the Detroit metropolitan area, and spent many years in California as a teenager and young adult. Nicole has been involved in Jewish education since she started as a teacher's aide in religious school after her bat mitzvah. She was active in BBYO, Jewish day and overnight camps, religious high school, and traveling to Israel. She returned to the Detroit area to establish a family and pursue a career in education, and recently earned a Masters in Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College.

Nicole has run numerous educational programs, including being the Director of Education of Reform and Conservative congregations, as the Early Childhood Center Director of a Jewish community preschool, and as the Professional Development for Teachers Facilitator for the Alliance for Jewish Education for the Federation of Metropolitan Detroit with the Congregational School Improvement Initiative. In this last role, she trained and coached close to 100 religious school teachers. She has taught kindergarten, 3rd and 5th grades and high school courses for over 25 years.

As our Director of Lifelong Learning, Nicole will have the opportunity to bring Jewish tradition and culture to life for all of our members – not only through the Religious School but also by working directly with adults, families, and the broader community. Nicole comes to Temple Beth El with a warm spirit and passion for education. She has channeled that passion into a love for creating positive, formative Jewish experiences for others. To learn more about how you can enroll your child in Temple Beth El's religious school or get involved with Nicole's other programming, please contact Temple Beth El at (608) 238-3123.

Nicole boasts about her wonderful husband, Herb, and two beautiful daughters. Lauren will begin at Middleton High School in the fall and Samantha is a college student in Michigan.



Nicole Jahr, Director of Lifelong Learning, Temple Beth El.

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Film Series

The movie "Ruth" has been cancelled for July. The next Temple Beth El Kesher Israel movie will be shown on August 19th. Look for our coming attractions here and elsewhere online.

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Welcome to New Executive Director, Dawn Berney

By Linda Reivitz, President
Board of Jewish Social Services

How many times have you heard that an organization does a national or otherwise widespread search to fill a position in their agency or organization – but in the end finds that the very best person for the job is right in town? That is exactly what happened when JSS did our recent search to fill our Executive Director position.

The position was left vacant with the resignation of Terrie Goren, our Executive Director for the past five years. We received applications from candidates living in New Orleans, the Chicago area and central Pennsylvania, among other places. The best candidate by far was Dawn Berney, from Madison and a "perfect fit" for the job. She begins her duties as Executive Director on September 1, 2015.

Dawn is skillful, energetic and deeply concerned about the people we serve. She knows JSS. She and her family have been volunteers at Oakwood Village's monthly Shabbat Services since her two children were tots, and she has maintained many relationships she established because of it. She chaired the JSS Senior Adult Committee. She is a leader within the Jewish community, having served on the JSS Board and as president of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

Dawn earned a Bachelor's of Arts in political science from the University of Chicago and a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She also has experience in strategic planning, program evaluation and grant writing, all of which will be valuable to us as we discuss and decide what our community's needs are and how we – our funders, our staff and our volunteers – can best meet them.

At the top of our JSS letterhead, you find the phrase: *Caring. Connections. Solutions*. We believe in that. We strive for that. Because of Dawn's experience and commitment, we think JSS will thrive under her leadership in the years ahead.

If you see Dawn, please say hello and welcome to JSS. She welcomes your ideas and your help. We ALL do.



Dawn Berney, new Executive Director

Levy 2015 Summer Series

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

NAKOMA GOLF CLUB | 4145 Country Club Rd, Madison
11:30am-2:00pm | Check-in begins at 11:00am | Cost per event $14

TUES. JULY 7

MERYLL PAGE & LESLIE ADLER
"Jewish Luck"

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

WED. JULY 22

STEVE NADLER
"Spinoza and Secular Judaism"

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

TUES. AUGUST 4

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

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

WED. AUGUST 19

MARK BLOOM *"**Pray**ticipation, **Pray**formance & the **Pre**volution"*

Jewish sacred music has been shaped by elements far and wide. Beginning with the ancient psalms attributed to King David's inspired holiness through the oral legacy of Cantorial chant, the Jewish melodic journey has encompassed a unique collection of cultural hybrids, while maintaining an identifiable essence from Judaism's core.

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

Levy Summer Series Registration

(Or register online at www.jssmadison.org)

Please check which day(s) you will be attending, and meal preference. All events are $14 per person. Please list the names of your guests and their meal preference. Reservations are due by the week before.

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

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

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

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

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Meals in this series have been generously subsidized.
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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.

Louise Goldstein to Retire at the End of the Year

Linda Reivitz, President of the Jewish Social Services Board of Directors, announced today that Louise Goldstein, Director of Volunteer Services and Senior Group Programs, will be retiring on December 31, 2015. Goldstein has served at JSS for the past twelve years.

"JSS was created almost 40 years ago largely to provide services to seniors and their families living in our community," Reivitz said. "And that continues to be a major part of our efforts today.

"But beyond that, we provide services to clients of all ages and achieve our overall success with the help of hundreds of volunteers. In fact," she continued, "the impact of our JSS volunteers permeates the entire organization. We could not function without them. And we could not be where we are today without the years of leadership we have been lucky to have had from Louise Goldstein."

Reivitz said it may be a bit unusual to have one person both directing and in charge of some of the agency's most prominent programs, such as the JSS Levy Summer Series and the Lechayim luncheon programs. That, she said, is evidence of Louise's skills.

"We have had a number of people with many years of experience who have retired from JSS in recent years," she said. "Louise, and other staff, have all provided a valuable and solid base for our going forward from here. New people will bring new ideas and vibrancy to our agency. But we will always appreciate all the time and the effort they took to create that foundation."

Reivitz said that JSS will begin immediately the process of filling the volunteer and senior services position. Those interested can find more information on the JSS website, jssmadison.org.



Louise Goldstein, Director of Volunteer Services and Senior Group Programs.

A Note from Louise

For twelve years I've had the pleasure and privilege of working with Jewish Social Services' clients, volunteers and staff. These words don't begin to capture what an honor it is to be invited into people's lives and to share their anxieties and hopes, their pain and their wisdom, their joys and simple pleasures. If I have been able to be of even minimal assistance in those times, I am grateful.

I have had the great good fortune to spend these years in a position that was as if designed for me personally. This job draws on my experience as a professional volunteer manager and, importantly for me, on my personal Jewish background, education, knowledge and passion. It has been a gift to come to work every day.

What I've learned from the many people with whom I've interacted is immeasurable and precious. Our volunteers often say that they get more out of volunteering than do the people they're helping, and I could echo that sentiment. I have gained so much from my interactions with clients, volunteers and colleagues, learned so many lessons and been humbled by the sheer humanity with which I am engaged every day. The Talmud says, "The highest form of wisdom is kindness" (Berachot 17a). If that is so, I have been sitting at the feet of many wise and kind people all these years.

I have been blessed with supportive, knowledgeable and committed colleagues and supervisors, starting in my early days as a JSS volunteer in the late 1980's and continuing when I joined the professional staff. The volunteers I've worked with are dedicated, loving people who perform mitzvahs large and small; they are the "value-added" icing on the cake in this business and I am ever thankful to them for giving so generously of their time, energy and devotion.

I am confident that with such wonderful volunteers and dedicated staff, board and Friends, Jewish Social Services will continue to serve our community in the compassionate and skilled way it always has. I am deeply grateful to this remarkable agency for having given me so many opportunities to serve our community.

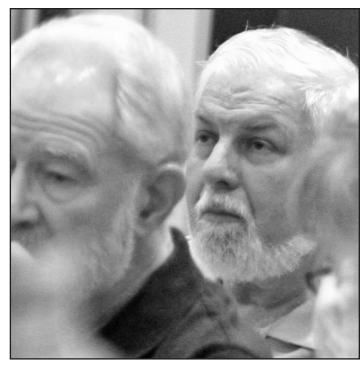
~ Louise Goldstein

What's Jewish About Jewish Leadership?

Photos by David Lipman









Photos from the Levy Summer Series

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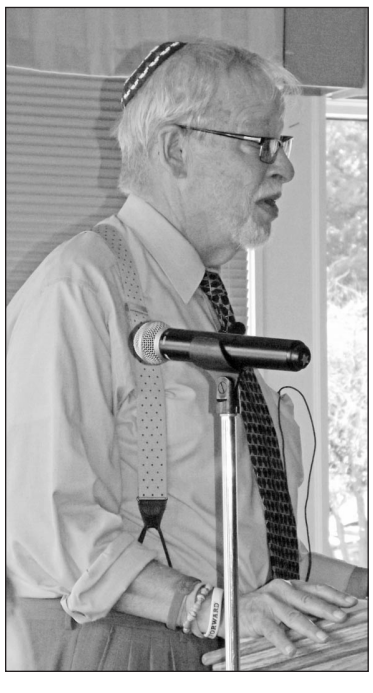





Reflections Upon My Bar Mitzvah Birthright Trip

By Rabbi Mendel Matusof

Chabad at the UW-Madison

In May of 2008, I had the privilege of taking 11 Madison students on a special ten day all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land. Seven years later, thirteen (Bar Mitzvah) trips later, 736 UW students later (including those on Chabad-affiliated trips I did not personally lead), this program remains, in my opinion, one of the greatest investments the Jewish community has made in the Jewish future.

This trip, funded by the Taglit-Birthright Israel Foundation, takes participants on a whirlwind tour of Israel, north to south in a mere ten days. I would like to explain why I find this trip so important, specifically from the perspective of a Chabad emissary with ten years of experience as a campus rabbi and Jewish educator.

Not too long ago, debates on the "what" and "how" of Judaism raged throughout the community. Jewish religion vs. Jewish culture, the role of Jewish practice, the importance of a Jewish nation state, and the community's responsibilities to its non-Jewish neighbors were all hotly debated. While these issues continue to be as relevant as ever, the newest generation of Jews has largely tuned out and turned away from these discussions entirely. What they are looking for is the answer to a much more existential question, the "why." Why consider myself Jewish? Why affiliate myself with this historically persecuted minority? Why should I care more about Israel than any other country in this messy region known as the Middle East?

As a Chabad rabbi, answering these questions is my primary goal. Taglit-Birthright Israel trips offer an incredible tool to do so.

Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz once shared what he believed to be the greatest legacy of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi M. M. Schneerson (whose 21st yartzeit we have just commemorated on June 20). "The Lubavitcher Rebbe" he said, "taught us that our focus must lie in our common bond, that we are all part of "Klal Yisrael" the Jewish people. Of course we have differences, but Judaism demands that we deemphasize our differences and unite as a community and as a people."

This is the answer to the question "why be Jewish?" Because this is who we are. Being Jewish is more than a religion, more than a culture, more than an ethnicity. Being Jewish is being part of a family.

When taking young Jews to Israel, we allow them to experience and feel, often for the first time in their lives, that they are part of this Jewish family. They feel a connection to Israel because it is their family's home. They feel a connection to Judaism because it is their family's heritage. They feel a part of the Jewish community because that is who they are.

Known as "Birthright" here in the States, in Israel the experience is known as "Taglit." "Taglit" means "discovery" in Hebrew. And that, in a word, is the goal of the trip – a discovery of one's own personal connection to Jewish values, tradition, Israel and its people. Taglit-Birthright is the discovery of a birthright, that every Jewish person, regardless of faith, practice, knowledge or involvement, is part of the Jewish family.

Upon their return from Israel and having uncovered their Jewish roots, these students become active in Jewish life and Israel advocacy through Chabad on campus and then beyond school, ensuring the continuity of our Jewish family "Klal Yisrael" for many years to come.

The UW Chabad and Taglit-Birthright Israel are both grateful beneficiaries of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Mosse/Weinstein Center For Jewish Studies Welcomes Amos Bitzan

By Melissa Miller

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies is thrilled to welcome Amos Bitzan, the new Frances and Laurence Weinstein Assistant Professor of Modern European Jewish History in the Department of History at UW-Madison. An intellectual and cultural historian of German Jewry, Bitzan focuses on the relationship between reading and religion. He is currently writing his first book, on how intellectuals recast Judaism as a modern religion between 1770 and 1870 by arguing about new ways to read books, study the Jewish past, and pray in synagogue.

Of particular interest to Bitzan's work is the importance nineteenth-century German Jewish intellectuals ascribed to what and how one reads. Most of these figures believed that reading the right kinds of books with the proper sort of emotional and cognitive attentiveness was crucial for the cultivation of the human. At the same time, they cast other types of reading, such as some forms of Talmudic and halakhic (Jewish legal) study, as intellectually and morally harmful. By exploring these debates and understanding what gave rise to them, Bitzan believes that we can challenge our own twenty-first century assumptions about what is truly "religious."

In Fall 2015, Bitzan will teach a seminar in History and Jewish Studies, "What is Antisemitism?," and a course, "Intro to Modern Jewish History." Bitzan's courses will familiarize students with the great insights into major human questions that Jewish thinkers have produced since antiquity. Studying the experiences of Jews in different regions, states and societies also sheds light on the larger histories of those times and places. As an undergrad himself, Bitzan was hooked by the historian's detective work of explaining obscure references, tracking down links between various writers, and tracing their footsteps across countries and cultures. He hopes that his students, too, will come away from his courses with a passion for history.

Bitzan will be moving to Madison with his wife Marina Zilbergerts and their young son. Zilbergerts is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Comparative Literature at Stanford University and is currently writing her dissertation, "For Its Own Sake: Rabbinic Textuality and the Rise of Secular Jewish Literatures in Imperial Russia."

They are grateful for the warm welcome they have already received from the Madison Jewish community and hope that they will be able to contribute to Jewish life and learning here.



Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebration at the Western Wall.



Badger pride up in the hills of the Galilee.



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Monday, August 3rd, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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Registration forms at JewishMadison.org

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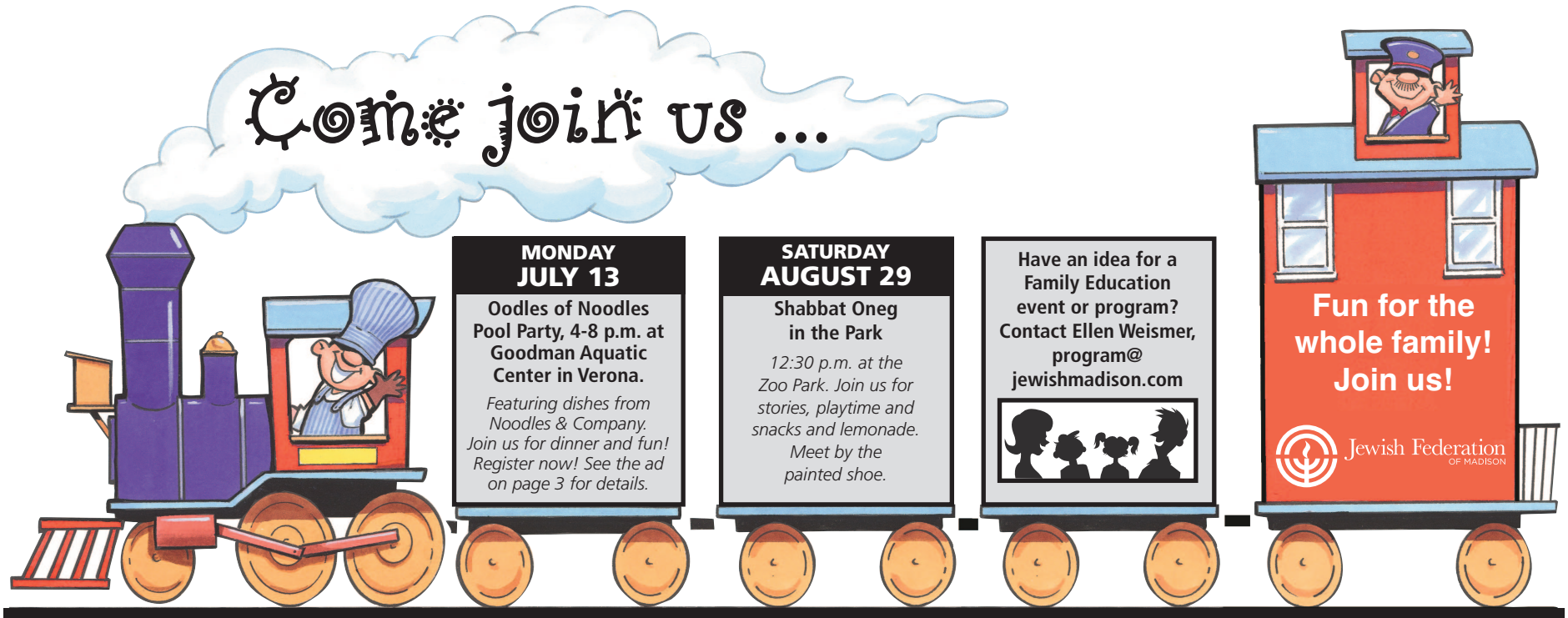

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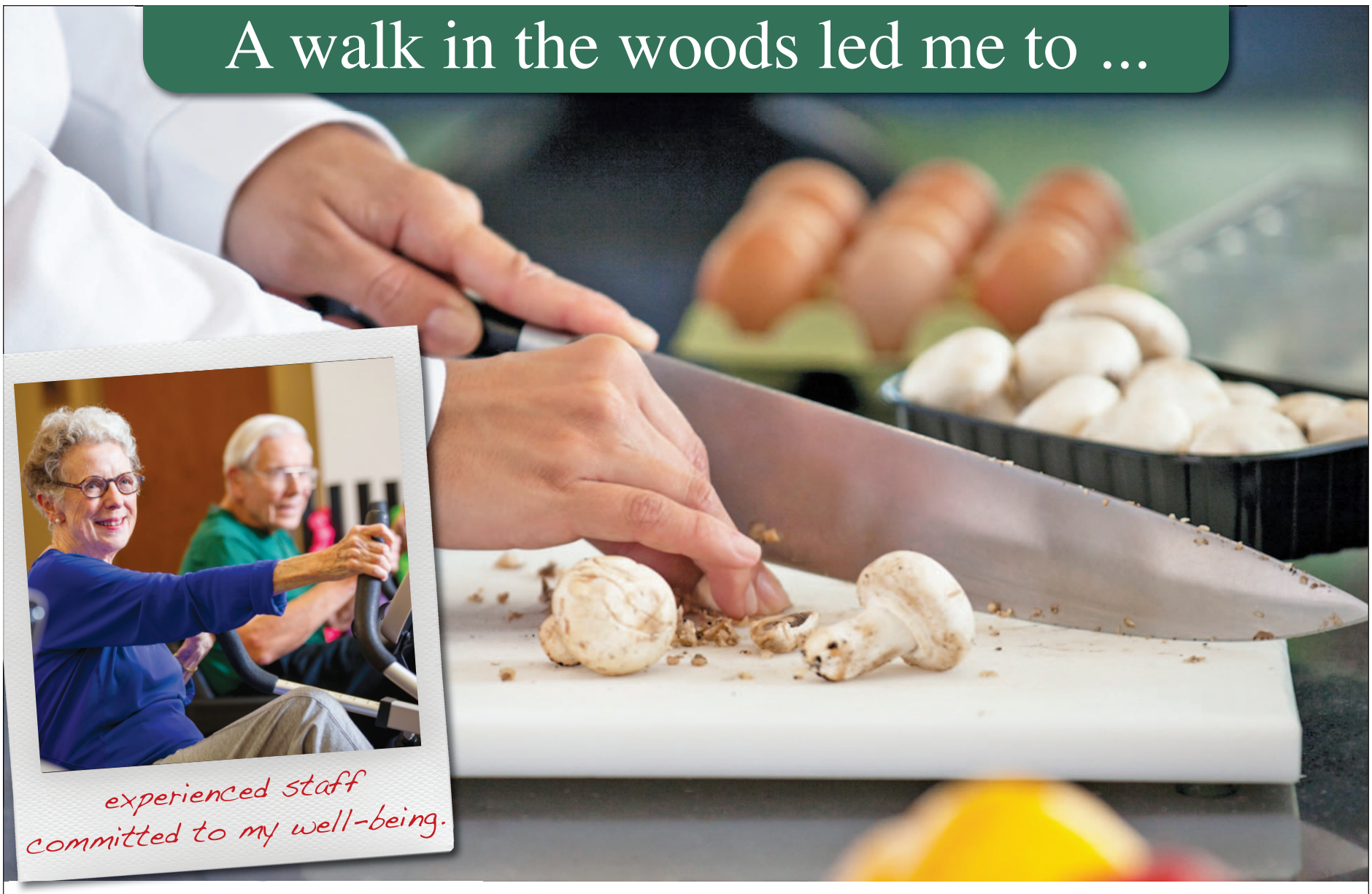

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Get to Know Camp Shalom from A to Z



A Ari Davidson: The Director of Camp Shalom returns this summer to continue to make every day a great day for every camper!

B Buses: A great way for our campers to start the day. We will say goodbye to First Student, the amazing bus company that has been a HUGE supporter of Camp Shalom since 1994, at the end of this summer. We thank them for all their service, for keeping our campers safe and for supporting our scholarship program so generously!

C Chugim: As the song goes, "Chug time is the time for all activities, chug time is the time to do whatever you please!"

D Donations: There are so many ways you can support Camp! Corporate Sponsorships, Project Lunch, Healthy Snack Sponsors, Raffle Prizes and more! To learn more about any of these programs, please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.

E Emails: Our main way of staying in touch. If you are registered for Camp Shalom or Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim and have not been receiving our emails, please call the Camp Shalom office, (608) 848-1822.

F Friendship bracelets: A favorite activity for campers and counselors of all ages.

G Goodman Aquatic Center: The incredible salt-water, solar-heated pool the campers swim in every day.



H Happy campers participate in special camp-wide programs like Maccabiah (Camp Olympics), Yom Yisrael, Carnival, UW Badger pep rally.

I Israel programming from Mickey and Racheli Komar-Aziz will enrich all of our campers this summer. They will learn Hebrew phrases, taste Israeli foods and learn about Israeli culture.

J Juice and Challah bread: Our Friday afternoon snack after everyone celebrates Shabbat as a camp.



K Kids! They're what makes each and every day great!



L Lisa Friend-Kalupa: The amazing Director of Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim who combines creativity, community, social-action and adventure to create an incredible experience for 6-9th graders.

M Machsan: The room where supplies are kept at Camp Shalom. Remember the rule – staff only in the machsan!

N NOBO: The nickname for Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim.

O Omanut: The Hebrew word for Arts and Crafts. This year at Camp Shalom our Omanut Director is Brittany Pavlik.







Camp Shalom
will be having a raffle
on Wednesday, July 29th
during the second session late night program.
We are still collecting prizes! If you have something you would like to donate (gift cards to local businesses, sports tickets, jewelry, clothing or accessories, etc.) or would like to purchase tickets, please contact
Ellen Weismer (608) 278-1808 or
program@jewishmadison.org



P Picnic Tables: Each group has a picnic table where they keep their backpacks, meet as a group, eat lunch and gather together.

Q Questions: If you have any about camp please call the office, (608) 848-1822 or send us an email to campshalom@jewishmadison.org.



R Rally: When the campers gather together to sing, watch skits and hear announcements.



T Tennis Courts: NEW THIS YEAR! We are so grateful for the many improvements that were made to the Goodman Campus this year including newly paved and painted basketball/ tennis courts!

S Specialists: This year at Camp Shalom, Teva (Nature) will be led by Nate Graham and Sports/ Team Building will be led by Nate Kipfer. Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim will bring in a variety of specialists as well, including a hip-hop dance instructor!

U Unit Heads: Camp Shalom is divided into three units, each unit is led by a fantastic Unit Head! This year we are fortunate to have the following leaders: Tatiana Lyons (Aleph K-1st), Micah Baum (Bet 2nd-3rd) and Jake Prine (Gimel 4th-5th).



V Visitor's Lunch: Camp Shalom (K-5) families are invited to join us on the first Friday of the session for a visitor's lunch.



W We Welcome You to Camp Shalom: the Camp Shalom song sung to the tune of "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing."





X X-treme Sports: Some of our adventure programs include roller skating, climbing walls, log-rolling and more…

Y Yitzeerah: Week long skills based activities that the NOBO campers participate in. Examples include hip-hop, visual and graphic arts, martial arts, music education and arts & crafts.

Z Zoo to You: One of our favorite activities of the summer is when the Henry Vilas Zoo brings their program for our campers to enjoy.

Camp Shalom Offers Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

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

There are four different sponsor levels:

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

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

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

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

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

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Jewish Education

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



The Gimel Class went to the zoo and brought some animals back with them.



Mateo, Talya and Solomon do chalk art on the sidewalk.



Payton, Shira, Benny and Orly plant seeds in the Gan Planter.



The Gimel Class took a field trip to Steep & Brew for the new Kosher ice cream. Look at Ravyn, Sophie and Sam's tongues!



Eve likes to build a tower with the shapes.



Payton inspects the tomato plant in the Gan Garden.



Racheli is reading a wonderful story to the Bet class.



Jacob, Tova, Orly and Ravyn water the tomato plant.



Ruby, Annushka, Nolan, Olive, Malia, Nathan, Maggie and Ian receive their diplomas.



Blanka, Annushka, Sophie and Ellie pose for a graduation picture together.



Sophie, Maggie, Olive, Ellie, Maya and Makaila sings songs for their families at the Dalet graduation.



Malia, Nathan, Sophie, Maggie, Olive, Ellie, Maya, Makaila and Daniel sing songs for graduation.

GAN HAYELED IS HIRING! If you are interested in teaching in our 2-3 year old room with fun children and a fabulous lead teacher, please contact Rachel at 278-1808 or gan@jewishmadison.org

Plan Ahead for Schmooze and Tunes This Fall!

Classes start September 11th, 2015 and registration is open now.

Schmooze…

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

Tunes…

The Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with our own music teacher, Liron Weiss. Liron will be offering music classes for families in the Jewish community on Friday mornings in the conference room of the Jewish Federation of Madison. The sessions involve informal singing, moving, and instrument playing activities that are appropriate for very young children and their caregivers.

Each week, following the music portion of class, we have schmoozing time and a delicious, homemade challah snack. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

Program

Dates: Friday mornings, September 11 – December 4, 2015 (not meeting November 27)

Cost: $144 for 12 weeks (Additional fee of $72 for participating siblings)

Downloadable Registration Form at www.JewishMadison.org.

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

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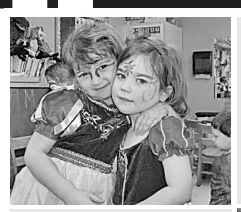

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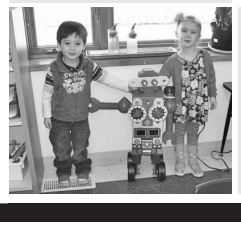

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Lechayim Lights

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Save the Date for the Annual Summer Barbecue!

The Annual Summer Barbeque at the Goodman Campus will be held on Monday, August 24, from 11:30-1:00. Cost is $9 per person and the beautiful pool will be available during that time at no charge to barbeque guests. The menu includes kosher hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad, fruit salad, potato chips, cookies and veggie burgers for the vegetarians and vegans among us. You can register online at www.jss-madison.org or use the registration form on this page. An email invitation will be sent, so be sure to give us your address if you have email. Transportation is available for $1 roundtrip with Transit Solutions.





Ежегодное Летнее Барбекю для людей старшего возраста

Понедельник, 24 августа 2015, 11:30-13:00. Центр Еврейской Общины им. братьев Гудман, 7762 County Hwy. PD, Verona, WI. Прекрасные бассейн и палуба будут открыты для бесплатного пользования.

Стоимость обеда - $4.50. Кошерные хот-доги, гамбургеры и вегетарианские бургеры, картофельный салат,
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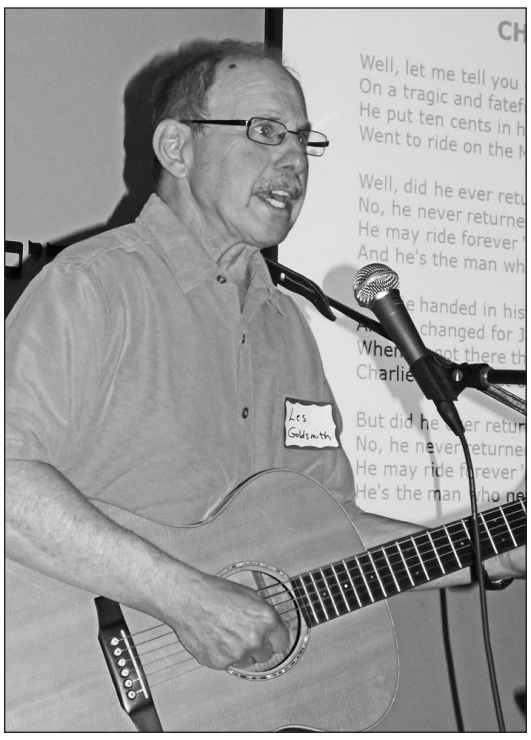
Scenes from the Last Lechayim in May





Photos by Eve Siegel









Lechayim returns in September!









Spotlight: Betsy Haimson

By Pamela Phillips Olson

Betsy Haimson has volunteered at Lechayim so long that she cannot remember when she began: "Possibly since the mid-eighties. I seem to remember a Lechayim participant mentioning she came from the area near Chernobyl." Betsy has evolved from an all-purpose volunteer to the "Yoga in a Chair" instructor. It has not gotten stale for her. "Walking into the yoga room, I feel a thrill when I see the waiting circle of participants. Every class is spiced with puns from Alice and Estelle! The class is more than exercise. Together we meditate, send good wishes out to those who are ill and express gratitude for our blessings."



Betsy Haimson

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

"My mother, who was a doer, introduced physical therapy into the Shalom Residence for the Aged in Saint Paul. At sixteen I went to Holland with the American Field Service in an effort to promote intercultural understanding and prevent war." The mother in her host family had been a gun-runner for the Resistance during the Nazi occupation. She wrapped the guns in baby blankets and put them in her daughter's stroller, delivering them without arousing suspicion." This same brave woman taught Betsy to love art in the museums of Amsterdam. Betsy and husband Bezalel have collected many fine pieces in their travels.

Betsy's maternal grandfather, born in the Iron Range, was a pantheist. By contrast, her paternal grandfather, who immigrated to the U.S. at eighteen, helped to found the first Conservative synagogue in Minneapolis. He also bought "The Complete Annotated Shakespeare" from an itinerant peddler, in an effort to become an educated American. Betsy's father told her that the evening before his Shakespeare final in college, the "New American" discussed with him what turned out to be half of the final exam the next day. Betsy's father got a B+ on the final from a professor with a reputation for giving nothing above a C. This was a true American success story!

Bezalel is an emeritus professor of geological engineering originally from Romania, then Israel. As their fiftieth wedding anniversary approaches, Betsy appreciates the miracle of their meeting at the University of Minnesota so long ago. She was a counselor at the JCC when another counselor introduced them. They quickly became "an item." She says, "I abandoned plans to move to New York for graduate school, staying in Minneapolis to study Social Work."

Betsy's commitment to JSS and her rich family background weave together the precious elements of Jewish history and values.

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Toby Raff Volunteer Awards

Jane Armstrong established the Toby Raff Award many years ago in honor of her late mother's involvement as an active volunteer in the Jewish community. Thanks to Jane's generosity, it is awarded annually to a Lechayim volunteer.



Jane Armstrong and Louise Goldstein



Karen Sielaff, 2015 Toby Raff winner.



Jane Armstrong and her daughter Sarah McDaniel.

Transitions

Happy July Birthday

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Mazel Tov

To Saretta Burke, on the birth of her great-grandson, Isaac Rakower Barak, son of Ariel and Rachel Barak.
To Dawn Berney, on her appointment as Executive Director of Jewish Social Services.
To Lee (Rita) Applebaum, on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Arianna Weisberg.

Best wishes for your wellness

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Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Anita Parks, Virginia and Boston
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Condolences

To the family of Milt Leidner, father of Becky Leidner.

~ *In Memoriam* ~

Milt Leidner, z"l

Generations of Madisonians had their baby and wedding photos taken by this gentle and talented photographer at his Monroe Street studio, and later on Willy Street. Milt lived with his camera in his hand, taking pictures because that's what he loved to do. In an interview with Pamela Phillips Olson he said, "I try to capture what the subject makes me feel. I get attached to the feeling and try to preserve it." That's what he did for a number of years at Lechayim and at Passover seders, where he was our own volunteer photographer. When digital cameras over-took film cameras, Milt made the switch easily, ready to adopt new technology in service to the goal of creating beautiful photos. Though he is now laid to rest in Michigan with his beloved wife Roberta, the many photos he took for us serve as his loving and artistic legacy.

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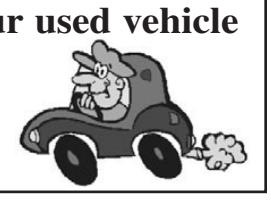

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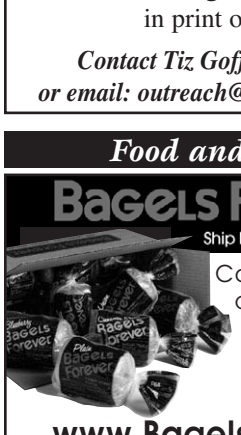

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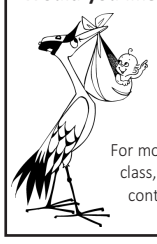

Shalom Baby *is designed to help Madison families celebrate the arrival of their Jewish newborns and welcome them to the Madison Jewish Community.*

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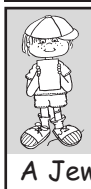

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This article is about Judaism, its history and the development in the USA (part 2).

Генрих Бабич

История и сущность иудаизма, его развитие в США

(продолжение)

Эпоха Просвещения, когда начал развиваться современный иудаизм – одна из ключевых эпох в истории европейской культуры, которая отличалась развитием научной, философской и общественной мысли. В основе этого интеллектуального движения лежали рационализм и свободомыслие. Начавшись в Англии под влиянием научной революции XVII века, движение к середине XVIII века распространилось во Франции, Германии, России и охватило другие страны Европы. Принципы Просвещения были положены в основу американской Декларации независимости. Интеллектуальное движение эпохи Просвещения оказало большое влияние на изменения в этике и социальной жизни Европы и Америки, на борьбу за национальную независимость американских колоний, отмену рабства, формулирование прав человека. В основе философии Просвещения лежала критика существовавших в то время традиционных институтов, обычаев и морали. Кроме того, что очень важно, она поколебала влияние религии на социальную, интеллектуальную и культурную жизнь.

Ортодоксальный иудаизм (как часть современного иудаизма) – общее название нескольких религиозных течений, приверженцы которых являются продолжателями еврейского религиозного мировоззрения. Оно началось в период, когда евреи были изгнаны из Палестины, и окончательно сформировалось в Европе в XIV-XVI веках. Ортодоксальный иудаизм представлен разными социальными группами, но их объединяет вера в то, что Тора, включая Устный Закон, была непосредственно передана Богом Моисею на горе Синай. Это убеждение всеобъемлюще, неизменно и распространяется на все времена. Согласно ему евреи должны жить в соответствии с Заповедями и по еврейским законам.

Первоначально проблема ортодоксального иудаизма состояла в том, как сочетать интеграцию с окружающей культурной средой, т.е. эмансипацию, с сохранением верности иудаизму. Тогда казалось, что антагонизм между евреями и окружающей средой может быть преодолен, если иудаизм будет принят в обществе, наряду с католицизмом и протестантизмом, либо, в отличие от этого, если еврейство будет рассматриваться не как религиозная, а как культурно-этническая группа. Последующее развитие пошло в направлении представления иудаизма как религии.

Еще в начале процесса эмансипации некоторые раввины призывали евреев отвергнуть предлагаемые им политические, социальные и экономические права, которые, с точки зрения этих раввинов, сделают почти невозможным существование еврея как такового. Другие, не отвергая эмансипацию, настаивали на обособленной общественной и культурной жизни евреев среди окружающих народов. Опасения этих раввинов были вызваны быстро развивавшимся процессом ассимиляции еврейства, который проявлялся как в многочисленных случаях отступничества, так и в попытках ряда лидеров реформизма в иудаизме коренным образом изменить характер еврейской религии для облегчения полной интеграции евреев в современном обществе.

Характерные для начального этапа развития реформистского движения эстетические новшества, которые считались необходимыми для признания евреев их христианскими соседями, были встречены традиционалистски настроенными лидерами евреев как стремление превратить синагогу в подобие протестантской церкви. Утверждения реформистов, что введение в литургию органной музыки или замена молитвы на иврите молитвой на принятом в данной общине разговорном языке, не противоречат Талмуду, но не принимались ведущими ортодоксальными авторитетами.

Ортодоксальная община чувствовала, что реформы в области богослужения – это лишь начало далеко идущего процесса, направленного на изменение догматов и практики иудаизма, который приведет к культурной ассимиляции еврейства. Община же требовала неукоснительного следования сложившейся традиции.

Таким образом, ортодоксальный иудаизм, как религиозное течение, являлся реакцией на реформизм, на распространение Просвещения и секуляризацию еврейской жизни в ходе освобождения от ограничений в правах. Такое освобождение происходило в государствах всего мира, в основном, с XVIII века. Центральное место в религиозной концепции ортодоксального иудаизма занимало традиционное иудейское право, т.е. совокупность законов и установлений, регламентирующих религиозную, семейную и общественную жизнь верующих евреев. Эти законы и установления содержатся в Торе, Талмуде (Устный Закон) и в более поздней раввинистической литературе. Термин “ортодокс” в устах просвещенных евреев Германии служил презрительным прозвищем противников изменений в жизни еврейства. Лишь с середины XIX века сами представители этого религиозного направления стали именовать себя ортодоксами.

Умеренный и плюралистический характер ортодоксальной идеологии позволил немецкому еврейству приобщиться к жизни страны, к экономическому и социальному прогрессу, не отказываясь при этом от соблюдения принципов еврейского права и от следования традиции. Во второй половине XIX века произошла консолидация немецкой еврейской ортодоксии, в результате чего удалось в значительной степени затормозить распространение идеологии реформизма. Немецкие ортодоксы создали обширную литературу, в которой доказывали, что прогресс не чужд иудаизму и что нет противоречия между религией и наукой. Литература этого жанра развивалась вплоть до середины XX века.

Ортодоксальные круги США состоят из разнородных групп населения – как специфически американских, так и европейских. Массовая еврейская эмиграция из Восточной Европы в конце XIX века включала множество религиозных евреев, которые стали создавать собственные организации ортодоксального иудаизма наподобие тех, которые существовали в Черте Оседлости. Первая ортодоксальная образовательная иешива была основана в 1897 году в Нью-Йорке, как центр преподавания Талмуда. Это заведение оказало глубокое влияние (особенно после Второй мировой войны) на формирование нового поколения американских ортодоксальных раввинов. Специфический облик американской ортодоксии нашел свое выражение во всех областях общинной жизни и сложился в результате повседневного контакта с окружающим обществом и адаптации к нему.

Первая волна эмиграции из стран Восточной Европы (конец XIX и начало XX века) состояла преимущественно из бедняков. Вторая волна, начавшаяся после Первой мировой войны, включала значительное число зажиточных евреев, связь которых с традицией была более глубокой. Вследствие этого в США именно с этого времени начинается интенсивное развитие американской ортодоксии. В ходе Второй мировой войны и после нее в США прибыло большое число ультраортодоксальных хасидских евреев. Эти люди хорошо приспособились к новым условиям и развернули активную общественную и воспитательную деятельность.

Значительная часть американского еврейства, не соблюдающая религиозных традиций, тем не менее, поддерживает связь с ортодоксальной синагогой и общиной. В этом проявляется взгляд на ортодоксию как на “подлинное еврейство”. Готовность американской ортодоксии сотрудничать с теми кругами еврейства, в которых принято соблюдение торжественных еврейских ритуалов (зажигание субботних свечей, специфический обычай поминовения мертвых, обрезание и т. п.), объясняется открытостью и плюрализмом ортодоксальной общины. Раввин здесь выступает главным образом в роли проповедника, организатора молодежи, признанного авторитета общины и консультанта по личным вопросам.

По данным за 2001 год примерно 13% американских евреев – ортодоксальные евреи. По сравнению со всей еврейской общиной страны, численность которой уменьшается вследствие низкой рождаемости и большой доли смешанных браков, ортодоксальная община быстро растет. Среди ортодоксальных евреев рождаемость составляет 4,1 ребенка на семью, а в неортодоксальных семьях рождается 1,9 ребенка. Смешанные браки среди ортодоксов составляют около 2%, а среди неортодоксов – 71%. Большинство ортодоксальных евреев живет в регионе большого Нью Йорка.

Реформизм в иудаизме – это движение за обновление еврейской религии. Иудаизм и еврейские традиции должны быть модернизированы в направлении совместимости с окружающей евреев культурой. Это означает, что традиционный еврейский закон, который интерпретируется как система принципов, а не как перечень ограничений, должен пройти процесс критической оценки и обновления. Реформизм, как уже сказано, возник в Германии, распространился на другие страны и вызвал брожение в еврейских общинах Восточной Европы.

Духовные вожди реформизма считали себя подлинными продолжателями традиций иудаизма, которые отличались гибкостью и открытостью. Историческими факторами, способствовавшими зарождению реформизма, были эмансипация и Просвещение. Сторонники реформизма предлагали изменения в синагогальный ритуал, приспособление верований к духу времени и новый статус евреев как граждан государства. Реформизм сформировался постепенно и в своем развитии прошел несколько стадий. Сначала предлагалось изучение евреями немецкого языка и их интеграция в немецкое общество. Допускались даже некоторые изменения в традиционных обычаях, но не в предписаниях Торы. Затем реформаторы пришли к мысли о необходимости религиозных реформ, обусловленных социальными изменениями в жизни евреев.

Первая практическая реформа литургии была осуществлена в 1796 году в Амстердаме, но подлинным центром реформизма стала Германия. В 1801 году в городе Зезен (Брауншвейг) была открыта школа для бедных еврейских детей, где, наряду со светскими предметами, преподавались основы религии и совершалась синагогальная служба с проповедями и гимнами на немецком языке. Эту службу посещали и взрослые. Затем здесь была открыта синагога, где литургия совершалась на иврите и на немецком языке. В 1810 году был опубликован новый устав синагогальной службы, в котором подчеркивалось значение возвышенного душевного настроя и отменялись противоречившие этому обычаи. Утверждалось, что все эти нововведения не противоречат духу Талмуда. В том же году в Зезене был построен храм, при торжественном открытии которого, сопровождавшемся колокольным звоном, раввин вел службу, облаченный в одеяние протестантского пастора и под аккомпанемент органа пелись гимны на немецком языке. В Берлине в 1815 году была открыта синагога с органом, хором и проповедью на немецком языке, но в 1817 году по настоянию еврейских ортодоксальных кругов берлинские власти закрыли эту синагогу.

(продолжение следует)

Israel and the World

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

Summer! Summer is the best season in Madison. Everyone is out. The parks are full, the boats are on the lake, kids are in camp and people are smiling because you can be outside of your house for more than 10 minutes without freezing...we have learned to really appreciate these months during our time in Madison.

But this summer is bittersweet for us. While we love the weather and we love the company, we have mixed feelings about leaving Madison and returning to Israel. We will miss Madison SO much but realize we have to go home – to Israel.

We are thrilled and proud to see so many Madison groups traveling to Israel this summer. Temple Beth El sent a delegation of 30 people for a 10-day experience all through Israel. Some families chose to go for a summer vacation and even some people chose to come for a whole year! We have had a chance to talk with many of these travelers about where to go and what to see. And we will ALWAYS be available to our Madison family for help with any future trips you are planning. We would love to meet up when you come to Israel and look forward to continuing our connections with all of you!

Camp Shalom is a great experience for us to learn about Jewish camp life and for us to share our Israel and Hebrew experience with so many campers! During the summer we plan to bake challot with Noar-Bogrim on Fridays, and at both Camp Shalom and Noar-Bogrim we will have Israel day and week, learn about different cities, cultures in Israel, and learn some fun useful words and phrases in Hebrew.

To introduce our newest P2G program, Project Tzeva, we hosted two wonderful Israeli artists from our partnership region in the Sovev Kineret. They led programs at the Hava Nagila picnic, Camp Shalom, Camp Shalom Katan and met local artists. Thank you Laura and Ken Felz for hosting them.





We had a fascinating discussion with Nadav Shelef about Zionism and Nationalism.





Kesher movie series discussion after watching the movie Bethlehem. Over 30 people attended!

Connecting with Israel

Discover Greece's Jewish Community, Salonica, the Oldest in Europe

(JDC) Greece's small Jewish community, whose origins predate the Parthenon, is facing hard challenges as a result of the country's ongoing economic crisis. With employment opportunities sinking and anti-Semitism on the rise, a community that endured over two millennia and survived the Holocaust is resilient and, despite the crisis, committed to remain.

A video, www.haaretz.com/video/1.656451, provides a brief overview of Greece's Jewish heritage and contemporary life. In the video, we visit Athens, home to 2,500 Jews (making it the largest Jewish community in Greece), with its cherished Jewish school, on a modern campus also housing the city's main synagogue. Nearby, in the city's historic center, is the Jewish Museum of Greece, a cultural and compact gem showcasing the history, contribution and tragedy of Greece's Jews. Among its attractions – permanent and temporary exhibits – is a section about the Romaniote Jews, whose origins date back over 2000 years and continue until now.

Salonica, once the hub of Sephardic Jewry and a city with so many Jews that the port was closed on Shabbat, has only a fledgling Jewish community today. Over 90 percent of the Jews of Salonica, now known as Thessaloniki, were deported and killed in the Holocaust. About 800 remain today, with two synagogues, a Jewish primary school, and a small museum.

Crucially maintaining support for the community is the JDC, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Without its intervention, the survival of the Athens Jewish school was in doubt. And through its Gesher program, connecting with other Jewish communities of the Balkans energizes young Jews from Salonica.



At Israeli Summit, Facilitating International Women's Leadership Network

(JDC) When Emily Monville arrived in Jerusalem, she came solo.

Five days later, the Philippines country director of the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction left with "14 consultants" – her fellow participants in JDC's International Women's Leadership Workshop.

"I have these women with me so there is nothing to fear," said Monville, a mother of two and 16-year veteran of community development work. "These women will be with me throughout my journey."

The workshop is a platform for women changemakers to share the challenges that keep them up at night, their struggles to maintain a work-life balance, and strategies, best practices, and challenges related to their respective organization.

This year, 15 women from 12 countries participated.

The goal of the conference is for these women to engage in a process of reflection and mutual mentorship. This year's edition focused especially on crisis management, allowing the women to concentrate their efforts on developing a shared vision of community safety, sustainability, and resilience in the face of future crises.

"I have learned a lot about community resilience," said Dr. Mary Rose Giattas, a Tanzania-based public health professional focusing on HIV/Aids and reproductive cancer. "Tanzania has a lot to learn from JDC with regards to community-based programs."

The group's agenda was very full and included an intensive day of leadership in action exercises in Tel Aviv; site visits to JDC programs; high-level meetings about social issues surrounding crisis management and community resilience; case study clinics; skills development workshops; peer learning and collaboration; and informal networking.

"Priya" Ariyaratne, an award-winning Sri Lankan teacher and human rights activist, said she was particularly struck by a visit to one of JDC's Centers for Independent Living, community-based multi-service centers for people with disabilities.

"Most other events or conferences I have attended are essentially meetings. This workshop has been unique for me in that it has given me an opportunity to explore," she said. "After the JDC site visit, I am thinking now about how I could utilize my own resources to advance that kind of model. There is so much I can do."

For Slavica Draskovic, a consultant for national and regional civil society organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the workshop was about recognizing her own power and potential.

"It was an opportunity to discover myself and to be exposed to different strategies of problem-solving in the community. It's been an interesting personal and practical journey," she said. "I have become refreshed emotionally, mentally, and physically – and now I can share the lessons learned with my community."



Qualcomm Co-Founder Giving Technion Record $50 Million Donation

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A co-founder of the Qualcomm Corp. will give $50 million to The Technion-Israel Institute of Technology — a record gift from an American donor.

The gift from Andrew Viterbi, the creator of a mathematical formula used in many of today's mobile devices, to the Haifa-based university was announced on Saturday during the Technion Board of Governors meeting in Israel. Viterbi, a distinguished visiting professor of electrical engineering at the university, is a Technion board member.

"Technion electrical engineering graduates are in large part responsible for creating and sustaining Israel's high-tech industry, which has been essential for Israel's economic success," he said.

His Viterbi Algorithm allows rapid and accurate decoding of numerous overlapping signals, helping to eliminate signal interference.

Viterbi and his late wife, Erna, have previously supported the university. He first lectured at the Technion in 1967 while on a sabbatical in Israel and has an honorary doctorate from the school.

His mathematical formula is used in all four international standards for digital cellular telephones, as well as in data terminals, digital satellite broadcast receivers and deep space telemetry. Other applications include voice recognition programs and DNA analysis.

Viterbi was awarded a National Medal of Science by President George W. Bush in 2008.

Young Jews from 32 Countries Gather for ROI Summit

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Some 150 young Jews from 32 countries are in Jerusalem for a global summit.

Participants ranging from app developers and journalists to toy designers and community organizers are participating in the ninth annual five-day ROI Summit through June 11.

The participants, who are in their 20s and 30s, lead sessions in which they share their knowledge and brainstorm ways to improve the future of the Jewish people. During the sessions they will discuss how to strengthen Jewish education and identity, Jewish arts and culture, environmental responsibility, and tikkun olam, or repairing the world.

"ROI was founded on the principle that while individuals can accomplish amazing things, if they work together, partner, collaborate, and learn from each other, they can accomplish the astonishing," ROI Community Associate Executive Director No'a Gorlin said at the opening of the event. "We know from experience that it's during face-to-face encounters that creative minds come to life and new ideas find fertile ground in which to grow."

ROI Community is an initiative of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation.



DECLARATION OF INTENT TO CREATE YOUR JEWISH LEGACY

In honor of the past 75 years of Jewish community in Madison, the Jewish Federation of Madison is asking for 75 people to sign this Declaration of Intent to create a Jewish Legacy for future generations. Help us reach our goal by being one of the 75!

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☐ I have already included the Jewish Federation of Madison in my estate plan.

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

My charitable plan includes:

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

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

Privacy Statement

☐ I prefer to remain anonymous and do not want recognition.

☐ To encourage others to make commitments that will ensure a vibrant future community, I permit my name to be recognized and listed in printed materials. My name should appear as follows:

Printed Name_____

Signature _____

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