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Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Last summer, Camp Shalom was able to award $104,000 in scholarships to 180 campers so they could attend camp. 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.

Since 1954, Camp Shalom has been providing children with an outdoor day camp experience in a safe, fun and nurturing environment. The 154 acres of naturally wooded land at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona provides a wonderful setting for a variety of programs including swimming, sports, arts and crafts, and other confidence and skill building activities. We expect to serve about 1,000 children this summer representing various religions, ethnicities and levels of physical and mental ability.

We expect that scholarship needs will be greater for the summer of 2016. Please help us ensure that, for our 62nd summer in a row, we do not have to turn away a camper because of his or her family's ability to pay.

Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. Please help us spread the word and consider the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship Program for your business. Thank you!

As a Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsor, you will receive the following benefits and recognition:

Director's Circle $10,000+ (15+ Campers' Tuition)

• Logo on the Camp Shalom web page of the JewishMadison.org website

• Half Page advertisement in the *Madison Jewish News* (*MJN*) during the 2016 month of your choice. The *MJN* is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~ 2400 households ($544 value)

• Logo / Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail / email

• Logo / Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households

• Logo / Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/2/16)

• A complimentary family pass for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool for the 2016 summer season (valued at $310)

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Next Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable Features Paul Jadin

Join us for a conversation with Paul Jadin, the President of MadREP, Madison Region Economic Partnership, and learn about the important work this organization is doing to improve our community's economic development.

Date: Wednesday, March 16

Time: 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served followed by a conversation with Mr. Jadin and Professor Jon Eckhardt.

Place: Nakoma Country Club

Register for this event at: www.JewishMadison.org or by emailing LKaplan@jewishmadison.org

Paul Jadin joined MadREP as President in November 2012. Prior to that, Paul served as both the Secretary of Commerce and Secretary/CEO of the new Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation since January 2011. He was charged with transitioning from a state agency that had responsibility for economic development and regulatory activities to a public/private authority that is 100% focused on economic development. That reorganization has brought an expanded emphasis on international activities, with networks being developed in over a dozen countries; it has fostered a significant investment in entrepreneurship and innovation; and it has enabled the state to better understand and support its key industry sectors.

"The work Paul and his MadREP team are doing will not impact you, your company, our community or Wisconsin today. This is what I needed to learn about Paul's work… It is the difficult work of future planning that will be impactful in 10+plus years down the road. It is this mature, thoughtful, long term strategy that will continue to make our community shine even brighter as a place to live and work for the future."

Eric Schwartz, Chairman & CEO, SARA Investment Real Estate

Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. followed by a discussion with Mr. Jadin facilitated by Professor Jon Eckhardt of the University of Wisconsin School of Business. The cost of the event is $25. Please register by going online to www.JewishMadison.org or by emailing Lynn Kaplan at LKaplan@jewishmadison.org.

Escape from your Wednesday at work by meeting up with fellow professionals for lunch and lively conversation about all things Madison.



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The Jewish Federation of Madison website is the central information source for the entire Jewish community. More than 2,000 individuals visit JewishMadison.org each month. Members of other Jewish communities who are planning to move to Madison also depend on the Federation website for information about where to live, work and shop.

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

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

■ Your business will be featured in an individual recognition announcement in every issue of *the Madison Jewish News,* which has a monthly circulation of 2,400 households and 6,000 individuals. The announcement will be given preferred placement and run in full color in the first few pages of the newspaper. The announcement will also include a photo of your choice, which you can change as often as you choose.

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

Extra benefits for Platinum and Gold sponsors:

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

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



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

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• Formal Recognition at all three Camp Shalom Late-Night sessions attended by 254 campers and their families

• Use of the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus and/or Goodman House (not including the Goodman Aquatic Center) for corporate gathering (one time use during 2016)

• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Shalom Circle $5000-$9999 (7-15 Campers' Tuition)

• Logo on the Camp Shalom webpage of the JewishMadison.org website

• Quarter Page advertisement in the *Madison Jewish News* (*MJN*) during the 2016 month of your choice. The *MJN* is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~ 2400 households ($320 value)

• Logo / Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail / email

• Logo / Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households

• Logo / Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/2/16)

• 20 individual guest passes or a complimentary adult or youth pass for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool for the 2016 summer season (valued at $100)

• Formal Recognition at all three Camp Shalom Late-Night sessions attended by 254 campers and their families

• Recognition in the *MJN* for sponsorship

Friendship Circle $2600-$4999 (4-7 Campers' Tuition)

• Logo on the Camp Shalom web page of the JewishMadison.org website

• 1/8 Page advertisement in the *Madison Jewish News* (*MJN*) during the 2016 month of your choice. The *MJN* is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~ 2400 households ($205 value)

• Logo / Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail / email

• Logo / Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households

• Logo / Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/2/16)

• 10 individual guest passes to Goodman Campus Pool for the summer of 2016 (valued at $50)

• Recognition in the *MJN* for sponsorship

Camper's Circle: $744-$2599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)

• Recognition on the JewishMadison.org website on the Camp Shalom webpage

• Logo / Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail / email

• Logo / Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households

• Recognition in the *MJN* for sponsorship

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Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsor Form

Yes! I/We would like to be a Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsor in 2016.

Please check the desired sponsorship level:

❑ ***Director's Circle – $10,000+*** *(15 Campers' Tuition)*
❑ ***Shalom Circle – $5,000-$9,999*** *(7-15 Campers' Tuition)*
❑ ***Friendship Circle – $2,600-$4,999*** *(4-7 Campers' Tuition)*
❑ ***Camper's Circle – $744-$2,599*** *(1-3 Campers' Tuition)*

Company Name (for recognition purposes)	
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"Is There a Partner for Peace?"

A New Series: Jewish Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street

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

Join us for a unique dialogue moderated by Harry Webne-Behrman, a professional mediator. Our theme for this month is "Is there a Partner for Peace?"

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

Save the date for future dialogues: May 12, September 14, and November 16.

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.

Notice

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



Kesher Israel Film Series

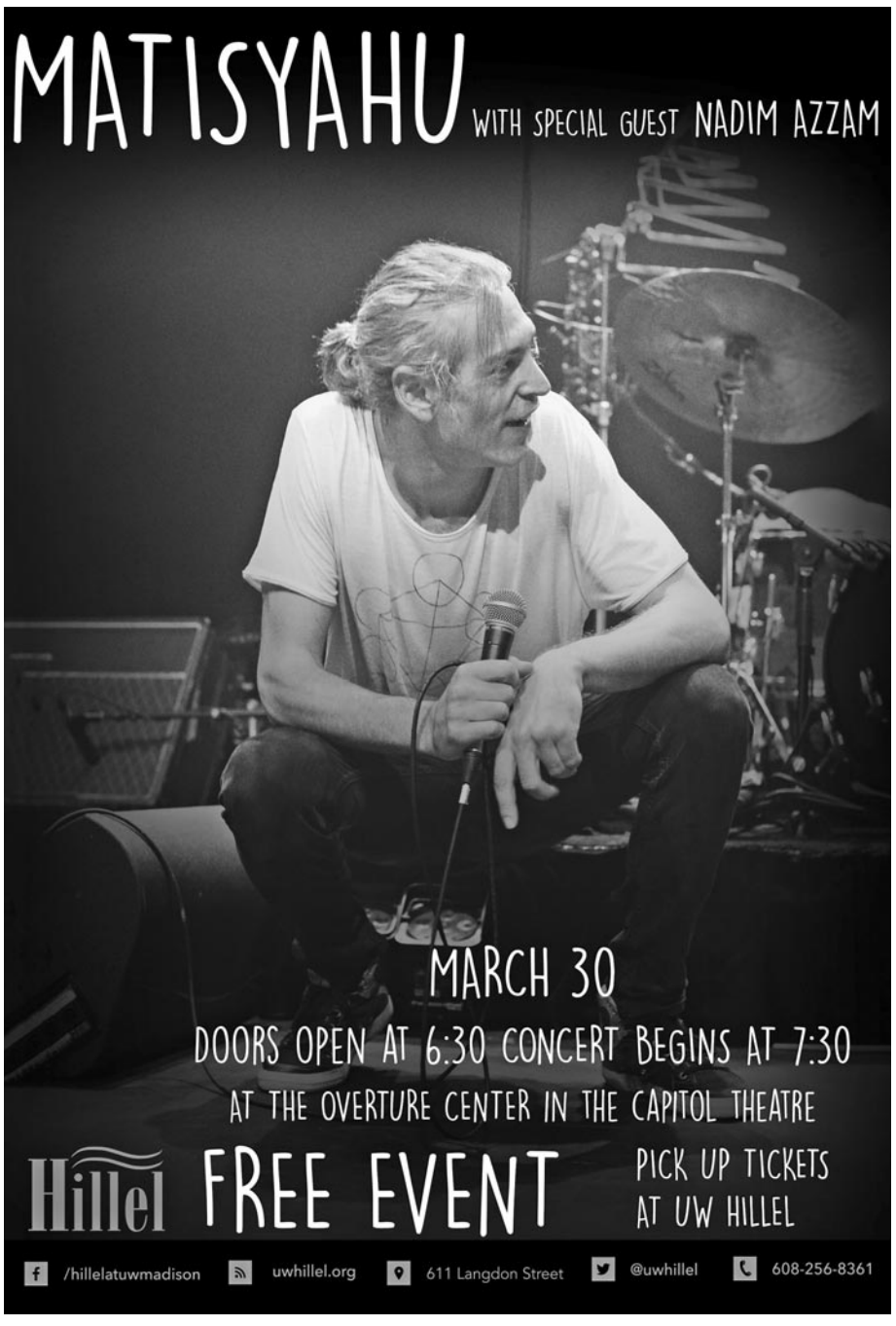
Save the Date for our Upcoming Films:

Dancing in Jaffa.....Wednesday, March 16

Broken Wings .....Wednesday, April 13

James' Journey.....Wednesday, May 18





2015-16 Legislative Session Coming to a Close

By Michael Blumenfeld, Executive Director

Wisconsin Jewish Conference

There has been a flurry of legislative activity in Madison these past few weeks as both houses prepare to officially adjourn for the 2015-16 legislative session. The Assembly held its final floor session in late February and the Senate plans to conclude its work during the first half of March.

Every piece of legislation that had not been passed by both houses of the Legislature before they officially adjourn for the session will be considered "dead" and need to be re-introduced during the 2017-18 session, which begins in January 2017.

Once lawmakers leave the capitol, they will hit the campaign trail for the 2016 election. Every member of the State Assembly is up for re-election in 2016 as well as State Senators from even-numbered districts. On the federal level, there is, of course, the presidential race as well as a U.S. Senate and congressional races. Wisconsin's presidential primary will be held on April 5, 2016, and photo IDs will be required to vote.

WJC has closely monitored several pieces of legislation during the 2015-16 legislative session. This includes:

Employment Leave for Organ Donation: WJC signed on to support legislation authored by Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and Representative Cory Mason (D-Racine) that would allow Wisconsin workers to take up to 6 weeks off of work to serve as a bone marrow or organ donor. The way the legislation is drafted, someone could take leave to serve as a donor for a friend or even a stranger, the bill does not require the donor to be related to the recipient. Assembly Bill 752/Senate Bill 517 was passed by the Senate 31-1 on February 9, and the Assembly voted 88-10 to adopt it on February 16. The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature.

Exemptions for Religious Cemeteries: WJC worked with our interfaith partners, including the Wisconsin Catholic Conference and the Wisconsin Council of Churches, to amend a bill that would have removed a provision from current law that exempts religious cemeteries from platting requirements. The Senate voted to adopt the amendment authored by Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) on February 9, but the Assembly was scheduled a vote on the bill on February 18, after our publication deadline.

Electronic Voter Registration: Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) authored Senate Bill 295, which would allow voters to register to vote online. SB 295 requires the Government Accountability Board to create a website for the purposes of online registration. Voters who register to vote online would not need to provide proof of residence prior to voting if the GAB is able to verify their information using the Department of Transportation's database. The bill also makes a number of other changes to election law, including deleting Special Registration Deputies. Currently, municipal clerks are allowed to appoint individuals to serve as Special Registration Deputies to help register voters either prior to or during Election Day. This bill would undo that process. The Senate passed SB 295 on a party-line vote of 19-13 on February 9, and the Assembly adopted in on February 16 with an amendment related to federal campaign contributions. The bill must now go back to the Senate for concurrence before it can be signed into law.

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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS



Camp Shalom Registration Begins!

Monday, March 7

Register online at www.jewishmadison.org

Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Dates
Session 1: Monday, June 20-July 8th (No camp on Monday, July 4)
Session 2: Tuesday, July 12th-July 29th
Session 3 (Camp Shalom K-5 ONLY): Tuesday, August 1st-August 12th

Special Events and Programs:
Friday, June 24th: Session 1 Visitor's Lunch (CAMP SHALOM ONLY)
Wednesday, July 6th: Session 1 Latenight/Overnight Program
Friday, July 15th: Session 2 Visitor's Lunch (CAMP SHALOM ONLY)
Wednesday, July 27th: Session 2 Latenight/Overnight Program
Friday, August 5th: Session 3 Visitor's Lunch (CAMP SHALOM ONLY)
Wednesday, August 10th: Session 3 Latenight program (NO OVERNIGHT)

Hamantashen Baking Workshop



Sunday, March 13
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

Join us for an afternoon of baking, filling, folding, and fun at our annual Hamantashen Baking Workshop!

Come for the whole time or just drop by. There will be a dough-making tutorial at 3:00 pm 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 Sunday, March 20th at Beth Israel Center. No experience necessary, fun for all ages!

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



Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 20, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Temple Beth El, 2707 Arbor Drive, Madison

Purim Around The World

Hop on board and join us for a carnival unlike any other. Travel the world with the Madison Jewish Community on Sunday, March 20, at Temple Beth El.

- 9:30 am - Doors Open
- 9:45 am - Purim Sing-Along Shpiel
- 10:00 am - Carnival Booths Open

Admission = $7 for kids 3-12 years old; 2 and under is free. Max. $25/ family.
Snacks and Hamantashen will be available to purchase.
See the back page ad for more information. **Volunteers will be needed!**

Kosher Soul with Michael Twitty

Wednesday, April 13. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Interactive Hands-On Cooking Event for Adults with Michael Twitty

Thursday, April 14

More details coming!

Gan HaYeled Fundraiser at Panera Bread

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

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

Community Yom Hashoah Service and Program

Wednesday, May 4
7:30 p.m.
Temple Beth El

Join us for a community service and special program.





Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Sunday, May 15
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Save the date! More details to come!

Yiddish Conversation Group, Der Shmues

In 1916, Wisconsin native (and UW–Madison Class of '01 alumnus) Louis Bernard Wolfenson taught the first known class on Yiddish at an American university.

In honor of this historic moment in the history of Yiddish culture, we are introducing a planned monthly informal *shmues* (informal conversation) to our regular lineup of all things Yiddish.

As part of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture's celebration of a century of Yiddish at UW–Madison, we reintroduce the sound of *mame loshn* (the mother tongue) on our campus. On Monday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. we will begin a monthly informal Yiddish conversational event.

Not a class, but a lively and easygoing event for people of different backgrounds and abilities to come together and revel in the sound of the vibrant language of the 1,000-year-old Ashkenazic civilization.

Led by Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies director and German professor Mark Louden and Mayrent Institute founding director Henry Sapoznik, the class will veer across all manner of topics to allow the greatest ease and entry for all attendees.

Mark Louden came to his Yiddish as a logical outgrowth of his studies in German and German-American linguistics. His interest in Yiddish came about while at the University of Texas at Austin where he studied with Itzik Gottesman, professor of Yiddish and former editor at the *Jewish Daily Forverts*.

Henry Sapoznik came from a Yiddish speaking home where his parents, who were Holocaust survivors from the city of Rovne in Volhynia gubernia, kept the language and culture alive on a daily basis. He attended United Lubavitcher Yeshiva and Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin as a child, eventually becoming one of the major architects for the revival of Yiddish klezmer music in the 1970s. He is also known for his 2002 Peabody award-winning National Public Radio series on Yiddish radio. He came to UW–Madison as the founding director of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish culture in 2011.

The Institute has scheduled a number of exciting and important events over the next few months to coincide with our historic pioneering place in establishing Yiddish as a quotidian part of university literacy.

On April 14-15, the Mayrent Institute will once again host World Records, its two-day conference/concert on historic sound recordings. As always, amidst presentations on all manner of world music and cross-cultural traditions, we will be hosting a Yiddish music component by world famous instrumentalists Cookie Segelstein and Josh Horowitz featuring selections from their new recording of rural Polish-Yiddish music, Poyln.

And on May 2 as part of the Performing the Jewish Archives event, Mayrent Institute director Henry Sapoznik will give a lecture on the newly-acquired Lambert cylinders, the earliest known Yiddish sound recordings from circa 1901.

The inaugural *shmues* will be held in the historic University Club on Library Mall, 803 State Street at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For additional information about all our public programming and about our ongoing plans for A Century of Yiddish, please og to our website at http://mayrent institute.wisc. edu/

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Eligibility: The Fellowship is aimed at students whose work is concerned with the role that education has played in Jewish civilization and/or with questions pertaining to education in Jewish Studies. Ideally, this interest will be reflected in some combination of prior work experience, courses taken, dissertation work, and/or professional plans. The holder of this Fellowship will pursue full-time graduate study in a recognized UW masters or doctoral program, and will contribute to the intellectual life of the Center for Jewish Studies and the University of Wisconsin. Students work with professors in both Jewish Studies and Education and take courses in both areas.

In the event that an appropriate candidate in the area of Education and Jewish Studies cannot be found, the Fellowship may be given to a graduate student whose work is seriously concerned with the more general area of Jewish Studies. Incoming graduate students as well as continuing students are invited to apply for the fellowship.

Application Procedure: Interested students should submit the following by **11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2016:**

1. Academic transcripts of prior academic work at undergraduate, and, if applicable, graduate levels
2. Three letters of recommendation that speak to your academic abilities and qualifications. Ideally, one or more of these letters will speak to your background and interests in (as well as your aptitude for) work in the area of Education and Jewish Studies, or Jewish Studies, or Education
3. A personal statement of 2–3 pages that addresses your interests, academic background, and future plans—academic and/or professional—in the area of Jewish Studies and Education.

Please submit application materials electronically to **scholarships@cjs.wisc.edu**.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

***Julia**, daughter of Jonathan and Heidi Heller*

Condolences to the families of:

***Gerald Borsuk**, husband of Lorraine Borsuk*

***Matt Fields**, brother of Leslie Fields (Jeff Lindholm)*

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We often talk about how hard it is to celebrate Tu B'shvat in the middle of winter when the ground is covered in snow and there are no fresh fruits growing. However, things were different this year for the 45 attendees at the Tu B'shvat Seders and Slides.

Upon arrival, the participants were greeted with several opening activities including; building with wooden blocks, coloring pictures of Tu B'shvat foods, and planting grass seeds into a nylon that would later be turned into a "grasshead" figure. The tables were set with dried fruits, nuts and other Tu B'shvat goodies. Daniel Gill, our community Shaliach, led everyone on a fun and interactive journey through a Tu B'shvat Seder. He created a Haggadah specific for the event and everyone learned something new during the course of the service!

After the Seder, everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner and splashed around in Crawdaddy Cove, the appropriately tree-themed waterpark at the Holiday Inn. The waterpark was decorated with colorful sheets of paper that included facts about Israel and Tu B'shvat so the fun and learning could continue throughout the night.

Thanks to Daniel and the Family Education committee for sponsoring this event!







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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.

Hamantaschen Baking and Shabbat Evening Potluck

Friday, March 4
5:30 p.m.
Location: First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
(Atrium Building, Commons)

Get ready for Purim by baking hamantaschen! We will gather in the kitchen to assemble these treats, and while they are baking we will have a Shabbat potluck. This is an intergenerational event; all are welcome. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Intergenerational Shabbat Dinner and Service

Friday, March 11
5:30 p.m.
Location: First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
(Gaebler Living Room)

We will gather for a Shabbat potluck followed by a spirited intergenerational service led by Rabbi Laurie and Aviv Kammay. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Shabbat Morning with Madison's Shaliach (Israel fellow), Daniel Gill

Saturday, March 12
Location: First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
(Gaebler Living Room)

We will gather at 9:30 a.m. for Torah study led by Daniel, followed by a Shabbat service at 10:30 a.m. During the service Daniel will give the dvar Torah -- "Seeing Torah, Peoplehood, and Community through the Eyes of an Israeli." Kiddush at 12:30 p.m.

"So We Might Know and Learn: Stories from the Holocaust," Presentation and Discussion by Judith Heilizer

Sunday, March 13
9:50-11:30 a.m.
Location: Center for Families
2120 Fordem Avenue

Join us for a moving presentation by Shaarei Shamayim member, Judith Heilizer, as she retells stories from her childhood in Nazi occupied Europe. This presentation is geared for 5th-7th graders, but parents and members of the larger Madison Jewish community are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Joy at office@shamayim.org or 257-2944. It will take place after Hebrew school assembly from 9:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Dance – Cheer – Jeer – and Make Merry: Purim for all Ages

Wednesday, March 23
Location: First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
(Landmark Auditorium)

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to jeer at Haman and cheer for Queen Esther! Free pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed at 6:15 p.m. by a service led by Rabbi Laurie and Aviv Kammay, an adult-oriented community-led megillah reading and pantomime, and children's activities led by Marian Herzog. We will read small parts of the megillah in Hebrew but most of the evening will be in English.

Shabbaton with Rabbi Tirzah Firestone: "Renewing Our Jewish Legacy: Ancient Practices for a New Era"

Friday, April 1 -- Shabbat Dinner and Services (First Unitarian Society, 6:00 p.m.)
Saturday, April 2 -- Shabbat Services, followed by lunch and text study (First Unitarian Society, 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday, April 3 -- Morning Workshop (Center for Families, 9:50 a.m.)

Drawing on the ancient practices of Jewish meditation, music, and mysticism, Rabbi Firestone will lead an experiential weekend of prayer, study, celebration, and conversation.



Rabbi Tirzah Firestone

Rabbi Firestone, PhD, is an author, psychotherapist, and founding rabbi of Congregation Nevei Kodesh in Boulder, Colorado. Widely known for her groundbreaking work on Kabbalah and depth psychology and the re-integration of the feminine wisdom tradition within Judaism, Rabbi Firestone lectures and teaches about spiritual practice and how we can bring our ancient wisdom traditions to life at this critical time in world history.

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

Beth Israel Center

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

Here are some upcoming highlights:

Festive Megilla Reading

Wednesday, March 23
7:30 p.m.

A long time ago, in an empire far, far away, there was a villain, a heroine, a sage, a king, and a murderous plot! Come hear the Megilla at Beth Israel Center dressed as your favorite character. Need costume inspiration? Mash up STAR WARS with the Purim story. All are welcome. No RSVP required. Enjoy light snacks and drinks. Feel free to contribute your preferred beverage. Wondering which liquors are kosher? Ask Rabbi Ben-Gideon. Bring friends. Plan a group costume. Not participating could put you on the path to the Dark Side….

Purim Fun Day

Thursday, March 24
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Calling all families with preschoolers and elementary school-age children! Come enjoy a lively Purim celebration with a tasty child-friendly lunch, interactive storytelling, engaging entertainment and festive Purim activities. Capture all the fun, festivity and friendship of Purim. This program is co-sponsored by Madison Jewish Community Day School. Cost: $5 per person, maximum $10/family. RSVP to office@bethisraelcenter.org by March 18.

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Dinner

Friday, March 11
5:45 p.m.

Welcome Shabbat and enjoy a casual dinner after services at Beth Israel Center. The evening begins with happy hour at 5:00 p.m., followed by our song-filled services at 5:45 p.m. By 6:30 p.m., we'll sing Yigdal and then enjoy a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. If you're bringing something commercially produced, it needs a hecksher. Bringing something homemade? Use kosher ingredients. Not sure what's kosher? Please read our kashut policy for home-cooked food, which is on our website, or contact the office with questions.

Kolot Kehilla with Professor Roberta Kwall

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

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

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

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

Yom Rishon

Sunday, March 13
10:00-11:15 a.m.

Come experience family education for preschoolers at its finest! Each session includes art, movement, music, stories and snacks as well as age-appropriate learning on a Jewish theme for preschoolers and their grown-ups. Yom Rishon meets about once a month during the school year. Put all of our 5776 sessions on your calendar: March 13, April 10, May 1.

Torah & Mindfulness

Saturdays, March 5 & 19 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 10 7:00 p.m.

Come for an hour of meditation and discussion of Jewish texts related to mindfulness. All are welcome. Contact Matt Banks (mibanks@tds.net) for more information, including session dates for Spring.

Rosh Hodesh Adar II

Thursday and Friday, March 10-11
7:00 a.m.

Celebrate the new month during morning minyan at Beth Israel Center. A light breakfast will be served after services.

TRY Kickoff Dinner

Sunday, April 3

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

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Temple Beth El

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

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

Shabbat Starts Here! Weekly Welcoming of Shabbat

Every Friday!
5:30 p.m. Family Fridays Shabbat activities for kids
5:45 p.m. Family Fridays Shabbat service w/songs & stories
6:15 p.m. Informal family-friendly buffet dinner provided* or bring your own
7:15 p.m. Shabbat greeting and gathering before the evening service
7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Approx. 8:45 p.m. Oneg Shabbat following the service

*Pay what you can, suggested donation $5/person

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

Learn more at www.templebethel-madison.org

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, March 4
5:30 p.m.
Oliva, 751 N High Point Road
Madison, WI

Join with friends or come to meet some new folks for dinner. It's some of the best Italian & Mediterranean food in town. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and get to Temple by the time Shabbat Evening Services begin at 7:30 pm. Please let Aleeza engage@tbemadison.org or 608.238.3123 know if you will be coming. Walk-ins welcome. Each person pays for his or her own meal.

Shaping the Dream – Religious Pluralism in Israel: Real vs. Ideal

With Rabbi Ariella Graetz Bartuv visiting from Israel
Wednesday, March 2
7:15 p.m.

As Jews living in a pluralist Diaspora, it is sometimes hard for Americans to conceive the polarity of extremes in which Israelis lead either secular or Orthodox lives. But, is there more in Israel than meets the eye? Join us to hear Israeli Rabbi Ariella Graetz Bartuv as she explores the issue of religious pluralism in Israel.

Rabbi Ariella was ordained in the Reform movement, but is the daughter of a Conservative rabbi and lives an orthodox lifestyle. Rabbi Ariella has held various trans-denominational positions with kibbutzim, summer camps, schools and congregations, and will speak to us first-hand about her efforts to make Israel more of a pluralistic society.

With her husband and three children, Rabbi Ariella left Jerusalem and moved to a new kibbutz (Kibbutz Hannaton) to make it a home for Jews from all religious streams. She was chosen by the kibbutz members to work as their Community Manager to promote culture, pluralism and community.

Today, in conjunction with her work as a congregational rabbi for Emet Ve-Shalom, a reform congregation in Nahariya, Rabbi Ariella is involved with other rabbinical, educational and communal projects. Drawing on her variety of religious experiences in Israel, Rabbi Ariella paints an optimistic view of Israel in which Jews from all walks of life live and practice freely in the Jewish Homeland.

Beer & Cheese Pairing Havdalah

Saturday, March 5
6:30 p.m.

Join Keith Symonds as he tickles your taste buds and expands your mind with his wealth of knowledge on beer and cheese pairing. $18/adult 21+. Keith Symons is a brew house consultant & nationally certified master beer judge with 25+ years of experience brewing, judging and enjoying beer.

Register online at www.templebethel-madison.org/events by February 24, 2016.

Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction organized by MaTTY

Sunday, March 6
5 p.m.
$10 adult in advance, $8 youth (under 12), $12 for all at the door

A delicious dinner for the entire family!

Proceeds will go to MaTTY's program fund and for learning tools for special needs and technology for our school.

Featuring Auctioneer David Hoffert (on his birthday!)

Win delicious desserts at the auction!

Register online or to matty@tbe madison.org

Kids Night Out – Parents Night Off

Saturday, March 12
5 p.m.

Kids spend an evening at Temple Beth El to enjoy camp-like activities while parents get the night off!! FREE EVENT that will include dinner, havdalah, games, and a movie! For kids in kindergarten through 5th grade, with babysitting available for those 4 years of age and younger!!

Register by March 9, by emailing kids' names and ages to Emily at erothstein@urjcamps.org

Tots and Tunes

2016 Sundays - March 13 & April 3
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Adult Lounge

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

There will be singing, crafts, challah & juice. Come hang out with our lay leaders as they teach the tots about Shabbat and Jewish holidays through songs and crafts!

The Temple Beth El Kesher (Connection) Israel Committe Presents: Israeli Film & Discussion Series

"Dancing in Jaffa" -
Wednesday, March 16
"Broken Wings" -
Wednesday, April 20 (date change)
"James' Journey" -
Wednesday, May 18

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

"The Purim Queen"

Wednesday, March 23
7:30 p.m.

A Purim Shpiel Parody of the Lion King written by the author of last year's smash hit "The Scroll of Purim". Starring our congregants. Costumes encouraged. Bring a box of mac and cheese or other boxed pasta to use as a grogger (noise maker) which will then be donated to a food pantry. Hamantashen to follow.

Paint Your Own Seder Plate or Wine Goblet at Studio You

Sunday, April 10
1:00 p.m.

Make a one of a kind Seder plate or wine goblet that can be used as Elijah's or Miriam's Cup or for your 4 cups of fruit of the wine at your Seder this year. Open to all ages. $25/per item painting. Register online or to Aleeza Hoffert, engage@tbemadison.org by March 29, specify what item you want to paint.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Young Adult Passover Seder

Friday, April 22

At Private Home near Temple Beth El

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

Community Passover Seder

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beth Israel Center

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Adult Education Programs

Conversational Yiddish

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

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

Talmud

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

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

Hebrew Reading Level II

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

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

Shabbat Services

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

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

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

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

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Shabbat

Every Friday 5:30–7:00 pm

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in a casual, joyful and song-filled weekly gathering.
Everyone is welcome! Perfect for ages 0 to 10.

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Now's the Time to Join Jewish Adults of Madison

JAM is aimed at any Jewish adult that has more time for themselves and wants to spend it with others. In January, 13 JAMmers braved the cold and sleet to meet for dinner. The conversation was nonstop, ideas for future events were plentiful, and enjoying each other's company was apparent. An Oscar's themed event occurred in February, Improv or bowling event will happen in March, and much more to be planned in the near future! If this group sounds interesting to you please contact Tiz Goff, Outreach Coordinator, at outreach@jewishmadison.org.



Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand Playgroup)

Yad B'Yad has been meeting twice a month, which is much needed in these cold winter months! While the babies play, the moms have a chance to connect with other Jewish moms to talk and laugh about parenting and life. We have traveled quite a bit around Madison's Jewish community, and plan to see more in the coming months. We have hosted speakers to discuss a wide range of topics, from Jewish topics to baby food. If you would like to join us, please contact Tiz Goff outreach@jewishmadison.org to join this fun playgroup geared toward kids aged 0-2 years of age.





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HISTORY Food Fun

KOSHER SOUL

Celebrating the history of African-American and Jewish cuisine





Save the date

Wednesday, April 13

7:30pm

Temple Beth El

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

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Hadassah's Promising Medical Advances

Discoveries on ALS, Parkinson's Disease, MS, and Diabetes

The Hadassah Medical Organization is internationally recognized for decades of leadership in stem cell research, and for immunotherapies that marshal the body's own resources to fight disease. Using human embryonic stem cells, HMO scientists have made major advances towards treating Lou Gehrig Disease (ALS), Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease and Diabetes.

In the past two years alone, Hadassah Medical Organization researchers:

• Have halted the deterioration of the retina in laboratory models of Macular Degeneration

• Inhibited the progression of ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease) in human clinical trials using the patients' own stem cells.

• Discovered that stem cells actually spur the brain to help itself. They are conducting clinical trials transplanting the patient's own bone marrow stem cells to treat and cure Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Discoveries on Breast Cancer

Hadassah has done extensive research with the BRCA gene mutation that significantly increases a woman's risk of developing breast cancer. For example, it was Hadassah researchers who discovered that:

• Ashkenazi women - have a 10 times greater frequency of the BRCA mutation than non-Ashkenazi women.

• Persian women have a different mutation in the BRCA gene

Hadassah Researchers have also discovered:

• A Blood Test for BRCA 1 and BRCA 2: Hadassah Researchers have developed a blood test that reveals it is possible to predict the presence of harmful BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations in otherwise healthy women using a novel technology called gene expression profiling. Women with a mutation in their BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene have a significantly increased risk for developing breast or ovarian cancer. For many of those at risk, the disease may develop at an early age.

Watch for announcement of upcoming Madison Hadassah program on The BRCA Genes and Breast Cancer with University of Wisconsin Dr. Jennifer Steiman.

For more information, please contact Madison Hadassah at:
www.hadassah.org/Madison
www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison
email: ckarasov@gmail.com
phone: (608) 770-6521

SAVE THE DATE:

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

YOUTH SINGERS WANTED!

Calling all 6-12 graders who love to sing...we are forming a youth chorus to sing at this year's Yom Hashoah service on May 4th. the group will have 4-5 rehearsals before the performance date. Please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org, for more information.

Kenny Lyons, MJCDS and Temple Beth El song leader extraordinaire will be directing the chorus!

Interfaith Youth Groups Join Together for a Day of Social Action and Discussion

By Jenny Weiss and Ellie Hulan

On January 23, Temple Beth El's high school youth group, MaTTY, hosted an interfaith program in tandem with Second Harvest Food Bank. The interfaith community consisted of teens from the Islamic Center of Madison, Temple Beth El, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Midvale Lutheran Church. The event brought together communities and inspired conversations about their inherent similarities across varying aspects of life.

The teens began the day together at Second Harvest Food Bank weighing and bagging apples and onions, which were later distributed to families in need in Dane County. The value of the time that the groups volunteered at Second Harvest equated to 3,552 meals! This segment was organic and gave the teens the opportunity to start casual conversations with peers from the other religious groups.

After Second Harvest, everyone returned to Temple Beth El for a discussion on what role religion plays in each of his or her lives. Jenny Weiss, a MaTTY board member, said that during the program her eyes were opened to how similar each of the religions are to one another. Weiss loved the interfaith dialogue because it felt great to have an open conversation with people her age, talk about religion in a non-hostile way, and ask and answer questions in a safe environment.

Ellie Hulan, a MaTTY board member, said that the moment that resonated most with her was when the group created ground rules prior to their discussion. Houria Latafi, from the Islamic Center, added that she wanted everyone to share and express love. "After the event," Hulan said, "I realized how right Latafi was and that we all should incorporate love into our lives, every day. I loved watching people's faces light up as they described how important their community and religion, in all its miscellany of manifestation's, was to them."

Hulan and Weiss both agree that the Interfaith Program gave them a greater understanding of the different Abrahamic religions and they both left feeling a huge sense of pride and fulfillment in what Temple Beth El does, and what the other religious groups in Madison do as well.



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Shabbat Gatherings: A Wonderful Collaboration Between Capitol Lakes, JSS and UW Hillel

By Morgan Thelander

When moving from San Francisco to Madison three years ago to attend the University of Wisconsin, I knew a total of three people. Being a strong believer in quality over quantity when picking extracurricular activities, it was important to find a group I was passionate about. After meeting Rabbi Andrea Steinberger from Hillel and receiving a personal invitation to join her and a group of students to celebrate Shabbat at Capitol Lakes Retirement Community, I knew I found that perfect match!

Jewish Social Services, Hillel, and Capitol Lakes have been celebrating Shabbat together for the past twenty years. The idea originated with Francie Smith Saposnik, retired from Jewish Social Services, who led the gathering for many years. Over the years, the collaboration has succeeded because of the diligent work started by Francie, and then continued by Louise Goldstein, recently retired from JSS. Mindy Wiseman and Ingrid Reis-Glass of JSS, Guta Cvetkovic, Director of Pastoral Services at Capitol Lakes and Rabbi Steinberger from Hillel now work together to continue the success of this program. Currently, a group of five or six students visits Capitol Lakes on the first Friday of every month to celebrate Shabbat and other Jewish holidays. Personally, my favorite service at Capitol Lakes is the celebration of Purim, since that means there will homemade Hamantaschen (last year I happily took ten cookies home).

I was impressed after my first visit to Capitol Lakes to see the familiarity and friendliness with which the students showed the residents and vice versa. The monthly Shabbat visits are composed of consistent and committed members who participate in an intimate, mutually enjoyable experience for everyone involved. My intention in finding an extra curricular was to get involved in a group off-campus, but Capitol Lakes has been much more than that. In San Francisco, I am a part of a Jewish community through my mom's commitment to Judaism. In Madison, thanks to the residents at Capitol Lakes, I am a part of a Jewish community through my own doing. Volunteering at Capitol Lakes has provided me with the opportunity to engage in the Madison Jewish community. Where else do you have an opportunity to connect with a different generation who share similar values of family and food? People who welcome you into their community by telling you about their children, grandchildren, spouses, etc. as well as explain how to make latkes?

I feel extremely fulfilled when I walk home from Capitol Lakes. The services are thoughtful and engaging and have allowed me to find my place in that community. Whether it is giving residents extra homemade Challah to enjoy over the weekend in the comfort of their own home, having a chemical engineering student play piano to guide us through familiar songs in new ways, or hearing about the residents' personal lives, I am excited to continue with Shabbat services at Capitol Lakes for the duration of my college career. I hope to contribute as much to their lives as they do to mine.



Staff, students and residents at our February visit to Capitol Lakes.

Special Session of the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory

A Special Session of the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory will be held Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m. at UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street. This event is open to the public.

Plunged into Worlds of Darkness and Light – Looking at selected moments from the 1937 black and white film "The Dybbuk" (in Yiddish with English subtitles).

Exploring its aesthetic qualities, the world it portrays, and its particular connection to the lives of Jewish women.

Come see what makes the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory a unique and vital space in the Madison Jewish community.

Presenter: Steve Olson, retired teacher of English and Film Study and current Torah Study teacher at Temple Beth El.

RSVP to Rabbi Andrea Steinberger at asteinberger@uwhillel.org.

Yonim on Tour!

Yonim was delighted to perform at three different Madison schools on our annual school tour! We were honored to be hosted by Randall Elementary, Wingra School and Van Hise Elementary. The Yonim dancers not only performed, but involved the audience in the upbeat, catchy Israeli tunes. Participants sang along to the course of "Salaam"—which says *od yavo shalom aleinu*—peace will come upon us, thereby spreading Yonim's message of peace. We ended the day by teaching Israeli dance to two music classes at Van Hise Elementary School. This new experience continued to foster a sense of community between Yonim dancers and other kids in the Madison area.

Looking ahead, Yonim is excited to perform at the Kids Expo on March 6, at the Alliant Energy center. Look for us from 1:18-1:33 p.m. on the Celebrating Youth! stage. The following week on Sunday, March 13, at 1 p.m. come out and support Yonim's Aleph and Bet dancers at the Waisman Center Children's Theater. This is a fun, engaging performance for all ages! For more information, contact us at yonim@jewishmadison.org.







Come join us ...

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Family Education Programs!

- **March 7th:** Registration for Camp Shalom begins online
- **March 13th, 3-5:00pm:** Hamantashen Baking Workshop with Susan Roquitte. Our annual Hamantashen bake is always a hit, this year we will be filling, folding and baking at Temple Beth El.
- **March 20th, 9:30-11:30am:** Community Purim Carnival at Temple Beth El. See ad for more details!
- **April 13th, 7:30pm:** Kosher Soul with Michael Twitty
- **April 14th:** Interactive hands-on cooking event for adults with Michael Twitty, details TBA
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Look for more details in future editions of the Madison Jewish News or check online at www.JewishMadison.org

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Camp Corner



Summer, Friendship, Laughter, Fun… Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on Monday, March 7

- **Camp Shalom Registration is on Monday, March 7th! Register online at www.jewishmadison.org**

- **Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Dates**
  Session 1: Monday, June 20-July 8th (No camp on Monday, July 4)
  Session 2: Tuesday, July 12th-July 29th
  Session 3 (Camp Shalom K-5 ONLY): Tuesday, August 1st-August 12th

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  Friday, June 24th: Session 1 Visitors' Lunch (CAMP SHALOM ONLY)
  Wednesday, July 6th: Session 1 Late Night/Overnight Program
  Friday, July 15th: Session 2 Visitors' Lunch (CAMP SHALOM ONLY)
  Wednesday, July 27th: Session 2 Late Night/Overnight Program
  Friday, August 5th: Session 3 Visitors' Lunch (CAMP SHALOM ONLY)
  Wednesday, August 10th: Session 3 Late Night program (NO OVERNIGHT)











What campers and families are saying about Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (summer 2014 feedback)

~ I just wanted to say how thankful we are for the experiences both our children had this summer at Camp Shalom. We had always heard positive reviews of Camp Shalom, but can honestly say that the camp exceeded our already lofty expectations.

~ Camp has been such a positive experience for my son. It allows him to enjoy social experiences at his level and the outings force him to try new things.

~ This really is the crown jewel of the summer for my kids.

~ I was speaking with another parent about what makes Camp Shalom special, and a lot of it has to do with the counselors. The counselors are excited to be there, love the camp, love the kids, and you just don't get that experience anywhere else. They've been a huge part of why my kid has had the best summer ever.

~ I really appreciate the diversity in the children. The counselors are all very enthusiastic and energetic also.

~ I've always been so impressed with the enthusiasm, kindness and energy of the camp staff. Everyone at Camp Shalom puts so much time, energy and heart into everything they do with the kids. I like that positivity and joy are being modeled; it's so important these days.

~ My son had the absolute best summer ever. A huge thank you to everyone involved for making camp happen!

~ He loved all of the activities! He was never bored. I think he especially enjoyed the singing. :)

~ My son thoroughly enjoyed staying overnight. He loved swimming and listening to the counselor's stories around the campfire.

~ Thank you for offering my kids such a fantastic experience. They LOVE camp and always look forward to it every year. I've never heard one complaint or criticism.

~ You do exceptionally good work. My children love camp, love their counselors. This is their happy place.

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Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim

You might be wondering what Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (NOBO) is all about. In a word, it's about choice. Campers have a choice in what specialty activities they choose; daily choices between on-site and off-site programming and choices about what kinds of activities they do at the end of the day. Active campers often gravitate towards large-group activities: hikes in state parks, skating, swimming and biking on the Military Ridge Trail. Creative campers love the opportunity to try new DIY projects, photography, cooking and ceramics. At NOBO we work hard to give campers unique experiences that they won't have anywhere else – Marshmallow dodge ball, Bubble soccer, and scavenger hunts in downtown Madison, amazing Races through the zoo, trips to try log rolling, farming or tubing, and camp-based activities that leave everyone laughing. All of our campers get the opportunity to take an overnight trip during each session and to spend a day at a waterpark. Second session campers look forward to our camp-wide Maccabia competition, and this year, we plan to add a camp-wide Messtival to our first session! We are looking forward to providing a great experience for YOUR middle school camper! Sign-up begins on Monday, March 7. See you in June!



















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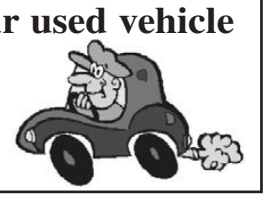

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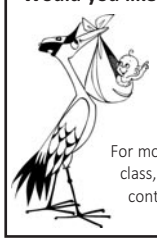

Shalom Baby *is designed to help Madison families celebrate the arrival of their Jewish newborns and welcome them to the Madison Jewish Community.*

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Senator Tammy Baldwin Speaks to Large Crowd at the Annual Blockstein Lecture February 14

By Elena Robbins

On Sunday, February 14, I was fortunate to attend the annual Blockstein Lecture, an event co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and Jewish Social Services. The event honors the memory of Liesl Blockstein, a woman who was a well-known force for good in both the Jewish community and the wider community. Each year a speaker is invited who is a Wisconsin woman who embodies Liesl's commitment to social justice and Jewish life. This year's speaker was United States Senator Tammy Baldwin.

While the Blockstein Lecture has drawn crowds in the past, the number of people who showed up to hear Senator Baldwin speak was unlike anything I had seen before. As Rabbi Biatch delivered the senator's biography, he was met with multiple happy interruptions from the enthusiastic crowd, cheering for the Senator's career accomplishments.

Senator Baldwin's personal connection with Liesl Blockstein surprised me.



Senator Tammy Baldwin

She knew Liesl from the national branch of the Political Women's Caucus, and it was Leisl who exhorted her to run for Dane County Board. This push from Blockstein paved the path toward the political stewardship that Senator Baldwin exhibits today. The personal connection between to two reaffirmed the purpose of the Blockstein Lecture - to honor Liesl's commitment to social justice and to celebrate a woman who reflects that commitment in society.

After a tribute to Liesl, Senator Baldwin spoke to several key issues that she is working on. As a staff member at Jewish Social Services, I admired her emphasis on support for caregivers through the RAISE Family Caregivers Act, which would provide a strategy for caregivers, empowering them to continue to care for their loved ones. This act would allow us and other social service agencies to refer to these tools when assisting those who come to us seeking caregiver support.

She spoke to combatting economic inequity, through the reduction of educational debt, and providing support in areas, which may significantly decrease one's chances of earning a living wage. During a question-and-answer portion of the event, Senator Baldwin addressed Jewish Social Services, stating that small social service agencies may be the ones to help advocate for solutions for those people who are "falling through the cracks". Jewish Social Services is faced with these realities every day. It was encouraging and refreshing to hear from a politician who recognizes the need for support to minimize economic inequity in our country. Her emphasis on social justice and equality throughout the event made it clear that she is somebody who exhibits the qualities we seek to recognize in the Blockstein Lecture.

As I walked out of Temple Beth El I couldn't help but feel refreshed. The amazing turnout from the community, and the uplifting discussion filled with insightful questions and thoughtful responses was a physical manifestation of the support that we receive from the Madison community. I look forward to Blockstein Lectures in the coming years, hoping that we can continue to create positive, fruitful dialogue related to social justice and our community. Many thanks to Temple Beth El, my co-workers at Jewish Social Services, and the Blockstein Family, as well as Senator Baldwin for their work to create such a fantastic event.

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP AND GALLERY TOUR

Edgewood College
Thursday, April 7 • 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

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Participate in an interactive hands-on art process with students and create an original art piece to take away. No previous art experience required.

Retirees are especially encouraged to join us! Space is limited. For more information, contact Denny Geller at artwoman1@tds.net. To register contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at Ingrid@jssmadison.org or by phone 608-442-4083.



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National Social Work Month: An Interview with Katy Polich

Every year in March at Jewish Social Services we celebrate National Social Work Month. This year's theme is "Forging Solutions out of Challenges". We interviewed social worker Katy Polich to get an insight into her work at JSS and in the community.

What can you tell me about the services that you provide at Jewish Social Services?

I'm here to support and empower families and individuals that are struggling in Dane County. While we specialize in serving the Jewish and immigrant communities, we serve all people. Feel free to contact me for information and referrals, short-term advocacy, or longer-term case management services. I know that navigating community resources and figuring out "next steps" during difficult life circumstances can be confusing and overwhelming. I am here as an ally and can help connect Madison-area residents with community resources to meet their basic needs and keep themselves safe and healthy. I will assess your situation; and help facilitate access to needed financial benefits, secure housing, and medical, mental health and treatment services or whatever your specific needs may be. Please be assured that our services are all confidential. We can meet at a place and time that will protect your privacy, and maximize your sense of comfort.

In what situations should people call you?

If you're struggling accessing services or benefits that you need, or your housing situation is feeling insecure, please call. If you know somebody in a tough situation, we prefer to talk to them directly whenever possible. Pass along our phone number or the website! When in doubt, please call, I'm happy to work with you to get you where you need to go.

What do you love most about the work that you do?

I have always been a social worker at heart; there was never anything else for me to do! I strongly believe that we are all connected, and love building relationships with folks in the community. It is such a privilege to be with others during some of their most vulnerable times. I am humbled every day by the trust that is placed in me.

This year's theme for Nation Social Work Month is "Forging Solutions out of Challenges", how does this theme speak to you and your role at JSS?

I think "forging solutions out of challenges" could be another definition for social work! Folks wouldn't need us if there were easy paths to services and adequate resources to care for everyone. As it is, one of my favorite moments is realizing that through my work with clients, they have become more empowered, recognized their own strengths, and have learned how to navigate these tricky systems on their own.

You are not alone – Jewish Social Services can help. If you are in need of social services, please contact the professional staff of JSS at 608-278-1808.



Katy Polich

The Jewish Social Services Resource Library

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

Macular Degeneration: The Complete Guide to Saving and Maximizing your Sight, by Lylas G Mogk, M.D. and Marja Mogk, with information on reducing risk factors, experimental treatments and research and more.

T*he Parental Experience in Midlife*, edited by Carol D. Ryff and Marsha Mailick Seltzer, takes a look at "…the time when parents watch offspring grow into adulthood and begin to establish adult-to-adult relationships with their children."

To see what's available or to borrow a book, contact JSS at 608-278-1808.

Volunteer For Jewish Social Services!

Add something special to your life – Volunteer for Jewish Social Services. Volunteer application at www.jssmadison.org/becoming-volunteer or call (608) 442-4083 for information

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

Current Volunteer Opportunities

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Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick) - Opportunities to make brief drop-in visits with several elderly women in memory care; Verona, Middleton and southwest Madison. These visits can be made when convenient for you.

English as a second language tutoring/Citizenship Exam preparation – Help tutor somebody looking to pass their citizenship exam and master the English language.

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

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

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

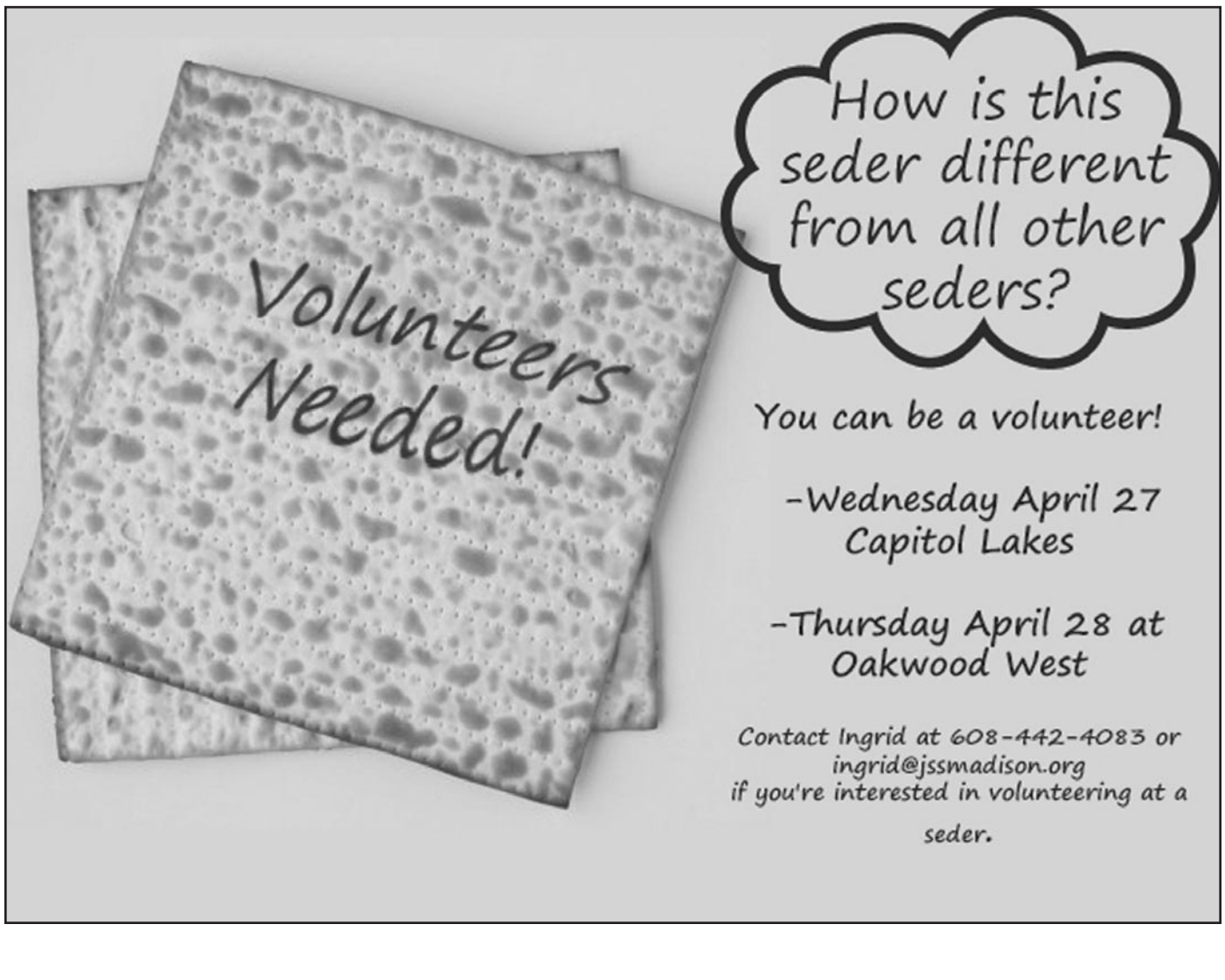
Come talk with us about doing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services. There are also opportunities for older youth and youth groups to volunteer and contribute to the community, develop new skills and have fun. Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at 608-608-278-1808 or 608-442-4083 direct for 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 Incurred 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

Get to Know the Midrasha Spring Semester Staff



This semester at Midrasha is off to a great start thanks to our wonderful staff. We have several veteran teachers, a few new faces, and 3 Midrasha graduates on staff this spring.

Rabbi Jonathan Biatch is teaching iJew: Judaism and My Decisions, to the 10th graders this semester. He is excited to see the wonder on students' faces when they realize that Jewish values contain both wisdom and practicality. He teaches with the goal of enabling students to arrive at their own conclusions. One thing you might not know about Rabbi Biatch is that his children share his passion for performing arts and both want to be professional actors. (Anyone know of any internships out there?☺)

Sari Mishell joins the Midrasha staff this semester as a Hebrew teacher on Wednesday nights. She is looking forward to teaching vocabulary and grammar to her students and loves to play games in class. She is majoring in Political Science and Communication Arts at UW-Madison.

As a Midrasha graduate and long-time resident of Madison, **Beth Callies** is no stranger to this program. She spent over half of her life working at Camp Shalom and it is fun to have her back with Midrasha, this time as a teacher in the Jewish Community Leadership class for 11th graders. She will be helping the students learn about ways they can get involved in the community as Jewish leaders.

When **Rebecca Joey Schwab** joined the Midrasha staff she was almost the same age as some of the students. Now, 5 years later she is one of our veteran teachers! Rebecca is teaching Jewish Ethics and Law to the 8th graders and is enjoying getting to know them. The class has been debating current issues and how they connect with Jewish ethics and traditions. Rebecca is looking forward to starting Israeli Zumba classes in Madison and hopes you will join her for the fun!

Josh Davidson, a Midrasha graduate, spends his Wednesday nights buzzing students into the Temple, helping with snack sales, and making sure everything is running smoothly. When he is not at Midrasha he works hard as a Social Worker with kids who have special needs. He also loves to play Frisbee and celebrated his 30th birthday in February!

Ariella Rivkin is teaching Ivrit (Hebrew) at Midrasha on Sundays. She uses a lot of different strategies in her teaching because she recognizes that everyone learns differently. She wants to help the students learn at their own level and pace. Ariella is a student at UW, she also knows every word to the Grease soundtrack, and is active at Hillel and on student government.

Elana Charles is returning to Midrasha this semester to teach Hebrew, Survey of Jewish History (8th grade) and Judaism Around the World (9th/10th grade elective). This semester she is excited to work with her Hebrew students on forming sentences since their vocabulary has grown so much. She is planning to use creative methods like storyboards and student discussions, and has already planned an exciting final project with her students in Jewish History. She is excited to explore Jewish cultures and traditions across the world with the Judaism Around the World students. She will share her own experiences from when she studied abroad in Rome. She will be graduating from UW this May!

Naomi Segal is a familiar face to many and a new face on the Midrasha staff. She is working with Daniel Gill to teach History of Israel to the 9th graders, and Not on Our Watch: Genocide from Past to Present, an 11th/12th grade elective. In History of Israel she is looking forward to discussing with the students their connection to Israel, and how they can enhance this connection, especially towards the end of the semester. In Not on Our Watch: Genocide from Past to Present, she is looking forward to lobbying with the students at the Wisconsin Capitol to make April Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month in Wisconsin. Naomi lived in Israel for a year between high school and college on the Reform Movements gap year program, Shnat Netzer. There she lived with other Jews her age from Germany, Spain, England, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa! She will be graduating from UW in May and is looking for a job in the Jewish Community.

Missy Sosman is a veteran teacher who was once a teacher for an adolescent psychiatric unit in California. She is also the mom of two Midrasha graduates. She will be teaching Jewish Cooking to the 12th graders this semester. She is looking forward to our special event with Michael Twitty in April, and to cooking some of his recipes with the kids. They will talk about his connections to the Jewish and African American communities and will have a chance to meet with him when he comes to Madison.

Sherie Sondel is a trained nutritionist and will be teaching Jewish Cooking this semester. She is looking forward to preparing dishes from diverse Jewish cultures and increasing the students' skills and comfort levels in the kitchen. Sherie is the mom of 4 Midrasha graduates and she has a therapy dog with Dogs on Call and loves making visits with him.

Daniel Gill is Madison's Community Shaliach. He came to Madison in August with his wife Shirly, the Israel Fellow at UW Hillel. Daniel is teaching History of Israel to the 9th graders, and Israeli Culture through Music, a 9th/10th grade elective. He plays the guitar and loves to cook. Daniel and Shirly would like to get to know the Midrasha students and their families so please invite them to join your family for a meal!

Lauren Lauter is originally from the Chicago area. She is a PhD Student in Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Policy Studies at UW Madison. She went to Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and is having fun working with her students on learning the Hebrew language. Lauren's claim to fame is that she was once an extra in a Bollywood film! Next time you see her ask which one!

Laurel Hefty is a veteran Midrasha teacher. She graduated from Midrasha and also teaches at Temple Beth El on Sundays. This semester she is teaching Survey of Jewish History, 8th grade, and Current Events, an 11th/12th elective. She wants her 8th grade students to get excited about the "what ifs" of history and see how everything connects to each other. They've already had an amazing discussion of whether King David's actions should be judged by today's standards. In her Current Events class Laurel sees today's headlines as gold! Each week brings an unexpected topic to discuss. She chooses a topic, or students can come in with their own interests, to discuss and examine the impact on our lives. Since a few of the students are, or will be, of voting age, the political topics are quite interesting! She makes sure to guide the conversation, but not to interject her own opinions. She's a storyteller, so the students get to know a lot about her. Laurel is going back to school to begin working on her Master's Degree. Her hidden talent is that she can bend over, keep her knees straight, and touch the ground with her knuckles.

Tsurit Grisham moved to Madison from Israel. She is getting to know the Madison Jewish community and is volunteering her time to work with the Advanced level Hebrew students at Midrasha. She makes jewelry in her spare time and has an Etsy site called "Not Like Yours" where she sells her one of a kind pieces.

Winter Fun at Gan HaYeled Preschool!



Avner is wearing the snowman hat that he made in Gimel.



Sydney did a great job on her hat, too.



Finally, some good packing snow!



Jacob, Joey, Benny, Sam and Naomi learn team work while making this snowman.



Partner Painting in Dalet with Maggie and Jacob.



Jaime is learning to play soccer during KEVA class.



Schmooze fun with Liron.



A fun game of "Whisper Uno" with Claudia in the Dalet class.



Teacher Lisa and Adam, Hephzibah, Ziv and Cora are busy with the "Dot" markers.



Morning Circle Time in Bet.



Professor Smarty Pants came for a visit in Dalet, and taught the children about Capillary Action.



Tu B'Shevat Seder in Dalet.



Daniel, our Shaliach, sings songs with the Bet class.

This article is about the national memory of Jewish and Russian people (part 2)

Генрих Бабич

Об особенностях национальной памяти еврейского и российского народов

(историко-философские заметки)

(продолжение)

Вывезенные из Палестины в Италию и другие регионы иудейские пленники и вольноотпущенники фактически стали первой европейской диаспорой. Началась жизнь в среде других народов. В течение веков долговременная память еврейского народа определялось условиями этой жизни. Это привело к формированию **синдрома диаспоры** в умах миллионов людей.

Особенность еврейской диаспоры в Европе состоит в том, что **все** евреи в определенное время оказались в рассеянии, фактически утратив не только контроль над своей родиной, но и связь с ней на долгие столетия. Жизнь в диаспоре оставила в еврейском сознании существенный след. Эта жизнь означала, что еврейский народ находился не по соседству, а именно среди других народов, что неминуемо приводило к сращиванию культур евреев с основным населением. В особенности это относилось к языку. Для огромной массы евреев диаспоры родным языком становился язык народа, в среде которого они жили. Эта сторона жизни особенно остро проявилась в Германии. Евреи в культурном смысле так сроднились с немцами, что фактически стали неотделимой частью немецкого народа. Было заключено множество немецко-еврейских смешанных браков. Во времена фашизма это привело к массовым трагедиям. Для решения проблемы гитлеровцы спешно придумали процентные нормы, руководствуясь которыми они отделяли евреев от немцев.

Важной особенностью еврейского менталитета является тяга к образованию. И дело здесь не в исключительности евреев, как это иногда пытаются представить некоторые еврейские националисты. Такая особенность была заложена праотцами иудаизма, которые установили, что еврей должен лично, а не через посредство священнослужителя, обращаться к Богу. Для такого обращения он сам должен быть грамотен, чтобы иметь возможность прочесть священные книги и тексты молитв. Поэтому, оказавшись в диаспоре, евреи обивали пороги учебных заведений, учились и оказались в числе самых образованных людей народов, в среде которых они жили.

Еще один пример особенности того какое, уже социальное, место евреи занимали в европейской диаспоре. Имею ввиду ростовщичество. Поскольку Христос "изгнал менял из храма", христианство запрещало ссужение денег. Только в наши дни человечество пришло к пониманию того, какое положительное место во всей его жизни занимает банковское дело. Но в начале новой эры церковь считала, что давая деньги под проценты, человек незаслуженно наживается за счет этих процентов, так как не создает при этом материальных ценностей. В результате, место ростовщиков заняли евреи. Это имело свою отрицательную сторону, так как привело к распространению ложных обвинений евреев в жадности и в том, что они не заслужено финансово закабаляют своих должников.

В истории европейского еврейства после формирования в его долговременной памяти **синдрома возвращения**, вызванного трагедией изгнания из Палестины, были еще несколько этапов, которые также оставили свой след в долговременной памяти народа. Напомню о них.

Первое тысячелетие жизни в европейской диаспоре не было мирным для евреев. Множество войн и переделов государств оборачивалось для них трагедиями. Европейские властители, в особенности церковные, не принимали их в среду подвластных им народов. В результате того, что они стремились отторгнуть евреев от своей среды, были созданы **гетто**. Гетто – это районы крупных городов, где добровольно или принудительно проживали этнические меньшинства, первоначально евреи. Термин берет начало от названия изолированного каналами участка земли в Венеции, где с 1516 года предписывалось жить евреям. В дальнейшем еврейские гетто появились в Германии, Франции, Швейцарии и Италии.

В целом можно сказать, что цель гетто со стороны властей состояла в том, чтобы ограничить условия жизни евреев во всех возможных направлениях. Главное ограничение находилось в сфере профессиональной деятельности. Им нельзя было заниматься сельским хозяйством. Организовать текстильное или иное производство значило вызвать протест конкурентов, за которым от властей следовал запрет на это занятие. Евреям было разрешено заниматься лишь портняжным и сапожным ремеслом. Им не разрешалось торговать никакими новыми товарами. Дозволялась лишь торговля старьем, что стало типичным еврейским занятием вплоть до наших дней. Поскольку открывать магазины вне гетто евреям не разрешалось, им приходилось заниматься торговлей вразнос. Бродячий торговец-еврей с коробом на спине стал в XVIII веке обычной деталью сельского пейзажа во всей Европе. Эти ограничения прочно вошли в долговременную память народа, которая и через двести лет проявлялась в разное время поразному. Вспоминаю, как до войны я с родителями жил в западной части Украины. Люди вокруг нас жили очень бедно и чтобы свести концы с концами зачастую пользовались услугами кочующих старьевщиков, у которых можно было что-нибудь купить-продать. Эти старьевщики всегда были евреями. Еще в конце XIX века, когда евреи-эмигранты из стран Европы хлынули в США, масса еврейских торговцев вразнос направилась в западные районы страны. Когда эти районы осваивались фронтьерами, магазины для торговли необходимыми товарами открывались там не в первую очередь. Их место заняли торговцы вразнос.

Несмотря на профессиональные ограничения, евреи с особым рвением занимались медициной. Часто роль врача сочеталась со званием раввина. Некоторым из жаждавших знаний бедных студентов из перенаселенных гетто удавалось поступить в университеты и в дальнейшем они становились известными врачами. Правда, врачам-евреям запрещалось заниматься лечением правоверных христиан. Однако, коронованные персоны и служители церкви больше считались со своим здоровьем, чем с церковными законами, поэтому они обращались за помощью к врачам-евреям.

Другие ограничения имели этический, нравственный или религиозный характер. Начиная с XVI века евреев заставляли носить отличительный знак. В Италии этот знак принял форму шляпы желтого или красного цвета. В Германии знак был в форме желтого круга, который прикреплялся к верхней одежде. Тем, кто осмеливался ходить вне стен гетто без отличительного знака, угрожали самые суровые наказания. После захода солнца считалось серьезным преступлением еврею находиться вне гетто, а христианину – внутри него. Это предостережение было вызвано соображениями о чистоте расы, ибо половая связь между приверженцами разных религий считалась почти таким же преступлением, как кровосмешение, и наказывалась так же. Чтобы подчеркнуть бесправие евреев, им запрещалось ездить к карете, иметь слуг-христиан и даже пользоваться услугами добрых соседей, чтобы те зажигали для них свечи в субботу. Центром жизни гетто была синагога. Из опасения возбудить зависть христиан она должна была занимать простое и непритязательное здание. Власти следили за тем, чтобы еврейский молитвенный дом не возвышался над соседними христианскими храмами. В городе запрещалось иметь более одной синагоги.

Поскольку для гетто власти выделяли ограниченные по площади участки города, евреи здесь жили очень скученно. Одна особенность сразу бросалась в глаза посетителю гетто – большая высота домов. Это происходило потому, что власти не разрешали увеличивать площадь еврейского квартала. Единственный способ разместить на заданной площади растущее население (у евреев семьи по религиозным обычаям были многодетными) состоял в том, чтобы расти вверх, добавляя все новые этажи к уже построенному зданию. Скученность приводила к антисанитарии и к быстрому распространению инфекционных заболеваний.

Последнее гетто в Европе было ликвидировано в конце XIX века. Подытоживая рассказ о гетто, скажу, что эта страница истории жизни в диаспоре оставила в долговременной памяти народа **синдром униженности**.

В России еврейское гетто, как таковое, отсутствовало, но подобное ограничение появилось в 1791 году по указу Екатерины II в виде Черты Оседлости, которая была отменена Временным правительством в 1917 году. Черта Оседлости охватывала территорию Украины, Белоруссии и Прибалтики. Евреям разрешалось жить только на этой территории в специально оговоренных населенных пунктах – местечках – поскольку в сельской местности проживание также не дозволялось. К концу XIX века в России жили 5 млн. евреев и лишь около 200 тыс. из них имели право проживания в городах, не входивших в Черту Оседлости (в основном, это были люди с высшим образованием и купцы первой гильдии). Социальные, религиозные и нравственные условия жизни в Черте Оседлости мало отличались от того, как жили евреи в гетто остальной Европы. Особенностью был сложившийся там образ жизни. Жизнь евреев в местечке отличалась особой узостью интересов и представлений, что в их долговременной памяти приобрело свою форму понятий о жизни. С особой яркостью и наглядностью эта форма жизни запечатлена в полотнах замечательного художника Марка Шагала. А дальше произошла интересная метаморфоза. В конце XIX века 2,5 миллиона евреев из стран Восточной Европы, главным образом, из этих местечек, оказались в Америке. Существенная часть из них осела в Нью Йорке. Город превратился в большое местечко. Евреи принесли сюда содержимое своей долговременной памяти. Это наглядно видно по дошедшим до нас фотографиям и даже по коротким документальным кинокадрам. Но прошло два-три поколения жизни. Где это Нью Йоркское местечко? Оно исчезло, поскольку определяющим в жизни евреев оказалась окружавшая их американская среда со всеми ее культурными достижениями. Сегодня американские евреи являются частью народа страны, но заботятся о сохранении своего еврейства.

Говоря о национальной памяти евреев, нельзя пройти мимо проблемы Холокоста. Думается, что трагедия гибели шести миллионов никогда не уйдет из нашей долговременной памяти. Здесь, однако, вспоминается история массовой резни, учиненной казаками Богдана Хмельницкого 350 лет тому назад. От их рук погибло 150 тыс. ни в чем не повинных евреев. По приблизительным оценкам в мире тогда было около миллиона евреев, т.е. казаки вырезали одну шестую часть из них. В Холокосте погибла одна треть мирового еврейства, т.е. его последствия в долевом отношении сопоставимы с жертвами от рук казаков Хмельницкого. Много ли мы сегодня говорим об этом? Отнюдь нет. Возможно, в этом состоят "гримасы" долговременной, как и всякой человеческой, памяти.

Таким образом, особенностью национальной памяти еврейского народа является сочетание двух составляющих: **о жизни в диаспоре**, завершившейся **Холокостом**, и наконец сбывшейся **мечты о возвращении** на родину праотцов.

(окончание следует)

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

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March Lechayim Calendar

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

Can't make lunch, but can make it in time for the program? You are absolutely welcome to join us for the program portion only.

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

Monday, March 7
11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Potato Leek Soup, Brown Rice Pilaf, Spiced Chickpea Salad, Breadstick, Dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm. Andrea Carvin – *Awakening Your Natural Healer*

Monday, March 14 ***Lechayim celebrates Purim***
11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Citrus Chicken, Roasted Carrots, Fruit Salad, Breadstick, Hamantaschen
1:00 pm-2:00 pm *Irish music with Currach*

Monday, March 21 ***Lechayim does not meet***

Monday, March 28 ***In memory of Anatole Beck, z"l, sponsored by Eve-Lynn Siegel***
11:00 am -12:00 pm Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bulgur & Couscous Stuffed Peppers with Red Pepper Cream Sauce, Sautéed Squash, Green Salad, Melon Wedge, Breadstick, Dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Monica Kamal – *The Ability in Dis-ability: helping others by co-founding Access Ability WI and Madison SCI, Inc*.

Next month's dates
April 4,11,25

Transportation to Lechayim

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

Making Lechayim Reservations

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

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

Вы можете выбрать только обед или только развлекательно-образовательную часть программы или присоединиться к целому мероприятию.

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

Понедельник, 7 Марта
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Картофельный суп с луком-пореем, плов из коричневого риса, пряный салат из гороха, хлебная палочка.
1:00-2:00 Андрея Карвин "Пробуждение вашего природного целителя"

Понедельник, 14 Марта Лехаим празднует Пурим. В память об Анатоле Беке, автор Ив-Линн Сейгел
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Курица под цитрусовым маринадом, жареная морковь, фруктовый салат, хлебная палочка, хаманташи
1:00-2:00 Ирландская музыка с The Currach

Понедельник, 21 Марта Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 28 Марта
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Фаршированный перец с крем-соусом из красного перца, обжаренные кабачки, зеленый салат, ломтики дыни, хлебная палочка
1:00-2:00 Моника Камаль - Жизнь с инвалидностью и Мадисон SCI, Inc. (SCI, Inc. - организация, помогающая людям с повреждениями канала спинного мозга)

Даты Апреля 4, 11, 25

Shalom *from Jewish Social Services!*

JSS volunteers visit seniors who are new to Madison, bringing a gift bag with information, treats and a few surprises. Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 442-4083 or ingrid@jssmadison.org to request a visit. Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for supporting this program.

Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can help! Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808, (608) 442-4083 (direct) or email ingrid@jssmadison.org.

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

www.jssmadison.org

About our Programs

Monday, March 7 - Andrea Carvin will present Awakening Your Natural Healer – Your Bubbie knew a lot. Chicken soup and many handed down family remedies support natural healing. During our time together, we will be exploring natural healing, sharing some of these remedies, and what scientific research is discovering about our body's ability to restore and heal.


Andrea Carvin

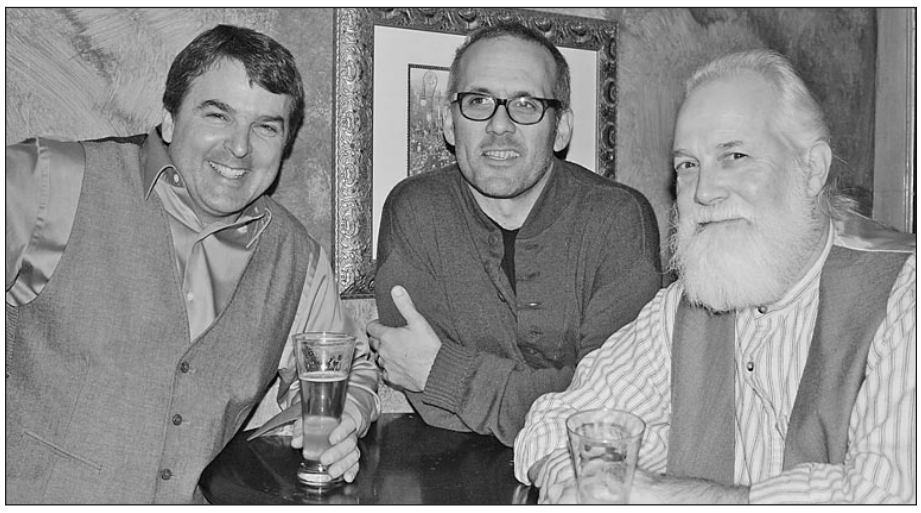
Andrea is the Owner of Inner Sparks Rehab Gym and Spa, a place that emphasizes wellness through relaxation and education, discovery and focus. Andrea has dedicated her work to helping people live their lives to the fullest potential. She has grown her career spanning over 30 years as an Occupational Therapist, Leadership Coach, Reiki Master, Yoga Teacher, Inspired Learning Model Group Facilitator, Energetic Psychology Practitioner, Speaker, Teacher, Author, Business Owner and Feminine Empowerment Coach.

Currach returns to Lechayim on **Monday March 14**, to celebrate Purim with Irish music. Darl Ridgely, bodhran, bones and vocals; Josh Perkins, guitar, concertina and vocals; Daithi Wolfe, fiddle and vocals; Steve Honer, flute. Purim's Carnival atmosphere is the perfect venue for this lively music! Currach has been playing at Lechayim for a number of years, and always delights with the melodies and rhythms of the Emerald Isle. You can also catch them every Friday night from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Brocach Tavern on West Main Street, where there is no cover charge.

Monday, March 21 - Lechayim doesn't meet

Monday, March 28 - The Ability in Dis-ability – helping others by co-founding Access Ability WI and Madison SCI, Inc. Monica Kamal will share her amazing story and tell us about outdoor recreational opportunities for those with physical disabilities and their families and friends.

Monica, who is paralyzed due to a spinal cord injury, the result of a snow skiing accident in 2001, is a mother of two who at the time were 3rd and 6th graders. She is the founder and facilitator of the Madison SCI Inc (Spinal Cord Issues Support Group and a chapter of the United Spinal), former Ms. Wheelchair WI, placed 6th in the NYC marathon hand cycling, and a co-founder and Project Manager at Access Ability WI/ Dane County Pheasants Forever. With the motto "We plan, We go, We conquer!" Monica and many other Madison SCI members promote recreational and entertainment events each year, including handbiking, the 5K scramble, kayaking and adaptive fishing at picnics. Keeping their members in the loop, both groups use social media for easy and real time communication. Monica is also a strong advocate and mentor for persons with chronic conditions and disabilities. She promotes innovative ideas to ensure access for all to enjoy Wisconsin's natural resources. In February, Monica traveled to Las Vegas, to be awarded the 2016 Pathfinder Award from Safari Club International and is the 2nd woman to win this award in the 41 years of this organization's existence. To Safari Club International, a pathfinder is a person who is faced with challenges in their life that causes them to find new ways to live it, to overcome those challenges, and to be engaged in outdoor activities.


Members of Currach Irish Trio will celebrate Purim with Irish music on March 14.


Monica Kamal

Scenes from Lechayim

Photos by Eve Siegel









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Spotlight: Pamela Phillips Olson

Since I listen intently to stories daily in my professional life, as a psychotherapist, you might not think I would be devoted to and honored by my volunteer work. But, every month for over four years, a thrill of anticipation and excitement would hit me when I sat down with Lechayim participants to record their biographical accounts. I never knew what I was about to hear.

The stories told were laced with wisdom and generosity. Sometimes a twist of fate would send the subject's life in an unexpected direction. Sitting close, I listened, watching their faces take on a look of childhood innocence, deep thoughtful remembrance, sometimes fear and often joyousness. This writing has been some of the most fulfilling work I have ever done. It has never gotten stale.

Now, there is an exciting transition under way. Jewish Social Services has many diverse programs that touch many people worthy of having their stories told. The column will broaden to include more topics. Other writers will contribute.

In the meantime, I will continue to volunteer at Lechayim. In addition, I am in the process of creating a book based on the collection of over 50 stories and photographs. The book will be called "Lechayim Lunch: Ingredients for a Good Life."

It will include the series of "Spotlight" stories and photos published previously in the *Madison Jewish News* and then displayed as the "Life Memories Project." The entire collection will be shown again in April, at a Lechayim lunch. I will also talk about the ingredients of a good life that these wonderful stories revealed to me.

I hope to see you there.

~Pamela Phillips Olson



Pamela Phillips Olson displays some of the photos in her 'Life Memories Project.'

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



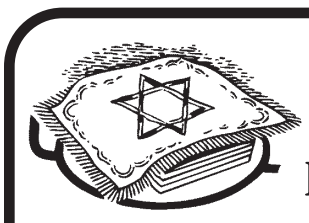
Our monthly Shabbat gatherings, with wine donated by Frank Liquor, includes candle lighting, challah, singing and discussion.

Attic Angel Place at 2:30 in the Garden Room
8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and with the assistance of Angel Volunteers.
March 4, May 6

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall
333 West Main Street
A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the UW-Hillel Foundation.
March 11

Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room
6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg
March 18

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



Save the dates for Passover Seders at Retirement Communities!

Wednesday, April 27, Capitol Lakes Retirement Community, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 28, Oakwood Village University Woods, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Registration information will be available in late March, early April. Residents, their families and friends, and non-residents are welcome at both Seders.

Transitions

Happy March Birthday

Anna Heifetz
Arie Carmi
Cleo Loftsgordon
Dean Ziemke
Edie Fox
Elsa Johnson
Harold Farkas
Ida Wyman
Ilya Fiksel
Lillian Zwilling
Paul Grossberg
Rita Kades
Robert Schlesinger
Roz Levin

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

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

Victoria Junco Meyer: In Memoriam

A "woman of valor" has been part of us at Lechayim. A year after her 100th birthday celebration she has now left us. Those of us who had the joy to know her, knew her first for her warmth, her capacity for love, and her enduring care for all peoples. We treasured that even as we honored her for her brilliant mind, her academic achievements, and her connections with world leaders. All this even as she maintained her humility, her deep religious faith, and family centeredness.

Victoria was a woman of many accomplishments. The most valued were her family and friends, including us at Lechayim. Her accomplishment of a PhD, at a time when few women were achieving such heights in academia, was just another part of this modest woman who wore her many laurels with humility. Victoria loved knowledge and beauty. She saw the beauty in people and in art, sharing her understanding generously, either professionally as a teacher of language or as a volunteer as a docent in an art museum. As a professor at Vassar College, she became the beloved teacher of a young woman named Jacqueline Bouvier, who later married Jack Kennedy and became the first lady of the United States. Jackie Kennedy remained a devoted student/friend of Victoria's. Victoria and her beloved husband, Paul (also a Lechayim member), welcomed President and Mrs. Kennedy as they welcomed all people: with love. They knew that love has no bounds, expands to all peoples, and is eternal. With that same love, Lechayim remembers Victoria Junco Meyer, and is grateful for her loving friendship, and mourns her loss.

Israel and the World

Israelis VS. Skiing



Hannah Carimi, thank you so much!!

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Daniel Gill and Shirly Raiz

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

The Madison Israeli Film Festival – Behind the Scenes

This February we had the honor to take part in planning the 14th Annual Madison Israel Film Festival, organized by UW Hillel. Over the past 14 years, the film festival has risen to the challenge of showcasing the complexities of Israel through movies.

This year's film festival theme was "Israeli Encounters", juxtaposing encounters between dream and reality, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, Jews and non-Jews, and religious and secular.

The first film was *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, directed by and starring Natalie Portman. The film is based on Amos Oz's memories growing up in Jerusalem before the Establishment of Israel. As someone that was born in Israel but lives abroad, Natalie Portman was able to bring a new angle of this time period. Through the perspective of Oz's mother, whose village was destroyed by the Nazis, the viewer sees her dream of becoming a pioneer in Israel collapse due to the hard life in the shadow of the Independence war far from the European culture. That raises the question of the true Zionist dream. Perhaps Portman sees a connection to her own personal life through the film.

The second event was the popular Israeli television series *Zaguri Imperia*. This drama-comedy manages to convey the differences between Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews and how they view one another. Beber immigrated to Israel from Morocco by himself after his family perished in the boat, "Egoz", in 1961 on their way to Israel. For him, living in Israel is the fulfillment of the Zionist dream. In the film he said, "There is no place for Jews anywhere else except Israel. Or America." But Beber sees how his Zionist dream is not consistent with the Ashkenazi narrative. In comparison, his son Aviel embraces the Israeli Ashkenazi culture and becomes part of the Israeli melting pot. However, in the last few years in Israel, Sephardic Jews have begun to reconnect with their roots and culture, giving Israeli society a unique diversity.

The third film was *"Under the Same Sun"* and tells the story of two businessmen who decide to establish a joint business, despite the opposition from their communities. The ending is optimistic and points towards a peace agreement between Israel and Palestine. In the end, the film shows a Jewish family living in the settlements lose their homes and jobs because of the agreement, and a Palestinian grandfather returns to Jaffa to find his house no longer exists. Thus, despite the peace agreement, people on both sides still have no home. The film looks at the conflict in a realistic way and emphasizes the necessity of compromise for the sake of peace.

The last film of the festival was *"Sacred Sperm"*. This unique documentary grants a rare glimpse into the world of the ultra-Orthodox and explores the halakhic concept of "wasting sperm". The film follows the life of Or Yashar and his struggle on how to educate his children about this issue. This film portrays the conflict within the ultra-Orthodox community and the questions that they deal with in modern society.

We are so glad that during the last month hundreds of viewers were exposed to Israel's diversity. A huge Yasher Koach to the Film Festival student's Committee: Jake, Sam, Anneliis, Sari, Phoebe and Kara. Also thank you to professor Rachel Brener and Tal Elmaliach for their help.

To continue the Israeli films method, we are pleased to announce a new program called "Ma Ha'seret Shelcha?" (What is Your Movie). We will publish a list of dozens of Israelis movies. If you are looking for an entertaining evening with family or close friends, you just need to chose a movie and date, and we will come to your place to watch the movie and talk about it. Additional information on our Facebook page: Ma Ha'seret Shelcha?.

If you have any ideas how to bring different perspectives of Israel to Madison, or if you want to get involved, please contact us: Daniel: Israel@jewishmadison.org. Shirly: Israelfellow@uwhillel.org.





Connecting with Israel

Israel's Medical Achievements

Israel is on the cutting edge of many medical technologies. Please take a look below to see some of great advancements that have been developed in Israel.

Reversing Alzheimer's symptoms. (TY UWI) Israel's Dr. Shira Knafo heads Spain's Molecular Cognition Laboratory at BioCruces Health Research Institute. She has discovered a small protein, which inhibits the processes normally associated with impairment, including depression and Alzheimer's disease.

http://www.algemeiner.com/2016/02/09/medical-breakthrough-israeli-scientist-heading-intl-research-team-reverses-alzheimers-symptoms-in-mice/ http://www.nature.com/neuro/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nn.4225.html

Sealing wounds without stitches, tape or bandage. Israel's Vigor Medical Technologies won the Innovex Disrupt contest at Tel Aviv's Innovex2016 conference. Vigor's sealant system treats thoracic trauma, a chest injury that can cause the lungs to collapse. If treated within one hour, the patient has an 80% survival chance.

http://www.timesofisrael.com/start-ups-sealant-for-collapsed-lungs-nabs-prize-at-innovex/

Sensors to monitor the elderly. Kytera is another Israeli startup that has developed innovative sensor technology to keep a close eye on at-risk seniors. It also collects anonymous data that can be used to provide vital research on specific illnesses or medications. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOTn_rmJexc

Heart device saves more lives. (TY Atid-EDI) I reported on Israel's V-Wave in May 2014 when it implanted its first heart shunt to treat congestive heart failure patients. It has since successfully treated over 30 patients. V-Wave has just raised $28 million to expand clinical evaluation, development and production.

http://vwavemedical.com/2016/01/20/v-wave-ltd-announces-28m-series-b-financing/

Portable ultrasound. Professor Yonina Eldar at Israel's Technion is developing an innovative portable ultrasound system that transmits scans to the treating physician immediately. Scans can be performed in disaster areas, at road accidents, and in developing countries where the medical infrastructure is limited.

http://www.jewishpress.com/news/technion-develops-small-portable-ultrasound/2016/02/09/

Socks to warn of foot ulcers. Another great innovation from Hadassah / Hebrew University of Jerusalem's BioDesign students. Their SenseGo socks contain dozens of micro-fabricated pressure sensors that send warnings via smartphone of incorrect posture or ill-fitting shoes that may cause foot ulcers to develop.

http://new.huji.ac.il/en/article/28743 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drc7NpiiB74

Another app to cure stuttering. Israel's Ninispeech enables people who stutter to take control over their speech, using unique mobile feedback technology. NiNiSpeech catalyzes assimilation of speech strategies, encourages communication, sharpens learning curve, and maximizes success rate. Three top Israeli doctors are cofounders, including Dr Yoav Medan, ex-CTO of Israeli focused ultrasound specialists InSightec.

http://www.ninispeech.com/

Device to shakeup a snorer. (TY Dan) Israeli startup Nexense manufactures a device to treat snoring and sleep apnea. Worn as a chest strap or wristwatch, it detects snoring or sleep apnea and then vibrates to help the patient resume breathing or stop snoring, without waking him / her up. http://nexense.com/?page_id=87

http://www.globes.co.il/en/article-sleep-apnea-treatment-co-nexense-raises-3m-1001099272

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cUgh38h8gI https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrCod0AQgyw

Linked to Life. (TY Chani) Cancer charity Ezer Mizion has a unique WhatsApp Group. "Linked to Life" has about 4,000 volunteers who respond fast to (sometimes life-threatening) problems. Like forgotten medication or a premature baby who needs special formula. http://www.ezermizion.org/blog/whats-app-by-kobi-arieli/

IsraAID expands its women empowerment HoneyAID program near Kathmandu, Nepal

In September 2015, IsraAID launched its HoneyAID program in Nepal. A beekeeping school was opened in Chature village near Kathmandu, where 64 women learned how to become beekeepers, forming a cooperative to sell honey to local stores and tourists in Nepal. Each woman received one beehive stacked with a colony of local Himalayan bees to start her venture. For many of them, this beehive was one of the first things they completely owned, for their use only.

On January 20, 2016, beekeeping jackets were distributed to all 64 members of the project's first group to help them protect them from stings. New bee colonies and bee queens are being raised on the HoneyAID farm, and the HoneyAID farm's workshop staff are at work building new beehives to expand the project.



A Nepalese woman receives her first beehive. Photo courtesy of IsraAID Nepal.



Nepalese women receive protective beekeeping jackets. Photo courtesy IsraAID Nepal.





Come and Celebrate

PURIM AROUND THE WORLD!

Sunday, March 20
9:30-11:30am
at Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

- 9:30am – Doors Open
- 9:45am – The Purim Shpiel, brought to you by our Community Rabbis and Educators
- 10:00am – Carnival Booths Open

Hamantashen and Carnival Snacks will be available for purchase



Stay tuned for more details! Volunteers will be needed, so please mark your calendars now and check your emails for volunteer sign-up information!