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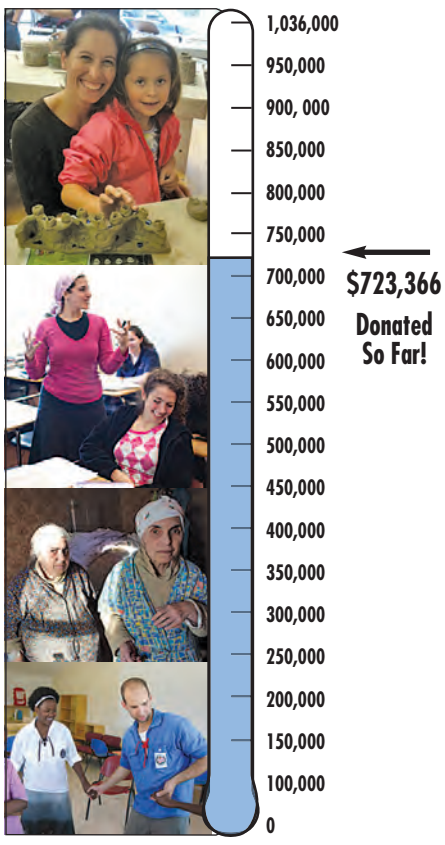
Thank you to all the campaign volunteers and those of you who have already donated. Your effort brought our campaign total up to $723,366 but this isn't enough. If it is important to you to live in a vibrant, caring, organized Jewish community then please donate. For more information about our local agencies and programs funded by the T*zedakah* Campaign, please refer to the information in this issue of the *Madison Jewish News*.



You are cordially invited to attend

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Sunday, November 16, 2014
4 to 6 p.m.

Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Highway PD, Verona

4:00-4:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and reception
4:30-6:00 p.m. Program and Annual Meeting

Couvert: $10 per person

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- Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award -- Zach Galin
- Ben Minkoff Volunteer Award (a surprise announcement)
- For the first time, the Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award will be presented to Faygie Matusof.

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Please RSVP by November 7th via email (rsvp@jewishmadison.org) • via phone (608.278.1808) or at JewishMadison.org

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The Israeli "Dream Doctors" Medical Clowns Delegation is coming to Madison! • Wednesday, November 19th

The Medical Clown Program is a supportive profession in Israel that helps reduce the stress, anxiety and fear patients experience and aids in healing. The Medical Clowns are trained in psychology, social work, nursing and theater, and work with medical professionals in several areas of medical needs and specific populations, including: children, aging adults, sexual abuse and PTSD victims, and those with chronic illnesses, among others. They approach each patient individually and work hand in hand with medical staff on each patient. The Israeli Medical Clowns differ from clowns that volunteer in US hospitals whose function is to entertain. The Israeli Medical Clowns, through their integrative and individual approach, help people heal.



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Please join us for the following presentations:

12:00-2:00pm **Israeli Medical Clowns Present at UW School of Medicine and Public Health**
Free and open to the public
12:00-1:00PM - Lecture, Room 1335 HSLC
1:00-2:00PM - Meet and Greet, Room 1345 HSLC

5:00-7:00pm **Israeli Medical Clown Presentation & Dinner**
Temple Beth El Social Hall, 2702 Arbor Drive
Please join us for this program, through the Jewish Federation of Madison and Partnership2Gether (P2G), for dinner and a short presentation at 6 PM by the team of Israeli Medical Clowns. There will be a minimal fee of $10 for the dinner.

7pm – Kesher Film Series Featuring *The Case For Israel*
Temple Beth El Lounge, 2702 Arbor Drive
This movie presents a vigorous case for Israel's right to exist, protect its citizens from terrorism, and defend its borders. Professor Alan Dershowitz engages leading political, judicial and academic leaders from Israel and North America in honest and insightful discourse regarding the challenges facing Israel and the West. 7 PM - schmoozing and noshing with free snacks and drinks. 7:15 PM - "The Case for Israel" film followed by what promises to be a lively discussion.

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

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

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

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Jewish Federation OF MADISON

A Letter to the Community:

We are writing to express our strong and united support for the Jewish Federation of Madison's 2014 Annual *Tzedakah* Campaign. Each year, for the past several years, the Federation has raised over a million dollars that are distributed to our agencies and services, or to programs that benefit our community and the greater Jewish community. Each of these dollars is critical to us because they can be applied to our organizations' greatest needs or to programs that support or benefit members of our congregations.

In addition to supporting important services and programs, the Federation is the one organization whose sole purpose is to ensure the health of our community as a whole – from programs like Gan HaYeled and Camp Shalom that serve as a gateway to the Jewish community to training the next generation of leaders who will guide our agencies into the future to welcoming the entire community to events such as the annual Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic.

The Federation provides essential funds to help us offer the programs and services you value. Federation dollars support initiatives and events that benefit our agencies, programs, and congregations, and add greatly to the overall health of our vibrant Madison Jewish community. When you receive a call, letter, or e-mail from the Federation, or when you visit its website, we urge you to give generously.

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It Was An Action Packed Tzedakah Sunday!



Starting the day with a great workout thanks to Dustin Maher.



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The Nissenbaums cheeering on the team at the Packers Party for the Pantry.



Miriam Levy found herself surrounded by donations for The Road Home.



Bake for Builders: Jake and Debbie Kennedy.



Bake for Builders: Morgan Yeazel and Ava Kahn.



Yoga for Kids: Orly Kodesh and her mom Shanee.



Yoga for Kids: Orly, Opal and Olive Ni work on Cobra.



Yoga for Kids: It was a cold but dedicated group of yogis.

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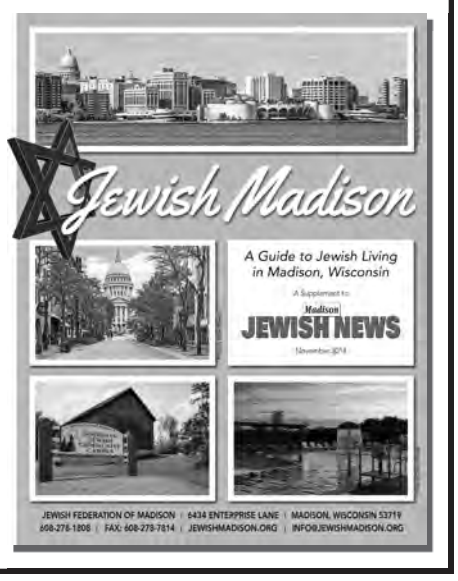
Editor's Note: As you will notice, this month you are receiving a supplemental issue of ***Jewish Madison, A Guide to Jewish Living in Madison, Wisconsin.***

It provides you with a broad scope of wonderful opportunities to participate in the vibrant Jewish community of Madison, as well as listings of valuable resources. Please keep it handy and we hope you find it a useful resource to enrich your life.

Laura Toso, Editor



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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS



Family Education Event

Sunday, November 9, 5:30-7 p.m.
Women's Night Out: The Miracle of Oil – Hanukkah Cooking Class at All Things Olive, 2701 Monroe Street

An expert chef will take us on a 4-course adventure into the health benefits of cooking with olive oils and balsamics. Space is limited. $20/person. Go to www.jewishmadison.org to register.

Israel for Teens
Israel Advocacy Program for 9th & 10th Graders

Sunday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

What's your response when you're asked about Israel in school???

On November 16th from 11:30am-1pm, all 9th and 10th graders are invited to an Israel advocacy program focused on advocacy in high school.

This program will be led by Racheli Komar-Aziz, Madison's community Israel program specialist, and Rebecca Schwab, UW-Hillel's engagement associate and former Midrasha teacher.



11:30am - Bagel and nosh in the MaTTY lounge

12:00am - Program in the adult lounge



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Israeli "Dream Doctors" Medical Clowns from the Sovev Kinneret of Israel, hosted through our Partnership2Gether (P2G) program

Wednesday, November 19
12:00-2:00 p.m. at UW School of Medicine and Public Health
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Lecture, Room 1335 HSLC
1:00-2:00 p.m. - Meet and Greet, room 1345 HSLC
5:00-7:00 p.m. Community and Midrasha Dinner at Temple Beth El ($10 fee for Dinner)
7:00-9:00 p.m. Kesher Film Series featuring *The Case For Israel* at Temple Beth El

The Jewish Federation of Madison's newest program, Partnership2Gether (P2G), serves to connect Madison to the people of Israel. Our first program kicks off on November 19 by hosting our first delegation, the Dream Doctors, from the Sovev Kinneret Region of Israel. Mark your calendars for this fascinating program.

Israel's innovative and progressive approach to medical care has incorporated Dream Doctors into patient care for over 10 years. The program has had such positive results in the care, treatment and healing of patients in Israel that Dream Doctors now work in over 70 hospitals throughout Israel.

Those that are interested in learning more about the unique and fascinating work the Dream Doctors perform will have a rare opportunity to hear their presentations during the day, at the UW Medical Campus, or at a community dinner at Temple Beth El in the evening.

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More details will be provided in the next few weeks on JewishMadison.org and through the Monday morning emails from the Jewish Federation of Madison. Registration can be completed online at JewishMadison.org.

Café Ivrit (Hebrew Café)

Café Ivrit is an informal and friendly way to improve your conversational Hebrew, meet new people and enjoy a cup of coffee along the way. Starting Nov. 5, every alternate Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the shlichims' house, downtown. Please contact Racheli for more information: Israel@jewishmadison.org





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

Now is your chance!

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

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

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Election Update 2014

By Michael Blumenfeld

Wisconsin Jewish Conference

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 4!

There is a lot at stake on Election Day, including the hotly contested gubernatorial race between Governor Scott Walker and Mary Burke. In addition, the lieutenant governor, every member of the state Assembly, state senators from odd-numbered districts, the state treasurer, attorney general and secretary of state are all up for election on November 4. On the federal level, there is no U.S. Senate race this year, but every member of the U.S. House of Representatives is up for re-election.

There are also several referendum questions on the ballot this year, including a state constitutional amendment to establish a state transportation fund in the constitution and specify that any money deposited in the fund may only be used for transportation-related purposes. Dane County voters have two additional referendum questions: one to raise the minimum wage to $10.10 per hour and the other on whether or not the state should accept federal Medicaid (BadgerCare) expansion dollars.

Here are some important things to remember before you head to the polls on Election Day:

Voter ID

On Thursday, October 9, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an order blocking implementation of Wisconsin's voter ID law. As a result, voters will not be required to show a photo ID at the polls on Election Day. For up-to-date information on the state's voter ID law, visit www.bringit.wi.gov.

Polling Place Hours

Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Finding Your Polling Place

To find your polling place and see what will be on your ballot, visit https://myvote.wi.gov/

Registering at the Polls

If you are not registered to vote at your current address or have changed your name since the last election, you may register at the polls on Election Day. When you arrive at your polling place, you will need to fill out a voter registration form and provide proof of residence. Acceptable forms of proof of residence must contain the voter's name and current address. Some examples of acceptable proof of residence documents are: a current and valid Wisconsin driver's license, a bank statement, a paycheck, a residential lease that is in effect on Election Day, a utility bill issued within the last 90 days. For a full list of acceptable proof of residence documents, please visit www.gab.wi.gov/voters.

Wisconsin law requires voters to reside at their current address for at least 28 days to be eligible to vote at that address. If you have not lived at your current address for 28 days, you may still vote from your previous address.

If you have any questions about voting in Wisconsin, you can contact:

The Government Accountability Board Help Desk: 608-261-2028.

The Dane County Clerk: 608-266-4121

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Center for Jewish Studies Welcomes Ariana Horn as Weinstein Distinguished Graduate Fellow

By Melissa Miller

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies is thrilled to welcome Ariana Horn, the new Weinstein Distinguished Graduate Fellow in Jewish Studies and Education for the academic year 2014-2015. A graduate student in the History Department at UW-Madison, Ariana has also been a Project Assistant at the Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions (LISAR). Her work focuses on interfaith and interracial activities in twentieth-century Milwaukee. Ariana's current project explores the ways in which Milwaukee Jews responded to the Civil Rights Movement, as well as what sets the African-American/Jewish dialogue in Milwaukee apart from similar relationships in other urban areas in the 1960s.

As part of her position with the Center for Jewish Studies this year, Ariana will be giving talks to our undergraduate students to introduce them to the role Milwaukee Jews played in the campaign for Civil Rights. She notes that the African-American and Jewish communities in Milwaukee enjoyed a particularly close partnership in the 1960s. These two groups worked closely together to address problems of segregation and create new opportunities. However, in 1966-1967, they suffered a breakdown in relations, with the African-American community turning inward to practice more radical forms of activism.

Ariana's work examines the strategies the Milwaukee Jewish community pursued to advance Civil Rights before the rupture. These local groups, such as the Milwaukee Jewish Council and the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Milwaukee, were unique in that they sought educational solutions to promote racial equality. This approach included conferences and conventions at local schools, churches and synagogues. One aspect that Ariana is especially excited to share with our Jewish Studies majors is the Project Understanding workshop series from the late 1960s. These programs brought together black and Jewish Milwaukeeans, as well as people of other backgrounds, to create community education projects to combat prejudice and discrimination.

This work is particularly close to Ariana's heart. As she explains, it was crucial to pursue research at the doctoral level that "could be used to understand, and possibly improve, present-day circumstances." She hopes that this work will be impactful today and will help us to work towards a solution to the continued segregation of Milwaukee public schools, a solution that draws on the heritage of these groundbreaking Jewish organizations.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov to:

Noah and Kate Seligman, on the birth of their son Asher William Seligman, grandson of David Seligman and Betsy Abramson and great grandson of Corine Cohn;

Jacob Gabriel Williams, son of Elliot and Brooke Pike Williams and grandson of Deena and Peter Williams; and

Heshel van Wormer, son of Flora van Wormer.

Condolences to the families of:

Rosemarie DiTullio, mother of Steve (Cari) DiTullio, grandmother of Alex, Matt and Elizabeth DiTullio;

Larry Heilprin, cousin of David Rubenstein and Steve Heilprin;

Robert "Bob" Baumann, father of Julie Baumann and grandfather of Zoe and Aaron Shinefeld;

Edith Wolnak, mother of Kenneth (Elizabeth) Wolnak and grandmother of Juliana and Max Wolnak; and

William Cobb, father of Stephanie (Jon) Woloshin and grandfather to Elise and Zoe.

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Adamah Neighborhood Table ... Kosher is Just the Beginning!

By Jennifer Jennings

I had the chance to sit down with the executive chef, Mark Walters, and the managing partner, Marcia Terrones, of Adamah Neighborhood Table to find out just how things are going at the new restaurant located inside of Hillel.

Q: Give us a little background on yourselves. How did you land here, opening a new kosher food service operation?

Marcia: I have been in the catering field for over 15 years. I worked on campus at The Wisconsin Union as an event manager for a decade. After having my second child, I took some time off to be home with my kids. I then went back to work in 2011 with Blue Plate Catering as an event planner. We (Blue Plate Catering) were approached with the opportunity to open this location at Hillel last winter. We decided to accept this challenge and here we are! As someone who grew up Jewish, I have a personal interest in this new endeavor. We are now operating the cafe location – "Adamah Neighborhood Table" and "Adamah Kosher Catering" under the Blue Plate Catering umbrella. I am thrilled to be working back on campus – I love the downtown vibe!

Mark: I have been cooking for many years in a wide variety of restaurants in Milwaukee and the Fox Valley. I spent three years working at the W Hotel in Seattle before relocating with my wife to Madison about seven years ago. Since moving here, I have been the banquet chef at the Madison Club, executive chef of Samba Brazilian Grill, and now working for Blue Plate Catering at Hillel. Learning about kosher cooking has been both challenging and fascinating and I am excited to be a part of Adamah.

Q: How would you describe your restaurant and what you offer?

Mark: We wanted to focus first on healthy, local and "from scratch" cooking, after that, the kosher side of things just fell into place. Our menu is a good mix of traditional kosher fare – we offer matzo ball soup every day and make an incredible challah french toast. We also feature non-traditional menu selections such as a reuben flatbread with pastrami and house-made 1000 island and our Asian chicken wrap with bok choy slaw and peanut-ginger sauce. We offer counter service which is great for busy students who need to grab a quick bite on their way to and from classes, but also a comfortable dining area for families and those who have more time to sit and stay a while.

Q: What sets you apart from other restaurants in the Madison area?

Marcia: Well, certainly the fact that we are Kosher certified (by Kosher Supervisors of Wisconsin). We found out after we opened that we are the only meat-Kosher certified restaurant in the entire state of Wisconsin! Isn't that incredible?!

We also offer so many house-made items, our bakery is all made from scratch as well as our salad dressings and soups, just to name a few. Our "coconut ranch" dressing is a must try- it is hard to believe that it is dairy free!

Q: What are the most popular menu items?

Mark: Our smoothie bar has been a huge success. Also, the falafel pita and southwest sweet potato hash are a couple of the entrees that we see ordered quite a bit.

Q: What have been the biggest challenges with opening a kosher restaurant?

Mark: Since the market for kosher foods is relatively small in the Madison area one major challenge was sourcing quality kosher foods from our distributors. We have gone out of our way to get foods from Milwaukee and Chicago in order to create the menu that we have. It was really difficult at first, but now things are rolling. Surprisingly, one of the more difficult items to source (for our kosher catering operation, which offers dairy and meat choices) is cheese. We were surprised that being in Wisconsin there aren't more cheese producers that get kosher certification.

Q: Why would you recommend that everyone visit Adamah Neighborhood Table?

Marcia: Although we are located on campus in Hillel we are open to the public and we invite everyone in to enjoy what we have to offer. We are unique in Madison and have something for every taste. Even if you don't keep Kosher it is still a great restaurant to visit. I guarantee, you won't even realize you're missing the dairy!

Adamah Neighborhood Table is located at 611 Langdon St.

Visit their website for hours and menus: www.adamahmadison.com

Adamah Kosher Catering is also available to service events at Hillel and throughout the greater Madison area.



Adamah Neighborhood Table's executive chef Mark Walters with managing partner Marcia Terrones.

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

Sandy Weinstein in honor of her grandaughter's Bat Mitzvah
Dee and Ken Stein

Barbara Spierer, for her patience, kindness and loving heart
Richele Leathem

In memory of Ronald Weiss
Margaret Weiss

In honor of Zach Galin, recipient of the Young Leadership Award
Nancy and Aaron Brower

In honor of Andrea J. Stein
James Stein

Andrea J. Stein, in honor of her memory
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Temple Beth El

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

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

Our office will be closed Thursday, November 27.

Friends of Emerson School – Jewish Congregations for Social Justice Volunteers Making a Difference



Friends of Emerson School – Homework boxes

Friends of Emerson started the 2014-2015 school year with terrific energy. We created over 100 homework boxes, learned more about how we can volunteer at Emerson School, and trained a new group of math mentors.

A few of the volunteers who filled homework boxes at Emerson School - Front row: Larry Bensky, Karen Shevat Dina, Cathy Kaplan, Karen Kepler (Emerson principal), Barbie Swerin, Sherie Sondel Back row: Marcia Vandercook, Rita Hindon, Mary Fulton, Erica Serlin.

We had a wonderful evening at Emerson School. Volunteers from Temple Beth El, Shaarei Shamayim and Beth Israel Center filled the boxes with school supplies that had been donated to Emerson. The boxes will enable Emerson students a bounty of supplies for doing their school work at home. Roger Brown from Rocky Rococo donated pizza so that the volunteers from three different congregations could relax, socialize, and make new friends.

Karen Kepler, principal at Emerson School, offered an informative tour of Emerson. Any visitor cannot help but be impressed when feeling the positive energy and seeing the educational opportunity in the school. Karen explained the different volunteer opportunities. The math mentors will start meeting with their students during the first week of November, so there is still time to sign up. Math Mentors meet with the Emerson students for 30 minutes, once per week, during the school day. We'll also continue to help with the community events – Tuesday Night Lights.

There is also a program looking for new volunteers: special interest clubs. At the end of the semester, students meet with their club for five consecutive Fridays. They work on a project, then share their project at a special program for the Emerson School community. The perfect leader for this group would have an interest that he/she would be willing to share with a group of students and guide them through a learning project. Chess. Knitting. History. Science. Business. Sport. Etc. Many hobbies or occupations could provide excellent exposure for the Emerson youth.

Friends of Emerson School – Math Mentor Training

Lisa Stein, Math Specialist, led a valuable training session for another group of math mentors. Lisa has listened carefully to feedback from prior mentors and has moved to make improvements to an already great program. Lisa will meet with the teachers so that mentor activities will integrate with work done in the classroom and target specific skills for the level of each individual student. Materials appropriate for students of different ages will be available for the volunteers. The goal is for the students to learn, get to know their mentor, and have fun!

Friends of Emerson School – Tuesday Night Lights

On Tuesday evenings, Emerson school is open to all students and their families. There are activities for all attendees, healthy snacks, and each child receives a book to take home. Volunteers are needed from 5:30-7:30 pm to help facilitate the programs. No special experience is needed. It is wonderful to participate in the amazing community event sponsored by Emerson School.

How to Volunteer

If you are interested in taking part in a Special Interest Club, becoming a Math Mentor, or serving as a facilitator for Tuesday Night Lights, contact anyone in Jewish Congregations for Social Justice. Or, go to our website: www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org Congregation contacts:

Temple Beth El: Sherie Sondel, Marcia Vandercook, Betsy Abramson, Sandy Wright

Shaarei Shamayim: Sari Judge

Beth Israel Center: Judy Pierotti, Nancy Resnick, Larry Bensky

Pizza, Havdalah & Bowling

Saturday, November 1
6pm Pizza Dinner 6:30pm Havdalah followed by Bowling at Ten Pin Alley, 6285 Nesbitt Road; Fitchburg, WI

Come in from the cold, and enjoy some warm friendships, pizza and Havdalah in our own room at Ten Pin Alley. Then we'll take to the lanes for some bowling. Pizza is sponsored by Temple Beth El. Participants will be responsible for paying for their own bowling shoes and games. Contact Aleeza program@ templebethelmadison.org.

Tots and Tunes 2014

Sundays: Nov. 2 & Dec. 14
2015 Sundays: Feb. 1, Feb. 22, Mar. 22 and Apr. 19 9:30am-10:30am in the Adult Lounge

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

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

Food-A-Rama

Tuesday, November 4

Food-A-Rama is an annual luncheon held on Election Day at Temple Beth El in Madison, Wisconsin. The Temple is open to the community to come and enjoy kosher style foods. We have the options of dine in, carry out, and delivery. Proceeds from Temple Beth El's Sisterhood Food-A-Rama benefit Temple Beth El and community organizations. Visit www.food-a- rama.com/ for more information.

Shabbat Dinner Get-Together

7:15pm, Friday, November 7
Famous Dave's; 900 South Park Street, Madison, 53715

Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org to let us know you are coming. Join us before hand for a pre-oneg nosh at 5:30pm at Temple Beth El and Shabbat services at 6pm.

Community Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction

5pm Sunday, November 9

Our MaTTY youth group is hosting a pasta dinner and dessert auction fundraiser and the entire community is invited! Advance registration: $10/adult, $8/child (under 12) Tickets at the door: $12. Register on our website.

- Delicious home-cooked pasta dinner by our MaTTY teens (gluten free available)
- Exciting and delectable dessert auction!
- Brag to friends about your amazing cooking, and donate a dessert!
- Proceeds will go to MaTTY's program fund, and a local charity.
- Bears vs. Packers tailgate in the youth lounge after the dinner and auction.

Swarsensky Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

November 14th - 16th

Temple Beth El is excited and honored to have Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, of Temple Beth Am in Bayonne NJ, as our 2014, 75th Anniversary, Swarsensky Scholar-in-Residence. He is the author of the acclaimed guide for B'nei Mitzvah parents, P*utting God on The Guest List*, and has most recently authored, *The Gods Are Broken: The Hidden Legacy of Abraham*. There is no charge for all Swarsensky events.

But we ask that if you plan on attending, that you RSVP at www.templebethel madison.org/ or to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org or call 608-238-3123 no later than Friday, November 7.

Friday, November 14
6:30pm Reception with food by Layla's Persian Restaurant

Reservations Requested

7:30pm Shabbat Service with D'var by Rabbi Salkin: "Some of Our Best Friends." Judaism is more than they hated us, they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat. Time to meet the righteous gentiles of Jewish history. Oneg Shabbat to follow services.

Saturday, November 15

10:30am Special Torah Study with Rabbi Salkin, *The Gods are Broken*. The legend of Abraham breaking his father's idols is Judaism's most famous (non-biblical) story. Do Jews still have the courage to break contemporary idols? Followed by Kiddush Lunch.

Sunday, November 16

9:45am Brunch & Keynote by Rabbi Salkin, "Why Jewish humor matters & why the Seinfeld show is a metaphor for contemporary Judaism." Reservations Requested.

12pm Special session with Rabbi Salkin for 11th and 12 graders: "Israel Without Apology." Are your teens equipped to have conversations about Israel when they get to college? The workshop every Jewish kid needs to attend. Teens will be given a nosh at 11:30am in the Youth Lounge and Rabbi Salkin will join them at noon.

Temple Beth El 75th Anniversary Gala

5:30pm, Saturday, November 15

Our evening will begin with Havdalah, hors d'oerves and a special signature cocktail, Blue Heritage Mazeltini, which was especially created for our celebration.

Featuring a fantastic three-course gourmet meal catered by Angelo from Flambé Gourmet. The meal will include a choice of either a beef, fish or vegan entree, and complimentary wine is included.

The entertainment for the evening will feature nationally known comedian Cory Kahaney. We are fortunate to have Michael Feldman of "Whad'Ya Know?" as our emcee for the evening.

The price for this memorable evening of marvelous food, fun and outstanding entertainment is $95 per person. RSVP on the Temple website link on the homepage at www.templebethelmadison.org.

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Beth Israel Center

Our major renovation and nine-month "camping" trip is nearly over. If all goes according to plan, this issue of Madison Jewish News will be the last one in which we ask you to find our warm and welcoming congregation in various locations around town.

Some programs will finish up the Fall semester where they are currently, and we will begin our return to 1406 Mound St. in December.

While we complete our transformative building renovation, Beth Israel services, classes, meetings and programs are taking place in our temporary downtown location, at Temple Beth El, and other locations. Many thanks to Temple Beth El, Jewish Federation of Madison, UW Hillel, and other organizations for helping us during this exciting time in the life of Beth Israel Center.

Please join us for any of the programs listed here. Call us at (608) 256-7763 or visit www.bethisraelcenter.org, for more information.

Come find us at…

…Temple Beth El on Shabbat mornings. Services start at 9:30am. Enter from Knickerbocker Street and find us in the lounge. Children's services for babies through 7th graders are in the classrooms adjacent to the lounge. There's always a light lunch after services, and all are welcome.

…126 S. Hamilton Street (one block off the Square) for morning minyan (Sundays at 8:15, Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00), evening minyan (Sunday through Thursday at 5:45), office functions (come say hi!), and some meetings and classes. The A.J. and Celia Rosenberg Library is also functioning in our downtown digs.

…members' homes for Friday night services. Call the office, check www.bethisraelcenter.org, or subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter to get the location details. And thanks to all the host families!

All Beth Israel Center programs are open to anyone who wants to see what our vibrant style of traditional, egalitarian Jewish community is all about.

On our November calendar:

MOUSY Ceramics

1:30pm Sunday, November 2
Higher Fire Clay Studio
2132 Regent Street

Join MOUSY as we play with clay at Higher Fire Clay Studio. Join our BIC high school teens as they tap into their artistic side, learn to throw on the wheel, handbuild or sculpt, or just get together for a fun afternoon of creative bonding. For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman at (608) 256-7763 or hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.

Yom Rishon

10:00am Sunday, November 9
BIC-Downtown, 126 S. Hamilton St.

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

In 2015 (and, if all goes well, in December), Yom Rishon will meet at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St. Put all the 2014/15 dates on your calendar: December 14, February 1, March 1, April 12, and May 10. Attendance at all sessions is not required. Come when you can! Questions? Contact Beth Copelovitch, education@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763.

Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck Dinner

5:45pm Friday, November 21
2703 Mason Street

Bring a kosher-dairy dish and/or beverage to share. All potluck contributions must be dropped off in advance — before 3:30pm. Bringing something commercially prepared? Make sure it has a hecksher. Bringing something home-made? Use kosher ingredients. Kabbalat Shabbat services begin at 5:45. Dinner follows.

MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze

7pm Friday, November 21
Home of Hannah and Nathan Ehrlich

Get a taste of Kabbalat Shabbat, savor a delicious dinner, enjoy a bit of game play, and schmooze aplenty with fellow high schoolers and our gracious hosts, the Ehrlich/Cohen family.

Tefila Class with Rabbi Ben-Gideon

9:20am most Sundays
BIC-Downtown, 126 S. Hamilton St.

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon leads a series of Sunday morning discussions about prayer. This class will focus on getting more out of individual prayer and communal services. While these sessions are open to all, they may be of particular interest to parents of Talmud Torah students, especially those who feel their children may already know more than they do.

Converational Yiddish

7:00pm Mondays
at the home of Lucyna Shenkar

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights 7-8:30. 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.

Hebrew Reading Level II

7:00pm Thursdays
at the home of Anna Heifetz

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.

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.

Introduction to Jewish Meditation and Chanting

Saturday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.
Please call office for the location

Join us for Havdalah where we will focus on learning the basics of Jewish meditation and chanting. This is for people who are new, as well as for old-timers. Please bring a dessert or healthy treat to share.

Shabbat Evening Potluck

Fridays, November 7 and 14, 6:00 p.m.
Please call the office for location

Celebrate Shabbat in community and join us for our monthly potluck in a member's home. Children are welcome to attend. On November 14 we will have a brief service followed by a discussion – topic to be announced. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, November 8 and 22
(see below for times)
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On November 8 we will have a musical intergenerational Shabbat service for kids and adults of all ages from 9:30-11:00am followed by a bagel lunch. This is a great opportunity to check out our children's education program. On November 22 Torah study begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m. and Kiddush at 12:30 p.m.

Wrestling with Interfaith Issues

Sunday, November 23
9:50-11:30 a.m.
Located at the Center for Families,
2120 Fordem Avenue

Are you in an interfaith relationship and want to meet other couples in your position? Are you trying to figure out how to raise children in a multi-faith household? Do you find your relationship with your in-laws challenging when it comes to religious issues? Concerned about what you'll do this Chanukkah/Christmas? Join Rabbi Laurie for a lively discussion where we will navigate these difficult issues. Please RSVP in advance.

Temple Beth El

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Kesher Israel Film Series

November 19, 2014 "The Case For Israel"; December 17, 2014 "Jellyfish"; January 21, 2015 "Life in Stills." Main doors open at 7pm. Films begin at 7:15pm. Snacks provided.

"The Case for Israel" In this documentary, Alan Dershowitz, Harvard Law School professor and one of Israel's most prominent advocates, promotes a discussion defending Israel's right to exist. To do so he speaks himself, and engages nine other persons, prominent in their various fields.

Singles Creating Community Coffee Clutch

Friday, November 21 at 9am
Steep and Brew, 6656 Odana Road, Madison, WI 53719

End your week with your Singles Creating Community friends.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

7:15pm, Friday, December 5
Taste of India Restaurant
2623 Monroe Street, Madison

We're once again meeting for dinner on the first Friday of the month. And this month we're staying right in the neighborhood. Join us for dinner at the Taste of India, at 7:15 PM. The menu is long – chicken, beef, vegetarian dishes and more. Spicy, or not spicy at all. Before dinner everyone is invited to join us at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, for a pre-service Oneg Shabbat nosh at 5:30. Services begin at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org to let us know you are coming.

Grades 9-12

For questions about MaTTY, our High School Youth Group, please contact Naomi, at matty@templebethelmadison. org.

Havdalah, Chinese Food and the Badger Hockey Game

Saturday, December 6

• Havdalah and dinner: Meet at 6:15pm for dinner and Havdalah at Temple Beth El.

• Badgers vs. Penn State Hockey Game: MaTTY will travel to the Kohl Center together for the Hockey Game. The game starts at 8pm and will most likely end at 10:30pm. Pickup will be at Temple Beth El around 10:45pm depending on when the game ends. The event is $15 and includes dinner and hockey. Please pay and RSVP online by December 1st.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor (20- & 30-Somethings)

Madison's Jews' Next Dor (Dor means "generation" in Hebrew) is for the Jewish 20- & 30-somethings community in and around Madison. We're open to all young adults, and organized through Temple Beth El (www.templebethelmadison.org).

Young Adult Book Club

November 9
5pm-6:30pm
A private residence in Northeast Madison, RSVP for the address

Book: "Light Between Oceans"

Are you looking for a chance to socialize with other young adults in a meaningful way? Madison's Jews' Next Dor is happy to continue its Young Adult Book Club, a chance to meet with other young members of the Madison Jewish community while enjoying a few good reads and lively conversation. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. This group will meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Aleeza Hoffert program@templebethelmadison. org or 608-238-3123.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, November 20 6:30pm;
UW Hillel - Adamah

This month we're mixing it up and having our Meet & Greet Dinner at Adamah, Kosher Café at UW Hillel. Please note the earlier dinner time. We'll walk over to the Terrace for those who want to keep hanging out. RSVPs are appreciated to program@templebethelmadison.org.

Our Meet & Greet Dinners take place on the third Thursday of each month at a different restaurant each time. See you then!

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UW Hillel Explores Jewish Peoplehood, Israel, and What's In Between

By Jennifer Jennings

At UW Hillel, you will find students hosting Congressman Mark Pocan to learn more about his trip to Israel, preparing for a pro-peace rally on East Campus Mall, or raising money for a social service organization in Israel. UW Hillel is an open, inclusive, pluralistic environment for all students no matter their relationship to Israel. Hillel offers a range of Israel programming including Taglit-Birthright Israel trips, cultural festivals and programs, the annual Madison Israeli Film Fest, and lectures. Home to three student groups focused on Israel, Hillel offers students the opportunity to explore their interests and express their beliefs in a safe, accepting environment. This fall, Rabbi Andrea Steinberger and Mickey Komar Aziz, UW Hillel Israel Fellow, are facilitating a seminar about just that, opening the conversation on Jewish peoplehood and their relationship to Israel in a safe, inclusive space. "Israel is the home of the Jewish people and by being so every Jewish person should have a relationship with Israel. Through different opportunities we give students various ways to relate to, and be involved in Israel," says Mickey. Hillel's Israel organizations, all advised by Mickey, include Badgers for Israel, J Street U, and Social Action Israel Network (SAIN).

Badgers for Israel is the pro-Israel political advocacy organization on campus. The organization serves an important role at UW-Madison by reaching out to student leaders and members of Congress. Students participating in Badgers for Israel are trained by organizations such as AIPAC, StandWithUs, and Hasbara. Through building strong relationships, Badgers for Israel is able to educate student leaders and members of Congress on why supporting a strong U.S.-Israel relationship is both important and necessary. Hillel supports Badgers for Israel by providing space for meetings and events, funding, and staff advisors. UW-Madison Junior, Lila Greenberg, President of Badgers for Israel, says, "Because of Hillel's support, I know that Badgers for Israel is able to face even the hardest challenges on campus. I love being a part of Badgers for Israel because it provides an inclusive space to talk about and practice pro-Israel political advocacy at UW-Madison."

J Street UW-Madison was founded last year at UW Madison. J Street U is a nationwide movement of campus chapters advocating and educating for vigorous and sustained American leadership in facilitating a negotiated, two-state resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The organization approaches the conflict from a variety of points of view: emotional, religious, and academic. J Street UW-Madison hosts events that range from casual conversations over coffee, to commemorative vigils, to professor panels. All the programs encourage inclusive dialogue and seek pragmatic solutions for peace. UW-Madison Junior, Dvorah Elster, J Street U President says, "As a Pro-Israel Pro-Peace Pro-Palestinian student organization, we are proud to be affiliated with our campus Hillel where our political perspective and connection to Judaism can thrive."





The Social Action Israel Network (SAIN) is a new organization on campus. It is an apolitical organization that tries to create a diverse network of UW Madison students who are interested in promoting social and environmental efforts within Israel. The main goals are to spread awareness and encourage conversation on these important issues while maintaining UW's support for Israel and the ideals embodied in Israel's Basic Law on Human Dignity and Liberty. UW-Madison Sophomore, Rachel Orbuch, SAIN President, says that SAIN's mission is the key to a peaceful future in Israel. "Too often today, people get bogged down in the politics in Israel and fail to focus on the actual people who live there who are affected by all the wars. Educating around campus about these different people will also help show students that Israel is not all about war, but rather, that there is a diverse group of people who live there and want to learn and make a life for themselves, just like we do in America." For the 2014-15 school year, SAIN is focusing on humanitarian issues in Israel. Specifically, SAIN will be fundraising for Save a Child's Heart and having educational lunch and learns throughout the year that focus on different humanitarian issues. SAIN's partnership with Hillel is extremely important and helpful to help make the organization successful. Hillel provides SAIN with a budget and spaces and resources for meetings. Additionally, it helps foster connections between SAIN and other Hillel-affiliated organizations and allows the organization to use other connections that Hillel has with the UW campus.

The UW Hillel staff is excited about the new directions the Israel programs are taking. "I am very proud of Hillel as an organization that we are able to involve all Jews, with a variety of ideas about Judaism and about Israel. Hillel is a unique place in the array of Jewish organizations and communities around the world, embracing every Jew, teaching that we are all a part of the Jewish people," says Rabbi Andrea Steinberger.



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Interested In Helping Madison Hadassah Look to the Future?

In the next month, watch for news about Madison Hadassah's upcoming programs on healthy eating and the environment, protecting voting rights, and much, much more.

This is an exciting time to be a part of Madison Hadassah's board as we ask ourselves three questions:

• What issues are most important to us?

• What issues are most important to women in the Madison Jewish community?

• How can a group of 400 Jewish women in Madison have an impact on the world?

Each month, the Madison Hadassah board is looking at different social justice or healthcare initiatives from Hadassah. We will try to share some of this information in upcoming articles and programs.

1. Hadassah Healthcare in Israel (and around the world) represents such causes as:

Providing a bridge to peace between Jews and Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians, world-class healthcare for an entire region, medical research on disease and disorders that affect people of the region

2. In the U.S.: Haddasah has more than 100 progressive domestic (U.S.) policies covering such topics as:

Protection of: civil liberties, voting rights, women's reproductive rights, LGBT rights, women's healthcare

Preventing: violence against women, child abuse, all forms of discrimination,

Promoting: gun control, separation of church and state, evidence -based decisions, healthcare access for all, medical research on AIDS and breast cancer, energy conservation

3. In Israel: Hadassah has over 50 progressive policies that apply to Israel. These initiatives cover such issues as:

Protection of: religious pluralism, religious pluralism and Jewish identity, women's rights, women's rights with family, energy conservation and environment, middle east peace strategies,

To learn more about these initiatives, go to http://www.hadassah.org/site/c.keJNIWOvElH/b.9018467/k.46FE/Domestic__Zionist_Affairs_Policies.htm

If you have ideas you want to share or are interested in joining the board or one of our program planning or membership committees, please contact us. See below.



"We have become a political, educational and humanitarian force in the Madison, national and world Jewish communities." Judy Pierotti on Madison Hadassah.

Email: madison.chapter@hadassah.org or go to www.Hadassah.org/Madison Wisconsin, www.facebook.com/Hadassah Madison

Or call: (608) 770-6521



Hadassah board members get together over dinner.





Kesher Israel Film Series

The second movie in the Kesher Israel Committee series of four has been replaced. The movie, "The Case for Israel," will replace the movie, "Yossi." "The Case for Israel" will be shown on November 19, 2014, at Temple Beth El. The doors open at 7:00pm.

In this documentary, Alan Dershowitz, Harvard Law School professor and one of Israel's most prominent advocates, promotes a discussion defending Israel's right to exist. To do so he speaks himself, and engages nine other persons, prominent in their various fields. Among them are:

• Allan Sefian and Natan Sharansky discuss the effectiveness against terrorism of Israel's security barrier.

• Eytan Schwartz discusses the moral dilemmas for Israel in responding to terrorist attacks from Gaza.

• Caroline Glick discusses the broader context of culture and values that are necessary elements for peace.

• Tzipi Livni discusses Iran's destabilizing impact in the Middle East.

• Benjamin Netanyahu discusses the worldwide impact of Iran's radical fundamentalist ideology.

While this film is NOT RATED, we recommend it for teens, ages 13 and up.

Kesher Israel Film Series includes:

November 19: "The Case for Israel"

December 17: "Jellyfish"

January 21: "Life in Stills"

Descriptions of future films will appear in the *Madison Jewish News* during the month they are shown.

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Discover Day School Information Night

Parents interested in learning more about Madison Jewish Community Day School are invited to join us for an Information Night on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7 pm.

The program will feature the perspectives of faculty, parents and alumni on what makes an MJCDS education unique and outstanding.

The program will be held at MJCDS, which is housed at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, second floor. Please enter through the doors off of the parking lot.

Curious Minds, Jewish Hearts

An elementary school serving families from all branches of Jewish life, MJCDS students build both a love of learning and a profound connection to Jewish life and heritage.

A challenging and inspiring dual curriculum in general and Jewish studies includes hands-on learning and daily instruction in Hebrew language.

"MJCDS is a special place, where each child's individuality is recognized and prized, and where parents and teachers are all part of a community dedicated to helping our children blossom," says Dr. Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk, whose daughter is an alumna of the school.

"The bilingual curriculum, along with great science, math, and arts instruction are major assets. I don't think there is a better school in Madison. The faculty is fully and enthusiastically committed to helping each child grow and learn, and the very small class sizes allows a unique level of creativity and spontaneity," she says.

Talented teachers, Small Classes, Warm Community

Individual attention for each student, talented teachers and a warm community of families are hallmarks of the MJCDS experience.

From hands-on science experiments to student-led book discussions to explorations of Jewish texts and modern Hebrew language studies, students pursue subjects in ways that challenge their intellect and feed their curiosity.

In the academic environment at MJCDS--where students are encouraged to ask questions and to become critical thinkers --the desire to learn is an innate result of a many-layered curriculum. Academic topics are explored in depth, while connections between subjects are emphasized, leading to a rich understanding of materials and concepts.

Discover Day School – Weekday Tours

Weekday tours are held regularly throughout the year on weekday mornings, 9:15-10:30 am. On these mornings, adults are invited to tour the school, view classes in session, and learn more about MJCDS though a Q&A session with the Head of School.

Upcoming dates include Wednesday, December 3 and Wednesday, January 14. To RSVP for one of these dates or to schedule an individual tour, contact Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon, Head of School, at rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com or 204-9900.



We found an enormous pinecone at recess.



Morah Marla Becker guides students using resources on an iPad.



Friends share a hug.

Jewish Admenschures in October

The Jewish Federation of Madison is excited to introduce our new program, Mishpacha Admenschures, an easy and fun Jewish experience for your entire family. Our mensch doll is available for you to take home for Shabbat or a Jewish holiday with your family. Or borrow the mensch for a weekend and set him somewhere to try to catch your family members being a mensch! Take a picture with the mensch and send it to us to add to our Admenschures Album (photos may be shared on Facebook or other social media). To reserve a date with the mensch, go to www.jewishmadison.org or contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.



(At right) Hanging out at the Temple Beth El Sukkah.



Sukkot Torah study with Rabbi Biatch.



The Mensch had a Shabbat snack with Daniel and Maya.



The Mensch and Elijah celebrated Shabbat at Gan HaYeled.

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The Jewish Federation of Madison is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with the Foundation for Jewish Camp to bring the One Happy Camper program to Madison. If you have a camper in grades 2nd-12th they may be eligible for a grant to attend Jewish overnight camp for the first time.

To determine if you are eligible for the One Happy Camper grant please read below. If you believe that your camper meets the criteria please complete the application by visiting: www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper-2

The JFM One Happy Camper Program provides grants to encourage children to attend overnight Jewish camp for the first time. It is not a scholarship fund and is not need-based. Our goal is to engage families who are considering sending their children to Jewish overnight camp and, in effect, to give them up to $1,000 off their camp fees to try a Jewish one.

The following outlines the eligibility criteria for this program:

- $1,000 grants awarded to first-time campers attending camp for 19 or more consecutive days, $700 for campers attending 12-18 consecutive days.
- If camper attended camp in the summer of 2014 for 12-18 days as a first time camper and was NOT eligible for an incentive grant, s/he is still eligible for the grant if attending camp for 19 or more consecutive days.
- First time camper must be entering grades 2-12 (after camp).
- Camper must attend one of the 150+ non-profit, Jewish, overnight camps listed on the Foundation for Jewish Camp's website (www.OneHappyCamper.org/FindaCamp).

Note: This program is an outreach initiative for children who are not currently receiving an immersive, daily Jewish experience. As such, children who attend Jewish day school or Yeshiva are not eligible for this program. If your child is not eligible and/or are interested in learning about financial-needs based grants or other camper funding opportunities please visit www.JewishCamp.org/Scholarships, contact your camp, or the contact person listed at the bottom of this page.

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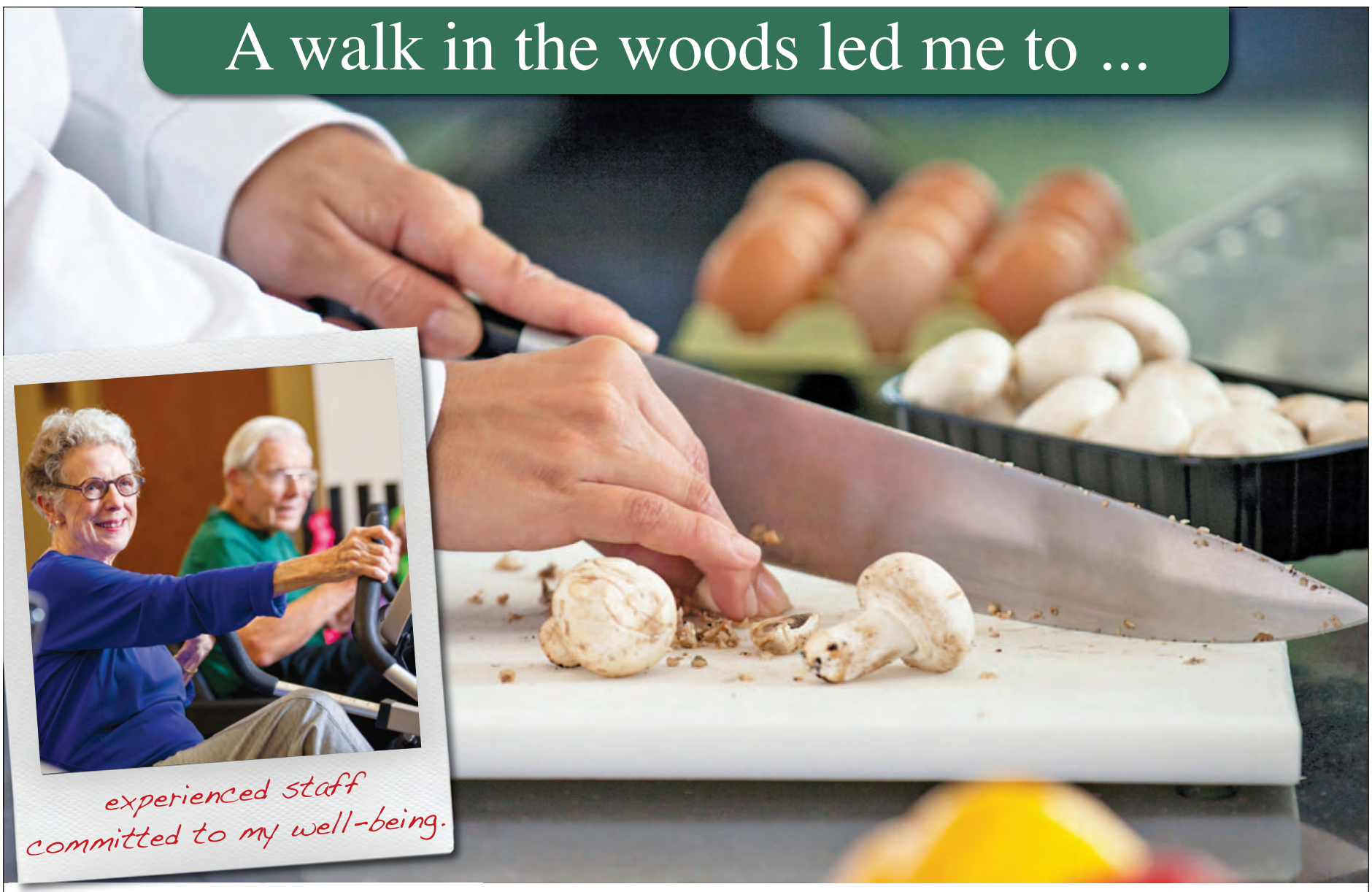

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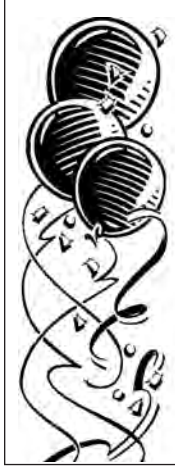
Time to Sign Up to Deliver Hanukkah Menorahs!



Great for friends and families of all kinds! Celebrate the Festival of Lights by bringing some light to seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Volunteers deliver and set up electric menorahs, return once or twice to "light" the candles and pick up the menorah at the end of the holiday. Have a little visit and share the holiday! The first candle is December 16. To sign up, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 direct or at louise@jssmadison.org by December 10 or submit a volunteer application at www.jssmadison.org listing the names and ages of all participants.



Retirement Party

It's a Retirement Celebration for Barbara Spierer and you are invited!

Please join us at an open house in Barbara's honor on Sunday, November 9, 2014, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Tempo Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio*, 701 North High Point Road, Madison.

RSVP online at www.jssmadison.org or call the office at (608) 278-1808

**Tempo Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio is located at Old Sauk Road and High Point Road in the Sauk Point shopping center along with the Alicia Ashman Branch Library.*

Add Something Special to your Life: Volunteer for Jewish Social Services!

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

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

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

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

A la Carte Volunteering

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

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

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

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

Learn more at http://jssmadison.org/youth-volunteering

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

Double your Volunteering Mitzvah

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

Madison Jewish Youth Groups Deliver Sweet Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Thirty-two high school students from MOUSY, MaTTY, Jake Heifetz BBYO and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, along with their advisors, spent a sunny September afternoon putting together Rosh Hashanah gift bags and delivering them to seniors living in assisted living and nursing homes, as well as to some Russian seniors. In all, 55 people received honey cake and a New Year's card, along with a visit from these fine young people. Many thanks to the Bernard-Donals family for hosting and to the students, their advisors and the parents who drove them (with apologies to anyone whose name is inadvertently omitted):

MaTTY: Becky Weiss, Jenny Weiss, Caitlin Frank, Megan Frank, Zoe Shinefield, Adam Levy, Rachel Klein, Alana Turnbull, Sophia Grande, advisor Naomi Segal and parent drivers George Turnbull and Dan Weiss.

MOUSY: Avi Bernard-Donals, Deborah Blank, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Isaac Rudin, Talia Ivry, Hannah Ehrlich, Aviv Goldman, Ellen Bresnick, Anna Feldman, Max Lerner, Ruth Cesar-Heymann, Ari Sanroma and advisor Deb Hoffman.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim: Jake Huffaker, Gabe Wasserman and advisor Maya Webne-Behrman.

Jake Heifetz BBYO: Jordyn Schreiber, Abby Steinberger, Quinn Frankel, Jake Stein, Lizzie DiTullio, Sophie Boorstein, Sigal Felber and advisor Jake Futerfass.



Top photo: Avi Bernard-Donals checking on his Samosas.



Right: Colorful gift bags and tissue paper create a festive look.

Below: MOUSY students pose for a photo.



Jewish Education

Yonim's First Performance Announced

Get ready for a toe tapping time. Yonim's first performance of the season will be at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Holiday Art Fair. The Israeli folk dancing troupe will bring its special blend of lively music and colorful costumes to the Overture Center at 2pm on Sunday, November 23. The Holiday Art Fair is just one of the venues Yonim will perform at this year. You can catch them next month at the community Hanukkah party.

Some of the dances being performed at the Holiday Art Fair were first learned at the fall retreat for Yonim middle school and high school students. Twenty dancers joined Artistic Director Janelle Bentley at OSRUI for an intensive weekend of dancing and fun on October 17-19. The Bet and Gimel groups learned choreography they'll be performing throughout the year and built lasting bonds.

If you're interested in learning more about Yonim, please contact Cathy Schrager at yonim@jewishmadison.org.







Fun for all at Yonim's fall retreat.



Midrasha Student Dinner



Wednesday, November 19th at 5:00 p.m.

The Midrasha students are invited to join the community at a dinner with the Israeli Medical Clowns who are coming to Madison. Students will enjoy a delicious dinner, have a chance to learn about this unique Israeli profession and will meet and talk with the Medical Clowns.

To sign up, register online or contact Ellen at program@jewishmadison.org.
Deadline is Friday, November 14th.

Join the Fun at Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun)

Beginning in January, Racheli Komar-Aziz will offer a brand-new after-school adventure! It is for children in grades K-2 and will be held on Monday afternoons from 3:30pm-5:30pm at Beth Israel Center.

Registration will open in December. For more information please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or Racheli Komar-Aziz, Israel@jewishmadison.org

Israel for Teens

What's your response when you're asked about Israel in school???

On November 16th from 11:30am-1pm, all 9th and 10th graders are invited to an Israel advocacy program focused on advocacy in high school.



This program will be led by Racheli Komar-Aziz, Madison's community Israel program specialist, and Rebecca Schwab, UW-Hillel's engagement associate and former Midrasha teacher.

Location: Temple Beth El.

11:30am - Bagel and nosh in the MaTTY lounge

12:00am - Program in the adult lounge





Gan HaYeled Celebrates the Fall and Holidays!



Maggie is showing off the sculpture she made out of magnetic shapes.



Laura and her Gimel class, Naomi, Orly and Opal stringing decorations for the Sukkah.



The Bet Class is doing yoga.



Left, the Dalet Class is on a hayride at Apple Berry Farm.



Right, Sydney, Avner and Elijah are decorating the beautiful Sukkah.

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



Camp Shalom and Family Education present the Jewish Federation of Madison's

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Monday, December 29th, 9:00am-4:00pm: Opening Ceremonies, Team vs Team Competitions and Team Building Activities

Tuesday, December 30th, 9:00am-4:00pm: Ruach rallies, Team vs Team Competitions, Coaches Competitions, Maccabiah Activity Marathon

Wednesday, December 31st, 9:00am-1:30pm: Closing Ceremonies and Vegetarian Pizza Party

Fee includes bus, t-shirt and pizza lunch on Wednesday.

For cost and other information or to register go to www.JewishMadison.org or you can contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org





FAMILY EDUCATION EVENTS 2014-2015

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

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

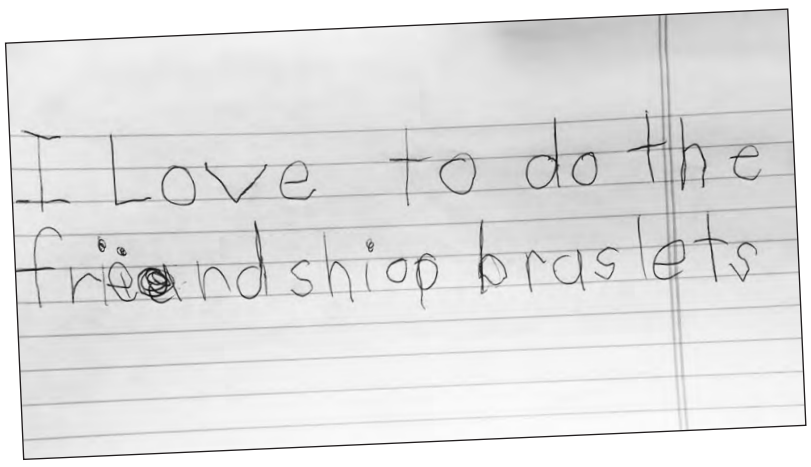
Camp Corner

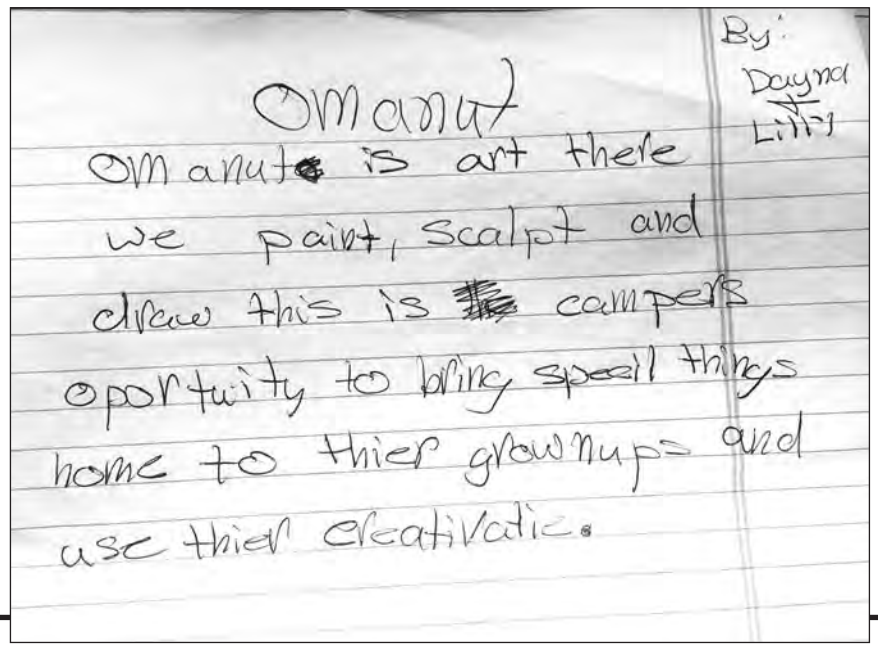
During third session campers were invited to eat lunch with the Camp Director and write articles about their summer at Camp Shalom. More than 30 kids participated in the activity. We will feature a few of thes articles every month until our 2015 camping season begins.

By Peyton

I like Camp Shalom because there are so many nice counselors and I made so many new friends. And, when you're in Gimel you get to sleep over at Camp. And if you are in Bet or Aleph you get to do the latenight. That is, you stay at Camp Shalom late and you sing songs and the dance chug dancers perform in front of everyone and that is why I love camp!




I Love to do the friendship braslets


By: Dayna + Lilly

Omanut

Omanut is art there we paint, scalpt and draw this is camp's opportuity to bring speall things home to thier grownups and use thier creativatic.

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November Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, direct 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org by 12:00 P.M. on the preceding business day, usually a Friday. The kosher-style meals are catered by Blue Plate Catering and a **vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation**. If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what you can afford. The cost of the meal is $7.50 for those under age 60.

Monday, November 3, *Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, November 10, *Lechayim commemorates Kristallnacht*

11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Mushroom Barley Soup, Vegetarian Rice Stuffed Cabbage Rolls, Sweet Potato and Carrot Tzimmes, Chocolate Babka
1:00-2:00 Professor Marc Silberman, *"The Challenge of Teaching Nazi Germany or Am I a Masochist?"*

Monday, November 17

11:00-12:00 *Falls Risk Screening Health Assessment with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students*
11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Baked Cod, Coleslaw, Sour Cream Hashbrown Potato Casserole, Red Grape Cluster, Chocolate Chip Cookie
1:00-2:00 Danielle McKimmy, *"Preventing Falls and Prolonging Independence"*

Monday, November 24, *Lechayim celebrates Thanksgiving*

11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Kosher Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Gravy, Cornbread Stuffing, Peas and Pearl Onions, Pareve Pumpkin Pie
1:00-2:00 Pianist Dan Barker, *"A Tribute to Yip Harburg – Over the Rainbow"*

Next month's dates
December 1, 8 and 15

Присоединяйтесь к нашему столу, увлекательной беседе и интересным программам на встречах «Лехаим. Больше чем обед»

Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эльм по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 608-278-1808, прямой 608-442-4083 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 14:00 часов пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовит *Blue Plate Catering*. Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу. Стоимость обеда - $7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет - $ 4.00.

Понедельник, 3 ноября Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, November10, Лехаим в память о Хрустальной ночи
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Грибной суп с ячменем, вегетарианские фаршированные рисом голубцы, цамес из сладкого картофелья и моркови, шоколадный пирог (бабка).
1: 00-2: 00 Проф. Марк Зильберман, "Переворот в преподавании в нацистской Германии или: Неужели я мазохист?"

Понедельник, 17 ноября
11:00-12:00 Оценка риска падений студентами Фармацевтического Общества штата Висконсин.
11: 00-12: 00 11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Запеченная треска, капустный салат, картофельная запеканка, красный виноград и шоколадное печенье.
1: 00-2: 00 Дани МаКимми, "Предотвращение падений и продление независимости"

Понедельник, 24 ноября Лехаим празднует День благодарения
11: 30-12: 00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12: 00-1: 00 Кошерная грудка индейки, картофельное пюре, соус, кукурузная начинка, горох и жемчужный лук, тыквенный пирог.
1: 00-2: 00 Пианист Дэн Баркер, "Посвящается Гарбургу - По Радуге".

Даты декабря 1, 8 и 15

Transportation to Lechayim

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

Two Ways to Make Your Lechayim Reservation:

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

Lechayim Snow Day Policy

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

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

www.jssmadison.org

About our Programs

Because the Temple Beth El Social Hall will be set up for their Sisterhood's annual Election Day Food-a-Rama, Lechayim will not meet on **Monday, November 3**.

Every year in November we commemorate Kristallnacht, the event that is often viewed as the "official" beginning of the Shoah (Holocaust). It is important to remember the events that led up to this landmark event, which did not occur in a vacuum. With each passing year, however, fewer and fewer of those who suffered at the hand of the Nazis and their supporters, and those who fought them valiantly, walk among us. As each generation goes the way of all flesh, we become more concerned with how the lessons of that era are taught.

For many years Professor Marc Silberman has been teaching courses in the UW-Madison Department of German on cultural life during the Third Reich and on German responses to the Holocaust. He says, "Most students come with a lot of curiosity and many simplistic, stereotypical ideas. While it is relatively easy to establish a chronology of what happened, my aim is to help them understand that we cannot "know" the Holocaust because it generates such diverse meanings and awakens such contradictory memories." On **Monday, November 10,** Professor Marc Silberman will speak on "The Challenge of Teaching Nazi Germany or, Am I a Masochist?" The presentation will speak to some of the challenges and stumbling blocks he has encountered in treating these topics.


Prof. Marc Silberman

Marc Silberman is a professor of German at the UW-Madison and an affiliate professor of Theatre and Drama as well as Communication Arts (film studies). He grew up in the Twin Cities, where he was an undergrad at the University of Minnesota, completed his PhD at Indiana University in 1975, and taught at the University of Texas in San Antonio before joining the UW-Madison faculty in 1988. His research has focused on twentieth-century German literature, film, and culture with a special interest in political theater and Bertolt Brecht in particular. You can read more about him on his home page, http://german.lss.wisc.edu/new_ web/?q=node/33.

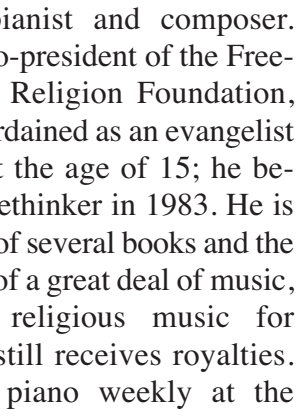
We believe it is important to take charge of one's life and health as much as possible, in order to live happily and healthily. A fall is often the precursor to a decline in overall health and ability as people age, so it's worth knowing that there are ways to reduce the risk of falling. On **Monday, November 17**, third-year Doctor of Pharmacy student Danielle McKimmy, who has participated in the Health Assessments sponsored by the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students (WSPS) at Lechayim, will present *"Reducing Falls and Prolonging Independence."* On the same day, from 11:00-12:00 the WSPS will hold a Falls Risk Screening.

This presentation intends to raise awareness about falls risk, address common misconceptions, and introduce listeners to new ways to involve everyone on their support team in efforts to keep safe by reducing fall risk and prolonging independence. A few topics of interest include falls risk assessments, myth busters, medication risk factors, prevention pro-tips, and how your healthcare team can help.

Dani McKimmy, is a DPh3 student pharmacist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy. Dani has been involved in an interprofessional student organization, MEDiC, which is run through the School of Medicine and Public Health, for the past three years. She is currently involved in a research project targeting medication reviews to reduce fall risk with Beth Martin, Ph.D., MS, R.Ph. and Dave Mott, Ph.D., MS, R.Ph. Dani's focus on falls research comes from an interdisciplinary perspective with the goal to keep older adults independent as long as possible by reducing their fall risk and bringing attention to common fall risk misconceptions.


Danielle McKimmy

Get an early start on your Thanksgiving this year by joining us at Lechayim on **Monday, November 24** when we celebrate with turkey and all the fixings. Pianist Dan Barker, a frequent Lechayim presenter, will present, "A Tribute to Yip Harburg — Over the Rainbow."


Dan Barker

Yip Harburg was the lyricist for many familiar American popular songs such as "April in Paris," "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?," and "It's Only a Paper Moon." He also wrote the songs in the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, including the beloved "Over the Rainbow." His lyrics held more than a touch of social commentary and he personally was a supporter of racial and gender equality and labor unions.

Dan Barker graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a degree in Religion and is a very talented pianist and composer. Now the co-president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation, Dan was ordained as an evangelist minister at the age of 15; he became a freethinker in 1983. He is the author of several books and the composer of a great deal of music, including religious music for which he still receives royalties. He plays piano weekly at the Nakoma Golf Club piano bar.

Rosh Hashanah Teas at Capitol Lakes and Oakwood Village

Photos by Louise Goldstein


Karen Shevet Dinah blows the Shofar.


Greg from Yid Vicious entertains the crowd.


Denny Geller visits with the Grossbergs.


George Wolnak tells a story.


Paul Grossberg and Sally Oosterhaus

Spotlight: Harsha Keister

By Pamela Phillips Olson

Years ago in Kandveli, a suburb of Mumbai, a young woman became the first to be granted a divorce from her abusive husband. To her shock, her community scorned her. She was so deeply affected by their ill treatment that she chose to come to America.

Harsha Keister's smile is dazzling, radiating warmth and joy in the world around her. Her name means "Pleasure." She was born into a highly educated family in India. "My great-grandfather read and spoke English. He was called upon to translate letters from the Britishers to the Indian kings. Grandfather participated in passive resistance against British rule. He was jailed with Gandhi."



Harsha Keister

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

Harsha's beloved father, a professor of politics, history and religion, is devoted to his children to this day. "Each evening after dinner, he would take us for a walk. We'd come home and have yogurt and fruit. Then he would teach us an ancient Sanskrit chant. He would ask us each how our day was and listen to our answers carefully. Finally he would ask how we could have made our day better."

When Harsha gave birth to her first son, Mehul, she and her baby received a massage each day for 40 days. "It was the tradition for new mothers. I enjoyed the massage and felt its healthy benefits to me and my son." She has studied massage in India and America.

Harsha married an American. She has a daughter Vipasha and son Edward from that marriage. The marriage did not last. Strongly independent, she believes in her right to respect. She possesses an independent spirit and a forgiving heart. She still has a friendly connection to her American husband. In Madison she started her own massage business, "Satyam." Now her daughter, who also studied massage, works with her.

Years ago, one of Harsha's long-standing clients suggested she volunteer at Lechayim. Harsha hesitated but when she came to Lechayim she felt a great connection. She has volunteered for the past six years.

She returned recently after an extended visit to India. Her dear mom was ill and, as is Hindu custom, wanted to ask Harsha's permission to die. Harsha, her father and sister were all present at her mother's funeral.

Currently Harsha is healing from a bad fall she had in India. But, she came back to Lechayim.

We are so lucky to have her warmth and caring smile again and enjoy her company each Monday.

Transitions

Happy November Birthday

Evelyn Miller
Hagit Vardi
Lorna Kniaz
Mary Jo Ball
Sandy Bierman

Best Wishes for your Wellness

Ron Lapin
Sandra Golden
Harsha Keister

Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Dorit Bergen, Manhattan and the Mississippi River
Nena Dyhr, London

Welcome to your new home

Milt Leidner, Heritage of Middleton
Janis Wrich

Condolences

To the family of Edith (George) Wolnak

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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

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

December 5, March 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.

November 14, December 16 (Hanukkah Party)

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

November 7, December 12

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

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, a Falls Risk Screening, will be at Lechayim on November 17, from 11:00-12:00. A similar assessment last spring focused on OTC (Over the Counter) medications and the risk of falling; this assessment will focus on other factors, such as medical conditions, gait, strength and balance and causes. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your falls-related questions and concerns.

The next Health Assessment will be in January, 2015.

Shalom from Jewish Social Services!

Do you know a senior who is new to Madison, or are you yourself a newcomer? JSS volunteers will visit and bring you a gift bag with information about programs for seniors and JSS' services, treats and a few surprises. Just contact us at 608-278-1808, ext. 227.
Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for their donations to 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 be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org.

If it's something we can help you with, we'll have a volunteer OddJobber contact you.

Scenes from Lechayim



Saretta Burke



Sally Jamison, Ginny Graff, and Robert Schlesinger



Bill White



Dean Ziemke, Florence, Paul, and Jules Grossberg. Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson.



Debbie Spear, Sam Jacobs and Pamela Phillips Olson



Debbie Spear and Lori Edelstein



Mindy Wiseman and Alice Loew



Sandy Bierman with her Aunt Anita Parks.



Janis Wrich and Debbie Spear



Len Stein and Allyn Bress

Photos by Louise Goldstein



Milt Leidner and Abe Landsman



Pamela Phillips Olson, Merilyn Kupferberg and Sheila Cohen



Josh DuPont on the piano.

This article is about Jewish immigration from the Pale and Ghettos and their adaptation to American society (part 1)

Генрих Бабич

Эмиграция евреев из европейской диаспоры в США и их вживание в американское общество

Америка – страна эмигрантов. Несмотря на банальность такого утверждения, без него невозможно подступиться к анализу того, как формировалось американское общество, его политические и социальные особенности. Под этим же углом зрения следует говорить о том, какое место и почему занимают в нем евреи. Отметим, что все группы эмигрантов вносили свой вклад в зависимости от того, из какой страны они прибывали в Америку. Разные этнические группы – ирландцы, немцы, поляки, итальянцы – несли с собой отпечаток страны, из которой они эмигрировали. В этом смысле еврейская эмиграция обладала особенностями.

Евреи в течение двух тысяч лет, вплоть до образования в 1948 году государства Израиль, были лишены государственности и жили в диаспоре, образовали устойчивые этнические группы в странах проживания и сумели создать социальные институты для поддержания и развития своей идентичности и национального самосознания. Уникальность еврейской диаспоры состоит в том, что в течение длительного периода своей истории абсолютное большинство евреев было оторвано от исторической родины и фактически утратило на долгие столетия связь с ней. Евреи, жившие в разных странах Европы, вобрали в себя особенности этих стран. Но кроме этого (возможно, главным образом), их социальный статус определялся жизнью в одной из двух территориальных образований, уготованных для них – **Черте Оседлости** (полное название: Черта постоянной еврейской Оседлости) и **Гетто**.

Черта Оседлости существовала в Российской империи с 1791 года и была отменена Временным правительством после Февральской революции 1917 года. Это была территория, за пределами которой евреям (за исключением нескольких категорий, см. ниже) запрещалось постоянное жительство. Черта Оседлости охватывала специально оговоренные населенные пункты городского типа, местечки, на большой территории Царства Польского, Литвы, Белоруссии, Бессарабии, а также в значительной части юга современной Украины. Даже в пределах Черты Оседлости евреям было запрещено селиться в селах и деревнях, приобретать и арендовывать там недвижимость.

Статус местечка был установлен российским правительством. Местечки содержали все элементы городской жизни: общественные здания, дома для торговли, образования и религиозного волеизъявления (синагоги). Это были небольшие городки, жители которых обладали неповторимыми чертами социальной жизни – смесью религии, философии, национального стиля, совокупностью убеждений и исторической судьбы. Местечко по существу стало понятием, которое отражало традиционный образ жизни восточно-европейских евреев. Люди здесь жили по законам ортодоксального иудаизма, которые охраняли их от внешнего влияния.

Сложился определенный типаж еврея – жителя местечка, который являлся отражением талмудической традиции. Такой типаж включал склонность к исследованию, всестороннему многократному анализу, поиску подтекста, т.е. невидимых на первый взгляд свойств явления, а также к установлению причинно-следственных связей. Еврею была свойственна дедуктивная логика как основа для практических умозаключений и действий. Предполагалось, что в жизни, так же как и в Торе, которую еврей изучал всегда, все явления имеют скрытое значение и более глубокий смысл, чем это кажется на первый взгляд. Высказываемые человеком суждения должны быть обоснованы и вытекать из фактов. Еврей, изучающий Талмуд, должен овладеть специальным методом анализа текста, который был направлен на объяснение концептуальных различий между многообразными утверждениями и на примирение противоречивых утверждений. Поскольку Талмуд изобиловал такими проблемами, то человек, изучающий эту книгу, постоянно находился в среде, в которой он вынужден был находить решения подобных проблем. Этот метод дополнялся специфической формой общения, в которой собеседник должен был понимать отрывочные фразы, намеки, интонации и даже жесты, характерные для евреев в их повседневной жизни.

Жизнь местечка была освящена общественным сознанием, при котором оказание помощи нуждающимся всячески поощрялось. Разрешение проблем тех, кто нуждается в помощи, брали на себя не только индивидуумы, но и все общество в целом. Считалось, что вознаграждение за добрые дела и пожертвования многогранно и может быть получено как в сегодняшней, так и в загробной жизни.

Высшим мерилом ценностей в еврейской общине являлось стремление к познанию и образованию, в то время как деньги обладали вторичным статусом. Мужчина, который учился в иешиве, не зарабатывал на хлеб и для добывания денег полагался на жену, не подвергался порицанию, а наоборот почитался как правоверный еврей. В местечках люди стремились выполнять работы, требующие квалификации. К ним относились сапожное и портняжное дело. Фундаментальной этикой являлось поощрение трудолюбия и неприятие лени.

В местечках преобладала торгово-промышленная деятельность, характерная для городов. Специфика обуславливалась тем, что их жители считались мещанами. При количестве дворов не менее 10 разрешалось образовывать мещанские общества, которые могли избирать старосту. При количестве дворов 50 и более разрешалось учреждать мещанскую управу и избирать депутатов. Местечки просуществовали вплоть до Холокоста, когда были уничтожены вместе с жителями, населявшими их. Окончательно местечки "доконала" массовая эмиграция их обитателей в Америку и в Израиль.

К концу XIX века в России проживало 5 млн евреев и лишь около 200 тысяч из них имели право жить в городах, не входивших в Черту Оседлости. Даже временный выезд из Черты Оседлости был осложнен. Результатом этого, а также ограничений в выборе занятия, явилась чрезвычайная скученность и нищета в пределах Черты. Большинство российских евреев жили гораздо хуже, чем самые бедные крестьяне и рабочие. Запрет на проживание вне Черты Оседлости не распространялся лишь на купцов первой гильдии (только после 10-летнего пребывания в гильдии в пределах Черты Оседлости и внесения большой суммы денег), на лиц с высшим образованием (например, врачей), средний медицинский персонал, цеховых ремесленников, т.е. записанных в ремесленные цехи, и отставных нижних чинов армии, поступивших на службу по рекрутскому набору. Получение образования и приписка к ремесленному цеху были связаны со своими сложностями. В высших учебных заведениях с 1880-х годов действовала процентная норма – допустимый максимум студентов-евреев (3 % в столицах, 5 % в прочих городах, 10 % в Черте Оседлости).

Таким образом, Черта Оседлости стало синонимом политики государственного антисемитизма, в особенности во второй половине XIX века. Антисемитизм этот основывался на религиозной нетерпимости, но, в большинстве случаев, не распространялся на крещеных евреев. Запрет на занятие сельским хозяйством, ограничения при приеме в гимназии и университеты, полуофициальное отношение к евреям как к ограниченным в правах гражданам – все это вело к радикализации евреев, которая подпитывала революционные организации и партии, и к эмиграции евреев в США.

Приспособление евреев к жизни в Черте Оседлости проходило сложно. Помимо общегосударственного антисемитизма, имело огромное значение суть талмудического иудаизма – отрицание христианства. Это было хорошо известно русским ученым-богословам. Христиане смотрят на Иисуса Христа, как на Мессию, пришедшего спасти мир, тогда как евреи видят в нем самозванца и продолжают ждать своего Мессию. Это заставило российское правительство принять меры для охраны христианского населения от евреев. К этому добавилась социальная сторона вопроса, которая исходит из того, что в Талмуде содержится множество правил, определяющих поведение евреев в различных ситуациях. В частности, например, как евреи должны относиться к не-евреям.

Особое положение сложилось с польскими евреями, которые были "унаследованы" Россией в конце XVIII столетия и пользовались в Польше всяческими льготами. Поддерживаемые королями и шляхтой, они стали фактическими хозяевами страны, живя обособленно в своем обществе, в соответствии с Талмудом. Польские короли даровали евреям множество привилегий, зачастую приравнивая их к шляхте, например, в области недвижимости. К XVIII веку евреи контролировали торговлю и промыслы Польши, а также управление многими поместиями польской шляхты. После включения в состав России польских областей, заселенных евреями, многие эти привилегии были утеряны ввиду их несоответствия русским законам. При этом самоуправляемость еврейских общин была не только сохранена, но и усилена. Установление Черты Оседлости российским правительством объяснялось тем, что еврейское общество в Польше было настоящим государством в государстве. Черта Оседлости должна была защищать коренное население от евреев, живущих по своим законам.

Управление в Черте Оседлости осуществлялось синагогами и кагалами. Евреи часто приходили к раввину за советом, а иногда даже для разрешения споров. При этом управляющая и социальная деятельность синагог не была регламентирована, а их успех в обществе зависел от квалификации и человеческих качеств раввинов.

Кагал – это орган общинного административного самоуправления, стоявший во главе еврейской общины и являвшийся посредником между ней и государством. Администрация кагала состояла из определенного числа лиц пропорционально численности общины. В Черте Оседлости кагалу было предоставлено право вести метрические книги для еврейской общины. В каждом городе или местечке был один кагал, даже если местные евреи разделялись на несколько сект. Обязанности кагала заключались в наблюдении за поступлением податей и сборов как казенных, городских и земских, так и специально еврейских, в хранении и расходовании кагальных сумм, в призрении престарелых, увечных и бедных евреев, в наблюдении за предотвращением бродяжничества. Кагал вершил суд, наблюдал за торговлей, за соблюдением мер и весов, за проезжающими, за чистотой улиц, регулировал арендные отношения, издавал постановления относительно раввината, обучения детей, печатания книг, поведения и вознаграждения слуг и служанок. Рекрутский устав 1827 года, установив отбывание рекрутской повинности еврейскими общинами отдельно от христианских, возложил на кагал, попечение за исправным отбыванием этой повинности.

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Israel and the World

Israel Joins the International Struggle to Eradicate Ebola

MASHAV, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, will send three mobile emergency clinics to areas in western Africa where there is a high risk of infection with Ebola.

In response to requests by many governments, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Director-General of the World Health Organization as well as Israeli and international aid organizations, the Foreign Ministry has decided to increase Israel's contribution to the international effort to prevent the spreading of the Ebola epidemic.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has authorized MASHAV, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, to send three mobile emergency clinics to areas in western Africa where there is a risk of infection with Ebola.

The clinics, which were manufactured in Israel, were built in accordance with standards and guidelines of the World Health Organization for the treatment of Ebola. A staff of medical experts will be attached to each clinic, and they will train the local practitioners in the operation of the clinic and its equipment. In addition, staff training will focus on preventing the spread of the disease and raising awareness among populations with high potential for infection.

An Israeli team has already been sent to Cameroon, where it was favorably received by the local authorities. The MFA also sent emergency equipment to the government of Sierra Leone, and in recent weeks shipped personal protection equipment to teams of the African Union.

Am Yisrael Buy: A Pro-Israel Smartphone App

The latest Israel technology wasn't developed at the Technion, nor was it hatched by a startup in Tel Aviv. In fact, it didn't come from Israel at all.

Am Yisrael Buy, a new app (available on Apple, Android and Windows Phone) designed to help users locate and buy Israeli products, is the brainchild of Rabbi Daniel Cohen, 49, the spiritual leader at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel in South Orange, N.J.

After learning this summer about apps being developed to advance the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, the rabbi said he "went looking for a pro-Israel app and couldn't find one that was standing up to BDS."

So Cohen, who sees BDS as a movement geared toward "isolating and destroying the Jewish state," took it upon himself to create Am Yisrael Buy, which launched just before Rosh Hashanah. Some 2,500 users have downloaded it so far; it includes a list of Israeli products for purchase, as well as links to Israeli media outlets and Israeli organizations.

For now, the effort pales compared to the technology on the other side. Using the Buycott app, which catalogues products and their affiliations and lets users set up campaigns to either support or avoid certain products, pro-Palestinian activists created a "Long live Palestine, boycott Israel" campaign, which now has over 400,000 users. In contrast, Buycott's "Support Israel and Boycott Terrorist Organizations" has just under 12,000 users.

While Buycott wasn't designed specifically for the BDS movement, several other apps have been, including two separate ones that share the title "Boycott Israel." And in March this year, the BDS movement announced that it was creating an app that offered a comprehensive database of Israeli products, and a barcode scanner to help everyday consumers boycott the Jewish state.

Interestingly, despite their different goals, Am Yisrael Buy and the BDS apps are similar in that they share information about Israeli products. A consumer wishing to buy Israeli goods could easily download a BDS application and repurpose it.

But Cohen insists that building an app with a pro-Israel message is vital.

"I've always taken the view that it's better to put out a positive message," he said. "Quite frankly, a specific BDS app, by downloading it, you send a message, whether you intend to or not, that you are supporting BDS. The commerce is important, but equally important is the message that the American Jewish community in general is supportive of Israel. So each download of [my] application goes in the column of supporting Israel."

Cohen said he hopes to clean the app's interface and attract people with greater technical know-how to work on the app. But he's not looking to monetize it or start a company.

"For me it's about the mission, the love for Israel, and the commitment that brought me into the rabbinate and made me an avid Zionist," he said. "I'm just very fortunate to be in a position where I can make a difference."



A screenshot of the Am Yisrael Buy app.

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west: Acharey ha'chagim sameach

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

There is a saying in Hebrew *"acharey ha'chagim sameach"* (Happy post holiday)!

In Israel the yearly routine starts only after the High Holiday season. Schools start their curriculum, parents pause from cooking so much, and the atmosphere just calms down…

This year being in Madison for Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot was different from last year.

Last year, we had just arrived. We didn't know right from left, what's Conservative, what's Reform? Where is the large Orthodox community we were used to? It was a year of learning, of becoming comfortable in a different and foreign community.

In 5774, we spent time learning, experiencing and getting to know so many faces of Judaism here in Madison. We were moved and honored to begin 5775 at UW Hillel with Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon leading the Conservative services, and to hear the spiritual words of Rabbi Andrea Steinberger during the Reform services. I had the privilege to join my voice with theirs and offer my own thoughts in a D'var Torah on Yom Kippur about prayer and connection to the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

This was our first year celebrating the Holidays with our son Ofek. Our family enjoyed building our first Sukkah and hosting different gatherings each night. Building our Sukkah was an adventure in itself. We were originally told that we could not build our Sukkah in the courtyard of our apartment building because it is a public space. But the office managers told us that if we DID build it we would have to take it down within 10 days, essentially allowing us to fulfill this mitzvah! (There was an actual court case in New York over a Sukkah on public property and the judge that was Jewish told the man he had a week to take it down…)

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Come on, you know where that was …
(Another hint: Next to Tiberius)

Connecting with Israel

Meet the Medical Clown Delegation from Israel



Hertzel Gabriel



Hagar Hofesh



Hamutal Ende



Shoshi Ofir



Dafna Tener

The Jewish Federation of Madison's newest program, Partnership2Gether (P2G) is excited to host our first delegation of professionals from the Sovev Kinneret of Israel: Medical Clowns. The delegation will meet with professionals throughout our community on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

The Medical Clown Program is a supportive profession in Israel that helps reduce the stress, anxiety and fear patients experience, and aids in healing. The medical Clowns are trained (in psychology, social work, nursing and theater) and work with medical professionals in many areas of medical needs and specific populations. For example: children, aging adults, sexual abuse, PTSD, and chronic illness, to name a few. They approach each patent individually and work hand in hand with medical staff on each patient. The Israeli Medical Clowns differ from clowns that volunteer in US hospitals whose function is to entertain. The Israeli medical clowns, through their integrative and individual approach, help people heal. Delegation participants include:

Hertzel Gabriel

Dr. Hertzel Gabriel is the Medical Director of the Jordan River Village and a Pediatric Hemato-Oncologist.

Hagar Hofesh

Hagar is a medical clown who specializes in anxiety and post-traumatic patients. Read about Hagar's work during Operation Protective Edge at Bazily Hospital during the missile attacks on the south of Israel.

Hamutal Ende

Hamutal is a medical clown who specializes in working with children who have autistic disorders in special kindergartens and in private one-on-one treatments.

Shoshi Ofir

Shoshi is a medical clown and research at The Tene Center who specializes in sexually abused patients and invasive examinations of children in hospitals.

Dafna Tener

Dafna is a researcher and has a PhD in social work.

Want to learn more and read the participants' CVs? Visit the website at: www.dreamdoctors.org.il/



Medical clown at Kaplan Hospital in Israel

Touching Israel: Women of the Wall

By Cheryl Temkin

While spending the past few summers living in Jerusalem and studying at the Conservative Yeshiva there, I became involved with Skilled Volunteers for Israel, a vibrant organization founded by Marla Gamoran, who many of you know.

In 2012, Skilled Volunteers matched me with Women of the Wall (WOW). WOW was founded in 1988, when 100 women, mainly from the US, attended the First International Jewish Feminist Conference in Jerusalem. The women decided to gather at the Kotel, the Western Wall, for prayers and Torah reading to celebrate Rosh Hodesh, the new month, which is traditionally a women's celebration.

A young Israeli woman, Anat Hoffman, had recently gotten her BA in psychology at UCLA, where she had been introduced to a whole different way of viewing Judaism and Feminism. When Anat arrived at the Kotel, she was shocked to see women being assaulted, both physically and verbally, by angry ultra-Orthodox men.

From that day on, a small number of women-modern Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist-have continued to gather at the Wall once a month to celebrate Rosh Hodesh. They always stand in the Ezrat Nashim, the women's section.

When the Kotel was liberated in June 1967 during the Six Day War, there was no Mechitza, no divider between the sexes. It was only several months later that the chief rabbi convinced the Israeli government to erect a barrier.

During the early years, the women were continuously harassed, but attracted relatively little publicity. Many years later, Women of the Wall, with the financial backing of the Reform Movement, petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to be granted the right to hold Rosh Hodesh services, including Torah reading, at the Kotel.

The Court decided that it was not the proper forum for the discussion, and created a government commission to come up with a compromise.

The commission offered three alternatives to the women:

1. They could hold their services at a section of the Kotel located in the Muslim Quarter. The police immediately nixed that proposal, however.

2. They could daven at a wall outside the Old City. The women objected to that suggestion.

3. They could pray at the archaeological site of Robinson's Arch, which the time was cramped, not wheelchair-accessible, and in desperate need of repairs.

So WOW returned to the Israeli Supreme Court. In 2003 the Court ruled that the women had a legal right to pray at the Kotel as long as it was according to *minhag hamakom*, i.e. in accordance with local practice. Local practice was loosely defined as precluding reading from a Torah scroll or the wearing of a tallit by a woman, specifically a black and white or a blue and white tallit that a man would traditionally wear.

As a result, the women would gather to daven Shacharit, morning prayers, at the Kotel and then move over to Robinson's Arch to read from the Torah scroll.

Between 2003 and 2009 things were relatively quiet and a small group of Women of the Wall, mainly made up of North American Jewish women who either immigrated to Israel or were living and studying there, showed up every Rosh Hodesh. During those years, the makeup of the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, which has had control over the Kotel since 1998, had become predominantly ultra-Orthodox in nature.

October 2012 was supposed to be an especially important hallmark for WOW because Rosh Hodesh Heshvan coincided with the Hadassah Centennial Convention being held in Jerusalem. Hadassah delegates were to join WOW at the Wall for morning services on October 16th. That plan was later replaced with one that had WOW very briefly hosting Hadassah delegates at the Kotel late on the evening of October 15th.

I was in Israel at that time, assigned by Skilled Volunteers for Israel to be the liaison between Hadassah and WOW.

At about 10 p.m. on October 15th, a few volunteers gathered at the Wall's Women's Section to prepare for the Hadassah delegates. Unfortunately, we were joined by a few police officers, who at that time were under the authority of the ultra-Orthodox Western Wall administrators.

The police were a bit overzealous in enforcing *minhag hamakom*, i.e. the local practice. During that Rosh Hodesh celebration, they arrested three WOW participants for violation of the norm. Among those arrested was Anat Hoffman, chairperson of Women of the Wall, along with Lesley Sachs, WOW's executive director.

Various news outlets picked up the video of the arrests and the widespread publicity drew attention to the organization and the monthly prayers. As a result, the crowds started to grow but the arrests did not cease. When five of the women were apprehended in April 2013 they were taken before Judge Sharon Bavly, who ruled that the women were NOT violating the local practice. Although the police appealed her decision, Judge Moshe Sobel upheld her ruling.

As a result of the legal decisions, WOW participants were now protected by the police. The women were able to pray in the Women's Section of the Kotel and they came by the hundreds and continue to do so.

Israel is a young nation, only 66 years old, but our Jewish traditions extend back thousands of years. Israel is the sole democracy in the Middle East, while maintaining its status as the spiritual and physical homeland of Jews the world over.

Women of the Wall has been the beneficiary of a modern-day legal system that recognizes the needs of all Jews to come and pray freely at Judaism's most holy site, the Kotel. It's a wonderful example of democracy at work.

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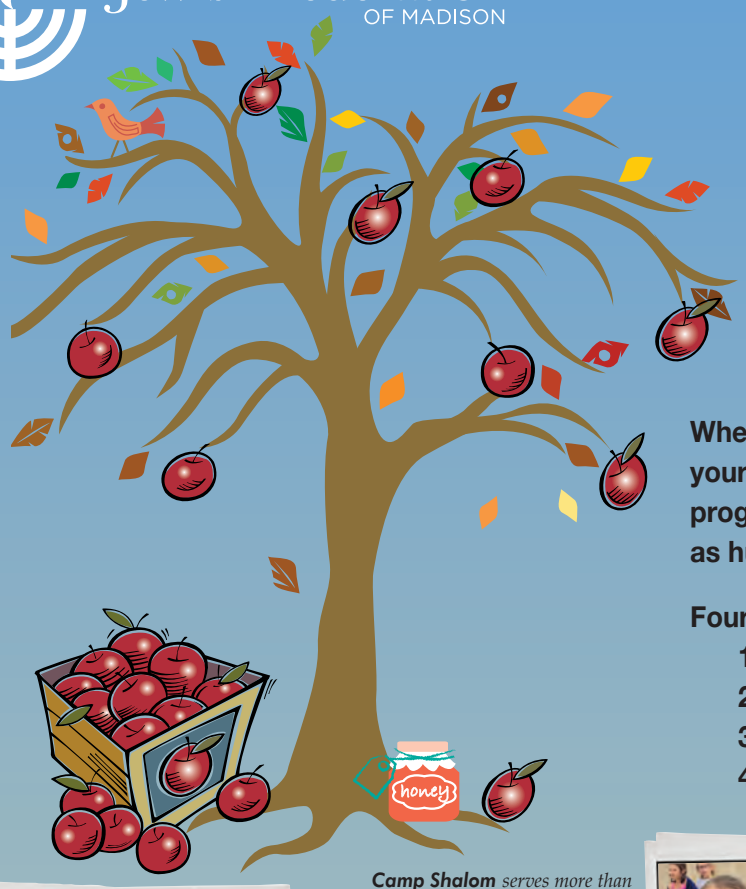

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