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A Tzedakah Sunday Like No Other!



The Madison Jewish community is like no other! We are a vibrant and active community filled with members who enjoy all that Madison has to offer. This year, the 2014 Tzedakah Sunday will be celebrating our amazing community by offering a wide variety of ways to participate and give back to the community that we all appreciate and cherish.

The purpose of Tzedakah Sunday is to honor the Jewish tradition of giving (Tzedakah) by asking everyone to make their annual pledge to the Jewish Federation of Madison. Your contribution to the Jewish Federation of Madison helps support more than 20 essential local agencies and programs as well as rescue, relief, and development programs in Israel and 70 other countries, including the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe, Latin America and Africa.

This year we have created a day filled with activities for you to enjoy. Our intention is for each activity to honor the idea of Tzedakah. Each of our activities will be hosted by a volunteer from the Jewish Federation of Madison.

In addition to all of our activities, we will also be making our annual Tzedakah calls. We understand that you may not be home to receive our call so please feel free to donate to the 2014 campaign online at JewishMadison.org.

Sunday, September 21st is the last Sunday before the High Holy days begin. We believe that this is the perfect day to do something within our Jewish community to kick off the high holidays. The Jewish Federation of Madison has organized a list of all the amazing programs that are happening on Tzedakah Sunday. Find something that appeals to you, your family, your friends, and get out and do something extraordinary…**together.**

Stuff the Van – Donate necessary items to The Road Home. Vans will be parked at the following locations for your convenience:

- Lake Wingra parking lot (9:30-11am)
- In front of the Manna Café, 611 N. Sherman Ave, (12pm-1pm)
- Jewish Federation of Madison, 6434 Enterprise Ln. (1:30pm-2:30pm)

Bake for Builders – Bake treats for volunteers that build homes for Habitat for Humanity. Temple Beth El kitchen (1pm-3pm) All ages welcome! Contact Lynn at lkaplan@jewishmadison.org to sign up or just stop by!

Sweat for Tzedakah – A variety of opportunities to get out and enjoy some exercise while supporting the Jewish Federation of Madison. Specific times and locations TBA.

Kickin' It with Katanim (preschoolers) – A great way to spend some time with the preschool age family members. Time and location TBA.

Phone Calls and Thank You notes – For anyone that might be home…we need volunteers to reach out and ask for pledges as well as help us show our appreciation to all those that make a pledge to our campaign. Join us anytime between 10am and 2pm at the Jewish Federation of Madison. Contact Lynn at lkaplan@ jewishmadison.org to sign up.

Packers Party for the Pantry – Bring donations to help stock Madison's food pantries and then enjoy the Packers game with food and friends at our Packers Party! 11:45am at 150 East Gilman Street, Madison. Parking available under the building.

Yonim – First timers "try us out today." Go to JewishMadison.org for specific times according to age.

Madison Area Jewish Youth Groups Rosh Hashana Gift Bags for Seniors— Please contact youth group advisors for details.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim: *Deepening Jewish Prayer*. Center for Families, 2120 Fordem Ave. 9:50am-11:30am

Temple Beth El: *Rosh Hashanah A to Z*. 9:30am.

Pre Rosh Hashanah Picnic Lunch and Apple Picking, Eplegaarden. 12:15pm.

Beth Israel Center: *Sweet Traditions of Rosh Hashanah*.

Save the Date ...
Jewish Federation of Madison Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 16
4 p.m. at Goodman Campus in Verona

Stop the Sirens



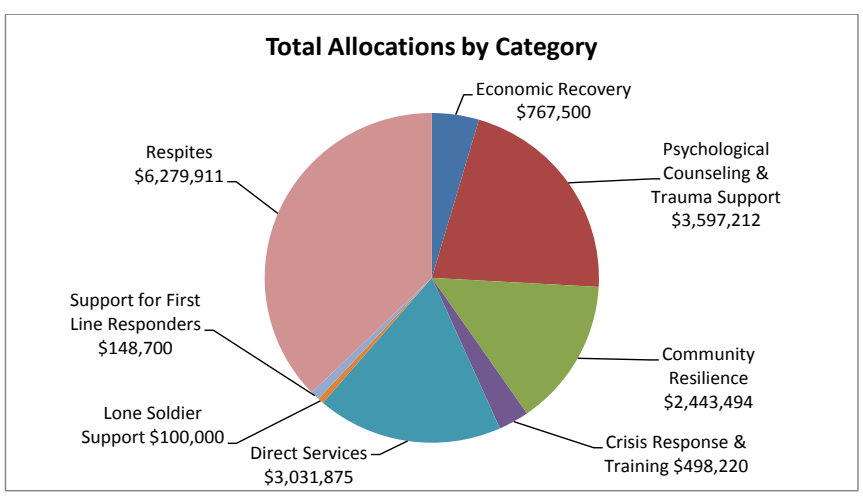
Thank You to our wonderful community for supporting the Stop the Sirens Campaign. You have made it possible for us to surpass our goal! To date we have raised $34,809. At this very moment, your incredible generosity is helping Israeli's cope with the devastating effects of war.

Todah Rabah (Thank You)!!



Operation Protective Edge—Snapshot of Allocations, as of August 13, 2014
Total Allocations to Date = $16.866M

Phase I: Active Conflict (Total Allocations to Date: $12.421M)
Phase II: Immediate Recovery for Israel's South (Total Allocations to Date: $4.395M)



Mazel Tov to our Shlichim, Racheli and Mickey, on the birth of their son, Ofek Eitan.



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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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The Passport to Jewish Life Program Was the Gateway to Many Exciting and Surprising Doors!

By Brittney Naaman

Passport to Jewish Life Recipient

Editor's Note: *The Jewish Federation of Madison is pleased to offer the Passport to Jewish Life Program to the community. Thanks to generous private donations, this exciting program is aimed at engaging community members in the wonderful programs the Madison-area Jewish community has to offer. For further information about the program guidelines or to apply, please visit jewishmadison.org.*

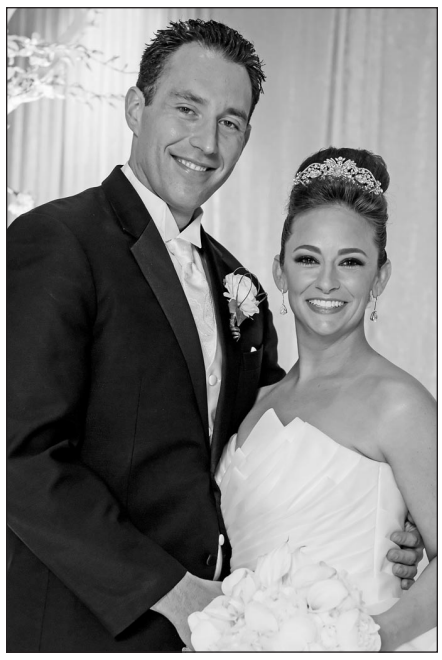
My husband I were new to Madison from Texas and we did not know a soul. So, what do you do when you don't know anyone... You find the Jews! I walked into Temple Beth El, introduced myself and quickly learned that the synagogue was the right fit for us. Heidi Lauhon, Temple Beth El's Executive Director, told me about the Jewish Federation of Madison's Passport to Jewish Life Program, which assisted in our dues to the temple, therefore we were able to become members with this assistance. I told Heidi that I would love to get involved in the synagogue and was happy to help in any way I could.

Because of the Passport to Jewish Life Program I was able to quickly get involved in Jews Next Dor, the young adults group, and assist in the planning and hosting of many events. After hosting a Jews Next Dor Yom Kippur Break Fast, Aleeza Hoffert, Temple Beth El's Program Director contacted me and asked if I could teach country line dancing. I said of course but could not imagine why; I mean, I just left Texas! Ironically, Temple Beth El was hosting a Country & Western Shabbat and thought since I am from Texas, I would know how to line dance. This became my first big breakthrough into the community. People didn't know my name, but at least they knew I was "the girl from Texas who taught line dancing."

While making decorations in the Temple Beth El office for the Country & Western Shabbat, Larry Kohn, at the time Temple Beth El's Education Director, saw my "enthusiasm and friendliness" and offered me a job to substitute at the front desk for Sunday School. One Sunday they needed assistance in the 5th grade and I was able to work with Rabbi Andrea Steinberger and her daughter Abby. Rabbi Steinberger is the Rabbi at Hillel and she and her daughter approached me about a part-time position at Hillel. I could not believe that all because of the Passport to Jewish Life Program opening the door, I was going to be earning a pay check!

Then to top it off, in my working and becoming friends with Aleeza, I had mentioned in passing that I went to The University of Texas and was a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi, a nationally Jewish sorority (and still the only chapter that is 100% Jewish). When she later received a call from Alpha Epsilon Phi National looking for someone in Madison to advise the University of Wisconsin chapter, she quickly gave them my information. I have now been advising the UW Sigma AEPhi chapter since December. I absolutely LOVE doing it and could not be more grateful to Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Without the Passport to Jewish Life Program, my husband and I would not be nearly as happy in Madison. We now have friends, good friends. We have a community. We have people who know us and care about us. We have a happy life. Due to the openness and inclusiveness of the Madison Jewish community, we were able to quickly call Madison our home, even though our Texas roots run deeper than you can imagine. (So, please don't tell my family!!! ;))



Michael and Brittney Naaman

Zach Galin to Receive Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award

Zach Galin will receive the Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award at the Jewish Federation of Madison's 74th Annual Meeting on November 14th at 4 p.m.

Named in memory of Miriam Singer Sulman in 1975, a much admired and dynamic young leader of the Madison Jewish Community Council, the recipient of this award is enabled to attend the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly through an endowment fund established by Miriam's parents, Isadore and Ida Singer z"l.



Zach Galin

Zach runs a local boutique education organization, Galin Education, which helps students prepare for and get into college. He is actively involved in the Jewish community, serving as the chair of the Camp Shalom committee and as a member of the Jewish Federation of Madison Board of Directors.

Having been a Jewish summer camp person for over 20 years (as a camper, counselor, and program director), helping with Madison's Jewish day camp is a perfect fit for Zach. He is passionate about education, particularly outside of the school day, and knows that through Camp Shalom the Jewish Federation of Madison is providing wonderful experiences for hundreds of kids.

Zach has enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors for the Jewish Federation of Madison for the past three years. He says "the Jewish community has been a very important part of my life for most of my formative years. Moving from NYC, I was worried about finding a fit in Madison; meeting the wonderful people involved with the Jewish community here, I realized that I want to help continue to build this welcoming environment for other families that move to our community. The Board has provided opportunities for me to meet others in Jewish Madison and to learn about all the great opportunities they offer."

When asked how he feels about the Madison Jewish community, he replied "The Jewish community in Madison is an incredibly diverse and welcoming group of people. It has provided me opportunities to get involved at the highest levels even though I am new. The programs it offers ensures that as my wife and I settle in Madison, we will have ample opportunities to build our family's engagement in Jewish traditions and culture."

Prior to moving to Madison, Zach was a Teach for America corps member teaching middle and high school students in Bronx, NY. At South Bronx Prep, he coordinated the science department and the advisory program and was a member of the school's inquiry team. Concurrently, Zach attended and received his master's degree in education from the Bank Street College of Education, where he also served as a member of the institution's Board of Trustees.

Zach earned his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University, majoring in Learning and Organizational Change. It was there that he began his involvement in the Jewish community, serving as President of Northwestern's Hillel for three years and as a member of Hillel International's Board of Directors for two years. He produced a show for the Jewish Theatre Ensemble, brought numerous Jewish speakers to campus, and developed innovative programs to engage unaffiliated Jewish students.

In addition to his involvement in the Jewish community, Zach is engaged in Madison area organizations as well. He has served on the board for Madison School and Community Recreation advisory committee and currently is on the board of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Education Foundation. Zach lives with his wife, Krista Sterken, in Middleton, her hometown.

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Join the JFM Staff!

The Jewish Federation of Madison is currently seeking a new Preschool Director for the Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool.

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- Ability to communicate with parents, staff and students.
- Knowledge and background of Jewish culture and religion.
- Experience in administration, teacher supervision and early childhood development.
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- Vision for growth and development.

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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS





2014 Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff Event

Sunday, September 7
at Full Compass Systems Headquarters
9772 Silicon Prairie Parkway, Madison
Doors open at 5:45 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, September 7th to kick off the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign. Everyone is welcome to attend this complimentary evening filled with food, music and community. Dinner will be catered by Full Compass' own Executive Chef, Don Olsen. After dinner, enjoy the incredible talents of Jim Ripp and Josh Dupont of *PianoFondue*, as they drop the gauntlet and musically duel for your enjoyment.

Although this fabulous evening is open to our entire community, dinner seating is limited to the first 275 respondents and reservations are required as seating will be assigned. For more information, call 608-278-1808 or email Lynn at lkaplan@ jewishmadison.org. Attending this event implies a commitment to donate to the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign.



Schmooze (Chat) and Zuz (Movement)

Exciting and afforable new class for children ages 0-4
10 Week Fall Session starts Friday, September 12

Registration for the fall session of Schmooze and Zuz has begun! Schmooze (which means chat) and Zuz (which means movement), is our exciting and affordable class for children ages 0-4! Our dynamic teacher for the fall, Susan Valko, is an instructor at Badger Gymnastics, and a Gan HaYeled music and movement teacher as well as a Gan parent. Families will be "moving" to music, developing friendships, socializing, and having a wonderful time. A delicious challah snack, baked by Gan HaYeled teachers will be served at the end of the period. Register now and become members of our Zuz gang!

FALL SESSION: Classes meet at 9:30 am - 10:30 am on the following dates:
Fridays: 9/12, 9/19, 10/3, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12
Cost: $120 for 10 weeks. (Additional fee of $60 for participating siblings)

The program will be held in the conference room of the Jewish Federation of Madison, but has the flexibility to move to different locations depending upon the group's interests.

For more information or to register: Contact Missy gan@jewishmadison.org or call 608- 278-1808.



Yonim Try It Days

For anyone interested in trying Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe for Free
Sunday, September 7, 3:00-5:15 p.m.
Sundays, September 14 and 21 at 4:00-8:30 p.m.
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

The first three Sundays in September are Try It Days for anyone interested in trying Yonim for free. Please bring a friend for a fun evening of dance! Rehearsal times are as follows:

On September 7th:
3:00-3:15pm Parent/Dancer Meeting for B'reisheet and Aleph (K-5th)
3:15-3:50pm B'reisheet/Aleph combined dancing (K-5th)
4:00-4:15pm Parent/Dancer Meeting for Bet and Gimel (6th-12th)
4:15-5:15pm Bet/Gimel combined dancing (6th-12th)

On September 14th and 21st:
4:00-4:45pm B'reisheet (K-2nd)
5:00-5:45pm Aleph (3rd-5th)
6:00-7:00pm Bet (6th-8th)
7:00-8:30pm Gimel (9th-12th)

Contact: Cathy Schrager, 608-467-8661, yonim@jewishmadison.org or visit: www.yonim.org



iEngage Israel Course

Reframes the discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews worldwide. Going beyond politics and advocacy.
Starting September 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

Going deeper than politics or advocacy, the iEngage Israel course reframes the discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews worldwide. The iEngage curriculum elevates the conversation about Israel by rooting it in Jewish values and ideas rather than in a response to crisis, exploring key questions such as:

- What are the benefits of Jewish sovereignty?
- How should a Jewish state exercise military power ethically?
- How can Israel create and maintain a Jewish democracy?
- What values should a Jewish state embody?
- Why should American Jews care about Israel, and what should be the nature of our relationship with the Jewish state?

iEngage Israel thus equips individuals and communities with a quintessentially Jewish values-based vocabulary to define and articulate why Israel can and should be fundamental to their Jewish identity.

This joint program between the Federation of Madison and Tempel Beth El is open to everyone. For more information contact: Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org

Program Dates are:
September: 11, 18
October: 2, 23, 30
November: 6, 13, 20
December: 4, 11

MJCDS Wishes You A Year of Learning and Sweetness

By Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon

In the Jewish schoolrooms of Europe, when new students opened their alphabet primers for the first time, teachers would place drops of honey on each of the letters. The goal, of course, was for each student to associate learning with sweetness. At Madison Jewish Community Day School, we continue this tradition in a number of forms.

Rabbi Yehuda haNasi taught, "Only the lesson which is enjoyed can be learned well." Enjoyment of learning at MJCDS means learning not only through books, but also through hands-on experiences in subjects like math and science. It means art and music, "archeological digs" to study early Wisconsin history, and trips to Olbrich Botanical Gardens with our friends from Madinah Academy of Madison to learn about plant life.

It means finding an interpretation of the week's Torah portion that speaks to the realities of a child's life, and it means taking pride in the ability to express an idea in Hebrew. It also can mean the enjoyment and satisfaction of working hard at a skill or subject that is challenging for us. And the delight experienced when encountering a new idea or asking a good question.

At MJCDS, the enjoyment of learning that Rabbi Yehuda suggests is essential is enhanced by an environment that respects and nurtures each child's individuality and creativity. Our students bring intelligence, warmth, curiosity and love of learning to school every day. Our dedicated staff expertly teaches a dual curriculum of general and Jewish studies, offering a depth of knowledge along with individualized learning in small classes.

Taking the Learning Home

As we approach the new year, grownups and children alike are invited to experience the sweetness of making authentic connections with tradition that touch our souls and encourage us to live meaningful lives.

One of the ways we do this is through some highly experiential learning that takes place at home at our holiday tables. We eat symbolic foods, apples and honey. As we dip the apples in the honey, we recite the blessing, Blessed are you Lord, our God, Ruler of the world, Creator of the fruit of the tree. *(Baruch atah Ado-nai, Ehlo-haynu melech Ha-olam, Borai p'ree ha'aitz.)*

We dip the apple in the honey and take a taste, and some recite a wish for the new year, May it be Your will, Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors, that You renew for us a good and sweet year. *(Y'hee ratzon mee-l'fanekha, Adonai Elohaynu v'elohey avoteynu sh'tichadeish aleinu shanah tovah um'tuqah.)*

This is a season for reflection—for thinking about the past year's highs and lows, and for formulating our hopes and aspirations for the coming year. When we taste the honey, we transcend the merely rational and touch other parts of our souls that require not only logic and discernment, but pleasure and enjoyment. The crunchy apple and the sweet honey help us to imagine a year to come in which we live our most sweet and meaningful lives.

May this be a year filled with learning and joy for all of us.

MJCDS is a K-5 elementary school offering an excellent private school experience and a rich grounding in Jewish heritage and Hebrew language. Contact rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com or call (608) 204-9900 for more information.

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice – Friends of Emerson School

As we watch youngsters return to school, Madison Jewish Congregations for Social Justice (JCSJ) invites you to volunteer at Emerson Elementary School. We had great successes last year and want to expand our efforts for 2014-2015. Here are some quotes from our volunteers:

"Mentoring is so much fun, I look forward to it each week"

"It is great to volunteer in Emerson School which is full of positive energy from the kids."

"Math mentoring is my best volunteer experience ever!"

Two upcoming events:

Homework Boxes and Open House
Tuesday, September 16, 2014
6:00 to 8:00 pm
Emerson School, 2421 E. Johnson St.
Madison, WI 53704

Volunteers will fill about 150 homework boxes with school supplies that have been donated to Emerson School. The boxes provide all students with enough supplies to complete their homework. At last year's event, volunteers had fun working and socializing with old, and new, friends from the community.

At the Open House, we'll tour the school, learn about school programs, and hear about how volunteers can contribute to the success of Emerson students.

Math Mentor Training
Thursday, September 18, 2014
6:00 to 7:30 pm (or 5:30 to 7:00 pm)
Emerson School, 2421 E. Johnson St.
Madison, WI 53704

Math mentor training covers background about the program, the goals, and implementation for the 2014-2015 school year. The math specialist will explain the basic principles on which the instruction will be based and demonstrate some teaching methods.

Please be assured this is not high level math. The teachers provide materials customized for the students, and the volunteers last year were very creative about inventing fun games.

To register for either event or for more information contact: Beth Israel Center: Judy Pierotti or Larry Bensky. Temple Beth El: Sherie Sondel or Marcia Vandercook. Congregation Shaarei Shamayim: Sari Judge.Make a difference in a student's life. Make a difference in your life. Volunteer at Emerson School.



Ilana, Zoe and Lena blowing the shofar. Photo by Kathy Mazur

Volunteers Needed

Looking for people enthusiastic about making this Tzedakah Sunday our biggest success! Whether you prefer to help out at one of our many activity areas or making phone calls and helping with paper work, we have a volunteer opportunity for you. Please contact Lynn at lkaplan@jewishmadison.org or call 608-442-4076 for details about volunteer opportunities.

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Daniel Weiss and Carey Moore on their recent marriage;
Matt Barofsky and William Brown on their recent marriage;
Lawrence and Sharon Barish on the engagement of their daughter, Lauren to David Handelman;
Tanya and Mark Anderson on the birth of their son, Samuel Walton Anderson;
Marcia and Mark Fink on the marriage of their daughter, Leah Fink to Johan Beuclek;
Jennifer and Allen Kaplan on the birth of their son Ian Jack Kaplan, grandson of Janice Kaplan; and
Linda Levey and Edward Joseph on the engagement of their son Simeon Joseph to Diana Azimov.

Condolences to the families of:

Irv Golden, uncle of Janice Kaplan;
Tom Taves, husband of Jane Taves and father of Molly Taves;
Norman Dachman, father of Adam (Roxanne) Dachman;
Dorothy Bernstein, mother of Leslie Bernstein;
Solomon Solomon, father of Susanne Policano;
Marcus Nestor, boyfriend of Samantha Toso; and
Mark Mandelbaum, husband of Dru Baggett Mandelbaum.

Come Celebrate Fall Events at UW Hillel

By Jennifer Jennings

The school year has begun, and September at UW Hillel is chock-full of events for new and returning students, community members, and parents.

UW Madison Alumna Gillian Laub Exhibits her Photography

On Wednesday, September 17, UW Hillel is pleased to welcome photographer and alumna Gillian Laub to Madison for an exhibit showing her recent work, "Southern Rites." Gillian will present an artist's talk at 6 PM followed by the opening reception. Both are free to the public. Gillian Laub graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in comparative literature before studying photography at the International Center of Photography in New York City. She was selected for the World Press Photo's Joop Swart Masterclass in 2003 and is the winner of Nikon's Storyteller Award for her work in the Middle East. With the support of the Jerome Foundation, Laub's first monograph Testimony was published by Aperture in 2007 to critical acclaim. In 2007, Gillian was awarded Aperture's Emerging Artist Award. She contributes regularly to the New York Times Magazine and TIME Magazine, among many other publications. Her work is widely exhibited, commissioned, and collected. She currently lives in New York and is represented by Bonni Benrubi Gallery.

Save the Date for Parents Weekend

On Friday, September 19, UW Hillel is hosting Parents' Weekend Shabbat Dinner featuring Dr. Jonathan Pollack, honorary scholar at the George L. Mosse/Laurence L. Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies. Dr. Pollack will discuss evolving Jewish identity at UW-Madison, sharing anecdotes from his current research. The dinner and discussion is at 7 PM. Shabbat dinner is always free for students and costs $10 for parents and community members. Parents' Weekend concludes with a Sunday Brunch at UW Hillel on September 21 at 10 AM. Reservations are $12 and can be made at www.uwhillel.org/parentsweekend.

Please join us for the High Holidays

Please join UW Hillel for High Holiday services and meals beginning with Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, September 24. UW Hillel welcomes all Madison community members and guests to participate in its observance. Tickets are $180 each for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and $250 for both holidays. Rabbi Andrea Steinberger will lead Reform services and Rabbi Rebecca Ben Gideon will lead Conservative services. For the first time, we will also offer several Modern Orthodox services, led by JLIC Educator Shlomo Geller. This year, we are offering special community and children prices for High Holiday meals. Information regarding the High Holiday service and meal schedule and registration is available at uwhillel.org.

Academy Award-Nominated Filmmaker and UW Madison Alum-Screening Documentary at UW Hillel

Jason Cohen, UW-Madison alum and Academy Award nominated filmmaker, will be screening Facing Fear at UW Hillel in November. Facing Fear, directed by Cohen, was nominated for the Academy Award 2013 Best Documentary Short Subject. It shares the story of Matthew Boger, who was attacked by a group of Neo-Nazi skinheads when he was living on the streets in Los Angeles 25 years ago. Boger meets Tim Zaal, who participated in the attack and they embark on a journey of forgiveness and reconciliation. In 2001, Cohen received the Nafziger Award for distinguished achievement by alumni from the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism, his alma mater.

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

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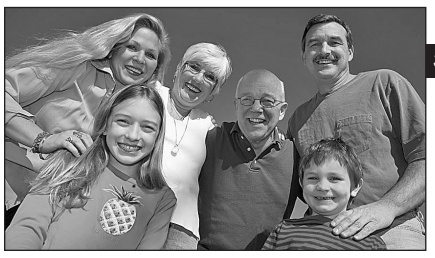
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Congregation News

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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.

High Holy Day entry cards are available for $75/holiday per adult. Please note that a sign language interpreter will be present at some of the services. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Heidi Lauhon, Executive Director, at executivedirector@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123.

Shabbat Dinner Get-Together

September 5, 2014
7:15pm
Nile Restaurant, 6119 Odana Rd, Madison, WI 53719

Enjoy an informal, relaxing dinner with others who are also unwinding from the week. Before dinner, everyone is invited to join us at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, for Pre-Service Oneg Shabbat nosh at 5:30pm Shabbat Services at 6pm. Come with friends or come to meet new people; we will get to know each other as we share a meal to welcome Shabbat. Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org to let us know you are coming.

Pizza, Havdalah and Mini Golf

Saturday, September 13, 2014
6pm Pizza Dinner | 6:30pm Havdalah and Mini Golf
Vitense Golfland; 5501 West Schroeder Road, Madison, WI, 53711

Welcome Back! Join us at Vitense for pizza dinner, Havdalah and mini-golf with your Temple Community. All ages welcome. Kids 12 and under and adults 55 and older: $11.75; Ages 13-54: $13. Register on our website or with Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Kesher Israel Film Series

September 17, 2014 "The Gatekeepers," documentary with special guest moderator Stanley Kutler.
November 19, 2014 "Yossi"
December 17, 2014 "Jellyfish"
January 21, 2015 "Life in Stills"

Main doors open at 7pm. Films begin at 7:15pm. Snacks provided.

Our first film, "The Gatekeepers" is an Israeli documentary that portrays interviews with former heads of the Shin Bet as they reveal how futile their attempts have been to quash any Palestinian attempts for statehood. Special guest moderator Stanley Kutler, author of articles and books including *Abuse of Power, The New Nixon Tapes*, professor at various universities worldwide, and now professor emeritus of history at UW Madison, will led this discussion.

Singles Creating Community Coffee Clutch

Friday, September 19 at 9am
True Coffee 6250 Nesbitt Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53719

Start your day with friends over coffee and conversation.

The Selichot Experience

Saturday, September 20, 2014
7:30pm Cantor Martin's Reflections on her Sabbatical and Conference in Israel this Summer.
9pm Ice Cream Social
10pm Selichot Services

We begin the High Holy Days, the season of repentance and consideration of better ways of thriving in our world, with Cantor Martin sharing her experiences of her visit to Israel during the missile attacks and bombings by Hamas. She attended the American Conference of Cantors' convention and then traveled to teach and lead services and lectures at our sister congregations, Emet V'Shalom in Naharia in the North at the Lebanon border, and Tzur Hadassah, twenty minutes from Jerusalem on the West Bank border, as part of her Sabbatical. She also visited Eilat the day after one of the rockets destroyed homes there, and Kibbutz Lotan. She will share pictures and videos as well as her impression of Israel during this time of turmoil and tell of the close connections she formed with the Israelis that she worked with. At 9pm everyone is invited to partake in our full ice cream sundae bar and enjoy time to reconnect with each other and prepare for the year ahead. At 10pm we'll head into the Sanctuary for our Selichot Service, including our beautiful tradition of exchanging the covers on our Torahs for their High Holy Day white covers. Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Apple Picking

Sunday, September 21, 2014
12:15pm at Eplegaarden
2227 Fitchburg Road, Fitchburg

Come and pick apples for your Rosh Hashanah table with us after Religious School. Please bring a picnic lunch for your family. We'll meet at the picnic tables at Eplegaarden to enjoy our lunches together. We'll then head into the old fashioned orchard featuring selv plukk (U-Pick) apples, other produce and lots of old fashioned rural farm fun including hayrides. Each family is responsible for purchasing the fruit they pick.

Rosh Ride

Sunday, September 28, 2014
9am

Let's roll into the Jewish New Year with a wheel good time! Choose either the 40 or 22 mile bike rides. All rides head towards Belleville (south of Madison) for brunch and then biking back to your chosen starting point. At brunch we'll do a few Rosh Hashanah blessings. For more details and to register visit our website or contact Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Tots and Tunes

2014 Sundays: Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 2 & Dec 14
2015 Sundays: Feb. 1, Feb. 22, Mar. 22 & Apr. 19
9:30am-10:30am in the Adult Lounge

Fun for all children, newborns to age 5!!

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!

Singles Creating Community Arboretum Tour with Marney Scheele

Sunday, September 28, 2014
1:30pm at the Arboretum

Join Marney, who conducted our Spring Wildflower Tour, and come see the Arboretum in its fall finery. We will walk in the prairie and in the native plant gardens to experience the late fall flowers as they begin to set seeds and prepare for our Wisconsin winter. It is a beautiful time at the Arboretum. See you then!

Grades 9-12

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

MaTTY Kick-off 2k14
Sunday, September 7, 2014
3pm-5pm at Wingra Park, 824 Knickerbocker St.

We will rent boats, enjoy a barbeque lunch, play Frisbee and other games. It will be a great time to catch up with old friends and make new ones too! Please bring $5 (includes the boat and lunch), along with a snack, side dish or dessert to share. Confirm what you will bring in advance. RSVP to matty@templbethelmadison.org

Annual MaTTY Rosh Hashanah Gift Bag Event
In Partnership with Jewish Social Services and other Madison-area youth groups
Sunday, September 21, 2014
1:15-2:30 pm: Preparation of Honey Cake and Cards
2:30-4:00 pm: Delivery to Jewish Senior Citizens

We'll be creating and delivering Rosh Hashanah gift bags and cards for Jewish Senior Citizens in the Madison-area. It will be a great time to meet with other Jewish teens in the area and help out our entire community. Please visit our website for more information.

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 (http://www.templebethelmadison.org)

Pizza & Board Game Night
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
6pm
A private residence on the west side of Madison, RSVP for the address

A night of fun! Join fellow young adults for an evening of board games and vegetarian pizza dinner. Please bring cash to pitch in for the pizza, and board games you'd like to play. RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert for the address at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner
Thursday, September 18, 2014
7pm-9pm; Location TBD

Do you like to eat and are you ready to mingle?! Join Madison's Jews' Next Dor for the next installment of our third Thursday Meet & Greet Dinner! Bring a friend and join with us to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty family-style meal. RSVPs to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated. Dinner will be $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Our Meet & Greet Dinners take place on the third Thursday of each month at a different restaurant each time. See you then!

Young Adult Book Club
October 12, 2014
5pm-6:30pm
A private residence in Northeast Madison, RSVP for the address

Book: Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley

Are you looking for a chance to socialize with other young adults in a meaningful way? Madison's Jews' Next Dor is happy to announce the launch of the new 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.



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Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Celebrate the High Holy Days with Shaarei Shamayim

Not sure where to spend the High Holy Days? Shaarei Shamayim invites you to join us for our services, potlucks, discussions, kids' programming, and other events. Since its founding, we have never required visitors to purchase tickets. We want you to feel welcome, whether you are a relative of a member, a long-time friend of the congregation, or a guest checking us out for the first time.

Our services combine traditional prayers with contemporary poetry, readings, and songs. We are participatory and encourage our members and friends to lead elements of the service, sing along, share English readings, chant Torah and Haftarah, and blow shofar. We meet in the historic Frank Lloyd Wright auditorium of the First Unitarian Society.

Our services last several hours; we encourage everyone to take breaks and sit outside on the lawn or chat with a friend in the lobby. Many people come and go throughout these days.

We have youth programming for all ages over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Laurie leads a children's service for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade, and Aviv Kammay leads a tot service for children 0-5 years of age. Parents lead discussions for middle schoolers and high schoolers. Bring your kids and celebrate with our community. For a full listing of our programming, please consult our website.

During the afternoon of Yom Kippur, our Yizkor service provides the space for individuals to remember loved ones who have passed away. Later in the day, we will gather for a community discussion. Just before Neilah, our closing service, we have a creative Avodah program. This is an opportunity for participants to share poetry, songs, or any other offerings for the community.

We organize two community potlucks over the High Holidays – one on Erev Rosh Hashanah and one for break fast at the end of Yom Kippur.

If you are in your 20s or 30s, we have special programming throughout the year through our Young Adult Havurah. On the evening of the first day of Rosh Hashanah this group holds a potluck dinner.

Don't forget to make reservations for our potlucks and child care. For more information, please visit our website at www.shamayim.org or contact the office at office@shamayim.org or 257-2944.

Beth Israel Center

If you're a fan of construction sites, take a walk or drive by the corner of Mound and Randall! Beth Israel Center's transformative remodeling project is in full swing.

The synagogue will be ready for at least partial occupancy later this fall. One unanswered question as of press time (mid-August) is: which parts will be ready when? Due to this uncertainty, we have decided to hold Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at the nearby First Congregational Church, at the corner of Breese Terrace and University Ave. More details will be available at www.bethisraelcenter.org. For now, know that we will be offering all of our usual High Holiday services, including age-appropriate programming for preschoolers through bar/bat mitzvah age, on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur.

While Beth Israel services, classes, meetings and programs are taking place in various locations during the construction, we are still the same warm and welcoming congregation. Please join us for any of the programs listed here. Call us or visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, for more information. Many thanks to Temple Beth El, Jewish Federation of Madison, and other organizations for helping us during this exciting time in the life of Beth Israel Center.

Come find us at…

…Temple Beth El on Shabbat mornings. Services start at 9:30am. We will be in the Temple Beth El lounge on Sept. 6 and in the main sanctuary on Sept. 13 and 20. 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 or Hoyt Park for Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evenings. 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!

Our phone number is the same: (608) 256-7763.

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 September calendar:

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck in Hoyt Park

Friday, September 5

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors! Services begin at 5:45pm and are followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner. Meet in the large shelter up the hill from the parking lot. Bring food and/or drinks to share. Beth Israel provides plastic cutlery and paper plates.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 14
9:30am, BIC-Downtown

We will elect a new slate of Officers and Directors and thank those whose terms are ending. There will also be building updates and a chance to hear reports on recent activity, as well as a look ahead at programming highlights and initiatives for the coming year.

Slichot

Saturday, September 20
8:15pm, BIC-Downtown

While many Jews think of the High Holidays as beginning with Rosh Hashanah, the days and weeks leading up to the new year are filled with opportunities to prepare for the Days of Awe. One such opportunity is the Slichot service, which follows the last Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah. Beth Israel's Slichot service reflects the joyful and spirited singing that we engage in on Shabbat mornings and during the High Holidays. It's a wonderful opportunity to be spiritually awakened. We will begin at 8:15 with a lovely Havdalah, followed by the song-filled Slichot service.

Sweet Traditions of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 21
Time and place TBD

Get ready for the New Year with a program that will awaken your senses of sound and taste as we explore melodies from the High Holy Days and sample a variety of honeys.

Rosh Hashanah Services

Sept. 24, 25, 26

Beth Israel Center High Holiday services will be held this year at First Congregational Church, at the corner of Breese Terrace and University.

Tickets are required. Members may purchase tickets and have received order forms in the mail. Prospective members may request complimentary tickets by contacting the office. Visitors who are members of a congregation outside of Madison should contact the office for ticket information.

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5:45pm

Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26 beginning at 8:00am.

On both days of Rosh Hashanah, youth programming begins at 10:30 for children in kindergarten through 7th grade, and our Preschool Family Service begins at 11:00. Neither reservations nor tickets are required for youth or family services.

Tashlich

Thursday, September 25
4:00pm

Come schmooze and enjoy a nosh organized by the Membership Committee before we cast our sins into the lake. Location TBA.

Attention Families with School-Age Children!

New this year, Beth Israel Center is offering an opportunity for families to check out our award-winning religious school program while considering a commitment to Beth Israel membership:
Enroll in Talmud Torah at the member rates.

This offer is good for one year only.

Talmud Torah meets Sunday mornings (K-5), Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (grades 3-7), and Saturday mornings (grades 6-7).

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Israel, Chabad and a Dose of Nachas

Nachas. Yiddish for joy or blessings, pride, especially from ones children, grandchildren. *(Urban Dictionary definition)*

Rabbi Mendel and Henya Matusof, directors of the UW Chabad Jewish Student Center, enjoyed true nachas at the start of this summer, when they attended the wedding of Leah Guller, UW PHD graduate in neuro-science and Patrick Bodien from Marshfield, WI. Although the bride and groom are not the Matusof's children, they are a part of the growing UW Chabad family.

In the summer of 2008, Leah showed up as a surprise Shabbat dinner guest, looking for Jewish company amidst the world's denouncements of Israel and their efforts to maintain security during Operation Cast Lead. The sense of hominess and family brought Leah back for another dinner, a ski trip, a Torah class, birthday celebrations, cooking classes, friendship, holiday celebrations, and many more Shabbat dinners. With time, Patrick, Leah's rock climbing partner, began to frequent the Chabad House too. What began with curiosity, blossomed in to a deep connection to Judaism and Jewish tradition. In 2012 Leah received her PHD and the two moved to Swamscott, MA, joining the loving Chabad Jewish community there. In June the beautiful couple stood under the Chupah, committing to build a strong Jewish home and family of their own.

On July 22 2014, during Israel's Operation Protective Edge, the Matusofs received a heartwarming e-mail.

Hi Rabbi Mendel and Henya,

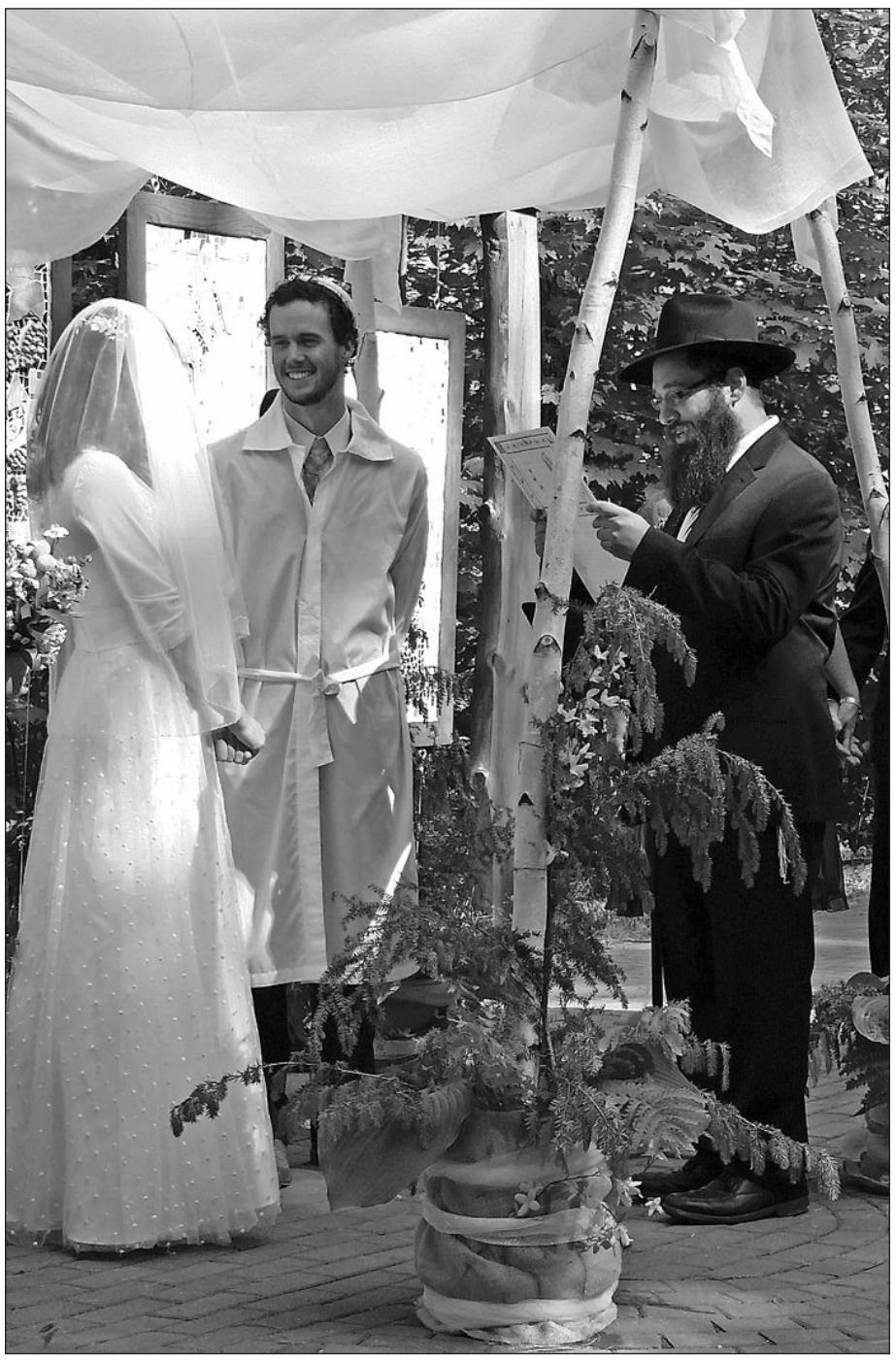
I realized today that just about 6 years ago a conflict between Israel and Gaza (Operation Cast Lead) brought me to your door. I was just looking to spend an evening with some people who were not protesting Israel, but what I found was not only that, I found myself. These wars are horrendous and so very sad, but they also bring people closer together and closer to Judaism. For me, Operation Cast Lead completely changed my life – a small victory for Israel amidst so much loss. I hope that Operation Protective Edge also brings someone to your door so that you may have the opportunity to bring even more light into this world.

We miss you guys and think of you often, Leah

As the new semester approaches, and the Chabad House welcomes incoming freshmen, returning undergrads and grad students, Rabbi Mendel and Henya look forward to be able to provide a warm Jewish home away from home to the UW community. With G-d's help, there will be homey Shabbat dinners attended by 100+ students, grand High Holiday celebrations, social events, a Taglit-Birthright trip to Israel, Torah classes, lots of cookies and tea and so much more! Yet more importantly, there will be lasting friendships formed, a burst of Jewish pride and many more good deeds done, to bring more peace and light into the world – ensuring a brighter tomorrow!



Leah at a cooking class in the Belle Goodman kitchen in 2011. Leah is standing third from the left.



Rabbi Mendel reads the Ketubah at Leah and Patrick's Chupah ceremony.

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The Passport Gift can be used towards programs or organizations such as, but not limited to: Gan HaYeled Preschool Chug Ivrit Camp Shalom Midrasha Yonim Madison Jewish Community Day School Introductory Synagogue membership fees Madison-area adult Jewish Education programs (e.g. offered by synagogues, UW, Hillel, Chabad, etc.)

Interested in applying for the Passport Program? Please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808 x232 for an application. The Passport Gift funds will be distributed until they are gone! Individuals/families may apply for a second $500 Passport gift, if funds remain, after 1 year has lapsed from the initial award.

For further guidelines, visit www.jewishmadison.org.

Madison Hadassah's Progressive Founders

Madison Hadassah members have every reason to feel proud of the women who founded the chapter a century ago. These women were remarkably progressive thinkers and activists who addressed both local and international issues. Some of the women were ardent suffragettes, like Rachel Szold Jastrow, who served as the suffragette liaison to the Wisconsin legislature until Wisconsin became the first state where women could vote (1919).

Jastrow and others were also responsible for a clean milk crusade and for establishing kindergarten, annual physical examinations in the Madison schools, playgrounds around the city, city garbage pick-up, and Madison's first hospital, Madison General Hospital (founded in 1903 and later renamed Meriter Hospital.)

Over the next three months, Madison Hadassah will share photos and stories from the chapter's first 100 years and news about how they are entering the next. To get involved in Madison Hadassah, go to www.hadassah.org/madison-wisconsin, email Madison.Chapter@Hadassah.org or call 608-770-6521.



Five of the original members of Madison Hadassah were Pauline Sinaiko, Sarah Kasdin, Cecile Schein, Fannie Mack, and Goldie Sinaiko.



Rachel Szold Jastrow and her husband Joseph Jastrow, the first Jewish professor at the University of Wisconsin.



Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah and her sister, Rachel Szold Jastrow, founder of Madison Hadassah, now called the Rachel S. Jastrow Chapter of Hadassah.



Rachel Szold Jastrow in a suffragette parade. Sign on back of car reads "Vote for Women."

Kesher Israel Film Series to Begin September 17

The Kesher Israel film series is set to recommence. All films will now be shown on the third Wednesday of each month. Temple Beth El is located at 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison. The main doors open at 7:00 p.m. and films begin at 7:15 p.m. The intermittent time allows for schmoozing and snacking. A variety of free snacks and drinks are provided.

Our first film, "The Gatekeepers" will be shown on Sept. 17. This important Israeli documentary portrays interviews with former heads of the Shin Bet as they reveal how futile their attempts have been to quash any Palestinian attempts for statehood.

Special guest moderator Stanley Kutler, author of articles and books including *Abuse of Power, The New Nixon Tapes*, professor at various universities worldwide, and now professor emeritus of history at U.W. Madison, will lead this discussion.



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JSS Annual Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Max Weinstein Building
6434 Enterprise Lane

Please be sure to mark your calendar and join Jewish Social Services at the Annual Meeting on Monday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the election of new officers and board of directors, reports from the president, treasurer and executive director will be given. Please RSVP online or call the JSS office at 278-1808.

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JSS Founders Brunch

The Founders Recognition Brunch was on August 10, 2014. It was a special event to pay tribute to the founders of Jewish Social Services of Madison.

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Scenes from the Levy Summer Series

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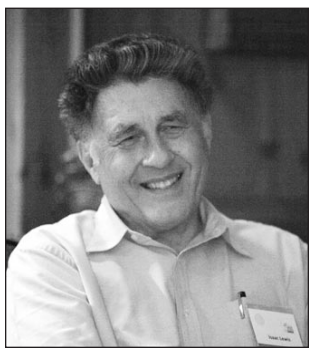




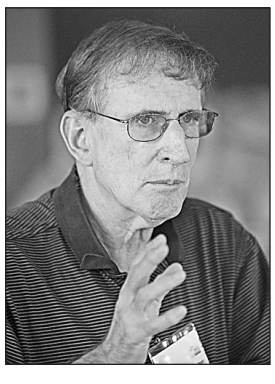

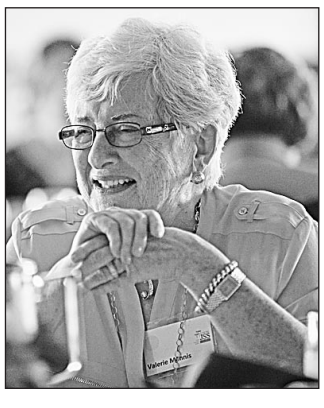

Fall Events and New Staff at Center for Jewish Studies

By Allison Bloom

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies is preparing for a busy fall semester, welcoming new and current students to the wide range of courses we offer in Jewish Studies. This fall we also welcome two key members of our staff: Simone Schweber, the Goodman Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and Education, has been appointed as the new director of the Center for Jewish Studies, and Judith Sone, Interim Associate Director, comes to us with a background in Jewish education and administration.

The Center, in addition to starting a new year with students, staff, and faculty, is also planning a series of lectures and events that are free and open to the public for the fall semester.

In September, the Center will co-sponsor the Mosse Lectures, given by Sarah Abrevaya Stein, of the University of California, Los Angeles. Her talks, on "Extraterritorial Dreams: Sephardi Jews, Citizenship, and the Calamitous Twentieth Century," ask how individual Sephardic Jews negotiated the consolidation of modern citizenship laws and how their legal choices influenced their fate over time. These lectures will take place in room L140 Elvehjem Building (Chazen Museum, 800 University Avenue) on Tuesday through Thursday, September 9, 10, and 11 at 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 1, Rutgers professor Paul Hanebrink will present a History department lecture, co-sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies. "The Nazi Occupation Monument in Budapest: Holocaust Memory in Hungary and the Problem of 'Double Occupation'" will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the Pyle Center (702 Langdon Street). This talk discusses a new monument in Budapest, subject to protest by Hungarian Jews and their supporters, and what it signifies about Hungary's role in the Holocaust.

Later in October, the Center will bring Barbie Zelizer, renowned journalist and Professor of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, to the UW to give the annual Tobias lecture on "The Holocaust in Visual Memory." This talk will examine how the Holocaust was visualized in the news and how it has been sustained in the depiction of other genocides over time. Zelizer's talk will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, in Union South (3108 W. Dayton Street; check "Today in the Union" for exact location).

Gary P. Zola, executive director of the American Jewish Archives and professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, will present two lectures related to his recent book, *'He Was Like One of Us': Abraham Lincoln and American Jewry*. These lectures, part of the Kutler lecture series on American Jewish History, will take place at the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery (330 N. Orchard Street), on Monday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 4, at 4:00 p.m.

Complete and current information about our events is available on our website at **jewishstudies.wisc.edu** or by emailing events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu.

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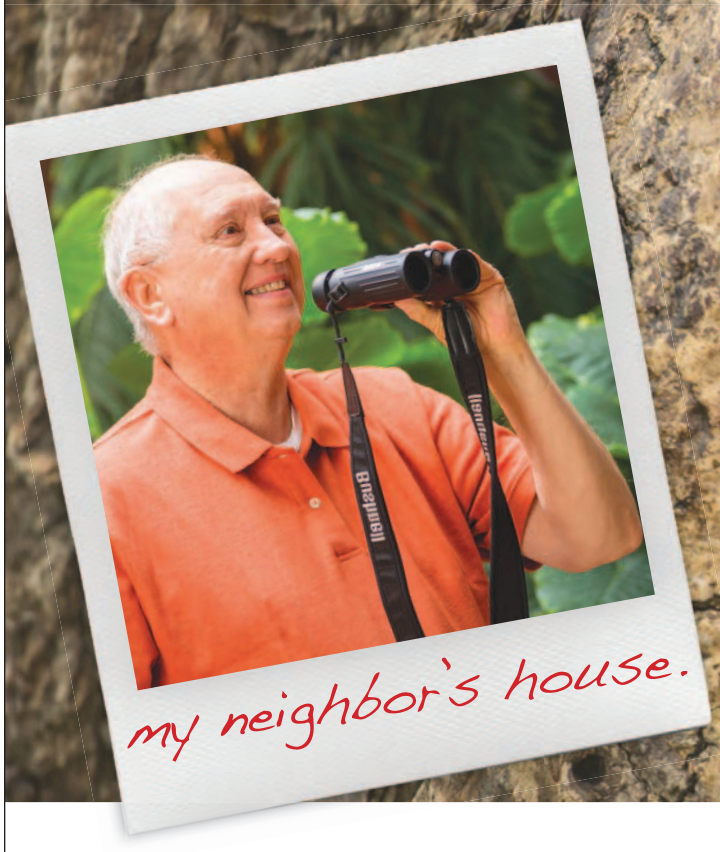

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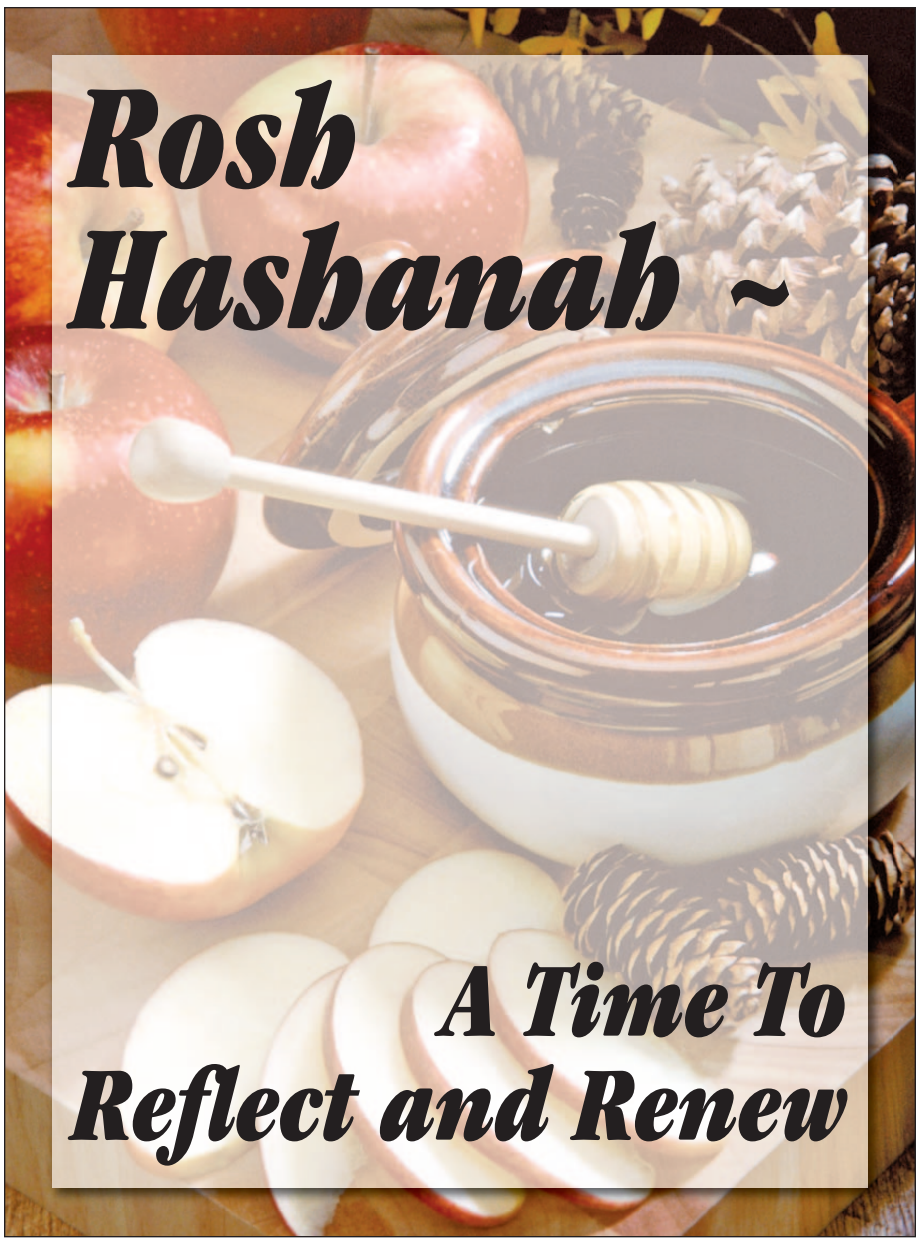

High Holy Days Greetings!

By Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon

Beth Israel Center

Shanah Tovah! Happy New Year!

It is my honor and pleasure to wish everyone a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah from all of the families of Beth Israel Center.

This has been a year full of conflicting emotions about both local and global events. At Beth Israel Center, we are excited and grateful to so many in the Madison community who have supported us in our building project. We completed our capital campaign and planned for an extensive remodel of our synagogue, building on the foundation laid when Beth Israel was originally built in 1949. We then left our building so that our contractor, CG Schmidt, could bring our vision, as designed by our architects, CAs4 Architecture, to life. We are especially grateful for our staff and volunteers who have helped to keep Beth Israel Center a vibrant community, even as we inhabit temporary spaces. A special thanks to the Temple Beth El staff and community for welcoming us into their home, as we do work on ours.

I am writing these words as a second truce has just been announced between Israel, Hamas and other Palestinian factions in Gaza. Nothing that we are experiencing here compares to the pain and suffering in Israel and Gaza. While we all appreciate this, it has also been a difficult time for us as we watch from afar, feeling that there is so little that we can do. It has also been difficult as the unity of our community has been challenged by strong and diverse opinions about the situation. We all want Israel to thrive, and while we might have different ideas about how that should happen, I hope that we are able to keep this most important and fundamental notion foremost in our minds as we interact with other Jews.

Each year, in the traditional Mahzor, the prayerbook for the High Holidays, Jews pray va'yei'asu chulam agudah echat, la'asot r'tzoncha b'leivav shalem, that we come together in unity to do God's will with complete hearts. On days that are so focused on individual spirituality, it is perhaps surprising to have this call for unity. These holidays are about whether my

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Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Temple Beth El

By Rabbi Jonathan Biatch

Temple Beth El

I offer greetings to readers of the *Madison Jewish News* from members of my congregation Temple Beth El and me. This year we celebrate 75 years of liberal Judaism in Madison. We look forward to many more! May you have a year of health and wholeness in the year 5775 to come!

There are two words that need to be part of our personal lexicon, and the Hebrew month of Elul, happening now in our calendar, is the time to ensure that we know and commit ourselves to use these words.

The words are "I'm sorry."

Human arrogance usually prohibits us to acknowledge our faults. But the occurrence of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur reminds us that seeking forgiveness is a positive human goal, and that people can change. Going to someone and asking pardon may seem like a moment of humiliation; this is because of our inexhaustible human pride. But in order to heal individual relationships and make our world more whole, acquiring forgiveness is the balm that enables us to heal wounds – intentional or not – that have infected our lives.

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High Holidays as an Opportunity to Come Inside the Jewish People

By Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

Hillel at the University of Wisconsin

I am honored to have the opportunity to wish the Jewish community of Madison a healthy, happy new year of 5775.

Each year as we blow the shofar, the cranky blasts, the persistent bark of the notes, serve as a reminder to us to wake up from a sleepy haze that overtakes us. We are urged to view our lives with a lens of existential questions such as: Who are we? What is the purpose of our lives? What are our relationships with friends and loved ones? Who do we want to be? This process is called making a heshbon hanefesh – an accounting of our soul. One might compare it to the process used to line up our financial documents each spring in preparation for tax season. We might ask ourselves: how are we doing: soulfully – spiritually – as individuals and as a people.

Perhaps no other year will a heshbon hanefesh be as poignant and as important as it is this year as Israel emerges from a war with its Gaza neighbor. We may have feelings about this war – feelings of love and worry for the country of Israel or feelings of embarrassment for Israel's actions. We also note the rise of anti-Semitic actions throughout Europe and wonder about our safety as Jews, regardless of where we choose to live.

This High Holiday season, I invite us all to challenge ourselves to a heshbon hanefesh with Israel. The holidays are a moment of coming together as the Jewish people. Part of coming together as a Jewish people is to articulate our place with the state of Israel and with Jewish people living all over the world. I encourage each of us to come inside the conversation and push for our own personal engagement with all the people of Israel. I challenge each of us to say about Israel, the nation state: "This is my national homeland" and engage ourselves, sometimes as a critic, perhaps as a supporter, but no longer as an outsider, in a conversation with the people, Israel.

Soon the war will be over. The country of Israel will enter a new time and will engage in its own heshbon hanefesh. It is a chance for the nation of Israel to ask itself the questions: "Who do we want to be – as a national homeland for the Jewish people? Who do we want to be in relation to our Middle East neighborhood?"

I encourage all of us in the Madison Jewish community to also take this invitation to step in, not as outsiders who are supporters of others from a distance, or who are embarrassed onlookers from a distance – but as one family of Jews, across several continents – as one family, who are ready for a conversation of Jewish values and honest discussion as a whole Jewish people, asking ourselves: "Where do we go from here?"

May the new year of 5775 be one of new opportunities for each of us to step in, to take up the invitation to engage with the people of Israel and be a part of this remarkable people.

Getting Advice, Making Change As Rosh Hashanah Approaches

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Every summer I lead Shabbat services at Capitol Lakes Retirement Center, and over the past couple years I've gotten in the habit of reading from A Bintel Brief ("Bundle of Letters"). This was the popular Yiddish advice column for Jewish immigrants started in 1906 by Abraham Cahan, editor of *The Jewish Daily Forward*. I would read a letter to the editor and then the residents and I would discuss what advice we would give. Afterwards, I would read the editor's response and we would compare our answers.

This led to lively discussions – what should a young woman do who no longer loves her fiancé who just immigrated to America to marry her? What should a young man do who has an anti-Semitic boss? And how might the Galician Jews and the Russian Jews rid themselves of the prejudices they had for one another?

There were no easy, obvious answers, but we loved giving advice to these immigrants. Searching for stability, knowledge, and guidance, they seemed ready to change their lives after reading the responses of the editor.

I wonder, though, how many of them really changed. We human beings tend to resist advice because we do not like to change. Change involves loss, and letting go of assumptions and giving up old habits is risky when we do not know where this will lead us. Friends, family, or colleagues can also ironically deter us from making change. They may not like the person we become, and we fear that by changing we will jeopardize our relationships.

But sometimes change is important, and sometimes it is worth the risk.

As Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur approach, Jewish tradition calls on us to do teshuvah, to turn back to our best selves. We evaluate where we are, consider where we wish to go, and perhaps gather enough courage to make different choices and behave in new ways in the year to come.

Change is a long and difficult process. We have to really want to change, and we must be willing to bravely walk down an unknown path. Attending High Holiday services, taking time for quiet reflection, or reaching out to loved ones can help us begin to develop this kind of internal strength. But it takes time and perseverance.

May we walk down this path with courage and conviction.

On behalf of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, I wish the Madison Jewish community a shanah tovah, a new year filled with health and happiness. All are welcome to share these holidays with our community and to join us for meals, services, and programs at this special time of year.

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High Holy Days Schedule of Services

Rosh Hashanah:
Erev – September 24, 2014/5775
First Day – September 25, 2014/5775
Second Day – September 26, 2014/5775

Yom Kippur:
Kol Nidre – October 3, 2014/5775
Yom Kippur Day – October 4, 2014/5775

Please call in advance for admission and ticket policy

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Slichot - Saturday, September 20
8:15 PM .....Selichot Service
BIC-Downtown, 126 S. Hamilton St.

Erev Rosh Hashanah
5:45 PM .....Services

Rosh Hashanah (first day)
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM .....Services
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM .....Youth Program (K-7)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM .....Preschool Family Service
4:00 PM .....Tashlich
5:30 PM .....Mincha

Rosh Hashanah (second day)
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM .....Services
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM .....Youth Program (K-7)
11:00 AM -12:00 PM .....Preschool Family Service

Kol Nidre
5:45 PM .....Services

Yom Kippur
9:00 AM ..... Services
10:30 AM- 12:30 PM ..... Youth Program (K-7)
11:00 AM -12:00 PM ..... Preschool Family Service
4:00 PM .... Services, including Mincha and Ne'ila
7:35 PM ..... Final Shofar
Break Fast after conclusion of services

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Selichos - Sunday, September 21
12:45 AM .....Selichos Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:45 PM .....Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah (first day)
10:00 AM .....Morning Service
12:00 PM .....Shofar Blowing
2:00 PM .....Mincha
2:30 PM .....Tashlich
7:30 PM .....Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah (second day)
10:00 AM .....Service
12:00 PM .....Shofar Blowing
2:00 PM .....Mincha Service

Yom Kippur
3:15 PM .....Mincha
6:30 PM .....Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur
10:00 AM .....Morning Service
12:30 PM .....Yizkor
5:00 PM .....Mincha
6:00 PM .....Neilah
7:17 PM .....Break Fast

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Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 24
7:00 PM .....Brisket Dinner at the Concourse Hotel

Rosh Hashanah (first day)***, September 25***
5:00 PM .....Shofar in the Park – Hoyt Park Shelter

Kol Nidrei
6:30 PM .....Kol Nidrei (Call for location)

Yom Kippur
10:00 AM .....Morning Service
5:00 PM .....Mincha
6:00 PM .....Neilah

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Selichot Service - Saturday, September 20
8:00 PM .....Services followed by dessert potluck
(call for location)

Erev Rosh Hashanah
5:00 PM .....Vegetarian Potluck
7:00 PM .....Service

Rosh Hashanah (first day)
9:30 AM .....Service
9:00 AM .....Tot Service (0-5 years old)
10:00 AM .....Children's Service (grades K-5)
10:00 AM .....Youth Discussions
(grades 6-8, 9-12)
3:00 PM .....Tashlich
(call for location)
6:30 PM .....Young Adult Potluck Dinner

Rosh Hashanah (second day)
9:30 AM .....Service
12:30 PM .....Picnic Lunch

Kol Nidre
6:00 PM .....Service

Yom Kippur
9:30 AM .....Service
9:00 AM .....Tot Service (0-5 years old)
10:00 AM .....Children's Service (grades K-5)
10:00 AM .....Youth Discussions
(grades 6-8, 9-12)
2:00 PM .....Yizkor
3:00 PM .....Discussion
4:15 PM .....Avodah
5:45 PM .....Neilah
7:30 PM .....Break Fast Potluck

Temple Beth El, 238-3123
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Selichot — Saturday, September 20, 2014
7:30 PM .....Program
9:00 PM .....Ice Cream Social
10:00 PM .....Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:00 PM .....Service
8:30 PM .....Service

Rosh Hashanah (first day)
8:45 AM .....Family Service
10:30 AM Service for Adults and Youth (grades 7-12)
10:30 AM .....Youth Service (grades 3-6)
1:15 PM .....Tashlich, Lake Wingra
(Oneg to follow)

Kol Nidre
6:00 PM .....Service
8:30 PM .....Service

Yom Kippur
8:45 AM .....Family Service
9:30 AM .....Bone Marrow Registry Drive
(until 10:30 AM)
10:30 AM .....Adult and Youth Service
(Grades 7-12)
10:30 AM .....Youth Service (Grades 3-6)
1:00 PM .....Bone Marrow Registry Drive
(until 5:00 PM)
1:30 PM .....Drama and Discussion
3:00 PM .....Afternoon Service, including
Yizkor (Memorial) Service
5:30 PM .....Neilah (Concluding)
Break Fast after conclusion of services

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Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:30 PM .....Reform Service
6:30 PM .....Conservative Service
6:30 PM .....Orthodox Service
7:30 PM .....Dinner

Rosh Hashanah (first day)
10:00 AM .....Reform Service
9:00 AM/ 6:30 PM .....Conservative Service
12:30 PM .....Lunch
5:30 PM .....Tashlich on Lake Mendota
for all services
7:30 PM .....Dinner

Rosh Hashanah (second day)
9:00 AM .....Conservative Service
12:30 PM .....Lunch

Kol Nidre
5:15 PM .....Dinner
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Beth Israel Center

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name is going to be in the right book, or the wrong book. I might ask myself, what do you have to do with it?

Apparently quite a lot. That line in the Mahzor speaks of the mission of the Jewish people as practiced through ritual and moral behavior, both in the sanctuary and outside its walls. It is another way of saying that there is strength in togetherness that cannot be otherwise accessed. There are moments during these High Holy Days when the entire sanctuary is overflowing with spiritual energy, moments when it feels as if the energy in the room could lift off the roof and carry us all closer to God. In moments like this, when the entire Kahal (congregation) sings Avinu Malkeinu or Etz Chayim, the room feels like it is vibrating. The energy brings us closer to one another and to God. In this moment, so much is possible. By being together, our resolve towards t'shuva, repentance, is fortified – our willingness to forgive deepened.

At Beth Israel Center, as we prepare to inhabit our revitalized building, we are excited about the future. We also express our deep hope that the most recent violence in Israel will be the last, leading to a new era of peace.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!

Temple Beth El

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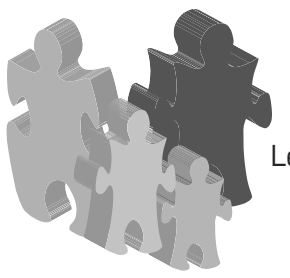
And just as important as seeking genuine forgiveness, is granting sincere forgiveness to those who request it from us. Were we to withhold forgiveness to someone who is a true penitent, we are injecting human arrogance back into the equation, and we hurt the progress of human life. We estrange ourselves from humanity when we deny pardon to a well-meaning and intentioned fellow human being.

Allowing forgiveness to be a normal and free-flowing part of our human persona is really no skin off our back, and it reduces tension that clearly exists between two people.

Try it once…I think you'll want to try it again.

I feel quite privileged to be a Rabbi in Madison in this exciting era, when we begin a New Year with hope, and – at Temple Beth El – we anticipate the completion of our new physical facilities that will help us to promote liberal Jewish life in Madison. I invite you to be with us at Temple Beth El as we enter a new phase of Jewish life.

L'shanah Tovah!



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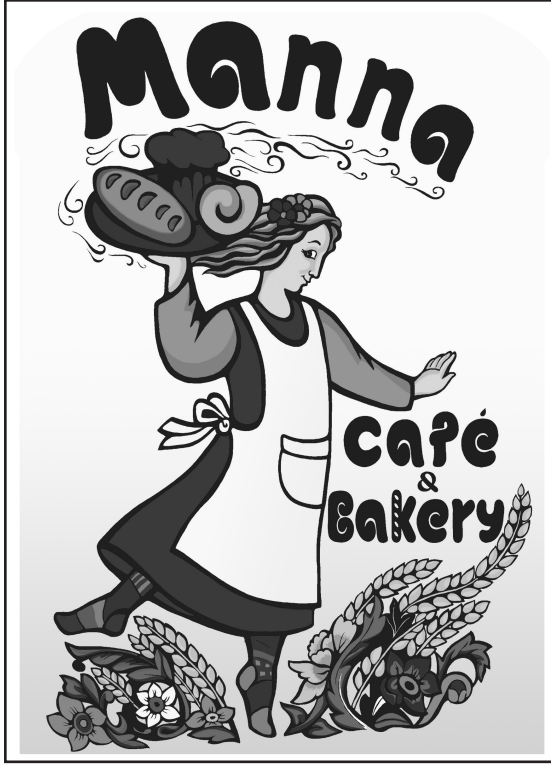

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Rosh Hashanah Recipes

At Rosh Hashanah, apples are dipped in honey to symbolize a sweet new year. Here are some other recipes with apples or honey to enjoy during the holiday season. Shanah Tovah!

Honey Cake

3-1/2 cups sifted flour
1/4 tsp salt
1-1/2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/8 tsp ground cloves
1/2 tsp ground ginger
4 eggs
3/4 cup sugar
4 tsp oil
2 cups honey
1/2 cup brewed coffee
1-1/2 cups walnuts or almonds

Sift the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and ginger together. Beat the eggs gradually adding sugar until thick. Mix in the oil, honey and coffee. Stir in the flour mixture and nuts.

Use one 11 x 16 x 4 inch baking pan (greased), or two 9 inch loaf pans (greased) if you want two smaller loaves. Pour the batter into the prepared pans.

Bake at 325 degrees for 75 minutes for the large cake or 65 minutes for the two smaller cakes, or until browed and a toothpick comes out clean. Cool on a rack before removing from pan.

Apple Crisp

4-5 cups peeled, sliced apples
2/3 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup oats
3/4 tsp cinnamon
3/4 tsp nutmeg
1/3 cup soft butter

Put apples in greased 8 x 8 inch pan.

Mix other ingredients together and spread over apples.

Bake at 375 degrees for 30 - 35 minutes until apples are soft and crust is golden brown.

Easy Applesauce

12 medium apples - peeled, cored and chopped
1/3 cup light brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 cup apple cider (or water)
1 pinch salt, or to taste

Mix apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, lemon juice, apple cider, and salt together in a large pot over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer until apples are soft, about 20 minutes. Use a potato masher while cooking to help break down the apples to desired texture. Or if you prefer very smooth applesauce, puree in a food processor when cooled. Makes 8 servings.

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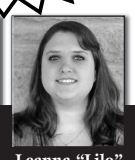
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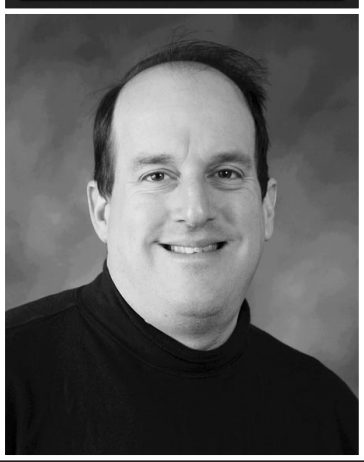

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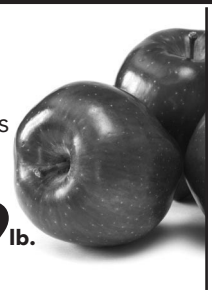

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This summer Camp Shalom celebrated its Diamond Anniversary. 60 years of bringing the community together, 60 years of campers singing and growing, 60 years of counselors bonding and role modeling, 60 years of Camp Shalom Players and 60 years of Chugim and awesome programming, 60 years of success!

During the second session Camp Shalom late-night, on a beautiful evening in July, a group of more than 50 people, alumni and families, gathered at the Goodman Campus to reconnect over a delicious falafel dinner catered by Banzo. The group included former campers and staff spanning all 6 decades of Camp. There were families who have second and third generations of campers at Camp Shalom this summer and staff members returning to see the Goodman Campus for the first time.

The group sat at tables set-up around the Lawrence Shapiro Circle Drive and had the opportunity to view old pictures, reconnect with old friends and enjoy songs and dances performed by the Camp Shalom campers. The evening ended with a traditional friendship circle, a longstanding Camp Shalom tradition.

On Sunday, August 3rd many current Camp Shalom families, alumni and others community members dined at the Nitty Gritty in Middleton to celebrate the Camp Shalom 60th anniversary. The NItty Gritty generously donated 10% of the diners' bills to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate 60 extraordinary years of Camp Shalom!











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Registration for the fall session of Schmooze and Zuz starts today!

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Register now and become members of our Zuz gang!

Classes meet at 9:30-10:30am on the following Fridays:

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To Register: Contact Missy at gan@jewishmadison.org, or 608-278-1808

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 these articles every month until our 2015 camping season begins.

CAMP SHALOM
By Lydia and Jori

Camp Shalom is our summer home. Every year we go to Camp Shalom, it's a blast. We go on SUPER fun nature hikes. We also play fun games like Capture the Flag and Ga-Ga. Everyone gets to do fun projects in Omanut (arts and crafts). This year we made sculptures out of plaster and wire and then decorated them by catapulting balloons filled with paint using camper-made paint catapults and in Teva (nature) we camouflaged boxes with things we found on nature walks. During Chugim everyone gets to choose an activity for 45 minutes. There are so many fun activities to choose from. We are so sad it is our last summer at Camp Shalom!

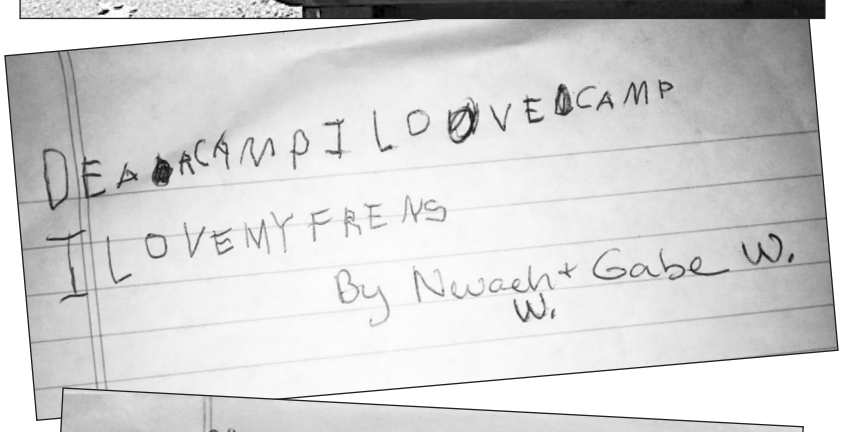
By Sadie

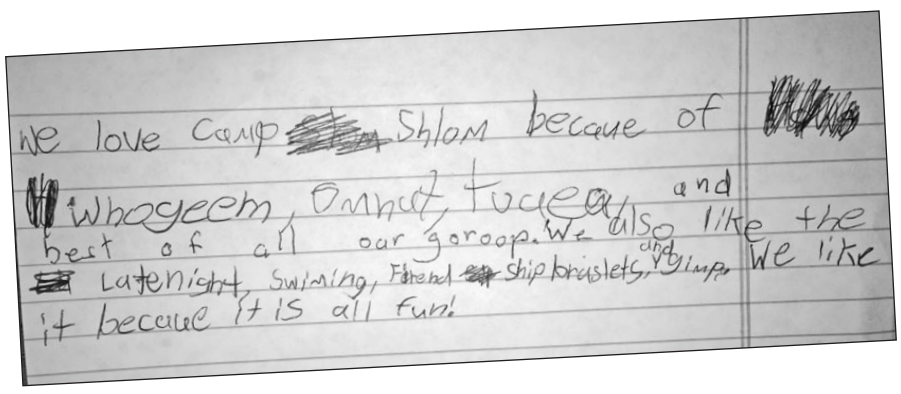
I like Camp Shalom because of how everyone tries (and succeeds) to make everyone feel welcome and comfy. I love to go to Camp Shalom.

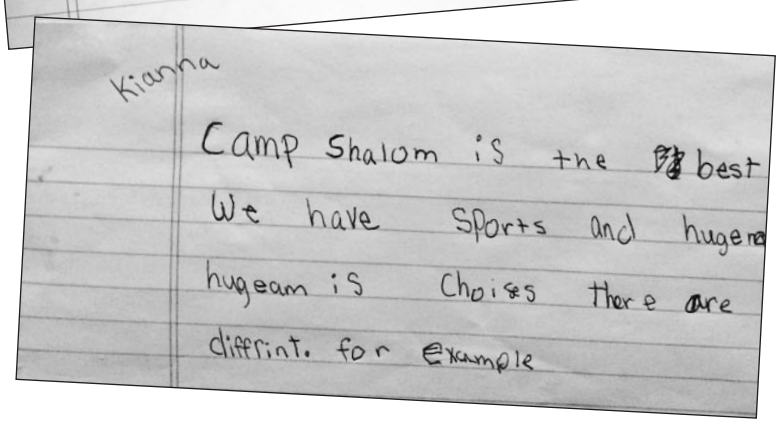
By Yoav (an Israeli child, living in China, who comes to Madison each summer ☺)

Camp Shalom is where people from all over the world come to make new friends and have fun. In Camp Shalom there are lots of stuff you can do including swimming, Ga-Ga and each day you do Chugim, a range of activities you get to choose from. Sometimes the counselors play sill pranks on each other. I think you should totally go to Camp Shalom.









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Monday, September 1, Labor Day – Lechayim does not meet

Monday, September 8, *Celebrating the 68th Wedding Anniversary of Jules & Florence Grossberg, sponsored by Paul Grossberg & Dean Ziemke*

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 Maple-Glazed Chicken Thighs, Wild Rice Blend, Roasted Baby Carrots, Sweet & Sour Cole Slaw, Rugelach
1:00-2:00 Retro Swing Band

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Monday, September 29, Lechayim does not meet

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

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

Понедельник, 1 Сентября, День труда, Лехаим не состоится.

Понедельник, 8 сентября
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 Глазированные в кленовом сиропе куриные бедрышки дикий рис, жареная морковь, сладко-кислая капуста и шоколадны ругелах.
1: 00-2: 00 Ретро Свинг Банд

Понедельник, 15 сентября
11:00-12:00 Оценка здоровья студентами Фармацевтического Общества штата Висконсин
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Бисквитный пирог с тунцом в горшечке, тушеный на пару зеленый горошек, салат с апельсинами и джикамой и шоколадный торт.
1: 00-2: 00 Шейла Коэн, "Гейлорд Нельсон: Чемпион для нашей Земли"

Понедельник, 22 сентября, Лехаим не состоится.
Понедельник, 29 сентября, Лехаим не состоится.

How 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 2:00 p.m. If we will be closed on Friday, the deadline is the previous business day at 2:00.
- Reservations cannot be taken after 2:00 p.m. 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.

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.

About our Programs

The resumption of Lechayim after the summer break always brings a rush of excitement. Like the first day of school after summer vacation, people are delighted to see each other, hugs are exchanged and conversation flows, punctuated by gales of laughter. Past participants are thrilled to see each other again and newcomers are welcomed like long-lost friends. Warmth and friendship, hallmarks of Lechayim, will be on display and enjoyed by all.

Speaking of old friends, the Retro Swing Band returns to inaugurate the 2014-15 Lechayim season on **Monday, September 8**, playing their Big Band music on horns, guitar, piano and drums. Don't miss these accomplished, enthusiastic musicians, led by Emeritus Professor, Frank Ferriano.

Operation Heart, the first of this year's Health Assessments by the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students, will be on Monday, September 15. The next Health Assessment on October 27 is *Operation Diabetes*.

Wisconsin has a long and proud history of leadership in environmental stewardship and research, which includes luminaries like John Muir and Aldo Leopold. Gaylord Nelson was another important figure, both locally and nationally, in the environmental movement. On **Monday, September 15**, local author Sheila Cohen will bring him to life in her talk, "Gaylord Nelson: A Champion for our Earth." As one of the most effective legislators of our time, Gaylord Nelson changed the way people think about the environment. As Governor of Wisconsin, State Senator, and US Senator, Nelson was indeed a Champion of our Earth: bringing about laws that led to clearer water, less polluted air, and extensive land and forest preservation. Nelson, who founded Earth Day in 1970, had a vision that continues to impact our world today. Ms. Cohen's talk will focus on what motivated the man who grew up in Clear Lake, Wisconsin to become a powerful and influential advocate for our most precious resources – our water, land and air.


Sheila Cohen

Sheila Cohen has written three books for the Wisconsin Historical Society. Each is a biography of someone from Wisconsin who has had an influence on our state. Her books have won first-place honors presented by the Council for Wisconsin Writers, Inc., The Midwest Independent Publishers Association and the Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Her first book, "Mai Ya's Long Journey," was featured in the University of Wisconsin's CCBC's (Cooperative Children's Book Center) publication, *Choices*. Currently, she is happy to be writing a book on the history of Jews in Wisconsin which is due to be published in 2016 by the Wisconsin State Historical Society.


Retro Swing Band returns to kick off the 2014-15 Lechayim season on Monday, September 8.

Ensure Good Health with a Comprehensive Medication Review

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Are you 65 or older, living in Dane County?

Do you have a household income of not more than $35,000 (single) or $45,000 (couple)?

Would you answer "YES" to any of the following questions?

- Do you take more than three medications (including prescriptions, herbals, and over-the-counter medications)?
- Do you ever forget to take your medications?
- Have you fallen in the past year?
- Do you have a fear of falling?
- Do you ever feel dizzy?
- Do you ever forget important dates or events?
- Do you go to more than one pharmacy to fill your prescriptions?

If you've answered "YES," we have a unique opportunity for you. The West Madison Senior Coalition, in partnership with the United Way of Dane County, will be hosting medication reviews on Wednesday, September 24th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This will be an opportunity for you to sit down and speak one-on-one with a pharmacist to review all of the medications that you are currently taking. The pharmacist will make recommendations for you to possibly change, fine-tune, or take medications differently to minimize your risk for falls and other adverse drug events. Medications are one of the leading causes of falls and confusion in the older adult population, and this is an opportunity, at no cost to you, to talk with a pharmacist about your concerns and your risk.

If you would like to participate in this unique opportunity, please call 238-7368 to schedule your appointment. Appointments will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Appointments will be held at the West Madison Senior Coalition office, 517 N Segoe Road, Suite 309.

As a bonus for investing in yourself, we (the West Madison Senior Coalition) will invest in you with a $20 Target gift card. Upon completion of your medication review, you will receive your gift card. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact a case manager by calling 608-238-7368.

(If you do not qualify for this program based on your income, consider consulting your pharmacist to see what it would take to have a Comprehensive Medication Review. The cost of paying for one could be far less than an injury, illness or the unpleasant symptoms caused by an adverse drug event.)

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, *Operation Heart*, will be at Lechayim on September 15 from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your cardiovascular health-related questions and concerns.

The following Health Assessment on October 27 will be *Operation Diabetes*.

Rosh Hashanah Teas

Residents at these locations, their friends and families are invited to welcome Rosh Hashanah 5775 with coffee, tea, honey cake and the blowing of the shofar. For information, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 (direct) or louise@jssmadison.org.

Thursday, September 23, 1:30-2:30 at Capitol Lakes Retirement Community, 333 West Main Street, in the Grand Hall. Bob Factor will blow the shofar.

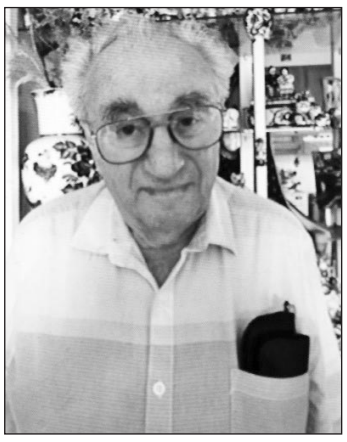
Tuesday, September 30, 1:30-2:30 at Oakwood Village University Woods, 6225 Mineral Point Road, in the "Oaks" Community Room. Karen Shevet Dinah will blow the shofar

Spotlight: Genrikh Babich

By Pamela Phillips Olson

"It was exactly 20 years ago that we came to America," Genrikh stated, as we sat in the community room of his building, where fifty other Russian emigrés reside.

Genrikh Babich is the accomplished author of over 150 articles, which appear monthly in the Madison Jewish News. He serves as a link between the Russian Jewish immigrant community and the larger community. Years ago Steve Morrison encouraged him to step up to the job. Since then he has used his skill for the benefit of all. He has also served on the board of JSS.



Genrikh Babich

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

Deciding to come to the US was not difficult for Genrikh's daughter Helen. "My wife Galina was forced to work for free for two years (in Russia) before she was able to earn a salary as a doctor of ophthalmology." Discrimination against Jews was rampant. Helen knew her own children would have very limited possibilities if they remained. So she, her husband and two children re-settled in America; Genrikh and Galina decided to follow.

Choosing which precious possessions to take was difficult. "We sent cartons of books to our daughter in Madison." Galina's 200 porcelain figurines were packed for the journey. "There was hardly room for our clothes!" A magnificent carpet from Genrikh's parents' home also was shipped. Too huge for their apartment, it hangs across two walls in their bedroom. Fortunately, the foods he remembers are available here. "I love borscht, especially cold during the summer, and rice pilaf!"

Before Genrikh's birth, his mother took a train to his paternal grandparents' home. There he was born. They stayed for two weeks while his mother and he received loving care. His return home was the first of his many journeys.

In Vinitza, where he spent his early years, his father supervised a sugar factory. His mother worked there. "The community knew we were Jews. But we had no religious life. Everyone in Russia at that time was an atheist. The only holidays were national ones such as New Year."

He was twelve when the Nazis invaded Ukraine. The family fled east. There they were safe; his grandparents were lost. After the war, his parents returned to Vinitza. When Genrikh graduated from high school he entered a technological institute in Moscow to study electronics.

Somewhere along the way, Genrikh developed a passion for mountain climbing. One day he ascended to a peak in the Caucasus Mountains. There he met a beautiful young girl, Galina. They dated for two years and then married. They have been meeting the challenges of life hand-in-hand ever since.

Transitions

Happy September Birthday

Alice Loew
Beatrice Epstein
Florence Lederman
Hilde Adler
Harsha Keister
Jerry Stotsky
Lyudmila Konovalova
Mary Jane Gavin
Merilyn Kupferberg
Sam Jacobs

Mazel Tov

To Fay Nager, on the weddings of her grandsons Jeremy David Ross to Shaina Joelle Mroz in North Brunswick, New Jersey and Jared Alexander Nager to Alessandra Jeanne Gura in Sharon, Massachusetts.

To David Gordon, on opening a new restaurant in the Milwaukee area.

To Jules and Florence Grossberg, on celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary.

To Pamela Phillips Olson, on the exhibit of her "Life Memories Project" at the JSS Founders Recognition Brunch at Temple Beth El.

To Mike Pressman, for finishing the Madison Mini Marathon.

Condolences

To the family of Norman Dachman, father of Adam (Roxanne) Dachman.

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.

September 5, December 5

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.

September 12, October 24, November 14, December 16 (Chanukah 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.

September 19, October 31, 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.

Norman Dachman, z"l

A champion of the Jewish people, Norman made it his mission to educate non-Jews about the realities and horrors of the Shoah, the Holocaust. He and his adored wife Millicent, z"l travelled all over Wisconsin to teach youth this important history. In his life he had the privilege and fun of meeting many famous actors, singers, sports figures and politicians, including David Ben Gurion during the early days of the State of Israel, but all that paled in comparison to the pride and love he felt for his family. May his memory be a blessing.

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.

Israel and the World

Touching Israel: What Israel Means To Us

By Harvey Temkin

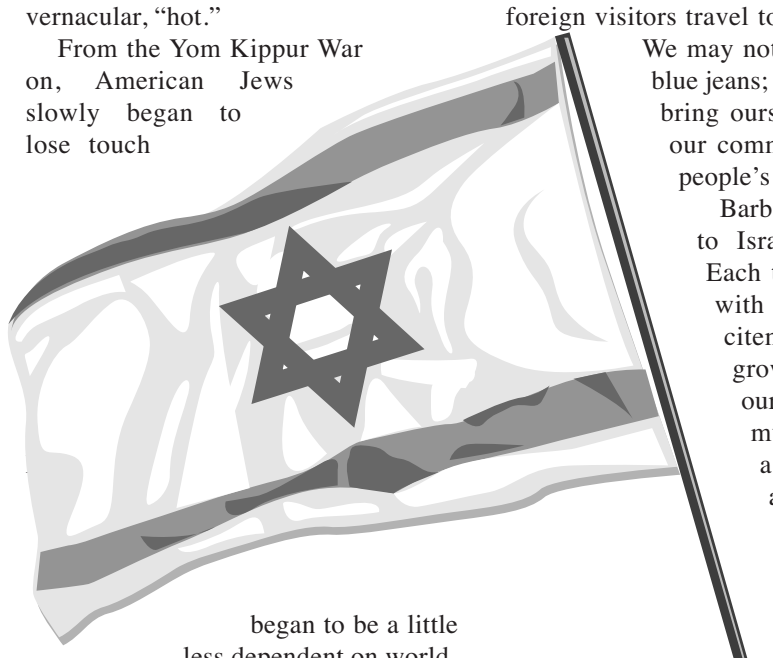
Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles by guest columnists from the Madison Jewish community on how we can connect to Israel.

The past month or so has been a very difficult one for Jews worldwide. First, we have the worry of Israel's security as it battles a continuing terrorist onslaught. Secondly, the current battles have resulted in some very disconcerting reactions globally. The ugly face of anti-Semitism has reappeared in European countries by way of mass demonstrations in France, Britain, Germany, and the United States.

The purpose of this article is not to address the current political and military situation. The press, particularly Israeli newspapers, covers the rockets, the mortars and the other hostilities thoroughly. Rather, this article focuses on our need for Israel as a Jewish homeland.

In the 1950's and 1960's, Israel was our baby. Jews were amazed that after 2000 years of exile we actually had our own country. We watched with great wonderment as the new nation grew politically, economically and militarily. The picture of the new Israeli was one of strength. Israelis were no longer the pale ghetto dwellers of the Fiddler on the Roof era. Rather, they were strong, beautifully tanned, smart and, in today's vernacular, "hot."

From the Yom Kippur War on, American Jews slowly began to lose touch



began to be a little less dependent on worldwide Jewry to support it. Those of us travelling to Israel in the 1980's and 1990's realized that our friends in Israel weren't so excited anymore when we brought them blue jeans and other formerly treasured items from the West.

One thing that has not changed, though, is the Israelis' pride at what they have accomplished over the past several decades in spite of so many obstacles. Another thing that remains the same is the excitement that Israelis feel when foreign visitors travel to their country. We may not need to bring blue jeans; we just need to bring ourselves to show our commitment to our people's homeland.

Barbara and I travel to Israel frequently. Each time we arrive with a sense of excitement that only grows throughout our visit. Israel is much more than a great place for a vacation. Israel is a Jewish home. Israel welcomes, through the Right of Return [where all Jews are free to become Israeli citizens], Jews from throughout the world who are the victims of anti-Semitism. For the past century plus, Jews have been escaping pogroms, death camps and other physical and mental beatings at the hands of governments throughout Europe and the Middle East by moving to Palestine and now Israel.

The first wave of immigration ("Aliyah") to Israel occurred around the turn of the twentieth century when Jews from Russia and Yemen escaped oppression by relocating to Palestine. Some years later, the second and third waves of Aliyah involved Jews, principally from Russia, escaping pogroms and other anti-Semitism. It was this group that started the first kibbutzim (collective farms). Subsequently, a fourth wave of Aliyah in the mid to latter part of the 1920's included Jews from Poland and Hungary escaping anti-Semitic activity in their home countries.

The fifth wave of Aliyah coincided with the rise of Nazism, primarily in the 1930's. That wave would have likely been much larger, and many more Jews would have been saved, had the British not issued the White Paper of 1939. This severely restricted Jewish immigration to Palestine thereby leaving many Jews with nowhere to go other than the concentration camps.

After the creation of the Jewish state in 1948, the gates were open so that any Jews who wanted and who were allowed to leave their homelands could relocate to Israel. While Jews came from all over the world to make Aliyah, the period between 1948 and 1970 saw a large influx of Jews from Arab states, as the relationship between Jews and Arabs continued to sour.

Some very interesting migrations have occurred since the 1970's. Beginning in the early 1970's, Jews in the west became increasingly aware of the oppression under which the Soviet Jews lived. For American Jews, freeing Soviet Jews became a cause celebre. While the pressure brought on the Soviets resulted in allowing some Jews to leave, not until the 1990's were Soviet Jews allowed to emigrate en masse. Under the Right of Return, the Jewish state absorbed about a million Soviet Jews.

Those who have not visited Israel in the past 25 years will notice a major evolution in the make-up of the population. The streets are filled with people speaking Russian and store signs are frequently in both Hebrew and Russian. The Soviet immigration has been a huge success and Israel has done a masterful job of welcoming its Russian brothers and sisters.

A second major wave of immigration to Israel occurring since 1970 has been the arrival of Ethiopian Jews. As the situation for Jews from the Beta Israel tribe in Ethiopia worsened, many fled to Sudan which secretly allowed Jews to go to Israel. Two major secret operations that Israel undertook, Operation Moses in 1984 and Operation Solomon in 1991, brought nearly the entire Beta Israel tribe to Israel, and likely saved tens of thousands of lives. Israel is still grappling with this addition to the population, but Ethiopians currently make up a material part of the Israeli populace and are slowly being absorbed into Israeli society.

Even more recently, Israel has seen scores of immigrants from European countries make Aliyah as anti-Semitism has reared its ugly head. In Netanya where we own an apartment, in addition to Hebrew and Russian, French is the language one hears most often on the street. The skies are filled with cranes building high-rise apartment buildings with the French being frequent buyers of these new residences.

Even though Israel still struggles with its neighbors, it has not only become a hi-tech capital of the world and a wonderful place for Americans to visit, it remains a haven for those escaping anti-Semitism. Unfortunately, even now, Jews throughout the world need Israel and will continue to need Israel until anti-Semitism ceases to exist - a scenario which seems unlikely in my lifetime.

For Jews in America, where we are allowed to live freely and to openly practice our religion, the need may not be felt as greatly as elsewhere. As a result, we can continue to enjoy Israel for what it is and to be proud of what the Israelis have accomplished over the past 66 years. The need for Jews to "touch" our homeland remains as strong as ever. There is no better way to see firsthand the rich history, the population diversity, and everything else our Jewish homeland represents and has to offer. A trip to Israel provides that "touch" both for people who have already been and for those visiting for the first time. I encourage everyone to take a trip to Israel.

For more information on visiting Israel or to plan your trip, please contact our community Shlichim (Israel Program emissaries) at Israel@jewishmadison.org.

Israel Suffers Huge Loss in Tourism

The precise details of the effect on Israeli tourism of recent fighting between Israel and Hamas in Gaza will become clearer in the coming weeks, but the real unknown question is how long the impact will continue in the coming months and year.

The Tourism and Finance Ministries recently formed a joint taskforce to discuss the impact on tourism and consider compensating businesses that have been directly affected by Operation Protective Edge. The task force will likely focus on compensating small and new businesses that serve the international tourist market.

The ministries expect a loss to the tourism industry of at least $580 million. The impact will be felt for months after the conflict ends. The year 2014 had been on track to be a record-breaking twelve months for tourism, with a 10% rise in foreign visitors over 2013. Industry experts now predict that in the most optimistic scenario, the sector will not see a complete recovery until Passover 2015.

The Israel Hotel Association predicts that 50% of those who planned to visit Israel from abroad during the second half of 2014 will cancel or postpone their visits.

Israel's Tourist and Travel Agent Association said that 20% of workers in the tourism industry will likely be laid off as a result of Operation Protective Edge. Some of those layoffs have already begun and some employees now have reduced hours.

Recently, the Tourism Ministry launched a special campaign to encourage internal tourism, called "Now is the Time: A Vacation in Israel."

Support Israel ... Buy Israeli Products

Besides donating to the Israel Emergency Campaign, another way to financially support Israel is through buying Israeli products. There are many ways to do this: by purchasing items directly from Israeli stores online, by buying Israeli-made products in American stores, or by ordering Israeli consumer products directly from their American-based vendors. Daniel Ayalon, Israeli ambassador to the U.S., brings attention to IsraelExport.org, a website launched to boost Israel's economy.

Source: The Jewish Federations of North America

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west:

A Personal Note

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

Before we start, we want to thank all who came and shared with us the Brit Mila of Ofek Eitan. Here is a little about Ofek's name:

Six months ago Racheli's grandpa passed away and his name was Ephraim. We knew we wanted a name that would remind us of him. The letters קפוא (Ofek) stands for his name רמוק םירפא (Ephraim Komar). Whether or not by coincidence, he was born on Ephraim's birthday!

In addition, the name of the Jewish Agency for Israel Shlichut program is "Ofek." Ofek means Horizon, future and clever.

Ofek was born here in Madison, while our Horizon, our future is Israel. Back home in Israel, Ofek will always know he was born in the "Horizon" during his parents' Shlichut.

Our second name, Eitan, means strong, solid. It's the Hebrew name given to Israel's last Gaza operation "Protective Edge" (ותיא קוצ).

We wish Ofek a strong safe future, may he always remember to look ahead to the Horizon while at the same time remember his roots.

May Israel be safe and may Ofek live a long, safe and healthy life in Israel.

One year has passed since we arrived in Madison, a year full of wonderful experiences. Coming from the other side of the world to a foreign country can be very hard, but from the beginning we have felt at home here.

It all began when we met Ellen, wearing a Camp Shalom t-shirt at the airport, continued with the sight of our refrigerator full of food, in a perfect apartment for us. From then on, we loved meeting more and more of Madison's amazing Jewish community.

We have learned so much about the many different faces of American Jewry and how one can express one's Jewish identity in so many different ways. It's made us think about the way that we were brought up as Jews in Israel. The concern and care shown by the community here towards Israel, especially during last month, has been extremely heartwarming and appreciated.

It has been fascinating to share our Israeli experiences with people of all ages, starting with Gan HaYeled, Chug Ivrit, MJCDS, Midrasha, Sunday Schools, Hillel, Capital Lakes and lastly Camp Shalom.



Ofek was the only person wearing a tuxedo at the wedding!



Our family of three at Mickey's sister's wedding in Israel.

We are in Israel now "recharging our batteries" and would just like to once again thank each and every one of you for making this year so special for us, for the care given during Operation "Protective Edge" and most of all, for the love engulfing us with the birth of our first child. We feel like Home is the place where the people you love are and although Israel is definitely our home, Madison strongly holds second place.

Thank you for an amazing year and looking forward to being in Madison for our second year of Shlichut.

Wishing you a good Rosh Hashanah,
ומתחתו ובתכית הבוט הנשל
Racheli, Mickey and Ofek



Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar with their new son, Ofek Eitan.



Thank you for celebrating Ofek's bris (circumcision) with us. It was wonderful to see the variety of people in the Madison community come together for this special occasion!

Go to the Source: Websites about Israel

For questions on how to support Israel and information about what is happening, please contact our Israeli Shlichim: Racheli, Jewish Federation of Madison Shlicha at: Israel@JewishMadison.org and Mickey, UW Hillel Israel Fellow at: Israel Fellow@UWHillel.org

To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:
http://www.JewishMadison.org
http://www.timesofisrael.com
http://www.ynetnews.com
http://www.haaretz.com
http://www.jpost.com
http://www.iba.org.il/world

Track The Map

Where in Israel was this photo taken?



The first one to guess will win a yummy Israeli chocolate and Israeli T-shirt! Please send your answer to: **Israel@jewishmadison.org**

This article is about the killing of the Israeli Olympic team in 1972.

Генрих Бабич

Об Олимпийских Играх и расправе над командой Израиля в 1972 году

Традиция проведения Олимпийских Игр зародилась в Древней Греции. Они были частью религиозного культа и проходили как спортивный праздник. Игры проводились с 776 до н.э. по 394 н.э. (всего было 293 Игры) в Олимпии, считавшейся у греков священным местом. Отсюда и произошло название Игр. К нам дошло множество документов, сооружений и скульптур того периода. Идея праздника отражалась формулой "В здоровом теле здоровый дух". Во время игр запрещалось вести войну. Победителей на соревнованиях почитали как героев на войне. После того как христианство стало официальной религией, Игры стали рассматриваться как проявление язычества и в 394 году н.э. были запрещены.

Современные Олимпийские Игры были возрождены в конце XIX века и проходили во всем мире. Их основателем был Пьер Кубертен. В 1894 году в Париже был созван Международный спортивный конгресс. На нем были установлены Принципы и правила Олимпийских Игр и принята Олимпийская Хартия. Был также создан Международный Олимпийский Комитет (МОК). Согласно Хартии, Олимпийские игры "…объединяют спортсменов всех стран в честных и равноправных соревнованиях. По отношению к странам и отдельным лицам не допускается никакой дискриминации по расовым, религиозным или политическим мотивам…" Право организации Игр предоставляется городу (а не стране, где они проводятся). Место выбирает МОК. Эмблема Олимпийских Игр – пять скрепленных колец, символизирует объединение пяти частей света в олимпийском движении. Девиз Игр – "Быстрее, выше, сильнее". Флаг Движения – белое полотнище с олимпийскими кольцами. Игры проводились каждые четыре года, начиная с 1896 года, и счет Олимпиадам ведется с этого времени. В 1924 году были учреждены зимние Олимпийские Игры.

С Олимпийскими Играми связаны традиционные ритуалы. Эстафета Олимпийского огня и его зажжение проводится, начиная с Игр в Берлине в 1936 году. Организуются грандиозные и красочные церемонии открытия и закрытия Игр. Каждая страна-организатор Олимпиады стремится превзойти предыдущие Игры по размаху и красоте этих церемоний. Открытие и закрытие начинаются с театрализованного представления, которое должно показать зрителям облик страны и города, познакомить с их историей и культурой. Эстафета Олимпийского огня проводится, начиная с Игр в Берлине в 1936 году. Начало Игр знаменует торжественное шествие спортсменов и членов делегаций по центральному стадиону. Право несения флага Олимпиады является весьма почетным и доверяется самым титулованным и уважаемым спортсменам. Поднимается флаг страны-хозяйки Игр с исполнением ее национального гимна. Один из лучших спортсменов страны, в которой происходит Олимпиада, от имени участников Игр произносит олимпийскую клятву о честной борьбе в соответствии с олимпийским духом. Венчает церемонию открытия зажжение олимпийского огня. По завершении соревнований по каждому виду спорта победителям на специальном подиуме вручаются медали с поднятием государственного флага и исполнением национального гимна страны выигравших спортсменов.

Таковы вкратце основные идеалы, на которых было основано Олимпийское Движение. Но эти принципы осуществлялись лишь на первом его этапе. Затем в мире произошли трагические изменения (войны, фашизм и др.), которые повлияли на осуществление первоначально сформулированной идеи. Олимпийское движение в двадцатом столетия подвергалось все возраставшему общественному и политическому воздействию. Убийство команды Израиля во время Олимпийских Игр 1972 года стало апогеем такого воздействия.

Изначально Кубертен хотел сделать Олимпийские игры любительским соревнованием, в котором нет места профессионалам, занимающимся спортом за деньги. После Второй мировой войны с профессионализацией европейского спорта и появлением на международной арене советских "любителей", оплачиваемых государством, требование любительства в олимпийском спорте было забыто. Основная часть финансирования олимпийского спорта в последние десятилетия ложится на государственные источники, причем главные затраты приходятся не на проведение игр, а на развитие инфраструктуры олимпийских объектов.

Но главное отличие Олимпийских Игр от первоначально установленных принципов, сложившееся в особенности за последние десятилетия, состоит в политической направленности Движения. Многие тоталитарные режимы поставили олимпийский спорт на службу укрепления собственной власти. Пример – Олимпиада в Сочи 2014 года.

Начало политической направленности олимпийского спорта было положено во время Олимпийских Игр в Берлине в 1936 году. Игры были использованы гитлеровцами для пропаганды в европейском и даже мировом масштабе нацистских принципов и духа величия Третьего рейха. Эту цель, в частности, преследовало ночное факельное шествие, широко разрекламированное средствами документального кино. Хотя Хрустальная ночь 1938 года и секретное решение об "окончательном решении еврейского вопроса" (январь 1942 года) были еще впереди, Олимпиада 1936 года внесла в пропаганду нацистского величия свой вклад.

Такова была предыстория Олимпийского Движения, когда летом 1972 года в Мюнхене открылись летние Игры и произошло событие, ставшее кульминацией политической направленности Движения. 5 сентября стал днем крупнейшей трагедии в истории олимпийского спорта. Террористы палестинской организации "Черный сентябрь" проникли в олимпийскую деревню, захватили в качестве заложников нескольких членов команды Израиля, а в ответ на запоздалые и непродуманные действия баварской полиции открыли огонь и убили 11 заложников. Пятеро из восьми террористов были убиты полицейскими в ходе неудавшейся попытки освобождения заложников. Пролитая на Олимпиаде кровь потрясла мир.

Перед правительством Израиля встал сложный вопрос. Было ясно, что ни на какие действия с целью наказания за преступление, совершенное гражданами арабских стран против евреев, в рамках судебного процесса надеяться не приходится. В этой проблеме международная правовая система не работает. В то же время израильтяне обладали моральным правом отмщения за вопиющее преступление. О мести говорили рядовые люди. К мести призывали с кафедр солидные профессора университетов. О мести шел разговор на экстренном заседании правительства. Премьер-министр Голда Меир заявила в кнессете: "Израиль приложит все силы и способности, которыми наделен наш народ, чтобы настичь террористов, где бы они ни находились". Правительство Израиля приняло решение о поиске и уничтожении причастных к террористическому акту и его исполнителей. Так началась "охота" на членов террористической группировки "Черный сентябрь" и тех членов Организации Освобождения Палестины (ООП), которые, по данным спецслужб Израиля, прямо или косвенно были связаны с нападением. Отметим при этом, что неприглядную роль сыграла западно-германская полиция, которая за три недели до убийства спортсменов получила информацию о готовящемся нападении. Руководство баварских спецслужб не только проявило полную профессиональную беспомощность, но с целью спасения собственного реномэ уничтожило имевшиеся у них документы, связанные с подготовкой теракта. Эти документы могли бы помочь израильтянам в поиске преступников. Через сорок лет после преступления было установлено, что его организаторы были связаны с сетью немецких неонацистов.

Евреи поняли, что им никто не поможет и они должны сами защищать себя, свое достоинство и безопасность. Израильские спецслужбы ответили операциями под названием Весна Молодости и Гнев Божий, в ходе которых они выследили и уничтожили виновных в подготовке и осуществлении теракта. Кратко об этих операциях.

Главной задачей операции Весна Молодости, проведенной израильскими спецслужбами в ночь с 9 на 10 апреля 1973 года, было физическое устранение высокопоставленных членов палестинских террористических организаций ФАТХ и НФОП, ответственных за ряд террористических актов против граждан Израиля, включая теракт в Мюнхене. С этой целью 30 израильских "коммандос" в форме палестинских боевиков на моторных лодках высадились на пляже в окрестностях Бейрута. Были уничтожены три высокопоставленных деятеля ФАТХ и около 20 террористов. Операция вызвала значительный международный резонанс, а также серьезную обеспокоенность у руководства ООП.

Операция Гнев Божий была направлена на уничтожение руководителей и непосредственных исполнителей преступления в Мюнхене. Она началась осенью 1972 года и продлилась более 20 лет. Сразу после захвата заложников Израиль предложил подключить к их освобождению свои спецподразделения, обладавшие необходимым опытом, однако западногерманская сторона решила обойтись собственными силами, направив в Мюнхен свои полицейские части. Во время штурма все 11 заложников погибли. Несмотря на обращение правительства Израиля к мировому сообществу с требованием начать мировую войну с террором, бОльшая часть стран ограничилась выражением соболезнования.

Израилем принимались особые меры к тому, чтобы виновники преступления знали, что их уничтожают в порядке исполнения приговора мести за гибель спортсменов. В действительности так и было. Первый из организаторов теракта, Абдель Зуайтер, был застрелен 16 октября 1972 года. К июню 1973 года 13 человек из 17, числящихся в списке Моссад, были убиты. Лидер организации "Черный сентябрь" Абу Айад был убит своими соратниками в 1991 году, через 19 лет после мюнхенской акции. При выполнении операции погибло несколько посторонних лиц, непричастных к терроризму. Так, агенты Моссада убили официанта Ахмеда Бушики на глазах у его беременной жены, когда те возвращались домой из кинотеатра. Агенты спутали его с Али Саламе, руководителем группы "Черный сентябрь". Израильское правительство выплатило семье погибшего официанта компенсацию, но отказалось признать ответственность за убийство. За это убийство некоторые агенты Моссада были задержаны норвежской полицией и получили тюремные сроки от 2.5 до 5 лет. Позже они были амнистированы и депортированы в Израиль. Другим, включая руководителя группы Моссада, удалось скрыться и вернуться в Израиль. Задание не было выполнено полностью. Одному из идеологов и организаторов теракта Абу Дауду удавалось оставаться невредимым после нескольких покушений на его жизнь. Он умер в 2010 году в возрасте 73-х лет.

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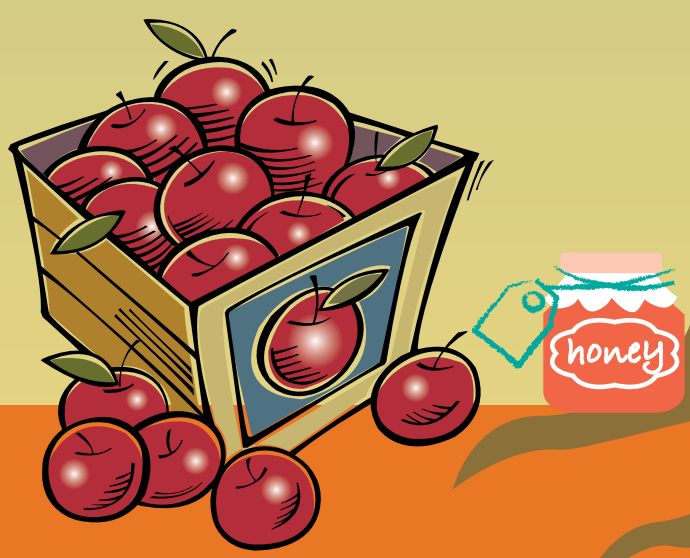

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