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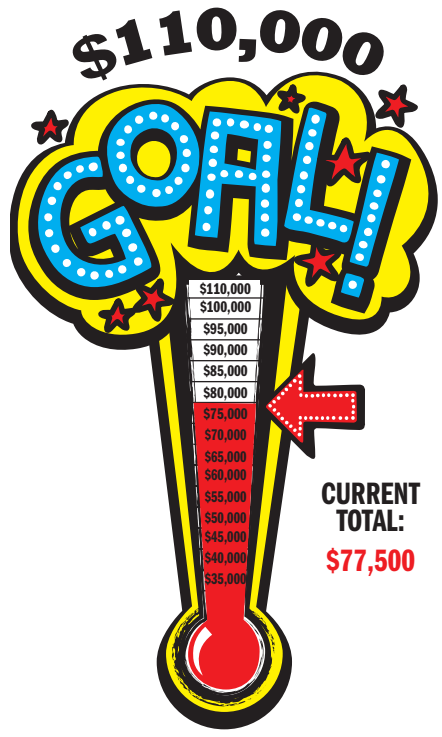

By Dina Weinbach, Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Madison

Every year the Jewish Federation of Madison and the Camp Shalom Committee work hard to raise enough scholarship funds so no camper will be denied a camp experience because of financial need. This year is no different.

At the time of this article we have raised $77,500. This is not enough. We have requests for 199 camper spots totaling $109, 600. Please help us send these kids to camp.

The average salary for families applying for a scholarship is ~$22,000. There are families with health situations that leave them with no extra money for child care as well as some of their basic needs. There are families where the grandparents are doing everything in their capacity to take care of their grandchildren while the moms or dads are incarcerated. There are parents who work three jobs and still do not have enough money to send their children to a quality summer program. These are just a few examples of families who have extenuating circumstances who could otherwise not afford a quality summer camp experience for their children without the help of a scholarship. Please help us send these children to camp.

Camp is a wonderful safe haven for children. It is a place where they can come to explore nature, do arts and crafts, play outside, swim in the Goodman Aquatic Center, meet other kids, be creative, and just have fun. They will be cared for and supported by loving, caring, enthusiastic staff, and can have fun while not worrying about any hard-

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Singing songs is a big part of camp.

JCRC Milwaukee Releases Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents in 2015

Earlier this spring, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation released an audit of anti-Semitic incidents in Wisconsin during 2015. The audit showed a majority of anti-Semitic incidents among high school students. "We are particularly concerned about the disproportionate number of reported incidents in schools," said Ann Jacobs, Chair of the JCRC's Anti-Semitism and Constitutional Law Task Force. "It's clear that we need to do more to ensure that our children learn to embrace the richness of our diverse culture."

The incidents involving youth included:

• Bullying and harassment of a Jewish student in a high school; a class discussion, with the teacher present, about the merits of killing Jews; vandalism on his locker; and a swastika placed in the family's personal cooler during a school event.

• Threatening messages and swastikas sent via social media to fellow high school students on a predominantly Jewish sports team.

• A vandalism spree involving 39 instances of spray painting of hateful messages and property damage. High school students were identified and arrested for the crime.

• A voice mail message left at a Jewish facility by a high school student, saying, "You should have all been killed in the Holocaust."

• A swastika etched into a desk in an elementary school.

The JCRC noted the continuation of religiously-motivated anti-Judaism, in which Jewish beliefs and Judaism itself are treated with contempt. Though there has been significant improvement in inter-religious understanding in the last 50 years, in large part due to the 1965 Vatican II document Nostra Aetate, negative views of Jews and Judaism persist. "As far as we've come, anti-Semitism continues to show its face in Wisconsin and in the United States," said Michael Pollack, JCRC Chair. "In these days of nasty political rhetoric, people are falling back on ethnic and faith-based bigotry and intolerance. We must be better than that." "When bigotry and discrimination against one people are permitted to go unchecked, all minorities are less safe," said JCRC Director Elana Kahn. "The annual audit reminds us of the power of individuals to call out and stop discrimination and hatred, no matter who is its target."

The Jewish Federation of Madison Responds to Anti-Semitism

By Dina Weinbach, Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Madison

Sadly, the audit released by the JCRC in Milwaukee resonates too well with our community here in Madison. Already in 2016 there have been reports of harassment of Jewish students in a suburban high school in their classrooms, on the athletic fields, and in the locker rooms; students copying the "Heil Hitler" motion during the school day; hate speech posted on YouTube by a local high school student; and a swastika placed on a desk and on a private walkway leading to the home of a Jewish family.

The Jewish Federation of Madison strongly encourages people to report incidents of anti-Semitism to the Federation when they arise. Each incident is reviewed and next steps are determined based on the situation. In regard to the incidents this year, the Federation met with the Principal of the high school to make sure their leadership was aware of what was happening and to discuss the climate at the school. Meeting participants also discussed how to best address the situation and utilize available resources. When vandalism occurred, the Federation worked with the police department to help them as much as possible.

The Federation monitors and responds to incidents of anti-Semitism.

As a community, we need to denounce ALL acts of hatred and anti-Semitism. When acts of hatred take place, it affects everyone. Even if only one group is targeted, it affects the whole community. We all need to confront acts of hatred and strongly condemn them.

If you experience any acts of anti-Semitism, please report them to Dina Weinbach at dina@jewishmadison.org or call (608) 278-1808.

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

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

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

Camp Shalom

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ship their family might face. Without exception, families tell us how grateful they are and how much their children love Camp Shalom, an experience the children would not have without scholarship support. Please help us send these children to camp.

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

There are four different sponsor levels:

- **Directors' Circle $10,000+** (15+ Campers' Tuition)
- **Shalom Circle $5000-$9999** (7-15 Campers' Tuition)
- **Friendship Circle $2600-$499** (4-7 Campers' Tuition)
- **Campers' Circle: $744-$2599** (1-3 Campers' Tuition)

Each level of the Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsorships includes many benefits and recognition opportunities.

Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. Please help us spread the word and consider donating to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund. Thank you in advance for helping to make the summer of 2016 at Camp Shalom the best one yet.

For additional information, please contact Dina Weinbach at (608) 442-4070 or dina@jewishmadison.org.

Thank you to the following businesses who have already committed to corporate sponsorships for the summer of 2016:



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Community Yom HaShoah Program

By Ellen Weismer, Program Director
Jewish Federation of Madison

This year for Yom HaShoah the Jewish Federation of Madison, with support from Beth Israel Center, Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, coordinated our annual service followed by a special program, a viewing of the Oscar winning short film *Toyland*.

The moving service, led by Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, included participation from Holocaust survivors, their families and other members of the Madison Jewish Community. Six survivors lit candles in honor of the 6,000,000 Jews who died in the Shoah.

After the service we showed the short film, *Toyland*. It is only 14 minutes long but is a complicated film that provoked a lot of discussion afterwards. With more than 125 people in attendance the audience was split into four small discussion groups led by Jon Pollack, Sara Sillars, Irene Resenly and Beth Copelovitch. The groups discussed the film, pondered the director's motivations for creating it, considered the name of the film and the historical context, and finally watched the film again to see how their perspective changed in the second viewing.

It was powerful to see so many of our community members in attendance, the mixed age groups talking and discussing the Holocaust together, and to be able to take some time out of our busy lives to remember so that it never happens again!

Thank you to all of the participants in our service and to the Jewish Federation of Madison's Yom HaShoah committee for planning such a phenomenal program.

Madison's Yom Hashoah observance is funded by the Mitchell and Sharon Rapkin Endowment for Holocaust Education and Commemoration, an endowment fund of the Jewish Federation of Madison.



Discussion groups reflecting on the movie.

Champagne for the Campaign 2016: Jewish Federation of Madison's Annual Tzedakah Campaign



Stop by the Jewish Federation of Madison's table at the Hava Nagila picnic and enjoy a mimosa while learning about how your donation helps programs and agencies in Madison and around the world!

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Notice for News Submissions

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

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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS



Make Music Madison Concert

Tuesday, June 21
On the lawn at Gan HaYeled
5:30 p.m. Bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy on the lawn
6:00-7:00 p.m. The Madison City Jug Band performs

There will be activities for the kids: bubbles, chalk, and a jug-making activity. (Please bring clean, gallon milk jugs to the event if you have them.)

Please RSVP with the number of people attending to Tiz Goff: outreach@jewishmadison.org



Hava Nagila Community Picnic

Sunday, June 26
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, Verona

Activities include:
- Picnic games for every age
- Information tables sponsored by local Jewish organizations
- Face painting and balloon animals
- Hayrides
- Toddler bouncy house
- Velcro wall
- Boulder's climbing wall
- Ga-ga
- Swimming
- Israeli dancing with Yonim
- Music
- Mimosas
- Hot dogs, veggie brats and other yummy foods, with proceeds going to the Gan HaYeled Preschool
- And more ...

Featuring INFORMATION LANE: Your one-stop guide to Jewish Madison ... learn more about the Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, Camp Shalom, Chabad of Madison, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Gan HaYeled Preschool, Hillel at UW, Jewish Social Services, Madison Jewish Community Day School, Midrasha Hebrew High School, Outreach programs, Temple Beth El, and more!

Stop by the registration table, fill out a card and get free admission to the Goodman Aquatic Center. Everyone who registers will be eligible to win a summer pass to the Goodman Aquatic Center!



Pizza by the Pool Party 2016

Monday, July 11, 4:00 p.m.
Goodman Aquatic Center
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, Verona
Dinner will be at the pool by 5:30 p.m.

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

- **Enjoy a pizza dinner**
- **Play at the pool**
- **Meet new people**
- **Have fun in the sun**

$6/person, includes 2 pieces of pizza, drink and dessert

Dinner options:
Cheese and Veggie pizza will be available
Gluten free options will be available, please specify when you order

**Register online at www.JewishMadison.org. Pizza will only be ordered for those who have registered and paid by Friday, July 8.

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



Mallards Baseball Game

Sunday, July 31
Game time: 4:05 p.m.
Gates open: 2:30 p.m.

Join the fun at the Mallards baseball game. $15 includes a reserved terrace seat, an official Mallards hat, hot dog, soda and chips.

To purchase tickets go to: MallardsBaseball.com. Click 'Buy Tickets' in upper right corner. In promotions box enter promo code: jewish federation. Follow the steps to purchase tickets. (*Online orders include $1.50/ticket fee).

Newly Formed Outreach Committee is Busy

By Tiz Goff, Community Outreach Coordinator
Jewish Federation of Madison

The Jewish Federation of Madison is happy to share that the newly formed Outreach Committee is hard at work implementing ideas on how to find and welcome unengaged Jewish members in Madison and the surrounding areas. We would be thrilled to meet with newcomers, not-so-new to Madison, and/or new parents who would like to learn more about our amazing Jewish community. Do you know someone we should reach out to?

Please contact Tiz Goff outreach@jewishmadison.org or (773) 620-4404.

The Outreach Committee includes: Dan Weiss (Chair), Danielle Behrman, Matt Bernstein, Joanna Berke, David Bookstaff, Michele Greenberg, Peter Goff, Kat Lanphear, Lee Lazar, Lainie Minkoff, Jessica Moreau, Rachel Raskin, Kim Rosenthal, Ilana Seidman, and Aaron Seligman.

The Jewish Federation of Madison Launched SPF '16

With a VERY Happy Hour, SPF' 16 (Singles, Professionals and Families) kicked off their inaugural event at the Nitty Gritty downtown. This newly organized group, from the Jewish Federation of Madison, of adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's got together for drinks, socializing and even a little networking. It was a great opportunity to meet each other and hang out after work.

Future events and dates will be posted on our Facebook page and as well in the Jewish Federation of Madison's Monday Morning email blasts. If you are interested in meeting other adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's in the Madison Jewish community in a fun, easy going environment; check us out on Facebook or contact Tiz Goff, Jewish Federation of Madison's Outreach Coordinator at outreach@jewishmadison.org or Lynn Kaplan, Jewish Federation of Madison's Financial Resource Development Director, at Lkaplan@jewishmadison.org.



SPF '16 kicked off with happy hour at the Nitty Gritty downtown.

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By Tiz Goff, Community Outreach Coordinator
Jewish Federation of Madison

On Tuesday, June 21, the Jewish Federation of Madison's Gan HaYeled Preschool, will host The Mad City Jug Band from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. as part of the Make Music Madison community-wide event. Make Music Madison is a free, citywide, outdoor celebration with concerts across the city. All ages will enjoy the music of The Mad City Jug Band! You can listen to their music at: https://www.reverbnation.com/madcityjugband. Everyone is welcome to join us at Gan HaYeled, 6434 Enterprise Lane, to enjoy activities, music, information, and fun! Feel free to bring a picnic dinner at 5:30 p.m. so you can enjoy the music at 6 p.m. Please contact Tiz Goff outreach@jewishmadison.org with any questions.

Madison Hadassah Walking Adventures

Madison Hadassah is bringing community together and supporting fitness through walking adventures.

Nonmembers are welcome. Feel free to join walks at any point. You can even skip a walk and join us at our final snack stop at a café or someone's home.

First Up: Vilas Zoo and Park Walking Adventure
Sunday, July 10
11 a.m. at Vilas Park Zoo

Madison Hadassah's walking adventures will begin this month with a **fairly easy walk for all ages – including children! – and levels of fitness.** The first walk begins at the playground and ends at Zuzu Café across from the zoo.

Adults with small children can take their time at the zoo to play "I Spy" with clue cards we'll hand out.

This hike is fairly easy, on flat surfaces, through a pretty mix of nature and city:

- Park at the front of the Zoo, and meet at picnic tables near the playground.
- Hike through the Zoo with "I Spy" cards for children.
- Continue along the lake through lovely wooded trails.
- Finish at Zuzu Café across from the Zoo for a snack.

For more details about the walk, go to Madison Hadassah Facebook at www.Facebook.com/HadassahMadison or call Lainie at (608) 354-8567

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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel tov on the birth of:

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Condolences to the families of:

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The Jewish Community in Ethiopia

By Nancy and David Resnick

There are Jews in Israel. There are Jews in New York City. And, yes, there are still Jews in Ethiopia. Jews have been in Ethiopia for a long time, though there are several stories about how they came to reside there.

One legend involves King Solomon and the beautiful, intelligent Ethiopian Queen of Sheba. The lore is that the Queen went to Jerusalem to meet King Solomon, they became lovers, and after she returned to Ethiopia, she bore their son whom she named Menelik. When Menelik was a young man, he returned to Jerusalem to meet his father. King Solomon gave him a retinue of soldiers, representatives of each of the tribes of Israel, to accompany him home. Menelik also took with him the Ark of the Covenant, or a replica, which reputedly remains to this day in a Church in Axum, a city in northern Ethiopia near Eritrea. According to the story, Menelik founded the Solomonic dynasty of Ethiopia that ruled the country with few interruptions for close to three thousand years, ending with the fall of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974.



A student from the after school program in Gondar is saying the blessing over wine.

Some Ethiopian Jews claim they originated from the tribe of Dan, members of which fled south from invading Assyrians into Egypt and then travelled down the Nile to its source in Lake Tana, Ethiopia, where they settled.

Yet, another legend asserts that Ethiopian Jews are the descendants of Jewish immigrants from Egypt and Yemen who first migrated into northern Ethiopia and gradually into central Ethiopia.

Some scholars think that the Ethiopian Jews emerged from a group of Christians who, in their attempt to follow the laws of the Old Testament, ended up rejecting the New Testament and returning to a biblical Jewish way of life. Ethiopian Christianity already has some similarities to Judaism. Followers of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church circumcise their sons, don't eat the forbidden foods of the Bible, and observe their Sabbath on Saturday in addition to Sunday.

Whichever theory is historically accurate, it is possible that Judaism was established in Ethiopia before the end of the 1st century CE, perhaps before the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, and almost certainly before the conversion of Ethiopia to Christianity in the 4th century.

For centuries, the Jews of Ethiopia knew nothing of rabbinic Judaism. They did not celebrate Purim or Chanukah or follow any of the practices that are not found in the Bible. It was not until the 19th and 20th centuries that rabbis and other Jews from Europe, the U.S.A., and Israel began to visit the Jewish community in Ethiopia and teach them about Chanukah, Purim, and the Western style of Jewish prayer.

Earlier this year we spent eight weeks in Ethiopia. One segment of our journey took us to Gondar, a city of about 300,000 people in northwestern Ethiopia, which has a Jewish community of about 6,000 people. In Gondar, we did volunteer work in an After School Club sponsored by Meketa, a nonprofit organization based in England. Meketa was founded in 2013, by two compassionate women, Hila Bram and Sybil Sheridan, to improve the economic wellbeing and develop the educational potential of Jews who remain in Gondar after members of their families migrated to Israel.

At the after-school program, in which approximately 150 youngsters are enrolled, we primarily assisted the teachers in the English classes. As native English speakers, we were able to help with grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, and some of the confusing nuances of the English language. We did warn the staff that we would be teaching the students a Midwestern United States accent!

Additionally, since the after-school program also has a social component, during breaks between classes we played endless games of Dominoes and Taki, an Israeli card game with similarities to Crazy Eights and Uno. The students - and the teachers - take Taki very seriously!

During our two weeks in Gondar, we developed a deep affection for the students as a consequence of teaching and playing with them. These youngsters warmly greeted us each day in Amharic or the few words of English or Hebrew that they know. We watched them play soccer with intensity, and listened to them during their Friday Kabbalat Shabbat program say the blessings over candles, wine, handwashing, and bread with the same Hebrew prayers that we use. We saw them walk home on unpaved roads to their mud huts, some of which have no plumbing, electricity, or running water. These students won a place deep in our hearts. The dissonance in these different aspects of their lives was overwhelming. It presented us with a disconnect that is heart-breaking and hard to understand.



A classroom in the after school program.

Meketa's tagline is "Supporting Jews in Ethiopia." The After School Club that is supported by Meketa has been in operation since June 2014. Children who attended last year, we were told, have achieved improved test scores in both mathematics and English.

In addition to the After School Club, Meketa also supports several programs related to vocational development. Near where the After School Club is located, Meketa created a weaving workshop where a group of men use looms that Meketa provides to weave scarves and blankets to sell in the market. They also make tallitot that Meketa sells in England and now are available for purchase in Madison. Weaving is a man's occupation in Ethiopia, but each weaver employs a spinner, usually his wife or daughter, who, by hand, creates the thread for the woven products.

Meketa also encourages enterprise by providing microloans. We met one recipient, Ferede, who buys beans and wheat in large quantities in the regional marketplace and then sells them in a small neighborhood market for a profit. Ferede borrowed 10,000 birr ($500 USD), which he must repay in two years.

We also met Genet, who received a microloan so she can buy ingredients to bake rolls made of black wheat and corn, which Ethiopians like to eat for breakfast. She bakes the rolls six days per week, because she does not work on Shabbat. Genet supports a family of 8 people: her husband, 5 children, and an aunt who is ill.

The majority of the Gondar Jewish community lives in extreme poverty and most of them hope that someday they too will be able to move to Israel, like their friends and members of their family who have already made aliyah.

Many of us think that all of the Ethiopian Jews left for Israel through Operation Moses in 1985 and subsequent airlifts. As of 2013, it is estimated that about 92,000 Jews left Ethiopia for Israel (source: Israel Central Bureau of Statistics). However, about 6,000 Jews remain in Gondar, living in extreme poverty, waiting and hoping for the day that they too will be able to make aliyah. While they wait, Meketa is working very hard to help and support them. Yet, there is more that we can and should do.

For more information about our experiences in Ethiopia, feel free to contact Nancy at resnick_nancy@ yahoo.com. For more information on Meketa, go to their website: http://www. meketa.org.uk/.

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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Beth Israel Center

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

Here are some upcoming highlights:

Shabbat Morning Children's Services

Saturdays June 4 & 11, 10:30 a.m.

We offer our popular Shabbat morning children's services, which meet every Shabbat when school is in session, twice each month during the summer. Toddlers, preschoolers and elementary school-age children are all welcome to drop in on June 4 and 11, July 9 and 16, August 6 and 27. Younger children should bring their grownups along. Grownups responsible for older children may attend services in the Main Sanctuary while children attend the children's program. Children's services meet on the lower level, in a classroom off the center hallway (across from the lower level restrooms). For more infomation, please contact Beth Copelovitch, education@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763.

Rosh Hodesh Sivan

Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 a.m.

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

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.

Join area rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish community for a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot – an evening of learning, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and continuing well past midnight.

This year's theme is Freedom. What does freedom mean to you? This is the question that the Israelites faced at the foot of the mountain, as they waited to receive the Torah. And it is the question that is on all our minds during this season of heated political discourse and hand-wringing. Free will. Free Market. Free Love. Free Lunch. Free speech. This year's Tikkun Leil Shavuot will explore the concept of freedom within the context of American Judaism.

Feel free to come for all or part of this lively celebration of Judaism's love of study and learning. To keep learners sharp throughout the evening, dairy desserts will be served, including cheesecake, ice cream, and the traditional first fruits of the season.

Shavuot Services

Sunday, June 12, and Monday, June 13, 9:30 a.m.

Celebrate Shavuot and God's giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai at Beth Israel Center with lively, traditional services on both holy days, followed by a festive nosh. Services on Monday, June 13, will include Yizkor.

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck in Hoyt Park

Friday, June 24, 5:45 p.m.
Hoyt Park, 2702 Regent Street

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors with our song-filled Friday evening service followed by a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Paper goods and soft drinks provided. Wondering what's kosher? If it's commercially produced, it needs a hecksher. Cooking at home? Use kosher ingredients. For more information, contact the office or read our Kashrut policy for home-cooked food, which is posted on our website, under About Us. Put all three of our summer potlucks on your calendar: June 24, July 29, and August 26.

Bike2Ramah

July 11-15

Join Rabbi Ben-Gideon and other Camp Ramah parents and supporters on a four-day ride from Madison to Camp Ramah of Wisconsin. Or, sponsor one of this year's riders, who are riding not only for the fun of it but also to raise money for the Camp Ramah Campership Fund. For more information, email rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org or call Rabbi Ben-Gideon at (608) 256-7763.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, 7:00 p.m. in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center

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

Talmud

Wednesdays through June 15, 9:00 a.m. in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center

Study Talmud in Hebrew and Aramaic with Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. New students are welcome any time. Class will be on summer hiatus after June 15.

Hebrew Reading Level II

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., at Anna's home

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

Shabbat Services

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

Looking for warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services? We welcome Shabbat every Friday around 5:00 p.m. as people begin to gather and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45 p.m. Note that on the last Friday of June, July and August, Kabbalat Shabbat moves to Hoyt Park, where we have a kosher-dairy potluck dinner after services.

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

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







Temple Beth El

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

We encourage members of the Jewish Community to join Temple Beth El, and we welcome prospective members to participate in programs and activities.

Outdoor Shabbats and Dinners

Friday, June 3, 5:45 p.m. - Wingra Park, Madison – Mediterranean Dinner
Friday, July 1, 5:45 p.m. - Wingra Park, Madison – BBQ Dinner
Friday, August 5, 5:45 p.m. - Wingra Park, Madison – Chinese Food Dinner
Friday, September 2, 5:45 p.m. – Temple Beth El Terrace, Madison – Indian Food Dinner

Our beloved Outdoor Shabbats return the first Friday of June – September. This will be our only Shabbat service on these nights. 5:45 p.m. Nosh, 6:00 p.m. Service, 6:45 p.m. Dinner. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to join us at Wingra Park, across the street from Temple. Make your reservations for dinner no later than 1 week in advance by Noon at http://bit.ly/outdoorshabbats. Learn more at www.templebethelmadison.org/events.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.

Including lunch and a raffle to benefit our charitable projects. Players should be able to complete 4 games within an hour and there will be 3 one-hour rounds. Gather together your table of 4 friends/mavens. Space is limited, so sign up with your table early. Contact Sue Center with questions: slcenter@wisc. edu, (608) 345-5444.

Shavuot Celebration and Study Session

Saturday, June 11, 6:00 p.m.

Our Shavuot observance this year kicks off at 6:00 p.m. with a Yizkor remembrance service followed at 7:00 p.m. by a dairy reception. We continue our holiday observance at 7:30 p.m. with our study session: a first sneak preview of Mishkan HaNefesh, the new High Holy Day prayerbook that we will inaugurate on Erev Rosh Hashanah on October 2. Come see firsthand why we love our new books and how they will enrich our High Holy Days. Rabbi Biatch, and Director of Lifelong Learning Nicole Jahr, will lead the study of High Holy Day texts old and new as we begin to familiarize ourselves with this new resource. RSVP is helpful at http://bit.ly/shavuot2016.

Shavuot on the Dairy Farm

Sunday, June 12, 9:45 a.m.
Hinchley's Dairy Farm
2844 Hwy 73, Cambridge

In the Shavuot tradition of enjoying dairy, join us as we learn about where our dairy comes from, as we tour a working dairy farm and have a chance to milk a cow. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy together after our tour. Youth $9, adults $12. Register at http://bit.ly/dairyfarm or to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org, (608) 238-3123

Family Fridays Shabbat

Friday, June 17
5:45 p.m. Family Fridays Shabbat schmooze
6:00 p.m. Family Fridays Shabbat service w/songs & stories
6:30 p.m. Dinner bring your own or sign-up at http://bit.ly/1LyKOoN and we'll have your dinner ready for you. You must register by noon the Friday

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.

Join the Madison Yiddish Choir for Shabbat Dinner and Yiddish Music

Friday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.
Please call the office for location.

Join us for Shabbat with special guests from the Madison Yiddish Choir. We'll enjoy a vegetarian Shabbat potluck meal followed by Yiddish music and singing.

Shabbat Morning Services

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

On June 11, Shaarei Shamayim welcomes Celia Pincus Puleo as a bat mitzvah. Service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Kiddush lunch at 11:45 a.m. On June 25, Matt Banks, leader of the Torah & Mindfulness meditation sessions at Beth Israel Center, will give a dvar Torah on Jewish meditation.

Introduction to Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Monday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.
Please call the office for the location.

Shaarei Shamayim welcomes Matt Banks to lead an evening of Jewish mindfulness meditation. It will consist of a series of guided and unguided sits, a short teaching, and discussion. No prior experience is necessary.

Rabbi Linda Holtzman: Why Values-Based Decision-Making is an Important Tool in Confronting Death

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

Over sixty members of Madison's Jewish community, who attend all three congregations, gathered together for a lively discussion with Rabbi Linda Holtzman. Founder of a chevra kadisha (burial society) in Philadelphia, Rabbi Holtzman shared a wealth of knowledge stemming from her experiences of forty years in the rabbinate.



Rabbi Linda Holtzman

She presented a range of situations that contemporary Jewish communities must confront, including interfaith issues, increased interest in cremation, and the individual desires of less observant Jews who are looking to engage with Jewish tradition.

She encouraged the group to use "values-based decision-making" in making decisions around death. This process asks us to first clarify and articulate our values. Then it asks us to study traditional Jewish texts to fully understand Jewish positions. Only after we do that can we make decisions that will be meaningful for us and our communities while also respecting Jewish tradition. We will each make different decisions, but the critical issue is being open to wrestling with the complexity of living a Jewish life in the twenty-first century.

Rabbi Holtzman also met with the Madison Chevra Kadisha over lunch. In a more intimate setting, she discussed how important the work of a chevra kadisha is. A chevra kadisha, which does the ritual washing of a body in preparation for burial, creates a great deal of holiness and dignity around death. While some people shy away from these rituals, she argued that with community education and support, more Jews will decide that they are important and meaningful.

Rabbi Holtzman's talk was sponsored by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Jewish Social Services, and the Madison Chevra Kadisha.

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Graduate Students Visit the Jewish Sections of Forest Hill Cemetery

By Idit Ben Or and Dylan Kaufman-Obstler

On the southern side of Forest Hill Cemetery are sections 10, 36, and 38. These are the Jewish sections, separated by paved paths but integrated into the larger hundred and forty acres that make up the Forest Hill Cemetery. Idit, a George L. Mosse Graduate Exchange Fellow from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and student of economic history, is somewhat of a Jewish cemetery enthusiast, participating in cemetery documentation projects in Germany and Argentina. Dylan is a first year graduate student of American Jewish history with a budding interest in Jewish burial culture in the United States in the 20th century. Together, Dylan and Idit went to the Jewish sections of Forest Hill Cemetery to explore some of Madison's Jewish life and history.

Like any primary source, a cemetery can complicate one's agenda by telling its own story. Its physicality invites one to listen to it before speaking for it. This is one of the special qualities of a cemetery as a site of study – as a physical space it compels observation as a historical method. The layout, location, elaborateness or simplicity, language, and the following or disregard of religious customs, are just a few of the attributes to take notice of when trying to understand the cemetery and its community.

Even while being physical spaces, cemeteries are also emotional and political spaces, subject to the observer's projections, desires, and assumptions. During our visit to the Jewish sections of Forest Hill, we noticed a tombstone with an engraving of an electric guitar and no Jewish symbolism, as well as a tombstone with a cross on the left and a Jewish star on the right. How does one narrate the story of these images – are these evidence of a deteriorating Jewish tradition or an impressive demonstration of the innovation and adaptation of American Jewish culture? Gravestones can, in this way, point to some of the central debates and politicized questions of Jewish diaspora history.

One visit to one cemetery is, of course, not enough to fully understand its story. Any insights about a particular site, like the Jewish sections of Forest Hill, can only come to light after cross referencing other Jewish cemeteries as well as being versed in the existing scholarship on the subject. But there is also an advantage to witnessing these sites with fresh eyes and approaching them with the sincere curiosity of the uninitiated. For this reason, cemeteries are especially powerful and accessible teaching tools, offering something to experts and amateurs alike. Dylan used photographs from her visit to Forest Hill Cemetery in a presentation on American Jewish cemeteries as part of her Modern Hebrew 301 class. Idit plans on giving a presentation on her work on Jewish cemeteries later in the semester.

This is not the first time students have taken an interest in the Jewish sections of Forest Hill cemetery. A team of students in Professor Bill Cronon's CHE Methods Seminar created the website, "Forest Hill Cemetery: A Guide,"(*http://foresthill.williamcronon.net*), which gives an orientation to Forest Hill's landscape and history, including a page on the Jewish sections and Jewish burial customs. As all of these projects show, this local cemetery is a generative site for insights and questions about Madison's Jewish life, past and present.

Beit Olamin: Madison's New Jewish Cemetery

By Hiam Garner

JBAM Board

Madison's new Jewish Cemetery is coming along nicely. We currently own 200 plots that are divided into two sections – Sha'ar HaRachamin (traditional) and Sha'ar Shalom (less traditional). The Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) is working on a landscape master plan that Sunset Gardens will execute.

JBAM wishes to publicly thank the generous anonymous donor who donated two plots at Beit Olamim to the Jewish community. These plots provide JBAM with a much-needed margin to deal with the many odd and unique situations that come at that most difficult time, surrounding a death. This includes help for indigent members of our Jewish community.

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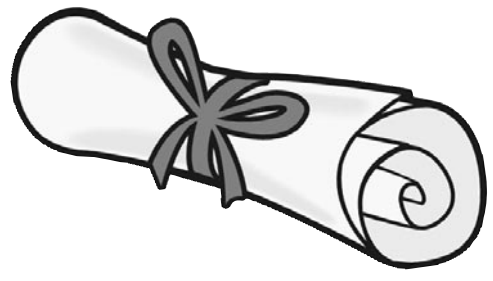

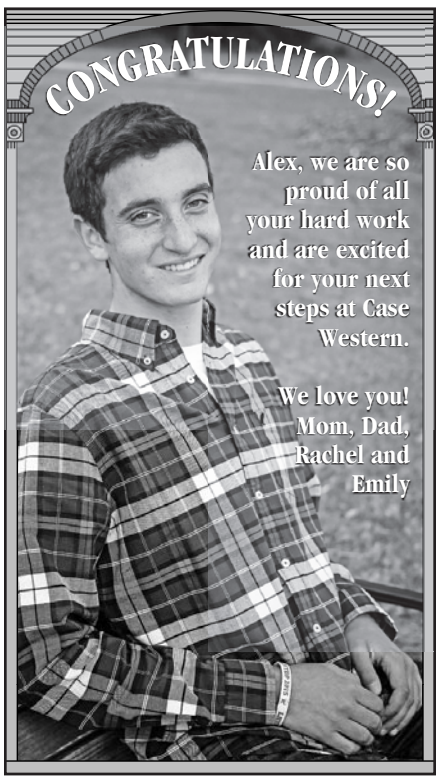



Mazel Tov to Congregation Shaarei Shamayim's Graduating Class of 2016!

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Daniel Feder-Johnson
Talia McKittrick



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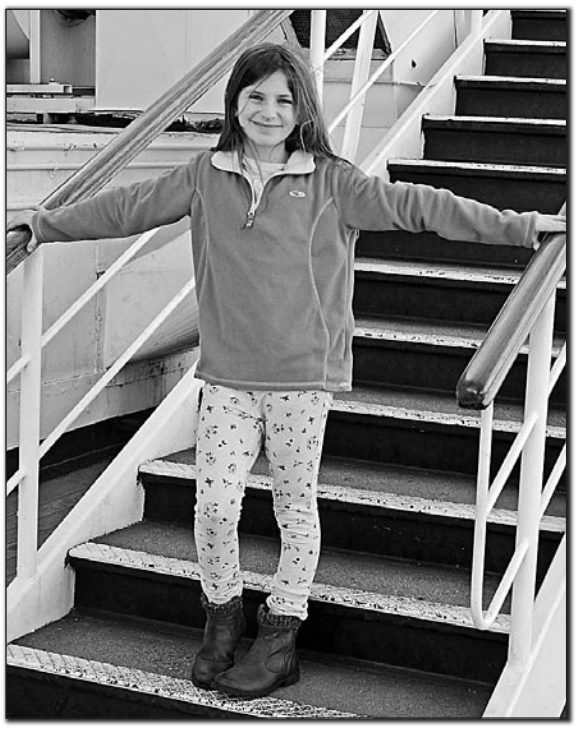

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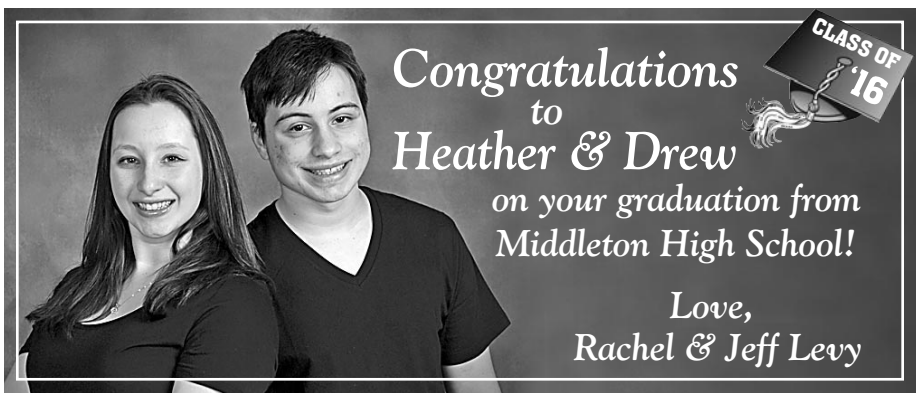
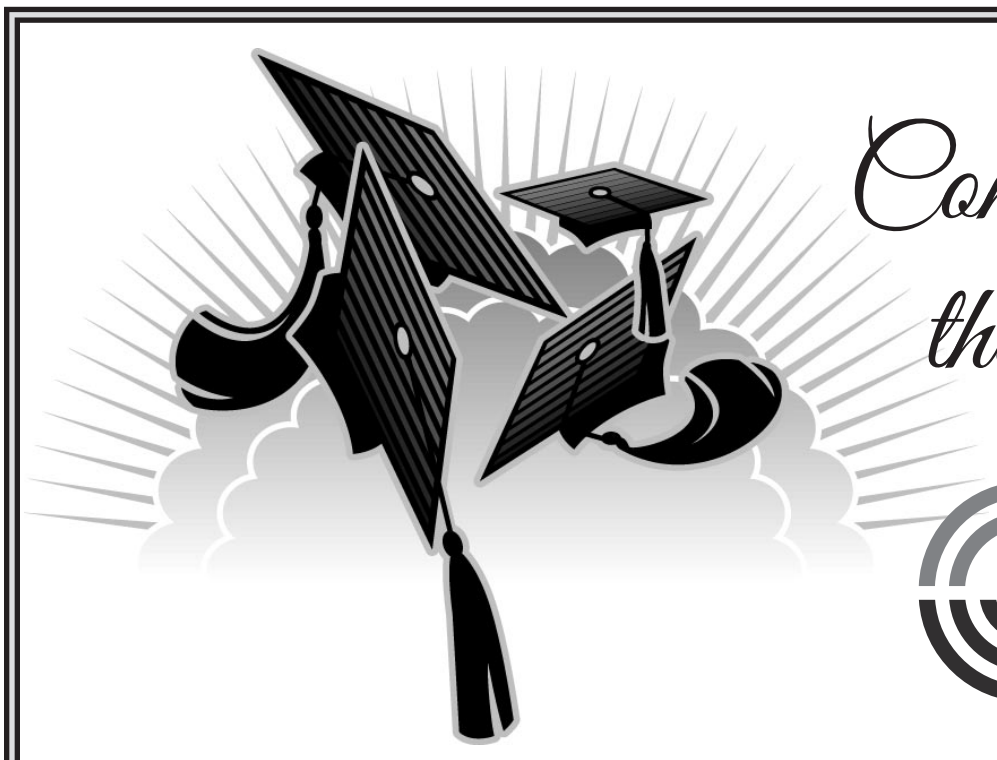








Congratulations, Graduates!

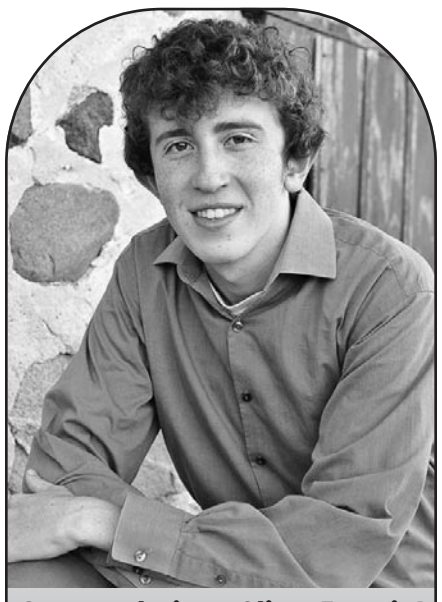
Mazal Tov from Beth Israel Center to these high school graduates and their families:

Josh Kohn

Jordyn Schreiber

Jake Stein

May you go from strength to strength!



Congratulations, Oliver Epstein! 2016 graduate of Middleton High School. So proud of you!

Love, Your Mom

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on your
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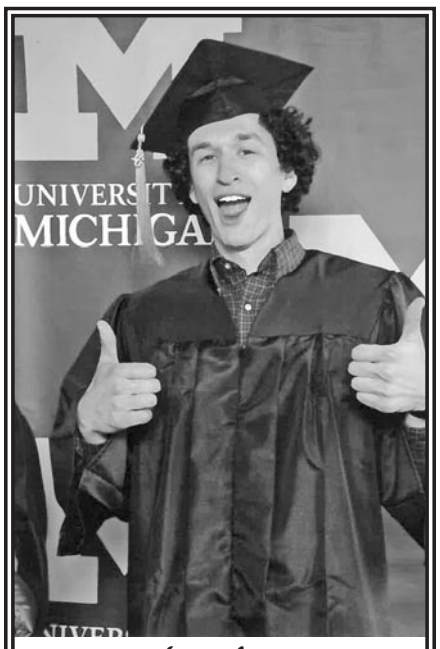
Alicia, David
& Carly Schiff



- Class of 2016 -

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Mazel Tov to all graduates in the Temple Beth El community. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

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~ The Temple Beth El Community

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Thank you to all of the students for a great year at Midrasha!









Chabad Senior Goodbye Speech

UW Chabad, A Beneficiary Agency of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Farewell speech by Rebecca Ohnona and Hannah Berkowitz at a Chabad event honoring the graduating class of 2016.

Attending Chabad at the UW was crucial in achieving the comfort that I wasn't sure I would find in this random city of Madison, Wisconsin. Immediately upon coming to Chabad, I knew that I would always feel welcomed here, have a place to eat Shabbat dinner, spend my Passover Seders and celebrate the holidays that I couldn't be home for. While this began as something I did out of tradition, and through the instruction of my parents, the warmth I felt in this home always made me want to return. Rabbi Mendel and Henya Matusof have provided the Jewish community in Madison with a place full of love, void of judgment, and a forever understanding atmosphere. Throughout my time here, Rabbi Mendel and Henya's willingness to provide everyone with what they need to feel comfortable, whether it be gluten-free food or a response to an obscure question, has not gone unnoticed. Additionally, the two have showed us what it really means to dedicate oneself to something you truly are passionate about.

Over the past four years, a lot has change in our lives. We have learned to live on our own for the first time, make new friends, let go of old ones, attempt to discover what we want to do with our lives, advocate for ourselves and make our own decisions on a day to day basis. Through this long but seemingly very short journey of college, we have been faced with many challenges, some of which we conquered, and some of which we did not.

Due to all of the obstacles we confront in college, many students put their personal agenda first, while leaving religion on the backburner. While at times we have certainly taken this route, we have learned that coming to Chabad and immersing ourselves in this atmosphere has given us clarity in many aspects of our lives. Our favorite learning experience with Chabad was the student Shabbaton in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, where we spent a weekend in the Hasidic community and gained a greater understanding and respect for Rabbi Mendel and Henya's mission.

Throughout our four years here, we have continuously advocated for Chabad, its events and its programs. We do this not only as members of the student board, but as true believers in how amazing this organization really is. We feel that every college student should have the kind of experience that this home has given to us. We are thankful to have had a place that enabled us to stay connected to our Jewish identity and to make us feel at home.

This experience has meant so much to us, and we will forever be grateful for all that Chabad has given us during our four years at this school.

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Seniors 2016 – Chabad's annual weekend trip to Crown Heights in Brooklyn NY (2014).



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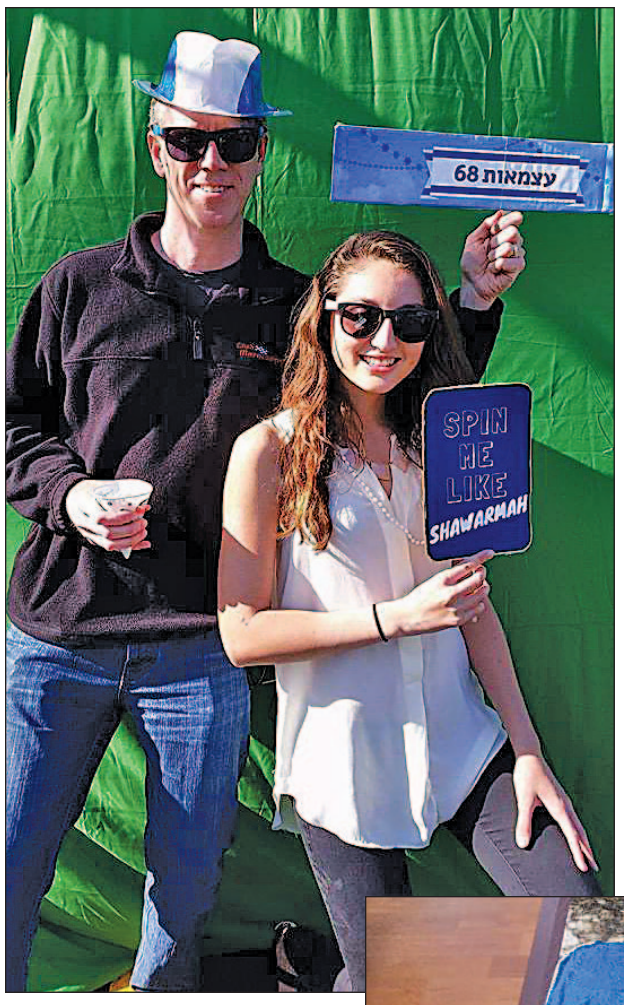

















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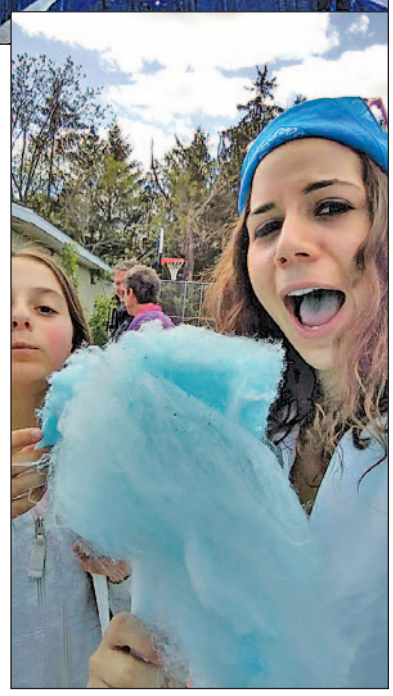





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Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee

Pizza by the Pool Party

Monday, July 11, 4:00 p.m.

Goodman Aquatic Center

Dinner will be at the pool by 5:30 p.m.

Brought to you by the JFM Family Education Committee

Enjoy a pizza dinner • Play at the pool
Meet new people • Have fun in the sun

$6/person, includes 2 pieces of pizza, drink and dessert

Dinner options:
Cheese and Veggie pizza will be available
Gluten free options will be available, please specify when you order

**Register online at www.JewishMadison.org. Pizza will only be ordered for those who have registered and paid by Friday, July 8.

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



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Coming Up in the Levy Summer Series



Prof. Jordan Ellenberg

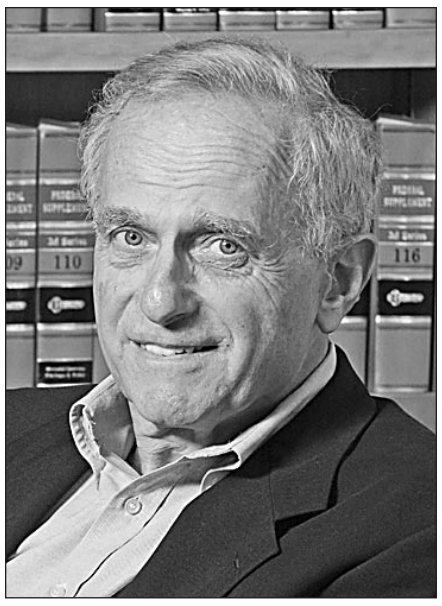
Professor Jordan Ellenberg – Tuesday, June 7, *"The Torah Code: Mathematics, Judaism, and the perils of wiggle room"*

In 1994, a group of Israeli mathematicians published a paper with a startling claim, apparently backed up by sound mathematical reasoning: that the words of the Torah contained predictions of events that took place thousands of years after its writing. The controversy over the "Torah codes" spawned bestselling books and created an intellectual rift among Jewish mathematicians. I'll talk about how the claim worked, how it eventually unraveled, how the question looks from both a mathematical and Jewish perspective, and explain how the underlying statistical principle applies more broadly to investment returns and assessing results in social science.

Jordan Ellenberg is the John D. MacArthur Professor of Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research centers on the fields of number theory and algebraic geometry, the parts of mathematics which address fundamental questions about algebraic equations and their solutions in whole numbers. He has held an NSF-CAREER grant and an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship; in 2013 he was named one of the inaugural class of Fellows of the American Mathematical Society and in 2015 he was named a Guggenheim Fellow.

Ellenberg has been writing for a general audience about math for more than fifteen years; his work has appeared in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, Wired, The Believer, and the Boston Globe, and he is the author of the "Do the Math" column in Slate. His 2014 book How Not To Be Wrong was a New York Times bestseller.

He lives in Madison with his wife and two children.



Prof. Frank Tuerkheimer

Professor Frank Tuerkheimer – Wednesday, June 22, *"Forgotten Trials of the Holocaust"*

Starting about a decade after the end of the Second World War and continuing to the present, Germany has prosecuted persons assisting in the running of death camps. In the 1950s and 1960s there were several trials involving administrators at Chelmno, Sobibor, Belzec and Treblinka camps and, from 1963-65, the major trial of the period, the Frankfurt Auschwitz trial. The most recent prosecution of an Auschwitz guard ended in 2015, and it is conceivable but not likely that there will be still more trials. These cases are brought under the German Penal Code and while that eliminates any claim of improper retroactive application of law or of victor justice, the process has come with its own problems. It has also witnessed a very belated but sympathetic turn towards the prosecution by the German judiciary.

Professor Tuerkheimer earned his law degree in 1963, at the New York University School of Law and came to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School seven years later, where he is now an Emeritus professor. During the years of the Watergate trials he headed the investigation into illegal dairy industry campaign contributions, and was the chief prosecutor in the case against former Secretary of the Treasury, John Connally. He has been U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin and served as the United States Senate appointee to the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal. More recently, he has taught courses in Madison and in Giessen Germany on Holocaust trials and is the co-author of "Forgotten Trials of the Holocaust", a well-reviewed book which deals with ten Holocaust trials below the general public's radar.

Author Profile: Sheila Cohen and Wisconsin Jewish History – July 7

What makes the story of the Jewish population in Wisconsin distinct? Jewish Social Services sat down with award-winning author and Levy Summer Series speaker Sheila Terman Cohen to discuss her new book, *Jews in Wisconsin*. Inspired by books relating to the German and Norwegian immigrant populations in Wisconsin, Sheila set out to examine the detailed history of the Jewish immigration to America's Dairyland. This project took her on an extensive journey through archives at the Milwaukee Jewish Museum, the Jewish Federation of Madison, and the Wisconsin Historical Society.

According to Sheila, the uniqueness of the Wisconsin Jewish population relative to other immigrant groups is that the population came in several waves, from different countries, and for varying historical reasons. Though there were fierce periods of anti-Semitism, the Jewish people in Wisconsin have largely found warm acceptance. They settled in large cities; however there were also significant thriving Jewish populations in many of the small towns in Wisconsin. Sheila commended the way in which Jewish Wisconsinites helped to welcome subsequent waves of refugees, reinforcing the idea that the Jewish people have always practiced the idea of *Tikkun Olam* and welcoming the stranger.

Sheila will discuss her findings in greater detail at the Levy Summer Series on Thursday, July 7. She hopes that this book will reinforce Jewish pride in the courage and bravery of our forbearers, and that non-Jewish readers will gain a better understanding of the unique culture that exists in Wisconsin today.



Sheila Cohen

Volunteer For Jewish Social Services!

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

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

Current Volunteer Opportunities

More information can be found at www.jssmadison.org

Drivers Needed! – Help people remain independent! Provide rides to clients for appointments and other destinations on an as-needed and as-available basis. Requires copies proof of insurance and driver's license plus a driver's record check, done at our expense.

Designated Shopper – Take a friendly older woman to do errands once or twice a month; West Madison area.

Bikur Cholim/Friendly Visitor – Opportunities to make brief drop-in visits with several elderly women in memory care; Verona, Middleton and southwest Madison. These visits can be made when convenient for you.

Immigration Sensation Benefit Concert – Do you love music? We are looking for volunteers to help with our summer fundraiser. Tasks may include set-up and clean-up, ticket tabling, raffles, and food service. Of course you get to enjoy some good music and food!

Volunteer at the Annual Senior Summer Barbeque – Help seniors enjoy a mid-day outing to the Goodman Jewish Community Campus. Set-up and clean-up, serve food, schmooze and partake in the BBQ and fun.

Volunteer at the Oakwood Shabbats! – Help the residents of Oakwood Village welcome Shabbat- seat guests, pour wine and juice, and distribute challah, interact with the residents of Oakwood Village and their families. Bonus points if you like to sing Shabbat songs!

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

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

Double your Volunteering Mitzvah

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

Levy Summer Series Registration

Or register online at: www.jssmadison.org

All lectures will be held at Nakoma Country Club, 4145 Country Club Road, Madison with registration starting at 11 a.m., lunch and lecture to follow. Please check which day(s) you will be attending, and meal preference. All events are $15 per person. On the provided lines, please list the names of your guests and their meal preference.

Wednesday, June 22nd: Professor Frank Tuerkheimer
Pecan-Crusted Walleye or Vegetable Napoleon

NAME FISH VEG
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Thursday, July 7th: Sheila Cohen
Broiled Whitefish or Goat Cheese & Spinach Strudel

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Wednesday, July 20th: Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann
Smoked Cod or Vegetable Quiche Puff Pastry

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Wednesday, August 10th: Rabbi Dena Feingold
Tuna Nicoise Salad or Greek Farfalle with Artichoke Hearts

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Wednesday August 24th: Dr. Richard Davidson
Salmon with Mango Salsa or Portabella Fettuccine

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Meals in this series have been generously subsidized.

Full program and menu descriptions are at www.jssmadison.org/events/levy-summer-series
Please enclose your check or use your credit card.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

PROGRAMS @ $15 EACH

# of programs _____ x # of attendees _____
Total Program Fees: _____
Additional Optional Donation for Senior Program Scholarships: _____
Total Enclosed: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION
Make checks payable to Jewish Social Services, enter credit card information or pay online at **www.jssmadison.org**.

Check enclosed ▫ Check number _____
Credit/Debit Card Type: Visa MasterCard
Name on Card:_____
Card Number: _____
Exp. Date: CVC Code (on back): _____
Signature: _____
I/we would like a ride with Transit Solutions _____

Mail registration & payment to:
Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison WI 53719

Jewish Social Services presents:

Immigration Sensation! A World Music Fundraiser

Featuring: Anna Gubenkova and the Madison Russian School Folk Kids Choir "Spring" Kikeh Mato Afro-pop, and Edi Rey y su Salsera

Sunday, July 17

1:00-4:00 pm • $10/person



Tickets can be purchased before the event at **www.jssmadison.org** or at our office (6434 Enterprise Ln)

50/50 raffle and food available for purchase!

Stacy Graf Awarded 2016 Toby Raff Award



Stacy Graff

Congratulations to Stacy Graff on being the 2016 recipient of the Toby Raff award for outstanding volunteerism. Jane Armstrong created this award to honor her mother's passion for volunteering and presented the award at Lechayim on May 23, 2016.

Here's an easy way to make a charitable gift that costs you nothing today:

INCLUDE A BEQUEST TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON IN YOUR WILL



For more details about how to leave a bequest, please contact Dina Weinbach, 608-278-1808 x4070 or email: dina@jewishmadison.org.

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

Lechayim Lights

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Don't Forget to Register for the Levy Summer Series!

The Levy Summer Series, "Locally Grown, Locally Sourced" begins on June 7 and continues twice monthly over the summer. Registration can be done online at www.jssmadison.org, by brochure, using the form in this issue on page 21 or by calling the JSS Office at 608-278-1808. Transportation is available for $1 roundtrip through Transit Solutions.

Annual Summer Barbecue is August 22 – Save the Date!

The Annual Summer Barbeque at the Goodman Campus will be held on Monday, August 22 from 11:30-1:00. Cost is $9 per person and the beautiful pool will be available during that time at no charge to barbeque guests. The menu includes kosher hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers potato salad, fruit salad, potato chips and cookies. You can register online now at www.jssmadison.org; a registration form will be in the July Madison Jewish News and an email invitation will be sent, so be sure to give us your email address if you use email. Transportation is available for $1 roundtrip with Transit Solutions.

Thank You, Volunteers!

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As we wrap up another successful season of Lechayim, Shabbat and Holiday Programming, JSS would like to give a giant shout out to the amazing, multi-talented and dedicated Senior Program Volunteers!



They tirelessly set up, welcome, register, serve, assist, clear, take photos, check blood pressure, lead yoga from a chair and form lasting friendships at Lechayim Monday after Monday! ***Thank you Lechayim Volunteers!***

Adler Hilde
Dorit Bergen
Lori Edelstein
Stacy Graff
Betsy Haimson
Estelle Katz
Keister Harsha
Lorna Kniaz
Merilyn Kupferberg
Pamela Olson Phillips
Michael Pressman
EveLynn Siegel
Karen Sielaff
Debbie Spear
Julie Swedarsky
Barbie Swerin
Janis Wrich

What's the key to a smooth Seder? Wonderful Volunteers! They greet, seat, serve, clear and keep cups full. And, they lead and guide and entertain. ***Thank you Seder Volunteers!***

Capital Lakes
Dorit Bergen
Robert Greenberg
Joanie Kanter
Merilyn Kupferberg
Donna Marsik
Mike Pressman
Debbie Spear
Andrea Steinberger – Seder Leader

Oakwood West
David Adler - Music
Hilde Adler
Tamara Angelina
Denny Geller
Katie Glass
Rosalind Gusinow
Sara Karon – Seder Leader
Harsha Kiester

They plan, assist and organize. They give their wisdom and sound advice. ***Thank You Senior Adult Committee!***

Denny Geller - Chair
Hilde Adler
Dorit Bergen
Betsy Haimson
Merilyn Kupferberg
Charlie Shoham
Debbie Spear
Jean Weissburg
Janis Wrich

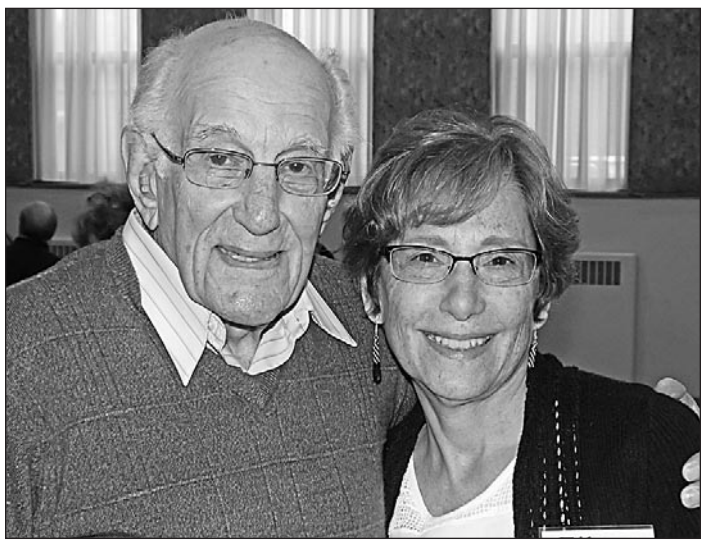
They meet, they greet, they pour and serve. They play the piano or guitar. They sing, they lead Shabbat. They all bring cheer, great spirit and contagious smiles! ***Thank You Shabbat Volunteers!***

Attic Angels
Shannon Davidson
Les Goldsmith – music
Lottie Frank
Colleen Keegan
Janet Lesgold
Madeline Light
Jane Pizer
Judy Ries
Arlene Rotter
Maddy Smilowitz
Pam Sacaridiz
Kathy Schultz

Oakwood West
Samantha Angelina
Tamara Angelina
Sandra Farkas
Bunny Spitz
Paul Grossberg - Music

Capital Lakes
Andrea Steinberger – Shabbat Leader
UW Hillel student volunteers –
Carly Cohen
Zach Konz
Samantha Rosenbloom
Naomi Segal
Morgan Thelander
Madison Tully

Lechayim in Pictures



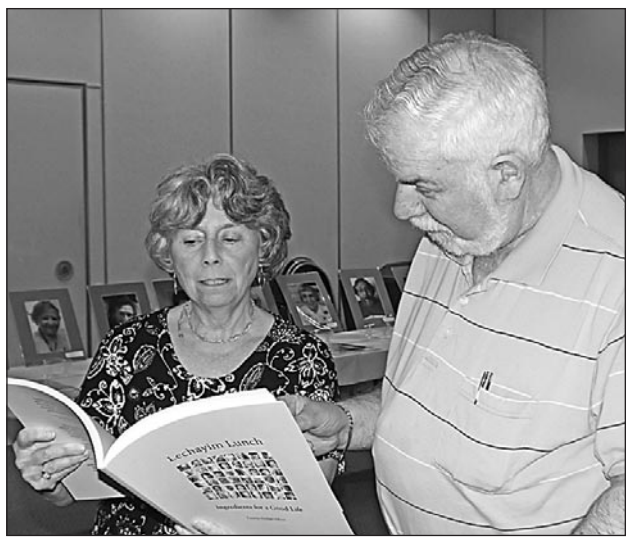
Jerry Stotsky and Eileen Berkley



Ruth, Betsy and Fay



Dolores Salganick



Pam showing Charlie her book.

To see more photos: "like" us on facebook





Capital Lakes Seder

Transitions

Happy June Birthday

Alice Hanau
Charlie Shoham
Debbie Spear
Eileen Rabson
Evelyn Medow
Florence Grossberg
Judy Karofsky
Jules Grossberg
Nadya Vinokur

Mazel Tov

To Fay Nager on the birth of 2 new great grandsons born April 18th in Boston and April 20th in New York

Condolences

Condolences to the family of Lillian Zwilling, mother of Leonard Zwilling (Michael Sweet)
Condolences to the family of Naomi Kraus, mother of Jeff Levy (Rachel)
Condolences to the family of Gregory Shekhtman father of Ingrid (Mark Glass)

May their memory be a blessing!

Find changes, updates and new information about Jewish Social Services programs, on our website at www.jssmadison.org

Important Phone Numbers

AARP	866-448-3611
Access to Independence	608-242-8484
ADRC	608-240-7400
Alzheimers' & Dementia Alliance	608-232-3400
Area Agency on Aging	608-261-9930
Dane County Veteran's Service	608-266-4158
Domestic Abuse Intervention Service	608-251-4445
Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline	608-261-9933
Independent Living	608-274-7900
Jewish Social Services	608-278-1808
Madison Senior Center	608-266-6581
MSCR	608-204-3000
Metro Paratransit Reservations	608-266-4466
PLATO	608-262-5823
RSVP Driver Escort	608-238-7787
Safe Communities	608-441-3060
SAIL	608-230-4321
Social Security Administration	866-770-2262
Transit Solutions	608-294-8747
West Madison Senior Coalition	608-238-7368
West Madison Senior Center	608-238-0196

Jewish Education

Mazel Tov to the Midrasha Class of 2016

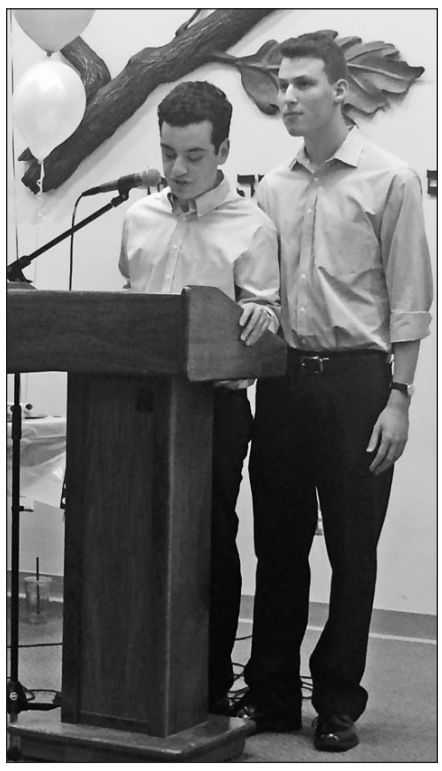
This year 10 seniors graduated from Midrasha Hebrew High School. The students celebrated at a ceremony surrounded by their families, friends, rabbis, the Midrasha staff and student body. After 5 years of participation in the program, all 10 of the seniors were honored as recipients of the Laurence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award. They are now eligible for up to $2000 to use towards furthering their Jewish Education post-high school graduation. Four of the seniors were also graduates of the Gan HaYeled Preschool. We wish all of the graduates success and we hope they will take the lessons learned in Midrasha with them on their future endeavors.

Jake Stein and Quinn Frankel were the senior speakers at this year's graduation. You can read excerpts from their speech below.



Midrasha Hebrew High School is for students in 8th-12th grade. The Midrasha Hebrew High School, founded in 1975, is jointly sponsored by Beth Israel Center, Temple Beth El, and Jewish Federation of Madison.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be available online at www.JewishMadison.org / midrasha in July. If you have questions about the program please contact Ellen Weismer, program@ jewishmadison.org or call (608) 278-1808.



Midrasha Graduation Speech ~ May 11, 2016

Quinn Frankel: Over the past 5 years, our participation in Midrasha has ensured that Jewish education stays a priority in our lives.

Jake Stein: This program has taught us so much about a wide variety of Jewish topics; we've learned about the oral torah, for example, and how it explains the reason behind so many rituals and traditions that are integral to our Jewish experience.

Quinn: We've learned how to identify and combat anti-semitism on modern college campuses, especially with the rise of the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movements.

Jake: We've engaged in many thought-provoking conversations about lsrael in both contemporary and historical contexts.

Quinn: A favorite class of mine, Jews in the Media, taught us about the importance and history of Jewish culture in mainstream films, television, and music.

Jake: Through Midrasha, last month I had the opportunity to lobby State Representative Terese Berceau at the Capitol about a proposal to make April Genocide Awareness Month in the State of Wisconsin.

Quinn: And of course, we've enjoyed the Midrasha Senior tradition of making our favorite Jewish dishes each week. Despite all we have learned, however, we face a dilemma: the irreplaceable experiences we've had because of Midrasha are becoming far less common in the Jewish community because so many teens make the decision to not continue their Jewish education after the Bar or Bat Mitzvahs.

Jake: The issue of teens disengaging from Judaism and the Jewish community calls on us - the graduating seniors - and the entire Jewish community - to put our education and concern for the Jewish community into action.

Quinn: There are many reasons teens stop their Jewish education including extra-curricular activities like sports and theater, to the stress of high school, to not truly understanding the importance of maintaining an active Jewish identity.

Jake: The teens in this room haven't fallen victim to the dangerous trend of disengagement; all of you who have stuck with and will continue to stick with Midrasha should be proud.

Quinn: Discontinuing one's Jewish education may seem convenient, but it is never the right decision in the long run.

Jake: When our grade began Midrasha, it was twice as large as it is now.

Quinn: Many of our close friends who we saw in class each week in 8th grade are no longer active with any synagogue or Jewish institution.

Jake: To the 8th graders; we implore you to stay in Midrasha. No one can deny that there will be busy nights, and no one can make you love every teacher and class.

Quinn: But there is truly nothing more valuable than a Jewish education, and we're so lucky to have a program geared specifically toward high-school Jewish education here in Madison.

Jake: Midrasha is not only a program; it's a Kehilah, or a community. We must remember that the future of our Kehilah and ultimately the Jewish people relies on us because we'll have the knowledge to educate and inspire next generation of Jewish youth. ln Pirke Avot, Rabbi Hillel said: "Do not separate yourself from the community." lnstead of leaving Midrasha, we must embrace it; what we learn in our teenage years may determine our ability to build and sustain Jewish communities in the future.

Quinn: ln addition, we shouldn't stay in Midrasha just to receive an incentive award, rather we should enloy and connect with our classes and friends. The money that we earn can then be used to continue our connection with Judaism after high school and can help make the Jewish world a better and happier place. In Sunday school, the seeds of our Jewish educations are planted. ln Midrasha, they're cultivated and developed. After Midrasha, the stipend gives us the opportunity to plant more seeds somewhere else, whether in Madison, on campus, or in Eretz Yisrael.

Jake: So how can we reverse this trend? There's no easy answer, but we can begin by emphasizing, as Midrasha does, that Judaism is more than just classes - it's a religion, it's a culture, it's a nationality, and it's a people.

Quinn: That's why it's so important to continue our Jewish educations: there's an infinite amount we can learn.

Jake: And although there's so much to learn, Midrasha has helped us scratch the surface of our future Jewish educations by exposing us to the vast array of topics and themes in the Jewish world.

Quinn: Midrasha has been an immeasurably valuable experience for all of us because we've found new ways of connecting with Judaism without forgetting the old.

Jake: We would like to thank all of our teachers who took time out of their everyday lives to come and inspire us to continue with our Jewish Learning.

Quinn: Thank you to all of the parents and guests that have joined us tonight, vve're so grateful that you've supported us these past five years.

Jake: Lastly, we would like to thank Dina Weinbach, Ellen Weismer, and Josh Davidson for all their help and support in growing this valuable program.

Quinn: The word Midrasha is derived from the Hebrew term "Beit Midrash," meaning House of Study.

Jake: Midrasha has been our house of study for the past five years, and the lessons we've learned will help us create Midrashot, or houses of study, in our future.

Quinn: Once again, congrats to the Class of 2016.

Fun for All at Gan HaYeled Preschool!



Orly and Sophie love making things.



Dalet kids are growing big.



Climbing



On your mark, get set, GO!



Jacob is enjoying the Matzoh Ball Soup.



Beading



Painting



Moses came to the Seder.



Maggie found the Afikomen!



Sophie gets ready for the first cup of juice.



Payton and her Daddy, Adam, listen to Moses.



Naomi is ready for the second cup of juice.



The Dalet Class participated in a practice Seder led by Daniel Gil.



Three friends.



Fun with Romy.



Gimel kids eating matzoh.



Gimel class watching yeast grow.



Pharaoh making the Gimel slaves work.



Abby Steinberger (on the right) pictured in Israel.

My Israel Adventure

By Abby Steinberger

Abby was the recipient of a teen Israel trip stipend from the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Last summer I had the opportunity to travel to Poland and Israel with Camp Interlaken JCC. Having been to Israel before with my family, I was curious and excited to experience Israel from a different point of view, with my best friends. We started the trip at the Milwaukee JCC where we met with people from our partnership region in the Sovev Kinneret. We met 12 of the most fantastic Israeli teenagers and got to know them. The Israeli teenagers went to Camp Interlaken JCC for Shabbat before we met with them, and they learned and felt how amazing camp was. It was incredible to already have something in common with them before we got to know them. We began the trip introducing our new friends to Milwaukee/American culture by going to a Brewers game, taking them to a mall, and volunteering at a preschool for underprivileged kids. Throughout these activities, I bonded with our Israelis and shared memorable experiences with them. Our last American adventure with our new Israeli friends was touring and adventuring in downtown Madison. We showed them the coolest places on State Street to buy backpacks and funky clothing - they loved it! Finally, our Milwaukee friends took everyone on a trip to Kopps in Milwaukee where we experienced the best ice cream with our incredible friends.

The next morning we parted from our friends and began our trip to Poland. We spent three days in Krakow, Poland. On Friday night, we spent Shabbat dinner at the Krakow JCC where we met Jews living in Poland and tasted delicious Polish food. We spent Shabbat walking around the old city of Krakow, and had the most amazing cup of Hot "Cold" Chocolate in the Krakow square. The next morning, we started our day very early and went on our way to tour Auschwitz Two Birkenau, which was a death camp during the Holocaust. Walking through the concentration camp made me feel connected to my Jewish identity. I walked in and out of the gates and doorways that my ancestors never had the opportunity to walk out of. As hard as it is to say, visiting these places was truly an amazing experience full of heart breaking views. Experiencing Poland with my best friends brought our relationships with one another to a new level. After these three days, we became closer than ever.

We arrived in Israel very early in the morning, visited the Kotel, walked through the underground City of Jerusalem and had the chance to explore on our own. We connected back with our partnership group when we visited the Sovev Kinneret and got to stay with them and their families. This was different from anything I have ever experienced. The family I stayed with fed me the most amazing food, took great care of me and taught me so much about what it meant to live in Israel.

Going to Poland and Israel with Camp Interlaken JCC was an incredible experience. I had one of the best summers of my life. I shared so many laughs and memories with my best friends. I had an amazing trip to Israel with my friends from Camp Interlaken and I would love to be able to do the trip again. I hope everyone gets to experience that magic of visiting Israel sometime in their lifetime. Thank you so much to the Jewish Federation of Madison for helping to make it possible for me to go on this trip. I couldn't have had such a fabulous experience without you!

Madison Jewish Artists' Lab Celebrates Third Year Exhibition

By Leslie Coff

UW Hillel, A Beneficiary Agency of the Jewish Federation of Madison

We are nearing the end of the third season of the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory of the Upper Midwest, culminating with an opening exhibition on Thursday, June 2, 2016, from 7-9 p.m. at UW Hillel.

The Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory, a progressive initiative underwritten by The Covenant Foundation of New York, is now part of a five-city program, including Madison (original member), Minneapolis, Milwaukee and this year adding Kansas City and Chicago. The goal of the Artists' Lab is to bring together Jewish artists for learning, for collaborating, and to build community.

This is the third year Madison has participated in the initiative, sponsored at UW Hillel. Rabbi Andrea Steinberger is the Madison project director who has worked to develop a curriculum and brought in text facilitators Steve Olson, Dr. Robert Skloot, Aviv Kammay and Dr. Teryl Dobbs.

Artists who are participating this year include: Judith Zukerman, Pam Phillips Olson, Deborah Kades, Ellen Meyer, Joshua Gilstein, Rachel Herbsman and Leslie Coff.

Our journey began with an artist's retreat in Milwaukee last October, bringing together all the artists from the labs from all five cities. We studied, engaged and were inspired by each other. We forged new relationships and new ways of thinking.

This year, in Madison, we have met biweekly through the academic calendar to explore themes in Jewish life and history under the title of *Echoes: Voices of Wisdom*, which is also the title of the June 2 exhibition. We have explored Ezekiel, the writing of Philip Roth, Poetry of Babi Yar by Yevtushenko and Symphony of Babi Yar by Shostakovich, The Magic Barrel by Bernard Malamud, Marc Chagall's paintings, Kohelet/Ecclesiastes, the play *Korczak & The Children*, the movie *The Dybbuk*, "If the Whole Body Dies" by Robert Skloot, and additional works.

Local artist Joshua Gilstein, relatively new to Madison, held an event in early May, titled "This is Madison", where he provided prompts for participants on different aspects of the city of Madison as it stands now – current politics on gender and gender discrimination in our city, statistics on sexual assault incidence at UW. Participants then painted their responses to these prompts. Gilstein will be displaying these pieces as part of his exhibition at the June 2, opening reception.

To follow this journey go to www.Madisonjewishartistslab.org.

Join us for the opening reception of the exhibit, Thursday, June 2, 7-9 p.m. at Hillel Foundation at the University of Wisconsin, 611 Langdon Street, Madison, 53703.

The Exhibition continues through August 4, 2016.

Applications for the 2016-2017 Jewish Artists' Laboratory of Madison are available at www.uwhillel.org. For questions about the Jewish Artists' Laboratory, contact Rabbi Andrea Steinberger at asteinberger@uwhillel.org.



Jewish Art Lab participants.

Yad B'Yad Playgroup



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Camp Corner



Camp Shalom is the day camp of the Jewish Federation of Madison

CS= Camp Shalom (Grades K-5) NOBO= Camp Shalom Noar- Bogrim (Grades 6-9)

Camp Shalom 2016: Camp Families, Mark Your Calendars!

June 14-17- Staff Training

June 20- Camp begins! Session 1

June 24 – Visitors' Lunch- CS ONLY 11:45 am

July 4- NO CAMP

July 5- 8 - NOBO 9th grade overnight trip

July 6- NOBO 6th-8th grade overnight

July 8- CS late-night program- camp families are invited to come to the Goodman Campus for a picnic dinner and short program. Families can arrive at 5:45 pm; the program will begin at 6:15 pm and be over by 7:00 pm. Food Carts will be available so you can purchase dinner and/or dessert! Campers in Unit Gimel (4th-5th graders) are invited to sleep over and do not have camp on July 7. Campers in K-2nd will have special programming on Thursday, July 7.

July 8- last day of session 1 for everyone

July 11- Staff Day (no camp, no bus service for staff)

July 12- Second session begins!

July 15 - Visitors' Lunch- CS ONLY 11:45 am

Monday, July 25- Thursday, July 28- NOBO 9th grade camping trip

July 27- NOBO 6th-8th grade overnight

July 27- CS late-night program- camp families are invited to come to the Goodman Campus for a picnic dinner and short program. Families can arrive at 5:45 pm; the program will begin at 6:15 pm and be over by 7:00 pm. Food Carts will be available so you can purchase dinner and/or dessert! Campers in Unit Gimel (4th-5th graders) are invited to sleep over and do not have camp on July 28h. Campers in K-2nd will have special programming on Thursday, July 28.

July 29- last day of session 2 for everyone

August 1- Staff Day (no camp, no bus service for staff)

August 2- CS third session begins!

August 5- Visitors' Lunch- 11:45am

August 10- Camp Shalom late-night program- families invited to come to the Goodman Campus for picnic dinner and program. Families can arrive at 5:45 pm, the program will begin at 6:15 pm and be over by 7:00 pm.

August 12- Last Day of Camp

Touchdown, Matzah Balls!



Matzah Balls ready for their next game.

The Jewish Federation of Madison's co-ed sports team, the Matzah Balls, is thrilled to win second place for flag football. Laughter, communication, fun, and more is had at each of these games. We even have matching headbands and two Matzah Balls as a mascot!

If you are interested in joining the team, cheering us on, finding out where to get a headband, and/or being a mascot please let Tiz, JFM Outreach Coordinator, outreach@jewishmadison.org know!



Ready for action!

Join Us for Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim New Camper Information Session

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Time: 11:45 am – for both Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim

Location: The Minkoff Center (main building) at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, 7762 County Highway PD

- Campers are encouraged to attend
- Meet the Directors
- Learn about the daily schedule and special programming
- Take a tour of the scenic Goodman Campus and awesome Camp facilities
- Meet some of the loving and enthusiastic staff members
- Learn some camp songs and play some camp games

Please email campshalom@jewishmadison.org with any questions.

A Poem About Camp Shalom



Carly Schiff, right, writes beautiful words about Camp Shalom.

Home Away From Home

by Carly Schiff

Camp Shalom.
You'll make new friends out in Veron.
My home away from home,
With its giant Rally tree,
Branches swaying in the summer breeze.
The old, red schoolhouse,
Which to us was a sign,
Of safety,
From the packed bus,
The concrete,
Echoey Moadon,
Which on rainy days,
Was Aleph and Bet's home.
The Oolam always letting off a breeze,
(From the air conditioning)
Rolling hills of dirt and grass,
And the tables.
All weather worn,
And old.
The salty pool,
And more importantly the smelly dressing rooms!
The NOBO house,
With all four floors,
And the old screen door.
The big old field for capture the flag.
The places we never knew camp had.
The smell of spirit on Maccabiah day,
Blue, Green, Red and Yellow
Even best friends become enemies for a day
The moist air which will forever smell like bug spray,
Sunscreen,
And camper dreams.
The dirt on the Teva porch,
The sound of unit heads getting pumped up,
C.I.T. counselors who care too much,
Kids always begging for a piggy back ride,
(And if you get one, hold on tight)
We welcome you to Camp Shalom,
You'll make new friends out in Veron.
Your home away from home.

This article is about the cultural capital and multiculturalism in the modern world (part 1)

Генрих Бабич

Культурный капитал и мультикультурализм в современном мире

Поясню принятые в статье основные понятия. Слово **культура** включает в себя обычаи и принятые правила взаимоотношений отдельных людей, человека и общества, религию, а также связь между различными социальными группами. Кроме того, термин обозначает все виды изобразительного искусства, литературу, музыку, театр, кино.

В основе современной социологии лежит понятие **культурный капитал**. Оно описывает отношения между организационными элементами общества (например, религиозными группами). Понятие охватывает также взаимодействие индивидуума с организационными элементами, в которые он входит, и подчеркивает ценность социальных отношений, роль сотрудничества и доверия для достижения общественных целей. Культурный капитал формируется в результате коллективных усилий в обществе, но его пользователями являются индивидуумы и группы людей.

Идея написания этой статьи частично навеяна опубликованной в 2013 году книгой Lawrence E. Harrison, *Jews, Confucians, and Protestants. Cultural Capital and the End of Multiculturalism*, (Л. Харрисон, *Евреи, Конфуцианцы и Протестанты. Культурный Капитал и Конец Мультикультурализма*).

Социологи рассматривают десятки категорий, по которым они анализируют процессы, происходящие в обществе. На их основании оценивается жизнь в отдельных странах и в более крупных сообществах – цивилизациях. Первейшее значение имеет исповедуемая **религия**. В числе других категорий рассматриваются: богатство, накопленное в обществе, уровень образования, предпринимательство, главенство закона, взаимоотношение церкви и государства, права женщин, соревновательность в деятельности людей на благо общества.

Говоря о **социальном значении религии**, принято считать, что религия есть вера в бога. В этом правда, но не вся. Несомненно, что религия есть вера, так как религиозные суждения не нуждаются ни в обоснованиях, ни в доказательствах. Они действуют потому, что в них люди верят. В большинстве религий отсутствует общепринятое определение что такое Бог. Но и это не все. Кроме веры в бога, а в некоторых религиях, как в Конфуцианстве, взамен веры в бога, установлены нравственные и социальные законы, которые существенным образом определяют жизнь людей. Эти законы выводят религию за пределы просто веры.

Обратимся к основным современным религиям и посмотрим на них с точки зрения социальной категории и как каждая религия влияет на прогресс человечества в принятом сегодня понимании этого слова. Было бы неверно утверждать, что историческое развитие больших регионов определяется только обычаями и нормами поведения, которые установлены их религиозными системами. Оно зависит от множества факторов. Тем не менее, религиозные системы в социальном смысле играют существенную роль и об этом далее пойдет речь.

Иудаизм – это самая древняя из современных религий. Она возникла около 4000 лет тому назад. Это была первая религия, которая установила существование единого Бога. С достаточно древних времен, но когда письменность уже получила необходимое распространение, праотцы Иудаизма установили, что каждый еврей должен лично, без помощи священнослужителя, обращаться к Богу. Он должен сам читать священную книгу – Тору или, по крайней мере, молитвы, необходимые для общения с Богом. Сначала евреи читали Тору на иврите или на арамейском, а затем, после изгнания из Палестины, во времена двухтысячелетнего рассеяния, они перевели Тору на языки стран их нового проживания. Во всяком случае важно то, что спокон веку евреи были, как говорят, людьми книги и сплошной грамотности.

В настоящее время численность евреев составляет около 18 миллионов человек, т.е. 0,2% населения Земли, но они внесли непомерно большой вклад в развитие науки, искусства и культуры в целом. Их число в списке лауреатов Нобелевской премии в долевом отношении в сто раз превышает численность населения. Об этом написано много. Пытаясь дать ответ о причинах такой роли евреев, некоторые националисты утверждают о генетическом превосходстве евреев в интеллектуальной деятельности. Я уверен, что причина этого не в генетике, а в мудрости праотцов Иудаизма, которые направили своих единоверцев на путь всеобщей грамотности. Человечество должно быть благодарно именно им за это.

С Иудаизмом, а точнее с евреями, носителями которого они являются, связан еще один вклад в развитие человеческого общества. Имею ввиду ростовщичество, у истоков развития которого стояли евреи. Поскольку Христос "изгнал менял из Храма", христианская церковь запрещала своим приверженцам заниматься ссужением денег. "Ни за что наживаться" на процентах за ссуду она сочла греховным. Образовавшуюся нишу заполнили евреи, которым не разрешалось владеть землей. Поэтому многие из них селились в богатых кварталах европейских городов и поблизости к дворцам власть имущих, чтобы было проще ссуживать деньги. С этого и пошло развитие банковского дела, без которого немыслимо развитие современной экономики.

Католичество и Протестантство. Католичество было первым самостоятельным направлением в христианстве, которое возникло через 300-500 лет после зарождения этого верования. В настоящее время католическая церковь – крупнейшая в мире и насчитывает 1,2 миллиарда прихожан. Система католичества отличается относительной строгостью законов, которые устанавливают порядок ее функционирования. Источником внутреннего права Католической церкви является свод правил апостолов и Вселенских соборов, авторизованные церковью литургические тексты, богословские творения, а также обычаи церкви. Она обладает уникальной организационной особенностью, состоящей в наличии всемирной иерархии управления. На нижнем уровне этой иерархии действуют приходы. Над ними в несколько уровней действуют региональные епископы и кардиналы, власть над которыми находится в руках Папы Римского – всемирного католического властителя. Вместе с этим, Папа возглавляет государство Ватикан, являющееся членом ООН. В политическом смысле нельзя пройти мимо того, что в 1930-е годы Ватикан оказывал содействие генералу Франко во время гражданской войны в Испании. Отношение папской власти к нацистам Германии также не было в полной мере негативным.

Протестантство возникло 500 лет тому назад в результате протеста (что следует из самого корня этого слова) против владычества Католичества и всесилия его церковных законов. В борьбе двух направлений христианства Европа была охвачена жестокими религиозными войнами.

Радикальное различие между Католичеством и Протестантством сказалось во времена заселения европейскими переселенцами двух частей американского континента. История сложилась так, что на северные территории, где были впоследствии созданы Соединенные Штаты Америки, устремились протестанты, а юг от этих мест, где затем образовалась Мексика и страны Латинской Америки, был заселен католиками, выходцами из Испании и Португалии. Процессы заселения этих двух частей континента были существенно различны. На землях, которые осваивали протестанты, селилась этническая группа, которая получила сокращенное название WASP (White, Anglo-sax, Protestant – белые, англо-саксы, протестанты). И сегодня WASP это – "белая косточка", "сливки" американского общества, прослойка, аналогичная интеллигенции в России. На этой территории и в созданных затем Соединенных Штатах религия была, как и сейчас, полностью отделена от властных структур. В отличие от этого, католическая церковь засылала в районы своего влияния сонмы миссионеров, которые помогали создаваемым там государствам строить системы управления в тесном взаимодействии с католическими законами и обычаями. В этих государствах связи религии и власти существенно более тесные, чем в США.

Что же получилось в результате? Опять отмечая, что многовековой процесс становления огромных территорий нельзя ставить в зависимость только от одной категории – религиозной направленности, подчеркну только, что уровень развития США оказался существенно выше, чем во всей Латинской Америке. В этой связи еще одна деталь – США продемонстрировали высокий уровень образования, а в странах Латинской Америки процент неграмотности населения едва ли не самый высокий в мире. Как говорят, "после того не означает вследствие того", но все же...

Православие пришло в Россию более 1000 лет тому назад, из них последние 500 лет существовало самодержавие. При этом церковь и царизм правили как единое целое, в котором религия играла роль идеологии поддержания власти. В середине 1830-х годов даже была разработана формула Самодержавие-Православие-Народность. В этой триаде Народность также состояла на службе пары Самодержавие-Православие. Результаты связки основных составляющих власти в стране известны. Отмечу только, что после краха Советского Союза, в особенности в путинское время, власть ищет замену вакуума идеологии и опять обращается к религии. Этот поиск в очередной раз приводит к активизации имперского синдрома в умах десятков миллионов россиян.

Конфуцианство – это этико-философское учение, разработанное Конфуцием 2500 лет тому назад. Оно является мировоззрением, общественной этикой, политической идеологией, научной традицией, образом жизни, и часто рассматривается как религия. Культурную составляющую Конфуцианства составляют пять принципов отношений между людьми: правитель и подданый, муж и жена, отец/учитель и сын, старший и младший брат, взаимоотношения между друзьями. Семья является главной ячейкой общества. Хотя первые четыре составляющие устанавливают отношения подчинения, все они содержат взаимную ответственность за результаты таких отношений. Заложенные Конфуцианством принципы неуклонно действуют во всех сферах жизни общества и выдержали длительное испытание временем. В этом смысле характерно, что, в частности, в современном Китае эти принципы сохранили свое ведущее положение, несмотря на сменявшиеся идеологии, вплоть до коммунистической. Ни однопартийная система, ни практическое отсутствие демократии в Западных ее формах не привели к отходу от принципов, которые обеспечивают устойчивое развитие общества.

(окончание следует)

Уважаемые читатели!

В статье на русской странице газеты за апрель по вине типографии допущена погрешность. Во второй колонке сверху после строки

"бюллетене, что составляет пер-"

пропущен следующий текст:

"вый тур выборов. Системой установлено, что все выборщики штата, голосование которых составляет второй тур, будут голосовать за того кандидата, который получил большинство голосов избирателей штата. Президентом становится кандидат, получивший голоса не менее 270 выбор-".

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Shalom Madison is for you! Tiz Goff will help link you to the Jewish Community through your interests and availability.
Contact Tiz at outreach@jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404 for more info.

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Israel and the World

Torah, Wheat and Dairy!



From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Daniel Gill and Shirly Raiz

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

In May, Shirly and Daniel honored fallen soldiers and celebrated Israel with programs around the community for Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut. Here are some pictures from those events. Thank you to all who helped make these programs happen.





































Celebrate Summer at the Jewish Federation of Madison's

Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Sunday, June 26

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona

Activities include:

- *Picnic games for every age*
- *Information tables sponsored by local Jewish organizations*
- *Face painting and Balloon Animals*
- *Hayrides*
- *Toddler Bouncy House*
- *Velcro Wall*
- *Boulder's Climbing Wall*
- *Ga-Ga*
- *Swimming*
- *Israeli Dancing with Yonim*
- *Music*
- *Mimosas*
- *Hot dogs, veggie brats and other yummy foods (proceeds go to the Gan HaYeled Preschool)*
- *And more*



Featuring **INFORMATION LANE** – Your one-stop guide to Jewish Madison. Learn more about the Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, Camp Shalom, Chabad of Madison, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Gan HaYeled Preschool, Hillel at UW Madison, Jewish Social Services, Madison Jewish Community Day School, Midrasha Hebrew High School, Outreach programs, Temple Beth El and more!

Stop by the registration table, fill out a card and get free admission to the Goodman Aquatic Center. Everyone who registers will be eligible to win a summer pass to the Goodman Aquatic Center!









