

JEWISH NEWS

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The Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona.

Come and help us kick off the summer at this wonderful community event. Mark your calendar and watch your email and www.JewishMadison.org for more information.

We hope to see you there!



Dina Weinbach named Jewish Federation of Madison Executive Director

BY DEBORAH Z. MINKOFF
President

On April 23, 2013 the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Madison “enthusiastically and unanimously” appointed Dina Weinbach to the position of Executive Director. Dina had been serving as the interim Executive Director since July 2012.

The unanimous vote of the Board culminated a comprehensive nation-wide search process over the past nine months. The community owes profound gratitude to the members of the search committee for its careful and deliberate process. The committee was chaired by past Federation President Jim Youngerman and included Gary Friedman, Willie Haus, Marc Shovers, Jim Stein, Ann Imig and Debbie Minkoff.

Culver to Speak at final Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable Event

Please save the date for May 10th, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. at Nakoma Country Club for the last Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable of the academic year! This is your last opportunity until fall to network, enjoy breakfast, and hear from our guest speaker, Curt Culver, about his trials and tribulations as he built what has now become the nation’s leading private mortgage insurer.



Curt Culver

Curt S. Culver is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MGIC Investment Corporation and its principal subsidiary, Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation (MGIC), the nation’s leading private mortgage insurer. MGIC Investment Corporation is a publicly held corpora-

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The Jewish Federations of North America’s Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence talent acquisition executive Carin Maher conducted a nation-wide recruitment campaign. More than 35 applications were received and reviewed to match the criteria and job description developed by the Search Committee and approved by the Board. The list of applicants was culled first to five semi-finalists, three of whom were interviewed by the committee via either Skype or in-person. Ultimately, the Committee recommended one candidate, Dina Weinbach.

A Madison native, Dina was named Program Director of the then named Madison Jewish Community Council in August 1994. The former Dina Popkewitz had just completed her Master of Arts in Curriculum and Teacher Education from Stanford University prior to her appointment to that position. After receiving her undergraduate degree in elementary education in 1989 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dina was a classroom teacher for the Atlanta Public Schools. During her four years in Atlanta, Dina was recognized as an outstanding teacher and awarded the Academic Achievement Incentive Award by the School Board.

While working full-time as Program Director, Dina completed a second Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from UW-Madison. She was recognized as an outstanding alumna by the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education and was the recipient of the Lois Gadd Nemic Award.

In her eighteen-year tenure as the Jewish Federation’s Program Director, Dina oversaw more than eighteen different programs including Camp Shalom, Midrasha, Chug Ivrit, and Gan HaYeled. She worked closely with volunteers individually and on



Dina Weinbach

committees and with panels on program, policy, and budget issues. Dina worked collaboratively with local congregations and Jewish organizations in Madison on joint programs. Her responsibilities included training, coaching, mentoring, and evaluating staff and teachers in many different program areas. Dina implemented new innovative programs to increase community involvement and outreach including Future Directions Leadership Development Program, Camp Shalom Bogrim, Chug Ivrit, the Camp Shalom Shopping Card, Family Education programs, and more.

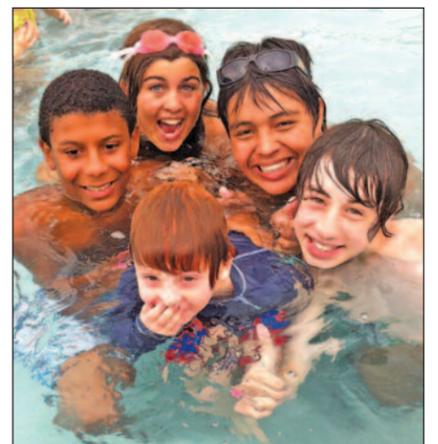
Our careful and long search took us throughout North America but ultimately brought us home. We concluded that Dina Weinbach was uniquely, in the words of the job description, a “sophisticated senior executive with presence and a track record of excellence who can provide the vision and leadership to guide and strengthen the Jewish community.”

Get ready for summer at the Goodman Aquatic Center

After the long, cold spring, everyone is looking forward to hot summer days, and the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Aquatic Center is the perfect place to cool off. The pool will be open to the public for swimming, sunning, snacking and socializing starting June 8.

The Goodman Aquatic Center, located at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona, has much to offer its many swimmers each summer. The pool’s six 25-meter lanes make it great for competition and lap-swimming, and its zero-depth entry make it accessible to everyone, including small children and those with wheelchairs. When you’re out of the water, the pool’s shaded area and

deck chairs offer a great place to lounge with friends and family, while enjoying
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Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut in pictures!

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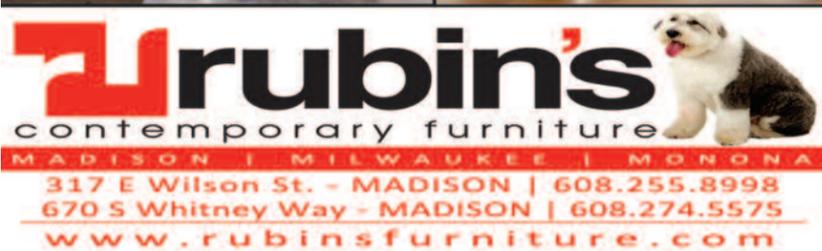
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Who The Leaders Turn To



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tion traded under "MTG" on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Culver began his career in the mortgage insurance business in 1976, joining MGIC in 1982. He has been Chief Executive Officer of the company since January of 2000 and has been Chairman of the Board since January of 2005. He has served as President from January, 1999 to January, 2006. Prior to MGIC, Mr. Culver worked for six years at private mortgage insurer Verex. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Madison, earning both a B.A. and M.S. in Real Estate Finance and Urban Land Economics. Curt Culver is very philanthropic and sits on the board of directors for the following organizations:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
- Children's Hospital and Health System
- Culver's Custard Franchising Systems, Inc.
- Greater Milwaukee Committee
- MGIC Investment Corporation
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- Metro Milwaukee Association of Commerce

- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- United Performing Arts Fund
- West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
- Wisconsin Energy Corporation

As with previous events, there will be a \$25 charge per person to attend. Please call 608-278-1808 or go online at jewishmadison.org to register and pay by May 5th. A sincere thank you to The Great Dane for helping to sponsor this event. If you have questions about this event, please contact Dori Falk, Financial Resource Development Director, 608-278-1808 x236 or dfalk@jewishmadison.org. We look forward to seeing you there!



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the expanded concessions menu available daily.

Our pool has a salt-water generator, making the pool better for the environment and for swimmers, since we do not need to handle or add large amounts of harsh chemicals to the pool. This generator allows us to use salt, a natural element found in the earth, as a sanitizing agent, instead of relying on large amounts of liquid chlorine. We've also added large solar panels which help to heat our pool. Our salt-water generator and our solar panels make our pool as gentle on the environment as possible.

Now is also the perfect time to start planning your poolside event for the summer. Options ranging from birthday parties while the pool is open to the public to private pool events are available.

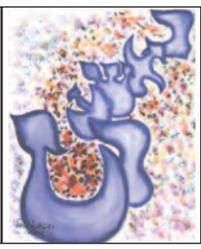
The Goodman Aquatic Center, which is located at 7762 County Highway PD, just 15 minutes from downtown Madison, is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On weekdays the community is generally invited to swim from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., after Camp Shalom hours. There are extended weekday hours at other times throughout the summer. Please refer to JewishMadison.org/pool for the complete season schedule and pool policies.

Daily and season memberships will again be available for purchase for this summer. For more details and a registration form, see the back page or visit www.JewishMadison.org/pool. Please email goodman@jewishmadison.org for more information on fees and parties and to order your season memberships today.






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Community Yom Hashoah Speech “We Have A Voice”

By DINA WEINBACH

Executive Director

Editor's note: The following speech was given by Dina Weinbach at the Yom Hashoah Community Service on April 7, 2013 - 27 Nissan 5773.

Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is the newest of the Jewish Holy Days. In a resolution passed by the Knesset on April 12, 1951, the 27th day of Nissan was proclaimed as “The Holocaust and Ghetto Uprising Remembrance Day - a day of perpetual remembrance for the House of Israel.”

This date was chosen because it falls between that of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which began on the first day of Passover, and the Israel War of Independence Remembrance Day – Yom Hazikaron on Iyyar 4, and also because it occurs during the traditional mourning of the Counting of the Omer.

This year, the first night of Passover marked the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Between July 22 and September 12, 1942, the German au-

thorities deported or murdered around 300,000 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto. About 35,000 Jews had permission to remain in the ghetto, while more than 20,000 Jews remained in the ghetto in hiding. For all of those remaining, deportation was inevitable. In response to the deportations, several Jewish underground organizations created an armed self-defense unit. When it formed, there were around 200 members. At the time of the uprising, there were about 750 fighters. In January of 1943, German SS and police units tried to resume the mass deportations of Jews from Warsaw. A group of Jewish fighters, armed with pistols, infiltrated a group of Jews being forced to go to the transfer point and, at a prearranged signal, broke ranks and fought the Germans. Most of these Jewish fighters died in the battle, but the attack sufficiently distracted the Germans and allowed the Jews a chance to flee. After seizing 5,000 to 6,500 ghetto residents to be deported, the Germans suspended further deportations on January 21. The Jewish underground fighters were encouraged by the apparent success of the resistance, which

they believed may have stalled deportations. People in the ghetto began to construct bunkers and shelters in preparation for an uprising if the Germans should attempt a final deportation of all remaining Jews in the reduced ghetto.

The German forces intended to liquidate the Warsaw ghetto on April 19, 1943, on the eve of Passover. When SS and police units entered the ghetto that morning, the streets were deserted. Nearly all of the ghetto residents had gone into hiding places or bunkers. The renewal of deportations was the signal for an armed uprising within the ghetto. Armed with pistols, grenades, many of them homemade, and a few automatic weapons and rifles, the fighters stunned the Germans and their auxiliaries on the first day of fighting, forcing the Germans to retreat outside the ghetto wall. On the third day of the uprising, German SS and police forces began demolishing the ghetto, building by building, forcing the remaining Jews out of hiding. Jewish resistance fighters made sporadic raids from their bunkers, but the Germans systematically reduced the ghetto to rubble. The Germans had planned to liquidate the Warsaw ghetto in three days, but the ghetto fighters held out for more than a month. The Warsaw ghetto uprising was the largest, symbolically most important Jewish uprising.

This year the first day of Passover was also the 1,940th anniversary of the Roman Legion's assault on Masada. The Jewish revolt against Rome, begun in 66, failed. And three years after the Temple was destroyed the last fighters of Judea at Masada took their lives rather than surrender to the Romans.

These two historical events, separated by 1,870 years, are linked for obvious reasons – they both took place on the first day of Passover; they both involved the resistance of Jews to overwhelming tyranny; they both involved massive killings of Jewish people. These were terrible defeats, and to Rabbi Yehiel Poupko, they stand at the

beginning and the end of the era of Jewish powerlessness. Rabbi Poupko said that “Powerlessness is not just a threat to material existence. Powerlessness is corrosive to the human spirit. If a person cannot protect those most dear to him or herself, he or she is diminished in their very own eyes.”

Having just celebrated Passover in which we so vividly celebrate our freedom, I find it quite moving to celebrate our freedom again, five days later, today on Yom Hashoah. We are fortunate. We are fortunate that we do not live in an era of powerlessness. At our Passover seder this year, Thea Aschkenase, one of our extended family members from Worcester, Massachusetts, was one of our guests. Her daughter Lea is here today. Thea is a lovely, smart, caring and kind 89 year old woman who survived Auschwitz. At our seder, she sat next to my son, a 7th grader, and shared with him why she thinks it is important to learn about the Holocaust. Thea said to him, “We remember and we remind ourselves of what happened because we have a voice. We have a voice that all the Jewish people during the Holocaust did not have. Men, women, babies – they were all killed. They had no voice and no power to do anything about their situation. That is why we remember.”

We remember and we are fortunate that we have the power to use our voice in response to hatred so together we can help fulfill the promise of “Never Again.”

Jon Eckhardt Named Robert Pricer Chair in Enterprise Development at UW Business School

Jon Eckhardt, winner of the 2012 Jewish Federation of Madison Miriam Singer-Sulman Young Leadership Award, is the first recipient the Robert Pricer Chair in Enterprise Development at the University of Wisconsin School of Business. This chair was established to honor retired Professor Robert Pricer for his teaching excellence and pioneering academic study of entrepreneurship. Jon and Mr. Pricer both have important ties to the JFM.

Jon Eckhardt is a member of the JFM Board of Directors and has spear-headed the Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable. He recently conducted a critical financial analysis of the Gan HaYeled Pre-School, which is being used to re-shape its business plan. Jon is the Executive Director of the Weinert Center for Entrepreneurship at UW, and shows the same passion for his work in the Jewish community as he does for his students and research.

Robert Pricer is a Trustee of the Irwin A. & Robert D. Goodman Foundation. He was named by Businessweek as one of the nation's top 10 entrepreneurship professors in 1996. Mr. Pricer, who retired in

2002, was an innovator who designed a trailblazing applied curriculum to link his classroom to commercial business practices. Beloved by students and alumni, he received many UW honors for teaching and public service.

The JFM is very fortunate to have strong connections to such talented and dedicated individuals who help build and maintain a strong Jewish community here in Madison.



Jon Eckhardt



The Jewish Federation of Madison is planning a trip to Israel this November around the General Assembly (Nov. 10-13), the conference of the Jewish Federations of North America. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see Israel.

Please contact the Jewish Federation of Madison for more information at 608.278.1808 or info@jewishmadison.org.



Come be a part of this amazing trip!



Todah Rabah...

to Jonathan and Susan Lipp from Full Compass for donating the screen and the projector that were used at the Yom HaShoah program this year. We are so grateful for their continued support.

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Upcoming



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EVENTS

Yonim Performance

Sunday, May 5

2:00pm

Edgewood College – Anderson Auditorium

Yonim's season finale will feature performances by not only each Yonim group, but also the talents of the Okinawon Taiko Drummers of Wisconsin and performances by Chug Ivrit and the Madison Jewish Community Day School students. This event is open to everyone and will be entertaining for audiences of all ages.



Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Sunday, June 23

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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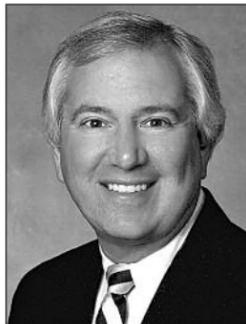
Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable

Friday, May 10

7:30-9:00am

Nakoma Country Club, 4145 Country Club Road

Network, enjoy breakfast, and hear from a successful businessperson in the community. On May 10, the last program of the season, Curt Culver will be our featured speaker. This event is open to anyone with an interest in the Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable. A \$25 cover will be charged and must be paid in advance. Please RSVP by May 5.



Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday, May 14, 7:30pm

Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St.

Rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish community offer a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot -- an evening of study celebrating God's giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. Dairy delights will be served to keep learners sharp throughout the evening. This year's theme is HAPPINESS. Questions? Contact Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon (rbengideon@gmail.com). This Beth Israel Center Adult Education program is co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Jewish Federation of Madison. For more details see the ad on page 8.



Adult Hebrew Classes

Yehonatan, our community shaliach, is teaching Advanced and Beginner Hebrew classes for adults on Tuesday nights. The Advanced class meets at 6:00pm, Beginners at 7:15pm at the Jewish Federation of Madison building, 6434 Enterprise Lane. New students are welcome any time. To register or ask questions, please contact Yehonatan at israel@jewishmadison.org.



Family Education FroYoga Event

Sunday, June 2

1:15-1:45 p.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Blackbird Family Yoga in Middleton Hills

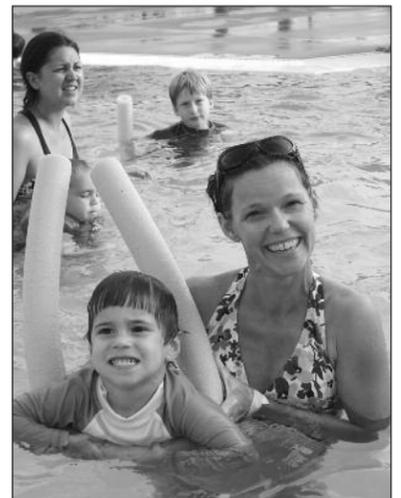
Join the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee for our first annual FroYoga event. Yoga classes will be at Blackbird Family Yoga in Middleton Hills. Schmooze with us at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in Middleton Hills before or after your yoga class. See the complete ad on page 11 for more details.

Oodles of Noodles Pool Party

Summer 2013

Goodman Aquatic Center

Watch the *Madison Jewish News* for details on the Family Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison's annual Oodles of Noodles Pool Party at the Goodman Aquatic Center. Bring your own pool noodles or buy them there, and have noodles of fun at this summer event!



Come to Israel with the Jewish Federation of Madison!

November 10-13

The Jewish Federation of Madison is planning a trip to Israel this November around the General Assembly, the conference of the Jewish Federations of North America. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see Israel. Please contact the Jewish Federation of Madison for more information at 608-278-1808 or info@jewishmadison.org. Come be a part of this amazing trip!



Madison's Newest Jewish Youth Group – Heifetz BBYO

By JAKE STEIN

For the first time in almost a decade, BBYO is back in Madison. Named after the late Jake Heifetz, Heifetz BBYO is a great place for all Jewish Madison teens

in grades 8-12 to have tons of fun, meet amazing people, and have life changing experiences. Why does Madison need a BBYO chapter? First of all, it is pluralistic, meaning that anyone Jewish can join, regardless of synagogue affiliation or

background. Secondly, the chapters are completely youth run. Outside of an advisor for adult presence, the chapter's events, membership, and structure are created and run by the teens. This provides a unique and fun experience for

everyone involved that is truly incredible and unforgettable.

Since our first program in November of 2012, Heifetz BBYO has had six events that have attracted over 20 different teens from the Madison Area. The events have included things such as laser tag, bowling, and mini-golf at Vitense, all of which have been fun and successful. All of these events have also had members of the Wisconsin BBYO regional board present. Wisconsin Region BBYO has eight chapters outside of Madison, each being in Milwaukee. This has opened up Jewish teens in Madison to other Jewish teens in the state, and many new friendships have been made.

If you are interested in being a part of Heifetz BBYO, attending one of our events, or just finding out a little more about this great opportunity, email either Rachael Badt at wisc@bbyo.org or me at jakestein97@gmail.com. You can also follow us on twitter at @HeifetzBBYO. All teens in grades 8-12 can join and come to events. Sixth and seventh graders are also welcome to attend our events, they just can't be official members until eighth grade. This is an incredibly fun and rewarding opportunity and I urge teens to become part of the BBYO family in Madison!



Volunteers Needed for Jewish Community Picnic

If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, please let us know. The picnic takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we need a lot of volunteers. We are happy to sign off on volunteer hours for students.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Set up
- Helping with games/activities for kids
- Grilling or selling food
- Clean up

Please contact Ellen at program@jewishmadison.org or call 278-1808 x 232 if you are available. Thank you in advance!

Israeli Marketplace

We will be having an Israeli-style shuk (market) at the Hava Nagila Picnic again this year. If you are crafty or have goods (jewelry, Judaic art, etc) to sell at the picnic and would like to reserve a table please contact Ellen Weismer to discuss the details, program@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808 x232.



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Simchas and Condolences

Mazel tov on the engagement of:

Janna Frank, daughter of Lottie and Joel Frank, to Bryan Bilse.

Mazel tov to the parents and grandparents of these new arrivals:

Zachary Parker, son of Sarah Galanter-Guziewski and Stephen Guziewski, grandson of Eve and Marc Galanter; and

Adrina Rachele, daughter of Adam and Jane-Amy Brousseau, and granddaughter of Hilary Blue.

Condolences to the families of:

Sewall Potter, father of Pamela Potter (Robert Radwin);

Michael Schwartz, brother of David (Shelley) Schwartz;

Nerissa Victor;

Armand Richman, father of Roxanne (Steve) Richman, Kim (Patty) Richman, Jay (Deb) Richman and Brett Richman;

Paul Katz, husband of Gail Weinshel Katz;

Margaret Moseson, mother of Gary Moseson;

Irving Howards, brother-in-law of Annette Howards;

Marlene Hansen, mother of Anne Hansen (Roger Wolkoff);

David Fine, father of Rachel Herbsman;

Morris Denmark, uncle of Bonnie Denmark Friedman and Gary Friedman;

Harvey Malofsky, husband of Rona Malofsky; and

Sissy Webne, mother of Lisa Webne-Behrman.

MJCDS Teacher Spotlight: Geri Goldman

By NANCY BROWER

Geri Goldman's students at Madison Jewish Community Day School get absorbed in their work—so much so that they they have, on occasion, asked to delay recess to continue working on a project.

When that happens, Geri is reminded of how much she loves the learning environment at MJCDS. "These children love to learn, and they yearn for depth. This is why I became a teacher," she says. "Regardless of what I am teaching them, I learn from my MJCDS students every day."

Geri teaches general studies to students in grades 2-5, and is in her second year at the school. She first learned about MJCDS while serving as junior youth director at Temple Beth El.

After visiting MJCDS, Geri remembers being moved by the spirit and closeness of the community. When the school expanded in 2011 to include upper grades, there was a staff opening that fit with Geri's impressive experience as a teacher for nine years in the Oregon and Madison public schools.

The library shelves in Geri's classroom are brimming with books that she has collected over her many years of teaching. Her passion for children's literature is infectious, and students are exposed to books on a wide variety of subjects and genres. A unit on the Civil Rights Movement, for instance, will include historical fiction and nonfiction, and the students will also be exposed to plays, photogra-

phy, and music of the era.

Literature circles in her classroom allow students to assume roles such as director, illustrator, and word-wizard, all designed to let students realize mastery of and love for reading and discussion.

"It's so fantastic to just sit back and listen to the students engage in meaningful conversation about a book, sharing their thoughts, emotional reactions, and personal connections to the story," she says.

Geri played a major role in developing the school's curriculum for grades 4-5 in all academic areas, as well as math and social studies for grades 2-3. She understands the importance of pulling from a variety of texts and addressing multiple learning styles, which reflects her conviction that "everyone has strengths, and students can work on certain topics to be the best they can be in all areas."

During a geography unit, students worked on creating a map of Wisconsin that showed major cities, bodies of water, landmarks, etc. After incorporating a student's idea, the project was taken to a level that Geri had not anticipated. The students developed a 3-D clay model of the state, complete with appropriate trees, animals, and buildings placed in each region.

Last month, as students learned about the federal government, Geri incorporated persuasive writing into the unit, which led to students' writing legislative bills for the school and presenting them to the teachers and director, who had veto power over their recommendations.

That desire to dig deep and go beyond

the boundaries of an original assignment is something Geri sees all the time at MJCDS. "As a small school we have the flexibility to go beyond the basic curriculum, and that lets us respond to and feed the interests the students bring to the assignments. We can approach topics from multiple perspectives." Geri believes that the Judaic studies curriculum contributes to a culture where students view subjects as multi-dimensional and encourages learning at levels not often found in a K-5 setting.

Geri is passionate about teaching, and equally passionate about contributing to

the Jewish community: whether as a teenage member of USY and BBYO while growing up outside Minneapolis, at Herzl Camp, at UW-Madison Hillel while a student, and as an adult in Madison. Teaching at MJCDS allows her to combine those two significant parts of her life in a way that brings meaning to her work as an educator while she serves as a role model to students who will one day follow Geri's example of living a meaningful and knowledgeable Jewish life.

For more information about Madison Jewish Community Day School, or to arrange for a tour, call 204-9900.

UW Chabad's Trip to the Illinois Holocaust Museum

By ZAC PESTINE

UW Class of 2013

The terms "never forget" and "never again" are idioms somewhat bereft of meaning if not appropriately put into context. Words lack foundation and legitimacy if they are not acted upon. And while the term "never again" may be somewhat of a hypocrisy as genocide continues to thrive around the world, plaguing a multitude of nations and threatening them with extinction, "never forget" is something that each and every one of us has the power act upon, to occlude its vanity.

To memorialize those whose lives were stolen in the Shoah, a coterie of students and members of the Madison community joined UW Chabad Rabbi Mendel Matusof on Sunday, April 7th. They made their way to the recently opened Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Illinois. As generations move further and further away from the Holocaust, and as the number of survivors here on Earth begins to dwindle, many find it incumbent upon them to heed the adage "history repeats itself" and flip the

script via stopping the Holocaust from being an historical artifact, and instead an indelible reality "L'dor v'dor".

At the museum, patrons were burdened with the narrative of the Shoah, dating from World War 1, to Weimar Germany, to Kristallnacht, to the camps, to liberation, to this very day. Knowing "what" is somewhat devoid of meaning without striving to comprehend the "hows" and the "whys". And although answers to those more open-ended questions will forever remain only partial, the museum lent itself to grasping how a prominent, influential, and innocuous group of people such as the Jews could confront and endure such complete and utter terror.

Before heading back north, we stopped at Taboun, a local Kosher Middle Eastern schwarma and falafel oasis. It served as a tangible means to touching the concept that although we must never, ever forget the millions slaughtered during the Holocaust, the state of Israel is a prosperous and burgeoning country, and 14 million Jews not only live, but thrive throughout every corner of the world at this very moment.



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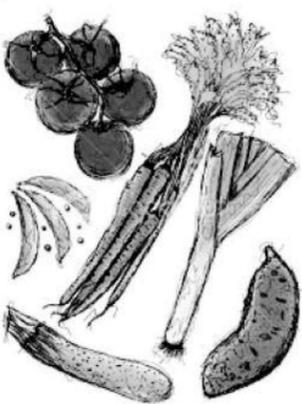
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Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Join Us for Special Events in the Month of May

CSS 101: Sundays, May 5, 12 and 19
9:50 to 11:30 a.m.

Center for Families, 2120 Fordem Ave
(Note: May 19 location to be announced)

Join us for a three-part series where we will gather together to discuss who we are as a community. We will specifically focus on the practice and ideology of Reconstructionism and Jewish Renewal, the structure and deeper meaning of our Shabbat Services, and Shaarei Shamayim's history, core beliefs, current practices, and long-term plans.

Sunday, May 5 – What is Reconstructionism? What is Jewish Renewal?

This class, taught by Rabbi Laurie, will give an overview of Reconstruction-

ism and Jewish Renewal and will explain similarities and differences in the various Jewish denominations.

Sunday, May 12 – The Nuts and Bolts of Shabbat Services

Rabbi Laurie will explain the basic structure of Shabbat services and also specifically focus on what Reconstructionist and Jewish Renewal services look like. This will cover the how's and the why's, the spiritual progression of the service, and how Shabbat services can be a meaningful part of our week.

Sunday, May 19 – Who We Are and How We Came together

This session will be led by CSS founding members, Jackie Kaplan, Jeff Spitzer-Resnick, and Mimi Goldberg. We will discuss why Shaarei Shamayim was founded and how the congregation has evolved over the past 20+ years, our core beliefs, how Shaarei Shamayim functions on an everyday basis, important policies, our long-term plans, and how to get more involved.

Additional Events

Erev Shabbat Vegetarian Potluck
Friday, May 3

6:00 p.m. – Please call the office for location

Celebrate Shabbat in community and join us for our monthly potluck in a member's home. Children are welcome to attend. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Meditation and Chanting Havdalah, Dessert potluck

Saturday, May 4

6:30 p.m. – Please call the office for location

Join Shaarei Shamayim members and friends for our new meditation and chanting havdalah. We will begin with meditation and chanting, then do havdalah, and end with dessert. All are welcome, and no prior experience is needed. Please bring a dessert or healthy snack to share.

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, May 11 and 25

First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive

On May 11 we will welcome to the community Caleb Judge as a Bar Mitzvah; services begin at 9:30 a.m. On May 25 we will welcome to the community Nora Feder-Johnson as a Bat Mitzvah; services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Exploring Judaism

Wednesday, May 22

4:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church,
1123 Vilas Avenue

Join Rabbi Laurie for an informal monthly gathering to discuss your personal exploration of Judaism. This group is for people who want to deepen their knowledge of Jewish practice, who have questions regarding Jewish identity, and who are looking for an opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed environment. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the office.

Temple Beth El

Our events listed below are open to the community. We encourage members of the Jewish community to join Temple Beth El. We welcome prospective members to participate in programs and activities before joining. Please contact Heidi Lauhon, Executive Director, at 238-3123 or executivedirector@templebethelmadison.org for membership information.

Check out our Temple Beth El website at www.templebethelmadison.org for

more information on our worship times and special events.

Taste of Israel

Saturday, May 11, 4 pm

Join us for Israeli food, dancing, bedouin tent and more. Fun for everyone.

For details and to RSVP go to <http://www.templebethelmadison.org>

Shavuot Observance and Study Session

Tuesday, May 14

5:30 pm Yizkor Service

6:30 pm Nosh

7:00 pm Film – Mission of Hope

8:00 pm Discussion

Temple Beth El Annual Meeting and Brunch

Sunday, May 19, 11 am

Welcome new members of the Temple Beth El Board of Trustees, thank continuing and retiring board members, and hear reports from lay leaders and professional staff.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

7:30pm Tuesday, May 14

Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound St.



Rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish community offer a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot -- an evening of study celebrating God's giving of the Torah at Sinai. Dairy desserts will be served.

This year's theme is **HAPPINESS**. Sessions include:

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Building Connections Across Communities – Annual Shabbaton with Beth Israel Ner Tamid

For the past 5 years Beth Israel Center in Madison and Congregation Beth Israel-Ner Tamid in Milwaukee have

planned a joint program for our 4th-7th grade students. Our reasons for doing this are numerous, but all center around the importance of building bridges and community for the present and the future. We are mindful of our goal when we plan our activities and are sure to balance fun, social time with some serious Jewish learning. We visited the Mitchell Domes and had a Tu B'Shevat program, saw the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Milwaukee Public Museum, created a performance Midrash here in Madison and finally, last month, spent an entire Shabbat together with old and new friends. Since starting this initiative, both congregations have seen an increase in our students participating in many Jewish summer camps (especially Camps Ramah and Interlaken), Jewish youth groups and formal and informal Jewish learning. Though the program planning and implementation takes time and (a lot!) of energy, we are dedicated to continuing and expanding this collaboration. We are excited to see where else it leads. If you have any questions about this program, or any of

the varied adult and children's education programs at Beth Israel Center please contact Beth Copelovitch at education@bethisraelcenter.org.

their children. It is family education at its finest. Classes take place downstairs at Beth Israel Center on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:00am.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, May 5
 10:00am - 11:30am

"Yom Rishon" (The First Day or Sunday) is a theme-based program (May's theme is the Torah and in particular the Ten Commandments as we prepare to celebrate Shavuot), including art, movement, music, stories, and projects. The program includes further learning for parents and other adults who accompany

Brewers Game Bus Trip

Sunday, May 26, 10:00 a.m.

We're going out to the Miller Park for a baseball game on Sunday, May 26! The bus will pick us up at Beth Israel at 10am, and we'll journey to Milwaukee to see the Brewers take on the Pittsburgh Pirates. Cost is \$54/person and includes ticket, bus ride, and snacks. RSVP to Michael Pressman at mmpressman@charter.net or 288-0993.

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Center for Jewish Studies Honors Exceptional Students

By LAURIE SILVERBERG

Through the generosity of several private donors, the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies is able to support the work of exceptional UW-Madison students working in the field of Jewish Studies. For some students, this funding enables them to travel to Israel, Europe and Latin America to conduct research. Others are able to attend national conferences to present their work and network with Jewish Studies scholars and students. This spring, the Center awarded nearly \$20,000 in scholarships and grants to seven students.

Two graduate students, **Aliza Luft** (Sociology) and **Irene Resenly** (Curriculum and Instruction) are pursuing dissertation research on the Holocaust. Luft, a recipient of both the Berman Scholarship and a Mazursky Grant, will spend the summer in France conducting archival research for her dissertation "When the Bishops Said *No*: Religion and Resistance during the Holocaust in France." A winner of the Lipton Study Abroad award, Resenly will attend the Leo Baeck Summer University in Berlin, a six-week

intensive summer course on German-Jewish history before, during, and after the Holocaust.

Two undergraduates, **Christine Kopanon** and **Geoffrey Ludvik**, similarly received funds for travel. Kopanon, another recipient of a Lipton Study Abroad award, will take part in the Helix Project, a program that introduces students to Jewish cultural history in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, or modern-day Belarus, Poland, and Lithuania. Ludvik, who took part in an archaeological dig in Tell el-Hesi, Israel last summer, will present his findings at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Baltimore, Maryland, a rare honor for an undergraduate. Ludvik's trip will be supported in part by a Charles and Gayle Mazursky Grant.

Valeria Navarro-Rosenblatt, a graduate student in the department of History, received both the David Sorkin Award and a Mazursky grant to support her early dissertation research in Argentina and Chile. Her work focuses on the life stories of Jews on the Left in Chile and Argentina during the 1950s through 1990s.

Not all award recipients plan to travel abroad, however. English graduate stu-

dent **Laini Kavaloski** was awarded the Natelson Award, given to the best overall student in Jewish Studies. **Michael Felknor**, an undergraduate majoring in Jewish Studies and Hebrew, received both the Lipton Major/Certificate Award and the Tobias Major/Certificate Scholarship. His translations of Hebrew poetry, which he does almost daily, can be found on his

blog, soulandgone.com.

Taken together, these grants and scholarships not only open new opportunities to Jewish Studies undergraduate and graduate students, but also extend the global reach of UW-Madison's Jewish Studies program. More information about Jewish Studies scholarships is available at jewishstudies.wisc.edu.

Finding Art in the Midwest: Experiences in Madison's Jewish Artists' Lab

By LEORA SAPOSNIK

UW Alumni, BA '90; MA '95

It's been a long, cold winter, but a dozen Madison artists have found a warm haven. They've been discussing Jewish art, art and Jews, Jews and art, Judaism and art, and any combination of these, twice a month under the auspices of the Jewish Artists' Lab, held at the UW Hillel Foundation. The group is led by two instructors: Rabbi Andrea Steinberger highlights the Jewish component of the course and UW Art Professor Doug Rosenberg compliments the artistic side. This project has been ably coordinated by UW Hillel's Assistant Director, Josh Klemons.

While arts budgets are imperiled nationally, Madison's Jewish community is incredibly blessed to be part of this endeavor, supported by the Covenant Foundation. The Covenant Foundation seeks to encourage and advance excellence in Jewish education. As such it has sustained museums, schools and art initiatives. The Foundation provided funding for three such groups across the Midwest in Madison, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. The Milwaukee Jewish community spearheaded the program, now currently in its second year. The Foundation will also support each community in exhibiting a show of the participating artists' work on the theme of "Text, Context, Subtext".

An artist often works alone. It can take years to create connections, to make a name for oneself, to 'hear a voice in the darkness' that echoes one's own. Having the opportunity to meet bi-monthly with other artists who are Jewish and are exploring how their art intersected with their Jewishness has, therefore, been extremely gratifying.

The experience of connecting with other Jewish artists was magnified when all three groups, Madison, Milwaukee and Minneapolis, met April 7-9, 2013 for a retreat immediately preceding the Conney Conference for Jewish Arts. This was a fabulous experience of learning, discussions of Jewish texts and visual art. Also included were performances of spoken and musical art, and private visits to the Chazen Art Museum and the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. And of course, we had the op-

portunity to schmooze and network with artists from other cities.

As part of the Jewish Artists' Lab, the Covenant Foundation has also generously offered an Artist-in-Residence program. The Artist-in-Residence has the opportunity to create a work of art that can speak to the community at large and that will resonate in the Jewish community in particular.

I am thrilled to be this year's Artist-in-Residence. The piece I am building will reflect my great interest in preserving stories of Holocaust survivors, and my desire to fold their stories into our own community's reservoir of histories. I will be building a ceramic milk-can, modeled after the valiant work of historian Emmanuel Ringelblum and the Oneg Shabbat group. During World War II, Mr. Ringelblum, a Jewish historian living in Warsaw, realized that he and his colleagues were living during critical times. He organized colleagues from every discipline to keep notes, sketches, data, etc. about their lives in the Warsaw Ghetto. When it became clear that the ghetto inhabitants were being sent to Treblinka, these notes were buried under the ghetto in large metal milk-cans. After the war, the charred milk-cans were unearthed and this treasure trove of material was reclaimed.

As a homage, I proposed hand building a clay milk-can which would resemble those charred receptacles of community life; however I want this milk-can to reflect our community's stories. Our milk-can will have excerpts of letters and copies of photos of local survivors whom I have interviewed and worked with. It will also contain pages of drawings, family histories or any other document Madison community members would like to place in them. *Please contact me if you have something you would like to place in this vessel.* (leoraleh@yahoo.com)

Although this was the Artist's Lab first year in Madison, we are appreciative that we are able to continue to grow this program next year. We invite any local Jewish artists interested in attending next year's sessions, which will begin in the 2013-2014 academic year, to contact Josh Klemons for details. (jklemmons@uwhillel.org)

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Watch for these events coming in the spring and summer (details soon):

• **Fro-Yoga Event – Sunday, June 2**

Yoga classes at Blackbird Family Yoga in Middleton followed by schmoozing and frozen yogurt at Menchie's in Middleton Hills.
1:15-1:45 p.m. Family Yoga Class (kids ages 4+ can attend class alone)
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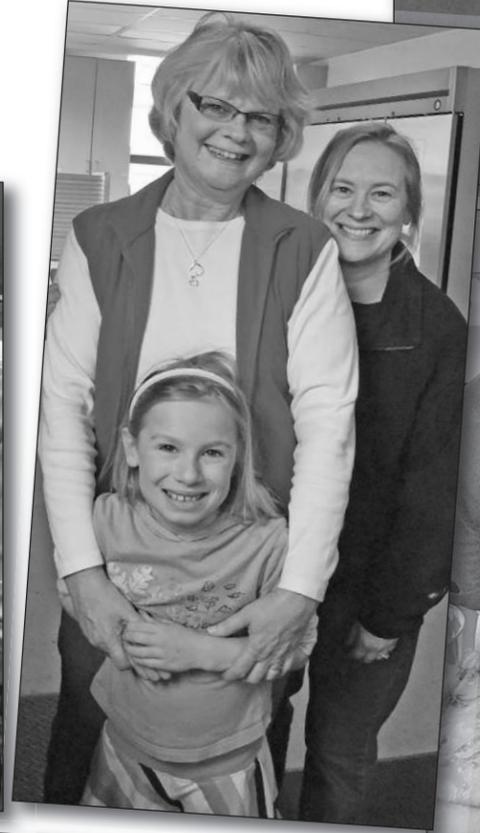
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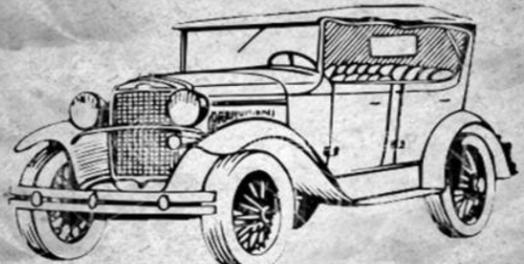
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By YEHOANAN HAZANI ZION

Israel Shaliach

The Jewish Federation of Madison hosted two Yom Ha'Atzmaut events, all planned and organized by Yehonatan Hazani Zion, the Federation's Shaliach, with the great help of Eden Hazani Zion, Ruchama Lasser and Romy Arenson.

On Monday, April 15th we had an Israeli *mangal* (barbeque) hosted by Laila Borokhim and Arik Roginsky and sponsored by the Federation. The event hosted the Israelis in town in order to connect all of us as a community. There was a nice turnout of about 30 Israeli families. The mangal was followed by an Israeli trivia program about Israeli topics. The food was great and we hope there was a great feeling of

b'yachad (togetherness).

On Sunday, April 21, the Federation hosted a Yom Ha'Atzmaut festival for the entire Jewish community. The celebration was at the Goodman Campus in Verona. The celebration opened with a ceremony, inspired by the Israeli *masuot* (torches), which means everyone that has a connection to Israel is lighting a torch and saying a few things about his connection to Israel. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't Israeli weather but we still had a great ceremony which included the participation of the Temple Beth El Sunday school, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Beit Sefer, Temple Beth El Israeli Keshet Committee, Madison Jewish Community Day School, Chug Ivrit and Gan HaYeled Preschool.

I would like to thank all who helped

in this program: Rabbi Rebecca Ben Gideon, Lynn Kaplan, Joanna Berke, Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman, and Larry Kohn. I would also like to thank all the participants, kids and adults who came and participated at the ceremony.

After the ceremony we had a very special and successful performance by Daniel Barash. Daniel is from Madison and he is a shadow puppeteer. He told an old story about King Solomon and connected it with Israel and modern Jewish life. The program was followed by shadow puppet making, all related to Israel. We also had booths and activities related to Israel. I would like to thank all who helped make the booths happen – Ken Felz, Alison Suchon and Catherine Vakhnina, Rokker Vodka, MATTY – Temple Beth El's youth group led by Aviv Kammay and Parthy Schachter, and Shlomi Dagan.

We sure had a great celebration with a wonderful turnout and a ceremony that

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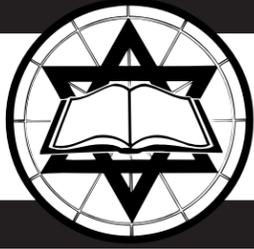
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10 AWESOME Things About Camp Shalom



10. Swimming at the Goodman Aquatic Center
9. Qualified, fun and energetic counselors
8. Teva (Nature), Omanut (Art) and Sports activities
7. Singing songs at three all-camp rallies every day
6. Meeting new friends from all over the Madison area
5. Buses that pick-up and drop-off campers at convenient locations throughout Madison
4. Bagels and chocolate milk on Tuesdays (and yummy nutritious snacks every other day)
3. A fun way for kids to get their energy out by spending the day outside on the beautiful Goodman Jewish Community Campus (plus great indoor spaces for those occasional rainy days)
2. Making friendships that last a lifetime
1. CHUGIM (Choice activities like cooking, sports, scavenger hunts, spa day, making friendship bracelets, ga-ga, swimming, tie-dye and more!!)

There are still spaces available in Camp Shalom sessions 2 and 3. To register go to www.jewishmadison.org/campshalom

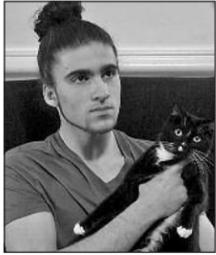


Jewish Education

Spotlight on the Camp Shalom Staff 2013

This summer, we are so lucky to have many staff members from 2012 returning to Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim for the 2013 summer. Many of them are coming back in new roles and all of them are excited to be returning to Camp! We have featured several of the returning staff members below.

Daniel Timbie is in his fourth year on the Camp Shalom staff. He was also a camper at Shalom when he was younger. This year, Daniel will be coming back in a new role as the Machsas (stores) Assistant and Substitute Counselor. Daniel will be



Daniel Timbie

graduating from West High School in 2013. He is creative and artistic and loves to do crafts with the campers. He is looking forward to getting to know new campers and seeing the campers he worked with in previous summers.

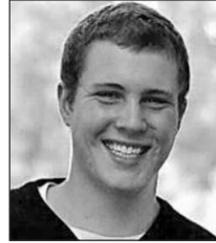
We are so fortunate to have UW-Madison Marching Band member **Sarah Blechl** on staff again this summer. Sarah is returning to Camp Shalom for her second summer. Last year she learned a lot about working with others and grew as an individual. She is currently studying abroad in Venezuela and is going to be able



Sarah Blechl

to enrich the campers by sharing everything that she has learned about people from different cultures. Sarah brings energy and enthusiasm into everything she does and is looking forward to the fun (and exhausting) experiences she will have this summer.

After graduating from West High School in June, **Micah Baum** plans to go to Columbus, Ohio to volunteer with the City Year program. Before he leaves, he will be spending his second summer on staff at Camp Shalom. Micah has a lot of experience at Shalom because he was a



Micah Baum

camper for 7 years. Micah is a rower for the Camp Randall Rowing Club and is the President of Madison Area United Synagogue Youth. Micah is looking forward to working with the rest of the staff and plans to bring his imagination to camp this summer. He has already been brainstorming some exciting, new and creative activities to do with the campers. Camp is one of the highlights of Micah's year and he can't wait to get back to the Goodman Campus!



Ross Perkel

When Camp Shalom ended last year, **Ross Perkel** headed off for an adventure of his own. He started as a freshman at New York University. While growing up in Madison, Ross was a camper at Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar for 8 years. His favorite thing at camp as a camper and a counselor is Chugim. He is very much looking forward to seeing all of the campers again. Ross loves to play Ultimate Frisbee and the guitar. He is looking forward to sharing his joy and creativity with the campers this summer.



Kailee Winkle

This summer, **Kailee Winkle** will be returning to Camp and taking on a new position. She will be one of three fabulous Unit Heads. This is her 4th summer on staff at Camp Shalom and she spent 7 summers as a camper at Shalom, Noar and Bogrim. Kailee loves celebrating Shabbat at Camp Shalom. She has learned to be an effective leader at Camp Shalom and is looking forward to testing her skills in her new role and looking at camp from a new perspective. Kailee loves to dance and enjoys helping with

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It's All Smiles At Midrasha



Yonim Continues to Build Community at Retreat Weekend!

Yonim's 5th grade dancers joined the older Bet and Gimel groups for a fabulous Sharsheret Dance retreat weekend at Camp Beber in Mukwanago, WI. Yonim was delighted to have Li Chiao Ping as our guest choreographer for the first time. Chiao Ping is the UW Dance Department Chair and a renowned choreographer. Chiao Ping and her assis-

tant Shoshana Moyer taught 26 dancers an expressive new camp dance that will be debuted at Yonim's Sharsheret performance!

Yonim's younger dancers Breisheet and Aleph joined several groups including Chug Ivrit and the Madison Jewish Day School for a Community wide Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at the Good-

man campus in Verona on Sunday, April 21st.

Don't miss Yonim's final performance of the 2013-2014 season at Sharsheret on Sunday, May 5th at 2pm at the Edgewood College Anderson Auditorium. Admission is \$3 per child, \$5 per adult, \$10 per family of 3 or more. Performers include Yonim, K'tantanim

(Yonim's preschool group), Chug Ivrit, the Madison Jewish Community Day School, and the Okinawan Taiko Drummers of Wisconsin. Contact Dana Prager for more information at Yonim@jewishmadison.org

Sharsheret: A Celebration of Dance

Sunday, May 5th, 2pm - 4pm
Edgewood College Anderson Auditorium

Performances by Yonim, with featured guests: Chug Ivrit, Madison Jewish Community Day School, and the Okinawan Taiko Drummers of Wisconsin.

Admission is \$3/child, \$5/adult, \$10/family of 3 or more.

For more information contact Dana Prager at Yonim@jewishmadison.org



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

Nevaeh and Alexis perform in the Gimel nursery rhyme puppet show.



Lila and Lilah look at worms in the Dalet room.



Olin and Maor are great partners in the Dalet room.



The Bet class makes Israeli salad to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

Camp Spotlight

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the Dance Chug. We are so thrilled that she will be coming back from being a student at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and bringing her positive energy to Camp Shalom!



Hannah Tikvah Kaiser

Hannah Tikvah Kaiser will be dancing her way all the way back to Camp Shalom from school at Columbia College Chicago where she majors in Fashion Business. Hannah will be returning for her third summer on staff. She

is taking on a new role at camp as one of our wonderful Unit Heads. Hannah is looking forward to bonding with the campers again. As a counselor she has learned a lot about being a team player and communicating with others. She has also developed patience and compassion through working with the campers. Hannah has continued dancing while she is away at school and is planning to share her incredible talents with the campers at Dance Chug again this year!

After spending his summer as a Counselor in Training (CIT) in 2012, **Matthew Westphall** is looking forward to return-

ing to Camp Shalom this summer. Matthew was a camper at Camp Shalom and at Camp Shalom Bogrim. When he was a camper he loved swimming and enjoyed being outdoors on the beautiful Goodman Campus. On staff, he truly enjoyed sharing those experiences with the campers. Through his training as a CIT, Matthew learned about personal responsibility and keeping deadlines. Working with the campers taught him how to communicate better with others and how to help resolve conflict in a constructive way. Matthew is a student at West High School during the year.



Matthew Westphall

The incredible staff at Camp Shalom is just one of many things that make this camp such a special place. They will greet the campers with smiles everyday, rain or shine. They truly love working with kids and they are all passionate about making this summer fabulous for each and every camper. Stay tuned next month for more spotlights on the Camp Shalom staff.

Hey Preschoolers:
GAN HAYELED IS NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL!

For more information or to arrange a tour, please contact Lynn at lkaplan@jewishmadison.org.

CAMP SHALOM KATAN



ONE-WEEK SESSIONS
JUNE 24-AUG. 23

Spring is here and that means that camp is right around the corner!

Camp Shalom Katan, which means little in Hebrew, offers one-week sessions from June 24th through August 23rd for preschool-aged children. Camp Shalom Katan offers 10 fun-filled, exciting themed weeks. Summer camp weeks run Monday thru Friday, 9:00am -1:30pm for 3- and 4-year-olds and 9:00am-noon for 2 year-olds. Full day care options will be available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Our goal for the summer is to provide lots of fun "camp-like" activities that engage preschoolers while still letting them know the joy of "summer vacation."

Registration is now open and forms are available at www.jewishmadison.org



Check out Chug Ivrit!

Chug Ivrit is an after school Hebrew program for K-5 grade students sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison.

When: Monday, June 3, 2013 at 4:30 (ending by 5:15 PM)

Where: Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St. (enter through the Randall St. door)

What: All prospective K-5 students (for the 2013-2014 academic year) are invited to come and check it out. Join us for a performance by the current Chug Ivrit students, games & dancing, meet the teachers, and see what Chug Ivrit is all about.

RSVP to Ellen at program@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808 x232.



Jewish Social Services

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JSS Offers Summer of Interesting and Fun Programs

Our summer starts with a **tour of the Prairie Campus at Epic Systems** on Wednesday, June 5. You'll be awe-struck by the eclectic and ever-present art collection, the themed conference rooms, Grand Central Station and the subway and more, all reflecting the cutting-edge thinking that went into creating this legendary, continuously growing, iconic work place of the 21st century. We'll meet out at Epic in Verona, and if you need a ride, transportation is available. The tour is limited to 40 people and is free of charge. Please note that this is a walking tour, with a limited number of spaces available for those who would prefer an abbreviated tour. Don't

miss this opportunity to visit one of the world's most remarkable new companies.

The all-new **Levy Summer Series** begins on Wednesday, June 12. A donation from Jeffrey C. Levy enabled us to create this six-part series, with the inaugural theme of "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Where have we been, Where are we now, Where are we going?" Speakers from the UW-Madison and the UW-Milwaukee are joined by the James Beard Award-winning cookbook author, chef, and rabbi Gil Marks, as they explore our theme through the lenses of immigration, business and academia, Jewish identity, popular culture,

food and history. Our speakers also include Rabbi Hannah Greenstein, Professor Rachel Buff, Jonathan Pollack, PhD., Professor Tony Michels and Professor Rachel Baum. Each of these timely and thought-provoking programs will be held at Nakoma Golf Club and followed by an elegant lunch, with the opportunity to engage with the speaker in an after-lunch salon-style setting. Valet parking is available at Nakoma, and transportation can be arranged through Jewish Social Services.

celebrate JSS. Tickets for the Field House seats are \$10.

Rabbi and chef Gil Marks will be featured at a delicious fundraiser, "**Rosh Hashanah around the World**," at a cooking demonstration and recipe sampling event on Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m., at Full Compass Systems. Marks is perhaps best known for *Olive Trees & Honey: A Treasury of Vegetarian Recipes from Jewish Communities around the World*, which received the James Beard Award. In 2010, Marks was named by the Jewish Forward in their "Forward 50," their prestigious list of the fifty most influential Jewish-Americans.

The **Annual Senior Barbeque** at the Goodman Campus returns on Monday, August 26, from 11:30-1:00. Family and friends are welcome at this enjoyable end-of-summer picnic. It's a quiet, relaxed time with friends and good, kosher barbeque food like burgers and dogs, cole slaw, potato salad and all the fixings. If you yearn to get out of the city and literally broaden your horizon, this is your chance. Jewish Social Services volunteers keep it humming along, and transportation is available.



Hannah Greenstein



Rachel Buff



Gil Marks

We're all going out to the **Mallards Ball Game at the Warner Park Duck Pond!** On Thursday, July 11 the Mallards play the Wisconsin Woodchucks and everyone is welcome to enjoy the game and a great time. Jewish Social Services will be the featured "Community Connections Night" not-for-profit agency, which means we'll have the chance to tell a bit of our story to the general community, and to

JSS Community Programs

Wednesday, June 5

Tour of the Epic campus in Verona.

Wednesday, June 12

Levy Summer Series. Rabbi Hannah Greenstein, *Not your Bubbe's Judaism (and what's a bubbe?)*, *Jewish Identity in 2013*.

Wednesday, June 26

Levy Summer Series. Professor Rachel Buff, *DREAMing is Free? Working for Immigration Reform*.

Thursday, July 11

Madison Mallards baseball game, with JSS as the Community Connections Night featured non-profit agency.

Wednesday, July 17

Levy Summer Series. Jonathan Pollack, Ph.D., *From Sheepskins to Sheepskins, Scrap Businesses and Higher Education*.

Wednesday, July 24

Levy Summer Series. Professor Tony Michels, *Whatever happened to the Class of '68? The Jewish Student Movement and its Legacies*.

Add Something Special to your Life:

Volunteer for Jewish Social Services!



Learn more at <http://jssmadison.org/becoming-volunteer>

Our volunteers' 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.

Looking for an experienced eBay volunteer

We're looking for you if you're very familiar and experienced with posting items for sale on eBay. A background in marketing and/or writing for marketing purposes would be a plus.

Current Friendly Visitor and Bikur Cholim Opportunities

- An older gentleman with a good sense of humor, who enjoys fishing, cards and history (Southwest side).
- Another elderly man who has a passion for history, especially the Holocaust (Southwest side).
- An older gentleman with many interests, including philosophy, art, classical music, the Marx Brothers, democratic politics, the history of the University of Wisconsin and more (Downtown).

Friendly Visitors develop on-going, one-to-one relationships with a senior or person with disabilities in a nursing home,

assisted living facility or living in his or her own home. Volunteers uniformly say that this is a very rewarding activity that brings meaning and a wealth of feeling to their lives. *Commitment is about an hour a week for a minimum of six months.*

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

A la Carte Volunteering

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

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

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

Jewish Social Services Community Programs Registration

Please enclose your check made out to **Jewish Social Services**, or use your credit card. Return registration and payment to Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719. *The Levy Summer Series registration form is available elsewhere in this paper.*

Wednesday, June 5

Tour of the Epic campus, limited to 40 people.

No charge

Thursday, July 11

Madison Mallards baseball game.

Number of tickets @ \$10.00/each _____ Total for tickets _____

Monday, August 26

Annual Senior Summer Barbeque.
(Scholarships available for BBQ)

\$9.00

Total program fees _____

Donation for Senior Program Scholarships _____

Amount enclosed _____

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Not sure which programs to attend? You can register for all or some now, and add more later.

In Stacy's Words: *Connecting with Nature*

By **STACY GOLDMAN**
JSS Senior Adult Services



It is no secret that I am not particularly fond of winter. So when I left my house this morning, I was filled with excitement at the first sight of blooms peeking out of the ground in my garden. The tulips have arrived, the birds are singing and the world has been awakened once again from its cold slumber.

I recently came across a beautiful quotation by Anne Frank about the role that nature can play in people's lives: *"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature, and G-d. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that G-d wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow."*

It's hard to imagine being unmoved by the simple beauty of a rainbow after a storm, a colorful sunset or waves lapping upon the shore. In fact, we are so often moved by such precious natural displays that our sages have created prayers to offer thanks for such gifts. We say a prayer upon seeing lightning, a rainbow, the ocean, the first blossoms of a tree, when we hear thunder, when we smell a pleasing natural fragrance, and when we taste the first fruits of the season.

Essentially, people need some connection with nature in order to thrive. In fact, there is new evidence that spending time immersed in nature can have practical benefits for people with chronic pain, negative stress, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, and other forms of dementia. Unfortunately, however, I have witnessed firsthand that there are too many isolated and/or institutionalized older adults who suffer from "Nature Deficit Disorder," as termed by Richard Louv in his 2011 book, *The Nature Principle*. This disorder is caused by alienation from nature and results in diminished use of the senses as well as higher rates of physical and emotional illness.

As the warm and vibrant seasons are upon us, our seniors deserve to experience the joys that nature has to offer. Let us do our best to ensure that they have as much access as possible to the outdoors, and are able to benefit from feeling, as Anne Frank so eloquently put it, "that all is as it should be."

*B'Shalom,
Stacy*

Tour of the Legendary Epic Prairie Campus

www.jssmadison.org



Wednesday, June 5, 2013 2:00-3:00 pm

We will meet at the Epic Campus for a tour of its headquarters. We will tour the original Prairie Campus, enjoy the eclectic artwork, and learn a bit about the work they do.

This is a walking tour. A limited number of spaces are available for those who prefer an abbreviated tour.

Visit www.jssmadison.org for details and to register.

Epic
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**Tour is free of charge
Space is limited
Transportation is available**

Jewish Social Services of Madison
6434 Enterprise Lane
Madison, WI 53719
(608) 278-1808
www.jssmadison.org



Levy Summer Series Registration

Food For Thought All Summer Long

Most meals in this series have been generously subsidized.

Registration is now open for the new Levy Summer Series, with food for thought all summer long. Register with the form below, online using a credit card at www.jssmadison.org (look for "Levy Summer Series" near the top of the navigation bar), or call JSS at 608-278-1808. Thank you to Jeffrey C. Levy for making this series possible!

All programs take place at Nakoma Golf Club, with valet parking, and are followed by an elegant lunch and a salon experience with the speaker. Complete program descriptions and menus are at www.jssmadison.org.

Please check which day(s) you will be attending and the meal you prefer to have on that day.

- Wednesday, June 12, Rabbi Hannah Greenstein**
 - Vegetable Napoleon **or** Baked Salmon, both with Garden Salad and Mango Sorbet. \$12 per person
- Wednesday, June 26, Rachel Buff**
 - Goat Cheese & Spinach Strudel **or** Grilled Tilapia both with Gingered Carrot Soup and Assorted Cookies & Bars. \$12 per person
- Wednesday, July 17, Jonathan Pollack**
 - Capellini Ensalata **or** Striped Sea Bass both with Nakoma Salad and Chocolate Mousse Sundae. \$12 per person
- Wednesday, July 24, Tony Michels**
 - Grilled Portabella Mushroom Fettuccine **or** Tuna Nicoise Salad both with Fruit Plate and Bananas Foster Sundae. \$12 per person
- Wednesday, August 7, Gil Marks** Recipes from Gil Marks' *Olive Trees & Honey* – Hungarian Asparagus Soup, Turkish Sweet & Sour Artichokes, Yemenite Cauliflower, Italian Spinach with Pine Nuts & Raisins and Ashkenazi Carrot Pudding. \$20 per person
 - Signed Copy of *Olive Trees & Honey: A Treasury of Vegetarian Recipes from Jewish Communities around the World*. \$30 per person
 - Signed Copy of *Encyclopedia of Jewish Food*. \$40 per person
- Wednesday, August 21, Rachel Baum**
 - Quinoa & Spinach Salad **or** Stuffed Salmon both with Minestrone Soup and Key Lime Pie. \$12 per person

Please enclose your check made out to **Jewish Social Services** or use your credit card. Return registration and payment to Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719.

Total number of programs _____ Total Fees _____

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Number of books _____ @ \$40

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May Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus, hosted by Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street.

Reservations are required; call Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 by the preceding Friday. The kosher meals are cooked at Beth Israel by Café O Catering. A donation of \$6.15 is suggested. Menus are subject to change based on availability.

NEW!! A vegetarian option is available if you request one when you make your reservation. A (V) indicates that this menu item is vegetarian.

Monday, May 6

- 11:00-12:00 Health Fair with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students
 11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
 12:00-1:00 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Baked Apples
 1:00-2:00 Professor Cherene Sherrard-Johnson, "Dorothy West's Paradise: A Biography of Class and Color"

Monday, May 13

- 11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
 12:00-1:00 Minestrone Soup (V), Spaghetti with Marinara, Green Beans, Pears, Chocolate Cake
 1:00-2:00 Marc Kornblatt, showing his film, "Because it's Small"

Monday, May 20 – Last Lechayim of the season

- 11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
 11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
 12:00-1:00 Tossed Salad, Roasted Chicken, Garlic Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Cake
 12:30-1:00 Recognition of Lechayim volunteers
 1:00-2:00 Irish music with the Currach

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

Ждем Вас в Центре "Бет Израэль" по адресу: 1406 Mound Street. Заказать место вы можете у Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 278-1808, ext. 227 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 10:00 утра пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече.

Наши кошерные обеды готовят Шарон Лангер и Али Стриклер из "Café O Catering". Ожидаемая оплата: \$6.15

Понедельник, 6 Мая

- 11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
 11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
 12:00-1:00 Мясной рулет. Картофельное пюре. Брокколи. Запеченные яблоки
 1:00-2:00 Профессор Деннис Дресанг "Изменяющийся профиль политики Висконсина".

Понедельник, 13 Мая

- 11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
 11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
 12:00-1:00 Овощной суп. Спагетти с соусом Маринара. Зеленая фасоль. Груши. Шоколадный торт
 1:00-2:00 Марк Корнблатт, представление: "Потому что оно Маленькое"

Понедельник, 20 Мая

- 11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
 11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
 12:00-1:00 Зеленый салат. Жаркое из курицы. Картофель с чесноком. Салат из свежих фруктов. Торт
 1:00-2:00 Ирландская музыка с Currach

About our Programs

The words "Harlem Renaissance" conjure images of jazz, literary experiments, and intellectual ferment. One of the important figures of this time was Dorothy West, a writer, magazine publisher and journalist who also worked for the Works Progress Administration's Federal Writers' Project. Born to a former slave, as a young woman she entered a writing contest and tied for second place with Zora Neale Hurston. Her best-known work was the novel, *The Living Is Easy*, which documented in fiction the life of an upper class black family, and which was reissued by the Feminist Press in 1982 when West was 85 years old.

Recently a biography of this remarkable twentieth-century literary figure was published, *Dorothy West's Paradise: A Biography of Class and Race*. The author, Cherene Sherrard-Johnson, will address us on **Monday, May 6**. Cherene Sherrard-Johnson is a professor of English in the UW-Madison's English Department. She earned her Ph.D. at Cornell University in 2000 and her BA at UCLA



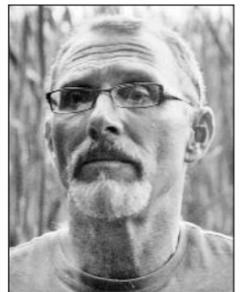
Cherene Sherrard-Johnson

in 1995. At the UW-Madison she focuses her research and teaching on African American literature, 19th-century American literature, feminist theory, cultural studies and Caribbean Literature. Sherrard-Johnson is also the author of *Portraits of the New Negro Woman: Visual and Literary Culture in the Harlem Renaissance* (Rutgers UP, 2007) and the editor of a new edition of Jessie Fauset's last novel: *Comedy: American Style* (Rutgers UP, 2009).

Have you noticed those little boxes that are popping up all over town, on people's front lawns? They look a bit like newspaper boxes, but if you look closer, you'll see that instead of newspapers, they contain all kinds of books. These are the "Little Free Libraries," charming repositories of children's books, novels, self-help books and whatever else turns up. Everything is, indeed, free – take one, leave a couple, share the literary wealth. Local filmmaker and schoolteacher

Marc Kornblatt has produced a short documentary that describes and celebrates this homegrown movement. On **Monday, May 13**, Marc will show his film, "Because it's Small," which tells the story of what has become a worldwide movement to promote literacy and community, which originated here in Madison. More information about this project is at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

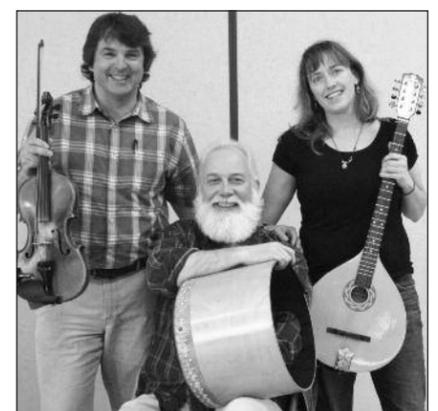
Marc Kornblatt, originally from New Jersey, majored in English at Brandeis College. He went off to New York to become an actor, where he found Off-Broadway work and non-speaking TV and movie roles.



Marc Kornblatt

In pursuing his dreams, he found he loved teaching, and over the years he has also moved into journalism, writing plays and producing and directing films. He is the author of numerous children's books, music videos for children, plays and films. Just last month his film "Street Pulse," a story about local homeless people, was shown at the Wisconsin Film Festival. You can read more about him at www.marckornblatt.com

We missed our annual dose of Irish music when we had to cancel Lechayim in the wake of a snow-storm. Happily, the Currach, one of our favorite bands, has agreed to entertain us on **Monday, May 20**, even though it's not St. Patrick's Day. That will be the last Lechayim of the 2012-13 season, so before the band plays, we'll take time to recognize the contributions of the wonderful, friendly and competent Lechayim volunteers. Fortified with roast chicken and fiddle music, we'll greet the summer with enthusiasm!



Daithi, Darl and Sheila of the Currach

Health Fair at Lechayim



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- Operation Immunizations (screening for proper immunizations; no immunizations will be given),
- Operation Airways
- GenerationRx/MedDrop.

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Best wishes for your wellness

Charlie Shoham

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Scenes from the JSS Seders



Photos by
Milt Leidner

Gary Geller
did a reading
at Oakwood.



Henny Schwartz, Frances Mann and Betty Shovers smile for the camera.



Lauren Mazur and Sara Karon.



Alex Schwartz helped Stacy Goldman with the Four Questions.

Spotlight: Charlie Shoham

By PAMELA PHILLIPS OLSON

Dr. Charlie Shoham was just six years old when he witnessed an accident that influenced his life's path. He, his grandpa and his mom were in the back seat of the car when it crashed. His mother's leg was broken badly; his father was terribly bruised by the steering wheel. His twelve-year-old brother flew through the windshield and his face was severely cut. The images of the crash remained indelible, although Charlie had few visible bruises.

Charlie was a keen observer. As if it were yesterday, he recalls watching his older cousin, disabled from polio in her wheelchair. Although he was about eight at the time and the two cousins were not close, he developed an appreciation for her struggles and triumphs. "It's amazing that just a few years later, the fates of my cousin and brother would have been changed by the existence of vaccine and seat belts."

As a teen, Charlie's brother endured many surgeries. Miraculously, his face was repaired. He was a good student and became a physician. Charlie recalls, "I wanted to become a veterinarian, but I shifted focus and followed my brother's footsteps." A lecture on Medical Rehabilitation, by a doctor who had returned from the Korean War an amputee, captivated Charlie.

As a resident in Rehabilitation Medicine, he met and married Sue Ann. Despite having a rare neuro-

logical disorder, Sue Ann was symptom free and the two lived a happy and active life. They raised two daughters, Sue Ann taught and was an active mother and member of the National Council of Jewish Women. However, when the girls

were teens, she developed progressive numbness and weakness. As these progressed, Charlie and she continued many activities.

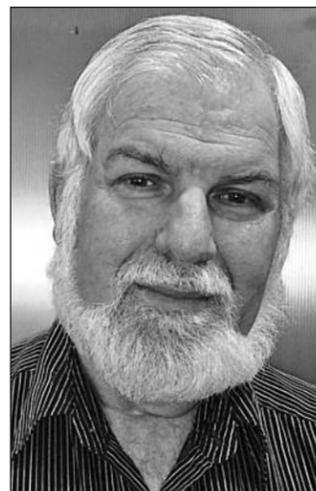
The girls went to college and married. Charlie and Sue Ann continued their cultural outings, although she became wheelchair-bound.

Looking at this cheerful and healthy man, who does more

volunteer work in a week than most of us do in six months, it is hard to believe Charlie spent five weeks in a drug-induced coma. At fifty-four, Charlie suffered cardiac arrest, kidney failure and a score of serious complications. Unable to purchase health insurance due to his wife's condition, a series of miraculous connections and coincidences led to a heart-kidney transplant and cutting-edge medical care.

Charlie regained many abilities. When Sue Ann passed away in 2006, he became a JSS Friendly Visitor, tutors at Blackhawk Elementary and now sits on the board of Access to Independence. He also teaches conversational skills to foreign students.

The determination he observed in others as a child, he now possesses, yet his face registers surprise and humility when praised for his generous voluntary activities.



Dr. Charlie Shoham

(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)



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Israel *and the* World

What Boston Hospitals Learned From Israel

By BEN SALES

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Minutes after a terrorist attack killed three at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, doctors and nurses at the city's hospitals faced a harrowing scene -- severed limbs, burned bodies, shrapnel buried in skin.

For Boston doctors, the challenge presented by the recent bombing was unprecedented -- but they were prepared.

Many of the city's hospitals have doctors with actual battlefield experience. Others have trauma experience from deployments on humanitarian missions, like the one that followed the Haitian earthquake, and have learned from presentations by veterans of other terror attacks like the one at a movie theater in Colorado.

But they have benefited as well from the expertise developed by Israeli physicians over decades of treating victims of terrorist attacks -- expertise that Israel has shared with scores of doctors and hospitals around the world. Eight years ago, four Israeli doctors and a staff of nurses spent two days at Massachusetts General Hospital teaching hospital staff the methods pioneered in Israel.

According to the New Yorker magazine, every Boston patient who reached the hospital alive has survived.

Alastair Conn, the chief of emergency services at Massachusetts General Hospital, acknowledged the day of the

attack the help provided by Israeli experts.

"About two years ago in actual fact we asked the Israelis to come across and they helped us set up our disaster team so that we could respond in this kind of manner," Conn told reporters.

Techniques that were routine in Israel by 2005, and helped save lives in Boston last week, began evolving in the 1990s, when Israel experienced a spate of bus bombings. Israeli doctors "rewrote the bible of blast trauma," said Avi Rivkind, the director of surgery at Jerusalem's Hadassah Medical Center, where 60 percent of Israeli victims have been treated.

Much of what Israel has learned about treating attack victims was done on the fly. In 1996, a 19-year-old soldier arrived at the Hadassah hospital following a bus bombing with severe injuries to her chest and esophagus. Doctors put chest drains on her lungs and performed endoscopies twice a day to stop the bleeding. Both techniques are now regular practices.

"We were sure she was going to die, and she survived," Rivkind said.

A riskier move came five years later when Adi Huja arrived at Hadassah with massive blood loss following an attack in downtown Jerusalem. Rivkind realized his team wasn't controlling the bleeding, so he directed staff to administer a shot of NovoSeven -- a staggeringly expensive coagulant typically used for hemophiliacs that was not approved for a trauma situation. But it worked and

Huja survived.

Rivkind is an internationally recognized expert in terror medicine and widely considered one of the great brains behind Israeli innovations that have been adopted around the world.

Trained at Hebrew University, the Hadassah Medical Center and the Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems in Baltimore, he has contributed to several volumes on trauma surgery and post-attack care, and authored a number of seminal medical studies. Rivkind was the personal physician for the late Israeli President Ezer Weizman, helped care for Ariel Sharon when the prime minister fell into a coma following a stroke, and has performed near-miraculous feats, once reviving a soldier shot in the heart who had been pronounced dead in the field.

But not everything Rivkind has learned about treating attack victims comes from a story with a happy ending. In 2002, Shiri Nagari was rushed to Hadassah after a bus bombing. She appeared to have escaped largely unharmed, but 45 minutes later she was dead. It was, Rivkind later wrote, the first time he ever cried after losing a patient.

"She seemed fine and talked with us," he told JTA. "You can be very injured inside, and outside you look completely pristine."

Organizing the emergency room, Rivkind said, is as important as treating patients correctly. During the second in-

tifada, Hadassah developed what he called the "accordion method," a method of moving patients through various stages of assessment with maximal efficiency. The process has become standard in hospitals across Israel and around the world.

Some of what distinguishes Israeli trauma doctors are qualities that are hard to teach. Rivkind has said he keeps two beepers and a cell phone on him at all times, even in bed. Even when calls come in the middle of the night, a small army of medical professionals can usually be relied on to arrive at their posts within minutes, sometimes even ahead of the ambulances carrying the wounded.

"Whenever there was an alarm, we jumped, ran and called our homes, and then got ready to absorb patients," said Liora Utitz, the mass-casualty coordinator at Rambam Medical Center in Haifa. "I felt very safe. The volunteerism of everyone gave me strength."

Israel continues to export its trauma expertise. Rivkind has taught medicine in Melbourne, Australia, and Southern California. Delegations of doctors from New York and Los Angeles have visited him in Jerusalem. This week, he will speak with Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, who is visiting Israel, about strengthening connections between Hadassah and hospitals in Baltimore.

"We have tens of years of cumulative trauma experience," he said. "We've learned not to give up."

A Community That is More Like a Family: The Supportive Community Program of the Joint Distribution Committee

Ashkelon, Israel, is a city in a constant state of emergency due to ongoing rocket attacks, including those that occurred during the recent Operation Pillar of Defense campaign. It's also the home of numerous founders of the State of Israel, among them many Holocaust survivors. Moshe and Yocheved fit into both categories. They are filled with pride and love of their country and their home. "When I left the kibbutz this place was only sand!" Moshe points to the ground. "Instead of going out to pubs, I saved every cent to build this house," he explains, as Yocheved nods enthusiastically.

"Moshe built the country. I came here and everything was already done," Yocheved jokes. "She also built the country!" Moshe dismisses her notion playfully.

Both came from Romania and both saw their families destroyed by the Holocaust. Moshe's father was taken to the labor camps and Yocheved's father was murdered at the death trains. Moshe immigrated to Israel when it was still called Palestine and was under British rule. They met on a kibbutz, where Moshe helped prepare farmland, fought in the War of Liberation, and eventually taught grade school. Yocheved arrived after the country's establishment and worked in the fields.

Having such a rich history and having worked so hard to build their home, they truly feel rooted here. "No, no! We don't want to move under any circumstance,"

Yocheved says when asked if she wants to relocate into protected housing. "You feel the best at home." They worry about losing their friends and community.

For the past three years, Yocheved and Moshe have been part of a Supportive Community, a JDC program that provides a

range of services to elderly Israelis who wish to stay in their homes. Each group has at least one "community father" or "mother," an individual responsible for responding to the members' needs, from emotional support to handyman services.

"The program is built around the idea of keeping in touch," explains Peter, Yocheved and Moshe's community father, "Through the years you develop a personal relationship with them, even if there are 200 people in the community. You sit with them, meet them and talk with them."

Other than tending to basic needs around the house, such as changing light bulbs or building support rails in bathrooms (two examples Moshe enthusiastically supplied), the community parents can also save lives. Because of their personal relationships they know when something is wrong with one of their members and can act immediately. Members' homes are equipped with call buttons to be used for emergencies. One day, Moshe stumbled and broke his hip and hand. The call

button summoned Peter, who stepped in to make sure Moshe got the care he needed.

The Supportive Community also includes organized activities such as guided tours, classes, and social events. "This is a community that creates activities and everybody participates!" Yocheved exclaims.

"People who stay alone at home lose their vitality," Peter says, "and one of the things that Supportive Community does is make people feel more vital, feel needed."

Students from Israel's National Service program work closely with Supportive Community to visit those who can't participate in the larger events due to health limitations. Chen, a student at Hebrew University, visits Moshe and Yocheved regularly.

"Here is the angel! Chen, the angel!" both Moshe and Yocheved say as they hug and kiss Chen, a visiting student.

"This color is so nice on you!" compliments Yocheved.

"Come, sit next to us! Come sit!" Moshe encourages her.

She feels as if they are part of her family, "another set of grandparents," and enjoys every moment with them. "They really influence me," says Chen. "I never met someone like Yocheved, at her age and so involved with Facebook." Chen is impressed with Yocheved's ease with the In-



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ternet. "She is simply amazing when it comes to computers. She probably knows more than I do, truly. It breaks all stereotypes."

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is the world's leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization. Since 1914, JDC has exemplified that all Jews are responsible for one another and for improving the well-being of vulnerable people around the world.

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At Last, Warsaw's Museum of the History of Polish Jews is Dedicated

By RUTH ELLEN GRUBER

WARSAW, Poland (JTA) -- Krzysztof Sliwinski, a longtime Catholic activist in Jewish-Polish relations, gazed wide-eyed at the swooping interior of this city's Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

Nearly two decades in the making, the more than \$100 million institution officially opens to the public this week amid a month of high-profile, state-sponsored events marking the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

"It's incredible, incredible, incredible how things have changed," Sliwinski told JTA. "I remember commemorations of the ghetto uprising under communism when only a few people showed up. How good it was that we were optimistic."

Sliwinski organized Jewish cemetery cleanups and other pro-Jewish initiatives under communism, when Jewish practice and culture were suppressed by the regime.

In 1995, then-Foreign Minister Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, an Auschwitz survivor, appointed him post-Communist Poland's first official ambassador to the Jewish Diaspora, part of the state's unprecedented outreach policy.

On Sunday, both Sliwinski, now 73, and Bartoszewski, 91, joined hundreds of local Jews and other VIPs as Poland's chief rabbi, Michael Schudrich, unveiled a mezuzah at the museum's main entrance.

"This museum is in the heart of what was Jewish Warsaw," Schudrich told JTA. "It is in the heart of what was the Warsaw Ghetto. Now it will be in the heart of what will be the future of Polish Jewry. It is a bridge from the past to the future."

Reflecting this symbolism, the mezuzah was made from a brick from a building in Warsaw's prewar Jewish quarter, the area that the Nazis turned into the notorious ghetto and where the museum now stands.

A huge flattened cube with a shimmering facade -- broken by a dramatic gap that symbolizes both the biblical parting of the Red Sea and the rupture caused by the Holocaust -- faces the monument to the heroes of the ghetto uprising.

"I am one of the few here who witnessed the unveiling of the ghetto monument in 1948," Bartoszewski told guests following the mezuzah ceremony. "If anyone had told me then that this could be happening now, I would have said they were crazy."

Designed by the Finnish architect Rainer Mahlamaki, the striking building with undulating interior walls is in fact still largely empty. The museum will inaugurate its cultural and educational programs on Friday, but its core exhibition -- an interactive narration of 1,000 years of Polish Jewish life -- will not be installed until next year.

"The museum is a part of the history that it tells," Barbara Kirshenblatt Gimblett, the New York University professor who is overseeing the design of the core exhibition, told JTA. "It speaks to the renewal of Jewish life in Poland, to the enormous Jewish presence in Polish consciousness."

On the eve of World War II, Poland had the largest Jewish population in Europe, with 3.3 million Jews making up one-tenth of the country's population. More than 3 million Polish Jews were killed in the Holocaust; thousands more survivors left

in the wake of postwar pogroms. Still more departed in the 1960s amid anti-Semitic campaigns by the Communist regime.

But with the fall of communism, there has been a revival of Jewish life in Poland and a movement by Jews and non-Jews to reclaim Jewish culture.

"Imagine, the idea for this museum arose in 1996, just a few years after the fall of communism," Kirshenblatt Gimblett said. "The many efforts of the last two decades to renew Jewish life, to recover the Jewish past, and to foster open debate and dialogue about the most difficult moments in the history of Poland and Polish Jews have created the momentum and support for this initiative."

The only permanent part of the exhibit installed to date is the dazzling reconstruction of the roof and painted ceiling of an 18th century wooden synagogue that once stood in Gwozdziec, now in Ukraine. So stunning that it has been compared to the Sistine Chapel, it features a wealth of brightly painted folk designs combined with Jewish symbolism: lions, griffins, Zodiac signs, birds, flowers, unicorns and much more.

Financed by the Polish state, the city of Warsaw and numerous Jewish and non-Jewish private donors, the development of the museum suffered setbacks and delays over the years due to political and organizational issues as well as funding shortfalls. The very idea of such a museum in Poland, which many Jews regard as a vast Jewish cemetery, was long a hard sell.

Over the past decade, however, Polish-born Jewish philanthropists such as Americans Sigmund Rolat and Tad Taube passionately took up the cause. Taube Philanthropies and the Koret Foundation collaborated to provide the largest private commitment to the core exhibition of the museum, a total of \$16 million since 2007.

"The Taube Foundation and the museum share a similar mission: to understand not only how European Jewry died in the Nazi genocide, but how European Jewry lived in Poland and created a prodigious civilization over many centuries," Taube told JTA. "This knowledge is not a betrayal of Holocaust memory. In fact, we honor Holocaust memory by reclaiming our rich, long and varied existence in Poland."

Taube and others say they are hopeful the museum and the story it tells can have a long-term impact: on local Jews, local non-Jews, and the Jews from the United States, Israel and elsewhere who are expected to visit.

"The idea of there being an authentic Jewish community in today's Poland is notoriously met with bewilderment and often sheer disbelief," said Katka Reszke, the author of "Return of the Jew," a new book about young Jews in Poland today. "The museum -- its staff, its narrative and its programming -- must be prepared to confront this skepticism and the often difficult questions coming from foreign Jewish visitors."

Swiss diplomat Simon Geissbuehler, a historian who has written several books on Jewish history, called the museum and its mission "an important step forward."

Still, he added, "We don't have to have illusions. It will not change everything immediately. There are those who don't want to recognize this part of their history. But I hope the museum will help."



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From the Mid-east to the Mid-west: A Shaliach's Exploration in America's Dairyland

By YEHOANATAN HAZANI ZION

Someone told me that there is spring in Madison but I am not sure that they are telling me the truth. It is April and still cold, rainy and there was even snow one time. Honestly I am starting to be tired of the weather -- the grey, the cold. But from the other side I am thinking of the summer and I don't want it to be too hot. I must say that also in Israel the weather is acting weirdly. There was a big wave of heat, but last week, up in the Hermon mountain it snowed! Mt. Hermon is the highest peak in Israel, about 6000 feet high, and it is located in the northern part of Israel.

I had a very busy month. This time of year is called "the Israeli high holidays." Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom Hazikaron (the Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). In this past month I participated in UW Hillel's Yom Hazikaron ceremony, I led a Torah study and a Dvar Torah at Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and I spoke in front of Lechayim -- the JSS senior program. I had a very good friend who died in the army in the summer 4 years ago. He was a very special soul and we were really close friends. His name was Uriel Liwerant. I tried to bring my own personal Israeli experience in remembering friends and family to all of the programs I led or participated in, including my class at Midrasha that week. I hope people understood me and where I am and that I managed to share with them a little bit of Israel.

But let's not forget Yom Ha'atzmaut! We had two wonderful celebrations that you can read about and see in this newspaper. I want to thank again everyone that helped with organizing and unpacking, bringing people and making connections, activating the booths and of course participating! That was a great experience for me and I hope for the community too!

We are heading into the last part of the year. Midrasha is about to end at the beginning of May, and Chug Ivrit a month later. Our Café Ivrit is still running every other Thursday and so is Hebrew class. Please join us. I have also been helping a couple of people plan their trip to Israel and invite everyone to use me as well! The Federation is also planning a trip to Israel for the GA in the fall and I am happy to help with this too.

Please continue to contact me with questions and issues regarding Israel, Hebrew and other programs around Madison!

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This article is about the last performance of the Madison Russian poetic theater.

В Медисоне уже несколько лет дает спектакли на русском языке самодеятельный театр литературной композиции. Его организатором, режиссером и автором постановок является Галина Герчикова. Галина, как ее сверстники, выходцы из Советского Союза, люди с трудной судьбой. Достаточно сказать, что она пережила блокаду Ленинграда. Она – творческий человек, кандидат физико-математических наук и в шутку ее представляют еще как «доктор поэтических наук».

Галина Герчикова

Серебряные годы Мандельштама

«Нас было четверо», – сказала как-то Анна Ахматова о себе, Марине Цветаевой, Борисе Пастернаке и Осипе Мандельштаме.

Моей мечтой было представить творчество этих великих поэтов Серебряного века в спектаклях нашего театра. Перечитав их стихи, письма, воспоминания их и о них, я написала четыре драматические сценария-композиции («Марина», «Анна и Амадео», «...Свеча горела...», «Серебряные годы Мандельштама»).

Первой на сцене театра была «Марина» по стихам Цветаевой. «Между любовью и любовью распят мой день, мой час, мой век» – этими словами Марины группа театра следовала в поиске драматического образа Цветаевой. Артисты жили ее счастьем с Сергеем Эфроном, играя сцену «я с вызовом ношу его кольцо», и мучились, расставаясь в «Поэме конца» с Константином Радзевичем.

Спустя год был поставлен спектакль «Анна и Амадео», рассказывающий об удивительной встрече двух гениев XX века. Жизненные пути Анны Ахматовой и Амадео Модильяни, когда они были очень молоды, удивительным образом пересеклись в Париже. И встреча эта одарила мир стихами Ахматовой об их любви и образами молодой Анны, изображенными рукой Модильяни на его рисунках.

К тому времени, когда театр приступил к работе над сценарием «Свеча горела...» о непростой судьбе Бориса Пастернака, поэзия Серебряного века стала уже частью жизни нашего театра. Души наши уже знали и понимали, когда и почему был написан «Марбург», а когда «Февраль! Достать чернил и плакать...». Все противоречия жизненного пути Пастернака, «вечное детство» и поиск компромисса, необходимость самоограничения собственного дара и издание зарубежом «Доктора Живаго», все эти коллизии нашли отражение в спектакле.

И вот теперь Осип Мандельштам... В конце 2013 года исполняется 75 лет со дня гибели поэта. Когда я приступила к написанию сценария, меня не оставляло же-

вание решить спектакль, как рассказ о счастливых днях поэта. Ведь были же они в его жизни. Помогли мне в этом воспоминания Анны Ахматовой, где она раскрывает имена и судьбы женщин, которые вызвали у поэта романтические чувства и привели к написанию посвященных им стихов. «И море, и Гомер – все движется любовью». Эти слова Мандельштама стали главной идеей сценария. Кто же они женщины-музы поэта? Мы постарались рассказать о каждой из них.

После многочисленных напряженных репетиций, поисков музыкального сопровождения, проработок дизайна сцены наступил день премьеры спектакля. Многочисленная публика, уже знакомая с нашим театром, рассаживается в зале.

Любимая нами Джейн, учительница английского языка для иностранцев, познакомившись с работой актеров на генеральной репетиции, рассказывает американским зрителям, не владеющим русским языком, главные ступени жизни поэта и комментирует ряд сцен будущего спектакля.

Действие начинается прологом о судьбе поэта и нашем времени. Звучит песня на слова Мандельштама «Я изучил науку расставания...», как эпитафия к событиям жизни поэта. Спектакль вдохновенно ведет Света Аминева. Каждую новую любовь поэта она предваряет кратким словом о героине романа и демонстрирует ее портрет.

Анна Ахматова и Мандельштам часто встречались под сводами кафе «Бродячая собака», художественно-артистического центра Петербурга. «Черный ангел» – это первое стихотворение Осипа, посвященное Ахматовой. Под музыку Моцарта на сцену выходит Лена Крупенькина, в черном одеянии, символизирующая черного ангела – молодую Ахматову. В два голоса с Олей Лопухиной они играют сцену: «Как черный ангел на снегу...». Другое посвящение Ахматовой – «В пол-оборота, о печаль...». Здесь Вика Данилова и Лена Крупенькина тонко обыгрывают «ложно-классическую шаль», известную по портретам Ахматовой. В год революции Осип пишет Ахматовой стихотворение «Кассандра». В этой сцене пророчески жестко звучат голоса наших актеров «сорвут платок с прекрасной головы», как подтверждение событий 1948 года в судьбе самой Ахматовой.

Романтические отношения Марины Цветаевой и Мандельштама раскрываются Ольгой Лопухиной и Александром Квит в московских сценах. Они вдохновенно «играют» стихи Мандельштама «На розвальнях, уложенных соломой». Им трехголосьем (Вика Данилова, Лена Крупень-

кина и Ольга Побединская) отвечают стихи Марины «Из рук моих нерукотворный град...», написанные ею по случаю их счастливых встреч в Москве. И вдруг внезапный конец романа... Драматическая сцена расставания на владимирском косогоре, после которой «...нам остается только имя...».

Однако, судьба уже дарует поэту новую встречу. В свои 25 лет он влюбляется в светскую красавицу Саломею Андроникову. Звучит восточная мелодия, Оля Лопухина исполняет полный таинственной прелести танец с шалью. Мы оказываемся в салоне этой светской красавицы в доме на берегу Невы, и Оля Побединская в образе Саломеи, представительницы древнего рода кахетинских князей, вместе с другими светскими дамами (Оля Лопухина и Вика Данилова) приоткрывают истину, почему Мандельштам обессмертил ее под именем Соломинка.

Гримерная Ольга Арбениной за кулисами Александринского театра. Это ей в течение только одного месяца 1920 года Осип написал «груды стихов». На сцене Вика Данилова и Саша Квит. Они очаровали нас своим шаловливо-любовным диалогом. А в стихах «Импрессионизм» Аня Аминева сыграла роль ученицы изостудии, прелестной девочки, прообраз Ольги в отрочестве. Арбенинский цикл завершается стихами о пчелах Персифоны и о жгучей ревности.

Хорошей паузой, переходом от одних стихов к другим, был зажигательный танец «Чарльстон», исполненный весело, живо, и тепло встреченный зрителями.

Ведущая приводит нас в дом Ольги Ваксель, и мы неожиданно становимся свидетелями ее исповеди. Она, подруга семьи Мандельштам, рассказывает о тайных встречах с поэтом в номере гостиницы Англетер. Это было время, когда Осип оказался на распутье, готовый все оставить и пойти за Ольгой. Ее убедительно сыграла наша молодая талантливая дебютантка Ася Квит. Каждому откровению Ольги горьким рефреном отвечает Осип и квартет женщин стихами «Жизнь упала как зарница...»

1933 год. Осип безответно влюблен в поэтессу Марию Петровых. Современные критики угадывают в посвященном ей стихотворении «Мастерица виноградных взоров...» зашифрованный эротический мотив. Наши Оли (О. Лопухина и О. Побединская) мастерски исполняют композицию по этому посвящению поэта.

Наталья Штемпель точно сыграна Леной Лешинер, еще одной нашей талантливой дебютанткой. Перед нами образ «ясной Наташи», учительницы литературы из Воронежа. Лена сумела ор-

ганично сохранить во всей сцене благородную сдержанность, свойственную ее душе. Надо признаться, что понять эту последнюю симпатию Мандельштама нам помогла Ольга Побединская. Это было большое везение, что родным городом Оли был Воронеж. Ведь это город ссылки Мандельштама, город романтической дружбы Осипа с жертвенной молодой Наташей Штемпель, которая, вопреки всем страхам и рискам, весь период ссылки поддерживала отношения с Осипом и его женой. Все это мы узнали из рассказов Ольги на репетициях. Особенно возрос наш интерес, когда мы узнали, что Оля сама была хорошо знакома с Натальей Штемпель и бывала у нее дома. Есть фотография, на которой совсем молоденькая Оля Побединская в доме Натальи Штемпель сидит вместе с ней за чайным столом. Мимо таких удивительных «совпадений» мы не могли пройти. Именно поэтому в сценарии появилась сцена со стихами «К пустой земле невольно припадая...» и «Есть женщины...». Эти стихи Осип подарил Наташе, сопроводив их автографом. Не было сомнений, что их должна была читать Оля, как память и поклон этому знаменательному событию. Читала она превосходно.

Креативная дебютантка нашего театра Лена Разенкова сыграла в спектакле роль Надежды Мандельштам, жены поэта. Она показала свою героиню молодой и счастливой, в годы почти сразу после их свадьбы. И Лене удалось передать счастливую уверенность, свойственную молодым замужним женщинам, что особенно было важным в образе этой верной подруги жизни Мандельштама.

В соответствии с духом времени, начала XX века, нашим постоянным дизайнером Рузанной Александрян были созданы декорации интерьера артистического кафе «Бродячей собаки», светского салона Саломеи, дома Ольги Ваксель.

Свет в театре называют «главным волшебником». Наши «иллюзионисты» Сережа Лопухин и Лена Ненашев со своим американским помощником Эриком Лайеном создали оптические иллюзии глубины и ширины сцены. Сменялись планы, были организованы композиционные построения, с помощью которых концентрировалось и переключалось внимание зрителей. Музыкально-звуковое сопровождение спектакля творчески построили Вика Данилова, Дима Куролапник и Лена Соколова. Музыка помогла создать образы «зримых стихов».

Надеюсь, что после спектакля Мандельштам стал всем нам ближе.



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