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A Record-Setting Jewish Federation of Madison Annual *Tzedakah* Campaign

Campaign raises over $1,018,000 from gifts from 1,392 donors

Thanks to your generosity and hard work, the Jewish Federation of Madison's 2012 Annual *Tzedekah* Campaign set a new record, closing at $1,018,095. Compared to last year, this represents an absolute increase of over $15,000 and a relative increase of 1.5%. We received 828 gifts from 1,392 donors. Of those gifts, 181 were from new givers or those who did not give last year. Overall, this was an extremely successful campaign with a record amount of money raised and a healthy increase in new and retrieved gifts.

The successful 2012 campaign will help the JFM meet its critical mission of building a strong and unified Jewish community in order to ensure the survival, well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in this area, in Israel and throughout the world. The process of raising and allocating these funds to over 20 programs and services is a critical community-building activity. The strength of our people is the power of community. Please see page 13 for a listing of the agencies and programs currently funded by the Campaign.

The 2012 Campaign was chaired by Jim Stein with the help of the Financial Resource Development Committee that includes Shanee Ellison, Jeff Levy, Deborah Minkoff, Dan Mitchell, Rob Roquitte, Alicia Schiff, Beth Schreiber, Judy Schreiber, Marc Shovers, Diane Seder, and Jim Youngerman. Eighty-seven volunteers, recognized on page 3, generously contributed their time, ideas and talents. We'd like to give special thanks to the Goodman Foundation, the *Tzedakah* Campaign's largest contributor.

JFM volunteer committees and the Board of Directors already have started the important responsibility of determining how to allocate these funds to help those in need in our local and world-wide communities. JFM leadership will continue working on Jewish Madison 2018, which emphasizes the growing and changing needs of the Madison Jewish community while maintaining our collective responsibility to our global Jewish community.

We express our sincere appreciation to the community members who so generously contributed to the *Tzedakah* Campaign. The *Madison Jewish News* will continue to keep you updated throughout the year about the needs being met by your contributions.

Marcus Entertains and Educates at Second Roundtable Event

Forty people attended the second meeting of the Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable on January 25th at Nakoma Country Club. Greg Marcus, CEO of Marcus Corporation, spoke to the group comprised of professionals from the Madison area with varying interests, backgrounds, experiences and lines of business. This event, sponsored by Frank Productions, began with networking and breakfast followed by discussion and Q and A with Mr. Marcus. Greg was very entertaining as he spoke about his experiences as the third generation CEO in a family business that employs 6500 people. He graciously answered questions about how his family began their business, challenges they face as the entertainment industry evolves, and how the economy and technology has changed the face of how they do business and where their priorities lie at any given time. Jon Eckhardt, co-chair of the Roundtable, eloquently interviewed Greg and kept the conversation relevant. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with several people hoping there would be more than the three slated programs for this calendar year. The Roundtable was created in 2012 with the intent of connecting Jewish business executives and professionals within our area and to provide programming dedicated to the interests of this group. A sincere thank you to Frank Productions for their sponsorship of this engaging event. Another roundtable event will be planned for May, so please check the *Madison Jewish News* and JewishMadison.org for more information on the next event. This group is open to all members of the community who have an interest in joining the Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable. If you have questions, concerns, or feedback, please email Dori Falk at dfalk@jewishmadison.org or call 608-278-1808. If you are a business interested in sponsoring a roundtable event, please contact Dori Falk for more information on sponsorship opportunities.

Guest speaker Greg Marcus (right) with Jon Eckhardt, co-chair and Business Professor at UW's School of Business and Executive Director of the Weinert Center for Entrepreneurship.

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'Hava Nagila' Film Chronicles Song's Journey from Shtetl to Cliche

By Chavie Lieber

NEW YORK (JTA) -- You're at a wedding or bar mitzvah, mingling at the bar or catching up with a distant relative, when you hear it -- the opening notes of a familiar tune that as if by some invisible force carries you and other guests to the dance floor for the rousing dance circle ritual.

Does "Hava Nagila" work this kind of magic because it was handed down at Sinai and thus encoded in the Jewish DNA? Or is it a tale from the European shtetl, albeit one with a timeless message and an irrepressible melody?

It is these questions that Roberta Grossman addresses in her new film, "Hava Nagila (The Movie)," which will screen at the upcoming New York Jewish Film Festival before hitting theaters nationwide in March. The film, three years in the making, explores the phenomenon behind the iconic folk song and seeks to explain why the melody has been so beloved over the years.

"When I first started doing research for the film, people thought I was crazy and I was worried I wouldn't find anything substantial enough," Grossman told JTA. "But what I really found was that this song is a porthole into 200 years of Judaism's culture and spirituality."

Grossman's inspiration for the film came from memories of dancing to the song at family affairs. A product of what she calls a "religiously assimilated but culturally affiliated" background, Grossman said twirling with family members while "Hava Nagila" blared in the background was a tribal moment with spiritual resonance. Part of a generation raised on the 1971 film adaption of "Fiddler on the Roof," she knew the song cold but understood little about its origins.

Turns out, it doesn't go back nearly as far as Sinai. The song was first sung as a Chasidic niggun, or wordless melody, in the court of the the Ruzhiner rebbe, Israel Friedman, who lived in the Ukrainian town of Sadagora in the 18th century.

A Jewish shtetl in the Pale of Settlement, Sadagora often was subjected to pogroms, and Chasidic leaders encouraged music as a way to combat the tragedies of everyday life. When a wave of European immigrants moved to Israel in the early 1900s, they took their niggun with them, where it later became representative of Zionist culture.

In 1915, the prominent musicologist Abraham Zevi Idelsohn adapted the song with Hebrew lyrics. Three years later he unveiled his new variation at a Jerusalem concert. "Hava Nagila," literally "let us rejoice," went on to hit its peak popularity in the 1950s and '60s, and became a favorite pop tune for American Jews.

"It's unclear if Idelsohn really knew the extent of how far his song would go, but after that concert celebrating the British victory in Palestine, the streets of Jerusalem erupted and the song took off," said Mark Kligman, a professor of Jewish musicology at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

"Israel was a vacuum at that point, with immigrants from all over who had very little in common. They were dealing with their identity, and the need for music, and this song unified them," he said.

Decades later, the same is true. The song is widely covered -- Bob Dylan, Ben Folds and Regina Spektor have performed it. Last summer it was the soundtrack for U.S. Olympian Aly Raisman's gold medal-winning performance in the floor exercise at the London Games. And though The Wall Street Journal noted recently that some see it as cliche and avoid having it played it at their affairs -- Grossman refers to these folks as "Hava haters" -- it may be the most popular Jewish song on the planet.

In the film, which includes a hora dancing tutorial, Grossman journeys to Sadagora as well as other obscure places where the song hit. The film notes how popular "Hava Nagila" became with non-Jewish music lovers and features musicians such as Lena Horne, the Cuban-American salsa performer Celia Cruz and the pop singer Connie Francis.

Grossman skillfully portrays "Hava Nagila" as a symbol of American Jewish identity and postulates that future generations will continue to see the song as iconic -- with or without the eye rolls. Through the film, she seeks to give the song some depth beyond the overplayed ditty at bar mitzvahs. Viewers must decide if the song can still be redeemed.

"I believe that Hava has actually accrued a great deal of meaning and depth on its long journey from Ukraine to YouTube," Grossman said. "Hava's journey is our journey. By understanding where Hava has come from, we understand where we have come from and more."

"Hava Nagila (The Movie)" portrays the classic Jewish tune as a porthole into 200 years of Judaism's culture and spirituality.

Center for Jewish Studies and UW Hillel Bring Yiddishkeit Comics Exhibition to Madison

By Allison Bloom

This winter the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies will present at UW Hillel an exhibition of comic art posters exploring the concept of Yiddishkeit, roughly translated as "Yiddish culture or sensibility." Drawn from the 2011 book *Yiddishkeit: Jewish Vernacular and The New Land*, edited by the late comic art icon Harvey Pekar and distinguished cultural historian (and UW alumnus) Paul Buhle, the posters feature comic art that examines the impact of pivotal figures and movements in Yiddish literature, theater, music, politics and comedy.

Yiddishkeit is a difficult concept to define. Yiddish culture is an amalgam of influences, an outsider culture shaped by its marginal relationship to mainstream American culture. Comic art, as an outsider art form that works at the margins of literature and visual art, is perfectly situated to illuminate the contradictory, sometimes earthy, world of American Yiddish culture.

Pekar and Buhle collected comics from artists who work in a wide range of styles; the posters on display feature both well-known and underground comic artists, including Sharon Rudahl, Peter Kuper, Sabrina Jones, and Nick Thorkelson. In addition to sketching the biographies of Yiddish-culture luminaries like Molly Picon, Moishe Oysher, and "Yip" Harburg, the comics in the book also trace the history of the Yiddish language, the transmission of Yiddish culture to America, and its influence on American popular culture.

Harvey Pekar, author of numerous comics and graphic novels and subject of the award-winning film *American Splendor* (2002), drew upon his own heritage as the child of a Yiddish-speaking household in editing this collection. *Yiddishkeit* was the last completed major work on his life. The book and posters are influenced by Pekar's distinctive style. Paul Buhle, who studied with UW–Madison history professor George Mosse and received his PhD from UW–Madison in 1976, recently retired from Brown University. He has published a number of books on a wide range of topics that include Jewish-American history, the history of left-wing politics in America, comic art history, and Wisconsin history.

The exhibition will open with a reception at UW Hillel (611 Langdon Street) at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, featuring remarks by Paul Buhle. The exhibition is open to the public during Hillel's regular hours (8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.), and will run through late March. A gallery of selected artwork will also be available for viewing online (see http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu for more information).

The Yiddishkeit exhibition is sponsored by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies through the generosity of Marv and Babe Conney, with additional support from UW Hillel and the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture.

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K'tantanim – Israeli Dance for Preschoolers

Sunday, February 3, 3:30-4 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St.
The Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe offers a special class about once a month for 3- to 5-year-old dancers. Cost is $5 per session. Send questions or RSVP to Dana Prager via email at yonim@jewishmadison.org.

Tenth Annual Israeli Film Festival

Monday-Thursday, February 4-7
UW Hillel, 611 Langdon
JFM is proud to support the 10th Annual Israeli Film Festival, which begins with with a GLBT Night and screening of Melting Away on Monday evening. Films will also be shown Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. All films are free and will be shown at UW Hillel.

Yonim 2013 Season Debut

Sunday, February 10, 1:00 p.m.
The Waisman Center
The Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe, featuring dancers in kindergarten through 12th grade, will perform its latest dances in the auditorium at The Waisman Center.

Rosh Chodesh Adar

Monday, February 11, 7-8 p.m.
Jewish Federation of Madison, 6434 Enterprise Lane
Because Purim falls during the month of Adar, our Rosh Chodesh Adar celebration will be dedicated to Israeli humor and satire on TV. If you want to learn about the Israeli parallel to Saturday Night Live, who is Israel's Jimmy Falon, and which politician Israelis like to mock most, this program is for you! Send questions or RSVP to israel@jewishmadison.org.

Hamantaschen Baking Open House

Brought to you by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee
Sunday, February 17,
2-6 p.m., for all ages
Temple Beth El Kitchen and Social Hall
Join us for an afternoon of baking, filling, folding and fun. Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2-2:30 and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging. Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim carnival on February 24. Contact Ellen Weismer at program@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808 x232 to register. See page 16 for more details.

Vashti's Den

Thursday, February 21, 7-9 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St.
See page 9 for more information

Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, February 24,
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive
See back page for complete details.

WNO – Women's Night Out – Jewelry making at Fine Earth Studio

Brought to you by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee
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Children's Theater of Madison Presents *And Then They Came For Me*, March 9-17

The Jewish Federation of Madison is partnering with Children's Theater of Madison for the production of ***And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank***. We encourage the Jewish community to come together for the matinee performance on Sunday, March 10th. There will be programming in the lobby of the Overture Center before the show and a discussion after the show. If you can't come to the March 10th show we hope everyone will attend at least one performance. There will be a link on the Jewish Federation of Madison's website, **www.jewishmadison.org** for purchasing tickets. If you have questions about the play or purchasing tickets please contact program@jewishmadison.org. See the full ad on page 12 for more details.

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YJP of Madison Chanukah Party Huge Success

By Ben Rosen

It might not have drawn quite the numbers as the Times Square ball drop, but the Young Jewish Professionals of Madison (YJP) Chanukah party drew one of the largest and most energetic crowds Madison has seen in quite some time. And how could it not?

With an elegant art show from the talented local artist Jonatas Chimen and a wine tasting table run by professional steward Merrell Tomlin, not to mention the all-you-can-eat sushi, sufganiyot, and latkes, the YJP blowout in downtown Madison's Orpheum Theater was destined to draw 200 of Madison's young (and young-at-heart) Jewish community. Next year YJP will need a bigger venue.

Saturday night, December 10th marked the first night of Chanukah, one of the most joyful and spirited holidays in the Jewish year, and was a perfect time to throw a lively celebration for an equally active community. Young Jewish adults from the Madison area who are not typically concerned with socializing in a Jewish setting found themselves connecting with other Jews over great music, beautiful art and kosher fare at YJP's Chanukah Social.

"We're reaching a mainstream secular crowd that is not going to synagogue," says Rabbi Avremel Matusof, director of YJP Madison, "but they will go to a party if it reflects the style and standard they look for when going out."

The party was open to the entire community, and many did indeed get to network and meet Madison's young Jewish professional community. "Young is a relative term," one of Madison's longer-term community members commented on his presence at the event. YJP is always open to establishing new connections with existing community members looking for fun and exciting social outlets.

YJP Madison is a program sponsored by the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation. YJP offers CLE-accredited courses in Jewish topics, Shabbat meals, holiday parties, loaves of love (YJP Madison's challah baking and donation campaign), and much more.

The next large event will be a Purim party on Saturday night, February 23. For more info visit YJPMadison.com or email Director@YJPMadison.com.

L'chaim – To Life!

Dr. Jim Stein lights the Menorah as Ben Rosen and Rabbi Avremel Matusof look on.

Israeli Film Festival Celebrates 10th Anniversary

By Callie Padway

Fall 2012 UW Hillel Development Intern

Come together with students, friends and the community to celebrate the 10th Annual Israeli Film Festival. This special event, free and open to the public, is scheduled February 3-7. The Festival aims to educate and expose the UW community to Israeli topics through film and discussion. The student-run event will be held at Hillel, which offers a welcoming atmosphere and comfortable seating. Throughout the week a mix of films, all co-produced in Israel, will be featured every evening. Each night focuses on a new theme showing the diversity of Israel and ensuring a little something for everyone.

This year's topics include immigration and refugees, Holocaust survivors, Israeli and Arab women, religion, culture, and LGBT themes. Each night also features a lecture or discussion to implore students and community members to think deeply about various aspects of Israeli life. The entire event is organized by students, from the choice in themes to the movie selection. It also encompasses student organizations across campus and invites everyone to help form a connection between the film festival, Hillel, and greater UW student life.

The Film Festival will kick off on Monday, February 4, with films being shown daily throughout the week. For a complete schedule go to www.uwhillel.org/filmfestival. On Thursday, February 7th the Film Festival highlights Israeli culture with two movies. They are *The Dreamers*, a documentary about two Haredi women trying to express themselves creatively in an Ultra-Orthodox environment and *The Rabbi's Daughter and Midwife*, about Adina Bar-Shalom, daughter of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Israel's Chief Rabbi and the subsequent establishment of the first college for Orthodox women.

Paralleling this theme guest lecturer Gil Choen Magen, an Israeli photographer, will display his series of photo essays on the Hasidic Jewish communities in Israel throughout Thursday's festivities. The Festival will conclude with a late night movie on Saturday, February 9th at the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union to celebrate another successful year in film. Many thanks to the students, the community, and the Festival's co-sponsors: the Associated Students of Madison, the Jewish Federation of Madison, the UW Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, and the Consul General of Israel in the Midwest.

UW Hillel is located at 611 Langdon St. in Madison and UW Memorial Union is at 800 Langdon in Madison. For reservations and more information on dates, times and co-sponsors, please consult the UW Hillel website at uwhillel.org or contact Eden Hazani Zion at ehazanizion @uwhillel.org, 608-256-8361. Film trailers will also be available at Hillel's website.

Finding Meaning, Laughs, Comfort and Community:

Students from UW Hillel Visit Capitol Lakes Retirement Community

By Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

It is Friday afternoon, and Jen Abplanalp, Naomi Gamoran, Kyle Goodman, Rotem Halmann, Alanna Koritzinsky, Danielle Topp and I are headed to Capitol Lakes Retirement Community for a monthly Shabbat gathering with the Jewish residents there. This gathering is a long-standing partnership between Jewish Social Services (JSS) and the UW Hillel. Legend has it that years ago Francie Smith Saposnik, then a social worker at JSS working with elder and family support services, discovered a link between her work in the community and the potential for volunteers from the UW Hillel (a student center on campus) where her husband, Irv Saposnik of blessed memory, was the director. Francie realized the value of intergenerational community building.

Every month for many years, students meet at Hillel to prepare for their visit to Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. I joined them several years ago and have been coming ever since. We go to Capitol Lakes and form a Shabbat community together- singing familiar Jewish songs, lighting the Shabbat candles, and saying blessings for wine and challah. Every visit we see familiar faces. We receive hugs, we tell stories and make some jokes. We share challah made by Hillel's Challah for Hunger student group, and we listen and discuss a few words of Torah.

Alanna Koritzinsky, a junior from Milwaukee, says about these visits: "Since my freshman year, I have participated in Hillel's monthly trip to Capitol Lakes. During these trips I have had the opportunity to connect with another community in Madison that I would not have met otherwise. Each month I look forward to meeting with the residents at Capitol Lakes to join them in a meaningful Shabbat service. I cannot imagine my life on campus without my monthly trips to Capitol Lakes."

This time has been very meaningful for us. We have made friendships with one another as group members and we have loved our bonds with the residents of Capitol Lakes. We have gained wisdom, laughed together, and we have cried some serious tears. For several years it was a family commitment as well that brought me to Capitol Lakes. My mother, Dvorah Rabinowitz, was a resident there. Each month she was fond of introducing herself to the group with the same proud words: "I am the rabbi's mother!" Her death, and the deaths of other residents over the seasons, has been a great loss for us but we continue to go and visit.

Visiting this community brings us hope. We understand that it is an act of love and of responsibility that brings our generations together for these visits. Each Shabbat visit leaves us feeling a sense of comfort, of relationship and of wisdom. We are a great team and we look forward with enthusiasm to our next visit to Capitol Lakes.

Rabbi Andrea Steinberger (third from right) and UW Hillel students share a Friday afternoon with residents at Capitol Lakes Retirement Community for their monthly Shabbat gathering.

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MJCDS Enrolling K-5 for 2013-14 School Year

At Madison Jewish Community Day School, every day is an opportunity to explore the world with both a curious mind and a Jewish heart.

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

Our outstanding teachers provide a challenging and inspiring dual curriculum in both general and Jewish studies. They are dedicated to creating a learning environment that cultivates students' intellectual growth and self-confidence.

MJCDS students gain both the skills and the desire to become intrepid explorers of the world around them. Their time at MJCDS establishes a strong foundation for meaningful learning for a lifetime.

Engaged Learning

MJCDS offers a program of both general and Jewish studies, including daily instruction in Hebrew language.

A low teacher-student ratio ensures that teachers can know and meet student's learning styles, strengths, and specific interests.

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

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

Students at MJCDS are confident, curious, and passionate learners. They take pride in mastering ever-increasing challenges. They acquire the skills to ask important questions and search for meaningful answers. They build readiness for studies in the grades following elementary school and for the learning they will do throughout their lives.

Connected Community

MJCDS is more than a school. We are a warm community of friends. MJCDS is a pluralistic school that is inclusive of families from a variety of Jewish backgrounds. Students learn that there are many ways to live a meaningful Jewish life, and celebrate the ties that connect Jews around the world. A deep sense of community pervades school life, resonating in students' learning experiences and in opportunities for families to connect with one another.

To learn more, contact Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon, Head of School. She can be reached at rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com or at 204-9900.

Kindergarteners light Hanukkah candles at the MJCDS Hanukkah and Havdalah Party.

Kids Have Fun and Learn About Jewish Holidays and More at Chanukah Wonderland

By Miri McDonald

On a cold December afternoon, dozens of children jumped around in a giant bouncy house, built menorahs out of wafers, played dreidel, and watched as oil was made from an olive press.

Held in a former auto glass shop on the west side of Madison, Chabad of Madison in conjunction with YJP Madison sponsored a Chanukah Wonderland for Madison-area children. This event was also the December Jewish Kids Club (JKC) event, a club for children aged 4-10 in the Madison area featuring monthly events that allow children to have fun while learning about different aspects of Judaism such as holidays and blessings.

"What I love most about this event is the wide array of people from across the community that came together to celebrate Chanukah," said Dan, a happy parent. The event featured a bounce house and Chanukah-inspired stations around the room that allowed kids (and adults!) to get into the spirit of the holiday:

• Decorate-your-own-donut: Kids got creative topping their donuts, "sufganyot" in Hebrew, with yummy toppings.

• Make-your-own menorah: This station featured two options. You could bring home a menorah made of dried pasta noodles. For the instant gratification set, an edible menorah with a chocolate wafer base, marshmallow candles and licorice nibs flames could be made and eaten immediately.

• Chanukah sand art: Sticky post-card sized images of menorahs and dreidels were decorated with beautifully-colored sand.

• Build a Lego menorah

• Olive oil demonstration: Rabbi Matusof demonstrated making olive oil using an olive press and how to make wicks using cotton.

• Dreidel games including dreidels, gelt and instructions to learn how to play.

The kids had a great time and learned a lot about the festival of lights. Mushkie Matusof, who leads the Jewish Kids Club, was happy so many turned out for the event. "It's been a pleasure getting to know the JKC kids," Mushkie said. "We hope events like these help Madison-area families celebrate the richness of our heritage."

Note: JKC is a non denominational club and no prior affiliations required. For more information please contact Mushkie at 203-8014 or at http://Chabad-ofMadison.com/JKC.

Gan HaYeled Dalet class enjoyed the exciting hands-on Olive Press Show.

Local children had fun with Chanukah sand art at the Chanukah Wonderland event.

Congregation News

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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.

Super Bowl Party and Chili Cookoff

Sunday, February 3, 5:30pm

Join us and watch the Super Bowl on our big screen TV in the Youth Lounge downstairs at Temple! Temple will provide chips and small noshes. You bring yourselves, your beverage of choice, and, if you are interested, some chili to share! We'll do chili tasting, have fun, watch the game, and have a great time. If you have questions, contact Jeff Levy, fiftycentpoker@gmail.com

Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture and Brunch

Sunday, February 10, 11:00am

Honoring Gina Wilson, Director of Agency Services and Programs for Second Harvest Foodbank and kickoff of our week-long Food Stamp Challenge.

Free Concert by Kol B'Seder

February 16, 2013 at Temple Beth El in Rockford, IL

Temple Beth El in Rockford has invited us to join them on February 16th for a free concert by Kol B'Seder to help celebrate their Temple's 100th anniversary. Kol B'Seder is a famous musical collaboration between Jeff Klepper and Rabbi Dan Friedlander. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jacki Friend, friendmj@att.net so we can coordinate and carpool.

Food Stamp Challenge!

The week of February 10-17, 2013

The whole community is invited to join Rabbi Biatch, members of Temple Beth El, the Temple Beth El Social Action committee, Jewish Social Services of Madison and Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice in our week-long Food Stamp Challenge. Go to our web site, www.templebethelmadison.org to learn more about the challenge, take the pledge, and learn more about hunger in Wisconsin. Rabbi Biatch will be blogging his experience doing the Challenge,and members of the community will connect over their experiences. On Sunday, February 17th at 9:30am we will meet to debrief on our experiences, make connections, and talk about next steps.

NEW! Free Tots & Tunes Classes

For all children ages Newborn to 5 years!
Meets in the Temple Beth El Lounge Sundays from 8:45-9:45am (Note new time!) on the following dates:
February 10, March 10, April 28

Join other Jewish kids and parents for a fun way to learn about Shabbat and the Jewish holidays! Hang out with leaders Dana Prager and Drew Bernat and sing songs, do a craft project, and enjoy challah & juice. Come and get to know other parents and kids from around the community. No RSVP needed! Questions? Call Educator Larry Kohn, 238-3123.

Breakfast Series

Meets in the TBE Lounge (except for March 3, see below) from 11:00am-12:30pm; Bagels, talk and questions.

February 17
Fabulous Treasures: Three Collectors Share their Finds

March 3- Melanie Herzog
Milton Rogovin: Photographer
The Stream, Edgewood College's new Arts Facility, will open just for us to explore the work of this Jewish humanist photographer.

March 17- Paul Sondel
Mobilizing the Immune System to Fight Childhood and Other Cancers

Purim!

Join us for a weekend full of Purim fun! Mark your calendars for February 23-24 and BE HERE to enjoy the merriment.

Adultz Kan Haz Purrim Fun Too!

Saturday, February 23
7:00pm Adult Purim Schpiel
7:45pm Adult Swim Purim Carnival

The night kicks off with our annual romp through the Purim story, followed by an Adult Swim Purim Carnival with games, Bingo, costumes, prizes, beer, wine and other drinks, food and music. Instead of a cake walk, we're having a wine walk! This event may sell out, so buy tickets early at the Temple office ($7) or at the door ($10) and come see that you don't need to be a kid to have ridiculous amounts of fun at Purim!

Sunday, February 24
Community-wide Children's Purim Celebration

11:30am Children's Megillah Schpiel with Rabbis and Educators from throughout the Community

12:00-2:00pm Community Purim Carnival with Games, Food, Prizes, and a performance from Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

Community Passover Seder

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00pm

RSVP Online at www.templebethelmadison.org

A Weekend With Famed Jewish Musician Gerard Edery: "Treasures of World Song"

Friday, April 12, 7:30pm at Temple Beth El

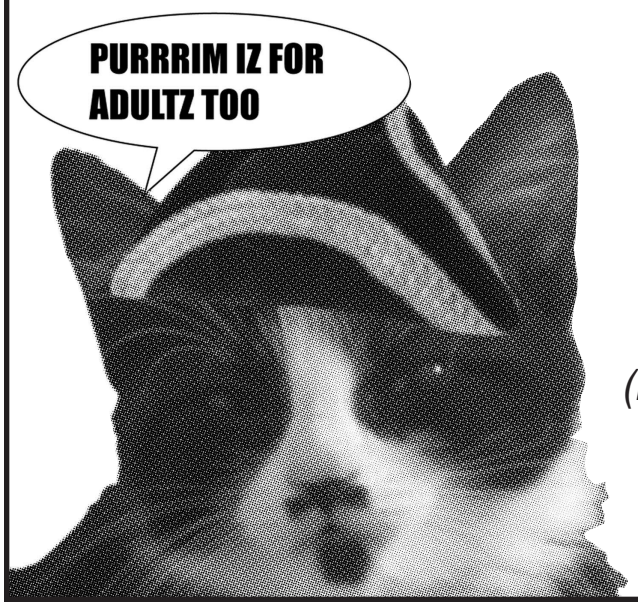
"A Sephardic Shabbat"

Saturday, April 13, 7:30pm at Full Compass, 9770 Silicon Prairie Parkway, Madison

"Treasures of World Song" Concert

Sunday, April 14, 10:30am at Temple Beth El

"Everybody's Song… and Story"



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.

Erev Shabbat Vegetarian Potluck

Friday, February 1
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.

Intergenerational Service, Tot Service

Saturday, February 9
First Unitarian Society,
900 University Bay Drive
9:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat
9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Shabbat Morning Services

Torah and Community

Friday, February 15

Special Guests Yehonatan and Eden Hazani Zion, Madison's shlichim

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm, followed by discussion with Yehonatan, Madison's shaliach, about current events in Israel at 7:30 pm. At the home of Karen Shevet Dinah, 351 W. Wilson Street, #1, Madison. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Talking to Kids About God... Where to Begin?

Sunday, February 17
9:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Center for Families,
2120 Fordem Avenue, Madison

Shabbat Services

Saturday, February 23
9:30 a.m.
First Unitarian Society,
900 University Bay Drive

We will welcome to the community Jacob Huffaker as a Bar Mitzvah.

Purim Party!

Saturday, February 23
6:30-8:30 p.m. Dessert Potluck
Atrium, First Unitarian Society,
900 University Bay Drive

Cheer for Queen Esther, jeer at evil Haman, be silly, dance and sing. We'll have a brief service at 6:30 p.m. followed by merriment. Dress up in costume, bring a gragger (noise maker) and dessert, and eat dinner before you come!

Beth Israel Center

Searching for lively social events, dynamic educational programming and ruach-filled services? Looking for a warm community that is informed by tradition and actively and meaningfully engaged with the broader community and world? Try Beth Israel Center! All of our events are open to the entire community, and we sponsor and host a variety of workshops, study groups, classes and social events each month.

Please visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, for details on programming and membership, or to join our email and paper mailing lists. For more information on the events below, contact Aimee Powalisz in the Beth Israel office at 608-256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org.

Fiction with Friends, February 4

Read works by contemporary Jewish authors or books with Jewish themes and then trade reviews and perspectives on what you've read with old and new friends. Discussions are facilitated by Elana Matthews, MATC writing instructor and graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, and take place at Beth Israel Center. On February 4 at 7pm, we'll discuss The Loves of Judith by Meir Shalev.

Guest Speaker, February 9

Join us at services on February 9 as Professor of Political Science Nadav Shelef discusses the Israeli Elections.

Yom Rishon, February 10

Held approximately once a month on Sunday mornings, "Yom Rishon" ("The First Day" or "Sunday") is a theme-based program for preschoolers, including art, movement, music, stories, and projects as well as further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It is family education at its finest.

Classes take place at 10am downstairs at Beth Israel Center (watch for signs as to which room). Our next class will be February 10! Please tell your friends—everyone is welcome to this innovative program. For more information, please contact Beth Copelovitch at 256-7763 or education@bethisraelcenter.org.

Vashti's Den, February 21

You thought Purim was just about Queen Esther? Come hear the tale of the woman who "Just said no" to the King! Join us from 7 to 9pm on Thursday, February 21, at Beth Israel Center for wine, "Vashtinis," and Middle Eastern nosh and desserts. Cost is $18; RSVP to education@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763 by February 14; your check confirms your reservation (BIC members may be billed). Brought to you by the BIC Adult Education Program.

Reading and Purim... FUN-damental!

Beth Israel Megillah reading & Purim party - February 23

This year's Purim festivities at Beth Israel will have a BOOKS theme. Come dressed as your favorite character, author, book or publisher! Plan a group costume with friends for even more fun. The Megillah reading starts Saturday evening, February 23. Check bethisraelcenter.org soon for details on pre- and post-Megillah reading Saturday evening festivities.

Bring your girlfriends to eat, drink, and have fun in

Vashti's Den

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Belly Dance Demonstration (and instruction for the brave), Spirit and Spirituality, Henna, Crafts, Exotic Eye-Makeup, Sway to Middle Eastern Music, Salon-like discussions and learning

Wine • Vashtinis • Middle-Eastern Inspired Nosh & Dessert

When: Thursday, Feb 21 • 7-9 pm • Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street

Cost: $18/person

RSVP: education@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763 by February 14

Your check is your reservation (Beth Israel Center members can be billed)

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, UW Hillel, and Hadassah.

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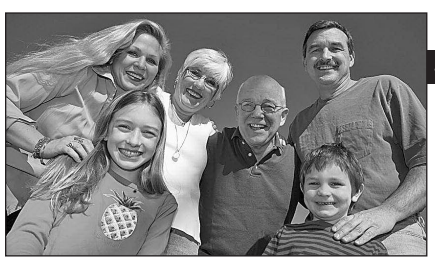
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At a Glance ... Jewish Social Services

JSS

What is the JSS Mission?

Jewish Social Services of Madison is a non-profit human services agency that provides compassionate and effective support services for individuals and families. Inspired by the values of Jewish tradition, JSS serves people of all ages, religions, backgrounds and lifestyles, with a strong commitment to the Jewish community.

How did JSS come about?

JSS traces its roots back to the "Jewish Central Committee of Madison," established in the 1930s, and to the "Madison Welfare Fund," created in 1940 to help resettle refugees in Madison who were fleeing the Holocaust. In the early 1970s, the MJCC Senior Adult Committee designed a project which hired two part-time geriatric social workers to provide limited casework services and group activities for seniors in the Madison Jewish community.

In 1978, the geriatric social service staff became part of Jewish Social Services of Madison, Inc., which was incorporated as a wholly autonomous agency with an independent Board of Directors, its own mission statement and by-laws, and a completely separate budget and operations. That same year JSS became a participating agency in the United Way of Dane County and began serving the entire community. JSS is now also a member of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, the West Madison Senior Coalition and the State of Wisconsin Refugee Advisory Committee. The agency shares a building with the Jewish Federation of Madison and is located in the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building on the west side of Madison.

In 1978, JSS helped 152 clients; today they serve more than 1000 annually. JSS pride is in guaranteeing access to all, regardless of financial means. Unlike psychotherapy, JSS's casework, case management, counseling and group work are not covered by health insurance. Jewish Social Services insure that they can serve the "reluctant client" – often those most in need of them – by removing fees as a barrier.

What are some of the things JSS does for those in our community who may need immigrant and refugee services?

• JSS assists people living abroad in obtaining immigrant visas so they may unite with family members already living in the U.S.

• JSS also assists people living in the U.S. who are eligible to adjust their status (apply for a 'green card').

• For certain immigrants both inside and outside the U.S., the final stage of the process requires a visit to the American Consulate abroad. The Authorized Representative can help prepare the documentation necessary for consular visa appointments.

• JSS can assist those eligible to file a VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) self-petition (for those married to a US citizen or legal permanent resident) as well as those eligible for a U-Visa (for those who have been the victim of a crime).

• If you are a Lawful Permanent Resident and eligible to apply for citizenship, JSS can assist you in filing the necessary papers and preparing you for your citizenship exam. Some people are eligible to take the exam in their native language and others may be eligible to be exempt from the exam.

What are some of the things JSS does for those who need help with protective services and financial management assistance?

• Since 1982, JSS has been designated by the State of Wisconsin as a corporate guardian. The agency can be appointed as guardian of the person or guardian of the person and the estate, when an individual is adjudicated by the Court as incompetent.

• Sometimes people receiving Federal or State benefits such as Social Security, SSI, SSDI or Veterans' benefits are determined to be unable to manage their checks independently. These individuals must have a Representative Payee to manage these funds. JSS can serve in that capacity.

• As part of their estate planning, some individuals complete a document called a Financial Durable Power of Attorney. If JSS is designated as agent, the agency can manage financial affairs when the individual is unable to do so him/herself.

• On occasion, an individual with income from a job or pension feels unable to manage money. Through an attorney, the person can petition the Court to allow JSS to serve as conservator.

What senior social and recreational programs does JSS provide?

• Harry J. and Belle Goodman, Parents of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus program is a testament "to life," with an affordable kosher meal, fitness activity and top-notch presentations and entertainment.

• JSS staff and volunteers take Senior Shabbats to a number of retirement residences each month, featuring candle lighting, challah, music and a Torah discussion.

• Seniors, their families, JSS staff and volunteers gather together at Passover Seders at several retirement communities, inviting all to partake of traditional fare, music and ceremony.

• Holiday Outreach volunteers spread the spirit of Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah and other Jewish holidays.

• Summer Outings take older adults on day trips, to luncheons and to places of interest.

• Programming for Russian Seniors includes English classes and affordable tickets to cultural events of special interest.

• Seniors who are new to our community are visited by Shalom from Jewish Social Services volunteers who bring information, delicious treats and a warm welcome to newcomers.

How does this relate to the Jewish Federation of Madison?

JSS is one of the beneficiary agencies of the Jewish Federation of Madison, which means that the Federation allocates a percentage of campaign funds to Jewish Social Services each year. A gift to the Jewish Federation of Madison's Annual *Tzedakah* Campaign touches so many lives throughout our community and the world and JSS is just one example of the agencies we help in their mission of *tikkun olam*.

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Children's Theater of Madison Presents *And Then They Came For Me,* March 9-17

The Jewish Federation of Madison is partnering with Children's Theater of Madison for the production of ***And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank***. We encourage the Jewish community to come together for the matinee performance on Sunday, March 10th. There will be programming in the lobby of the Overture Center before the show and a discussion after the show. If you can't come to the March 10th show we hope everyone will attend at least one performance. There will be a link on the Jewish Federation of Madison's website, **www.jewishmadison.org** for purchasing tickets. If you have questions about the play or purchasing tickets please contact program@jewishmadison.org.

Due to mature content, no children under 8 will be admitted. See the full ad on this page for more details.

The Levy Summer Series – New For This Summer!

Jewish Social Services is very excited about the new Levy Summer Series and the opportunities it presents. This new summer program is a series of six programs designed to provide a memorable and dynamic experience at a reasonable cost for active and engaged older adults. With the enthusiastic help of our dedicated ad-hoc committee, we have set the theme this year as "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Now, Where Are We Going?" We'll look at these questions through the lenses of immigration, popular culture, history and more. The Levy Summer Series will take place at Nakoma Country Club on June 12 and 26, July 17 and 24 and August 7 and 21, followed by an elegant lunch. There will then be the opportunity to engage with the speaker and other attendees in a comfortable, more intimate "salon" setting.

We want to thank Jeffrey C. Levy for making this exciting new program possible, and the committee members who have played an important role in planning the programs. Our sincere thanks to Jeff Levy, Herman Goldstein, Howard Fried, Danny Pekarsky, David Sulman, Senior Adult Committee members Judy Karofsky and Jean Weissburg, JSS president Nan Youngerman and JSS staff members Terrie Goren, Stacy Goldman and Louise Goldstein. We also would like to thank Nakoma Country Club and Tony Avoles for helping us create a comfortable setting and appealing menus.

Watch for more details as they develop!

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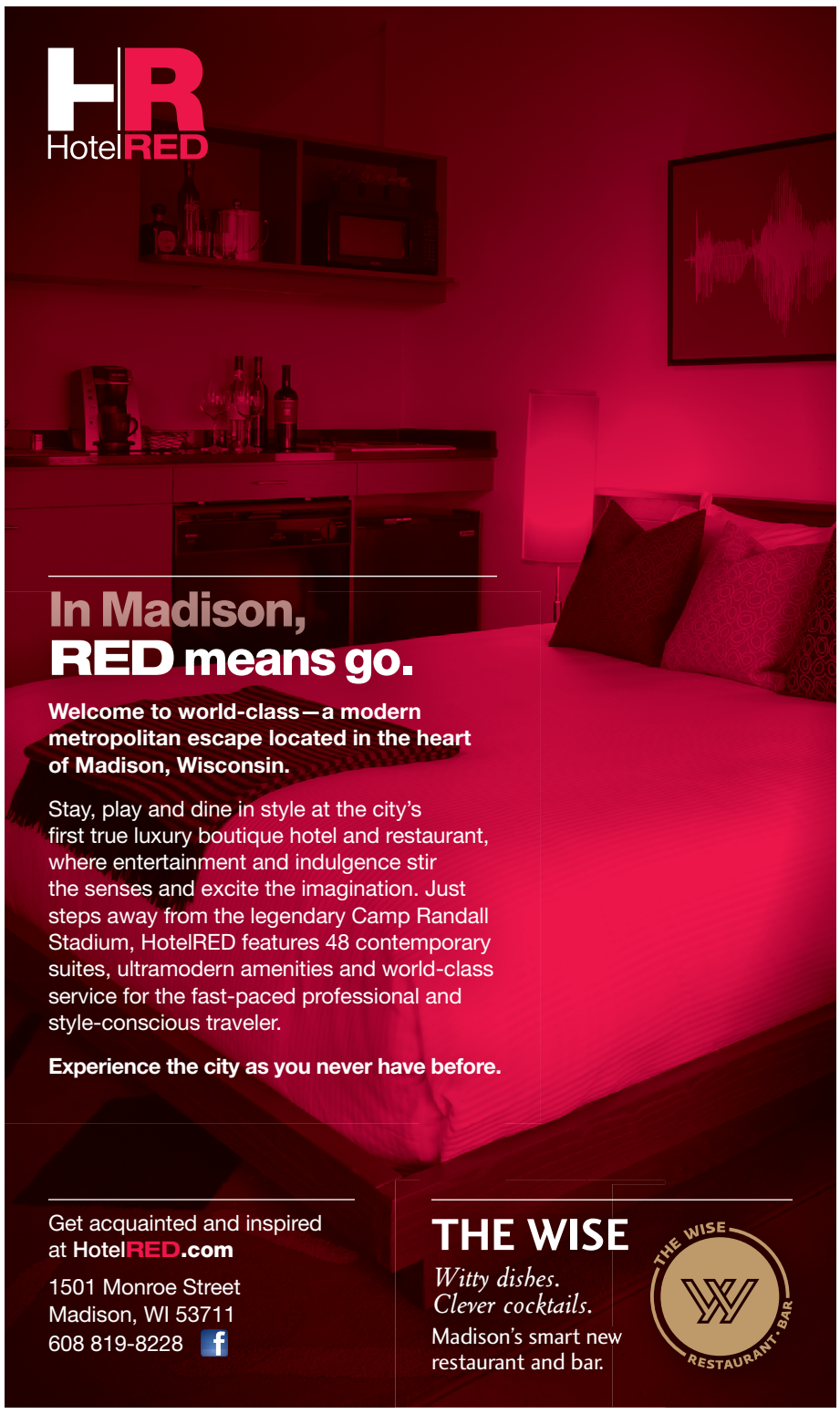

Dear Friends,

As part of Jewish Federation of Madison's partnership with CTM, we are pleased to offer you an exclusive 25% discount on select performances of *And Then They Came for Me* at Overture Center for the Arts. This powerful and unique production combines dramatic action onstage with archival images, historical footage and videotaped interviews. Due to mature content, no children under 8 will be admitted. This special offer is available through March 1, 2013.

Regular ticket prices:
$28/ Adult
$18/ Youth

Dates and times include:
Sun., March 10 at 2:30 p.m.
Sun., March 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Corporate discount prices:
$21/ Adult
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For more discounted performance dates, please contact:
Kathy Ricci at kathy@ctmtheatre.org

You can order tickets directly from CTM by following these simple instructions:

1. Go to **ctmtheater.org** and click the Special Groups tab on the right side of the page

2. Click on your organization's logo and in the Password field, enter *jewishfed*

3. Select ticket quantities and submit your order

- This special offer ends Friday, March 1st; seats are limited and subject to availability.
- All sales are final. No exchanges.
- Any orders of seats over 10 may be split into two rows.
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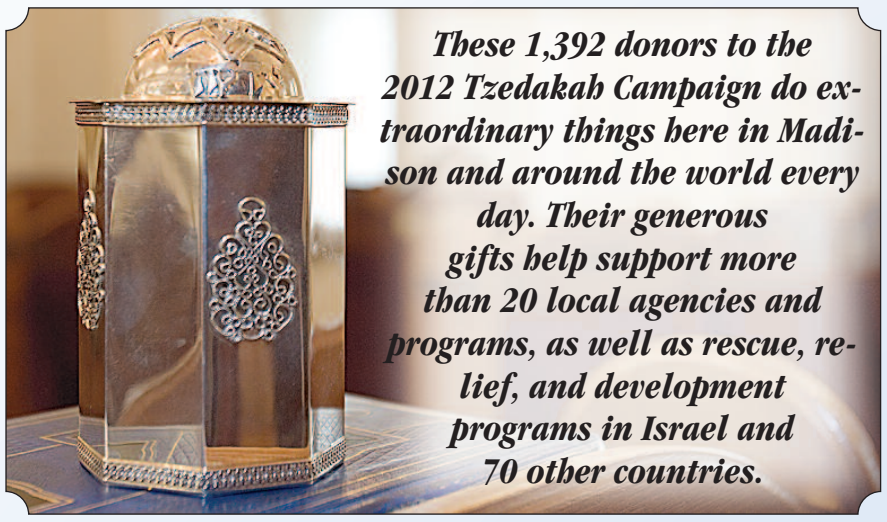

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Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2-2:30 p.m. and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging.

Where: TEMPLE BETH EL KITCHEN AND SOCIAL HALL

What: LEARN TO BAKE HAMANTASCHEN!

Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim Carnival on February 24th

Contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808 x232 to register.

JLI Introduction to Kabbalah

One Student's Perspective

By David Schiff

This crisp, informative class neatly sidestepped the technical and trendy aspects of Kabbalah and focused on what really matters: living happily.

Energetically taught with good humor by Rabbi Avremel Matusof, each of the six 90 minute sessions focused on a single core theme, each building on the other. A JLI PowerPoint presentation with short, often funny videos supplemented Rabbi Matusof's teaching.

Our twenty plus mixed-age class actively participated through reading aloud and asking questions. Despite the ambitious amount of material covered, the class seldom felt rushed and always started and ended precisely on time.

Seeking a principled first exploration of the essence of Kabbalah, this course was ideal. I laughed, I learned and I grew.

In the meantime, if you're curious about Jewish ethics, check out Rabbi Matusof's upcoming six week class "Living with Integrity" starting Monday, February 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Lussier Community Center, 55 S Gammon Road. It is even CLE accredited for attorneys. You can register at myjli.com or stop by and try the first class for free. See you there.

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Jewish Education

Introducing Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim

Summer camps combine to create an exciting new experience for middle schoolers

The Jewish Federation of Madison is excited to announce a new program that will begin in the summer of 2013. The new program, Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, will emphasize everything that campers have loved and enjoyed about Camp Shalom Noar and Camp Shalom Bogrim in previous summers.

Each week, the campers will be given weekly schedule options and will choose from a variety of field trips (divided by grade level) or multi-age programming at the Goodman Campus. Some of the campus based activities will include classic camp favorites like Ga-Ga, friendship bracelets, basketball and other sports, nature hikes, arts & crafts, and tie-dye. There will also be some new activities that focus on helping the campers develop new skills. These activities include yoga, the Red Cross Babysitting Course, photography, drama, various sports and more! The campers will have the opportunity to go biking, boating, swimming, and in-line skating, and to visit museums and other attractions in the Madison area. Each session will also include an overnight, Friday field trips to state parks and a few other all-camp trips off campus. There will also be special programming for the ninth graders including a four-day, three-night field trip.

If you have any questions about this program please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.

We look forward to seeing you all at Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim for summer 2013.

Camp Shalom Registration is ONLINE again this year **beginning on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.** *Visit* ***www.JewishMadison.org*** *for more information, registration policies and enrollment policies. We hope to see you at Camp Shalom for the summer of 2013!*

Come and Work at Camp Shalom ...

Make it YOUR Summer Home!

Where else can you:

✓ be with great people?

✓ be outside in the sun at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus & Aquatic Center?

✓ earn money while having fun?

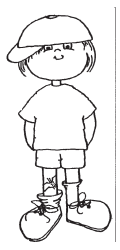
CAMP SHALOM!

Come and work at Camp Shalom during the summer of 2013. Applications are now being accepted for counselors and counselors in training. Both camps, Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, will be accepting applications.

Please apply on line at www.JewishMadison.org. For more information, or to have an application sent to you, please contact the Jewish Federation of Madison at 278-1808 or email campshalom@jewishmadison.org.

Camp Shalom, the day camp of the Jewish Federation of Madison, is for children entering Kindergarten through fifth grade. Summer employment would begin on June 17th and ends on August 16th. The daily schedule begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Camp Shalom Noar- Bogrim is the middle school day camp of the Jewish Federation of Madison, for children entering sixth through ninth grade. Summer employment would begin on June 17th and end on August 2nd. The daily schedule begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

UPCOMING FAMILY ED EVENTS



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

Sunday, February 17, 2-6 p.m.

Hamantashen Baking Open House with Susan Roquitte. Come learn to bake, fill and fold Hamantashen. Come for the whole time or just drop-in for a little. RSVP if you can to program@jewishmadison.org; drop-ins are welcome! Hamantashen baked at this event will be sold at the Community Purim Carnival on Sunday, February 24th.

Saturday, March 9, 7 p.m.

WNO – Women's Night Out – Jewelry Making at Fine Earth Studio
$25 per person. RSVP to program@jewishmadison.org
Space is limited

Other events to look forward to in the spring (more details to come):

Sunday, April 14 – Challah Workshop

Community Tot Shabbats

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

Meet Our Yonim Teachers – Laura Toso and Alison Miller

Have you ever looked forward to going somewhere so much it was the highlight of your week? That's what 41 Yonim dancers ages 5-18 experience every Sunday evening during the current school year. This article features two of the people responsible for making that happen, our wonderful Yonim teachers Laura Toso and Alison Miller.

Director Laura Toso has been Yonim's lead teacher for the past three years. Her daughter Sammy was a Yonim dancer for 9 years. During that time Laura drove carpools to performances, chaperoned retreats, and oversaw fundraisers. Three years ago she took over as Director from Ruth Fromstein, who founded and led the group for 18 years. Laura initially worked with Jill Turnbull to learn choreography. As Director Laura coordinates all 8 to 10 yearly Yonim performances, selects music, choreographs and teaches dances for all groups (including a parent group at the end of the year performance). She leads the Bet (6-8th grade) and Gimel (9-12th grade) dancers in weekend dance retreats and out-of-town dance festivals, and also selects and designs Yonim's vibrant costumes for all 4 age groups, even sewing some of the costume pieces herself! A warm, fun loving person who connects well with kids of all ages as well as their parents, Laura is indeed the driving force behind Yonim's continued success! At Yonim performances Laura explains that "Yonim" means "doves" in Hebrew and that's truly what its mission is – to showcase Israeli culture in a peaceful, artistic way. She states, "I'm so lucky to be working with the Yonim dancers! Their energy and enthusiasm is contagious! I love the chance to share with them a fun way to stay physically active, be creative and express themselves, and connect with Israeli culture." Laura also runs a wellness business selling holistic healing products. She lives in Cottage Grove with her twin 18 year old sons and her husband.

Alison Miller, Yonim's Assistant Teacher brings a great new creative energy to the group. She has two daughters, Aviva in 4th grade and Meika in 2nd grade who are current Yonim dancers. Alison took on the position as assistant teacher 3 years ago. In addition to co-teaching Yonim's 2 younger groups, Breisheet (K-2nd grade) and Aleph (3-5th grade) Alison works closely with Laura to learn the choreography. She puts in many outside hours while balancing her job as a mom and a physician! Alison lives in Madison with her 2 daughters and husband.

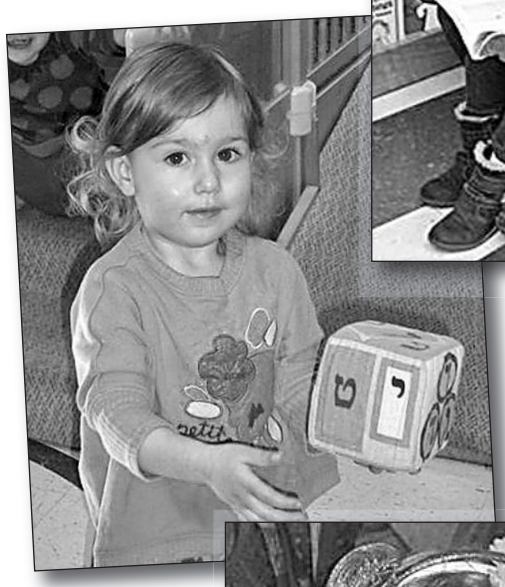
Please join us for two February performances: Yonim's season opener at the Waisman Center, Sunday, February 10th at 1pm, and the community wide Purim carnival on Sunday, February 24th at 1:30pm at Temple Beth El. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids interested in joining Yonim next year to see what it's all about! There is still room for any interested 3-5 year olds to join monthly rehearsals in Yonim's K'tantanim program – our next rehearsal is on March 3rd from 3:30-4pm at Beth Israel Center and costs $5 per session. Please contact Dana Prager at yonim@jewishmadison.org if you are interested.

Yonim teachers Laura Toso (left) and Alison Miller bring the love of Israeli dance to students each week.

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

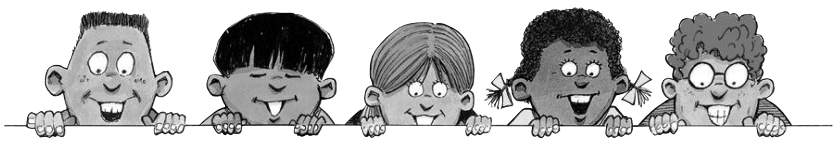
Tina helps Clark light the Shabbat candles.

Maor starts her morning with a story with her Abba.



Hodaia enjoys her days in the Bet room.

Sophie and Ellie are special friends.



Attention all Parents of Preschoolers!

It is time to register for Gan HaYeled for the 2013-2014 school year. Gan's mission is to meet the social, emotional, intellectual, creative and physical needs of your child in a safe and caring environment, while developing a positive Jewish identity and a sense of belonging to a larger Jewish community. If you would like to learn more about our wonderful preschool or if you are interested in visiting and taking a tour, please contact Lynn at 278-1808 or email at lkaplan@jewishmadison.org. Registration forms are available at JewishMadison.org.

Important Dates for Midrasha Spring 2013

This semester Midrasha meets at Temple Beth El on Wednesdays and at Beth Israel Center on Sundays.

Wednesday, February 6th – Field trip. Hebrew classes at Hillel at 6:30, everyone else meet at Hillel at 7:15, pick-up at 9:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 10th – CTM production of *And Then They Came for Me*. All Midrasha students are encouraged to attend this performance. Contact program@jewishmadison.org for information about purchasing tickets.

Wednesday, March 13th – College Admissions and Jewish Life on Campus, 6:15 p.m. Speaker Zach Galin, owner of Galin Education will speak with families about applying to college and finding the right college for you. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, March 20th – Special program during Midrasha with the cast from *And Then They Came for Me*.

Wednesday, April 10th – Midrasha Student Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about Midrasha contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org

Graduates Share Their Testimonials on Midrasha Incentive Awards

This article is written by Cassie Frankel, a 2012 Midrasha graduate and recipient of the Midrasha Incentive Award. Cassie is currently a freshman at McGill University. The Midrasha Incentive Award is given to graduating seniors who have completed all of the Midrasha requirements. The recipients receive [up to] $2000 to use in furthering their Jewish education.

My name is Cassie Frankel and I am in my first year at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. Last spring, I graduated from Midrasha and received the Laurence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award. This past semester, I used my award money to enroll in several Jewish Studies courses at McGill. The first course was Introductory Hebrew, which has already improved my Hebrew grammar and vocabulary immensely in just a semester. I also took a seminar specifically for first year students on Jewish identity that examined the way that European and North American Jews portrayed Jewish identity through various written works. My third, and favorite, Jewish Studies course was *Visions and Realities of Jewish Education*. In this course, we examined the works of various different Jewish thinkers and their takes on what Jewish education could and should be, as well as looking at how some of their ideas have been implemented today. We also looked in depth at the different methods of Jewish education (day schools, camps, Israel trips, etc.) and how they affect the future of their participant's Jewish identity. I am very thankful to have received this award money following my five years at Midrasha. Because of this award, I was able to expand my horizons and explore a variety of course material that I might have never been presented with otherwise. I am excited to continue my exploration in these subject areas.

Cassie Frankel

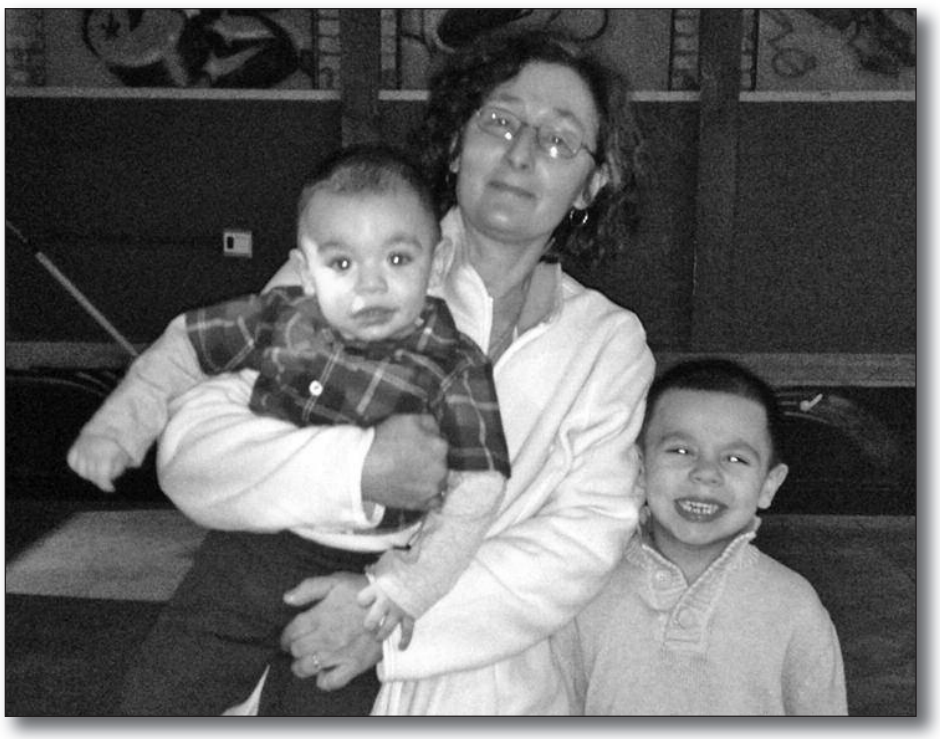
This article is written by Jacob Carrel, a 2012 Midrasha graduate and recipient of the Midrasha Incentive Award. Jacob is currently a freshman at Harvard University.

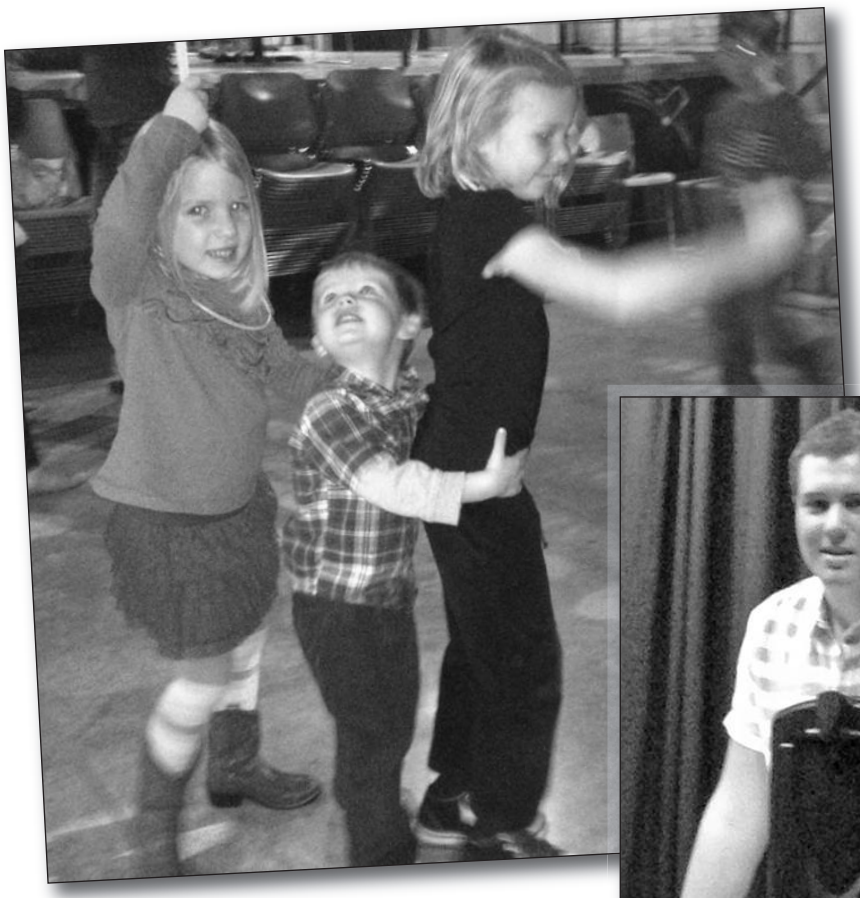
I was honored to be given the Midrasha Incentive Award, and I chose to contribute the money towards college, and to take a class about the Middle East. Having the opportunity to take *The Foundations of Comparative Politics* with Professor Steven Levitsky in my first semester because of the scholarship I received from Midrasha was wonderful. I found the emphasis on the Middle East to be fascinating, from my favorite unit, which focused on the collapse of Iraq, to even enthralling obscure discussions, such as how Israel's single district proportional representation changes electoral strategy and leads to more fractured and numerous parties. I truly enjoyed taking the course, and I am so thankful to Fran Weinstein, her family, and everyone at Midrasha for the amazing opportunity.

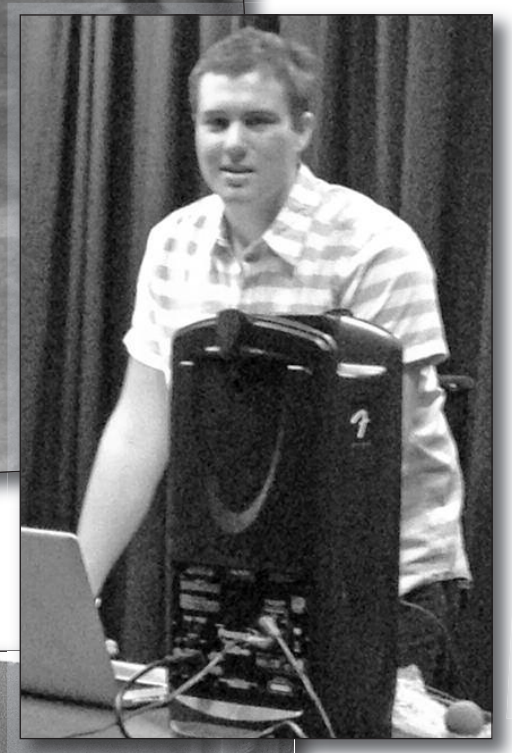
Jacob Carrel

Getting Down and Getting Funky at the Havdalah Disco Party 2013

On Saturday, January 12th, 40 members of the Jewish community came together for the Havdalah Disco Party at the Goodman Community Center. The event began with a lovely Havdalah service led by our community Shaliach, Yehonatan Hazani Zion. Following the service everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner accompanied by potluck appetizers and desserts. The disco lights were turning and DJ Micah Baum played hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's and today! There was a freeze dance contest, a game of limbo and people of all ages hit the dance floor to do the Cupid Shuffle together. Aside from dancing the kids had fun playing ping-pong, air hockey and enjoying everything that the Goodman Community Center Loft has to offer. It was a great crowd and we're so glad everyone came out to enjoy this event sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee. For information about future Family Education events, check out the community calendar at www.jewishmadison.org or community events box in this edition of the *Madison Jewish News*.







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Monday, February 4
11:00-12:00 *Operation Heart with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students*
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Beef mushroom barley soup, potato kugel, salad, apple crisp
1:00-2:00 Prof. Joan H. Hall, *"The Dictionary of American Regional English"*

Monday, February 11
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Chicken with tomatoes, roasted potatoes, broccoli, brownies
1:00-2:00 Prof. Ulrich Rosenhagen, *"From Judaeo-Christian to Abrahamic: Is the American Creed changing?"*

Monday, February 18
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, cole slaw, corn salad, mandarin oranges
1:00-2:00 Ronnie Hess, *"Confessions of an Amateur Pastry Chef or How I Became a Food Writer with A Book about How to Eat Smart in France"*

Monday, February 25 – *Lechayim Celebrates Purim*
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 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, zucchini, peach crisp
1:00-2:00 Henry Saposnik, *"Makh zikh naresh: Yiddish folk songs, theater songs & jokes"*

Monday, March 4
11:00-12:00 *Operation Generation Rx & MedDrop with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students*
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Minestrone soup, penne with marinara, green beans, chocolate cake
1:00-2:00 Prof. John Hall, *"Betrayal: The Removal of America's Indian Allies"*

Monday, March 11
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 Salad, eggplant parmesan, garlic bread, cookie, fruit
1:00-2:00 Prof. Craig Werner, *"Woody Guthrie"*

Monday, March 18
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, zucchini, peach crisp, cookies
1:00-2:00 Irish music with The Currach

Monday, March 25 – Passover, Lechayim does not meet

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Понедельник, 4 Февраля
11:00-12:00 *Операция "Сердце": Встреча со студентами Фармацевтичесого Общества штата Висконсин*
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Обед: Суп с говядиной, грибами и перловой крупой, картофельная зпеканка, салат и хрустящий яблочный пирог
1:00-2:00 Джоан Холл *«Словарь Американского Регионального Английского Языка"*

Понедельник, 11 Февраля
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Обед: Курица с помидорами, жареным картофелем, брокколи и шоколадный пирог
1:00-2:00 Ульрих Розенхаген *"От Иудейских до Авраамических Христиан: Изменилась ли Американская Вера? "*

Понедельник, 18 Февраля
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Обед: Томатный суп, бутерброды с печеным сыром, салат из квашеной капусты, салат из кукурузы и мандарины.
1:00-2:00 Ронни Гесс, *"Французская кухня"*

Понедельник, 25 Февраля Лехаим празднует Пурим
11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Обед: Салат, запеченная треска, цветная капуста, глазированая морковь и хаманташины.
1:00-2:00 Генри Сапожник, *"Мах Зих Нареш: Еврейские народные и театральные песни"*

Понедельник, 4 Марта
11:00-12:00 Операция "Поколение Rx и MedDrop " Встреча со студентами Фармацевтичесого Общества штата Висконсин
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, Макароны с соуом Маринара, зеленая фасоль и шоколадный торт
1:00-2:00 Профессор Джон Холл, Предательство: Удаление индийских союзников Америки".

Понедельник, 11 Марта
11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Салат, баклажаны пармезан, чесночный хлеб, печенье и фрукты
1:00-2:00 Профессор Крейг Вернер, "Суровое Путешествие": Наследие Вуди Гатри

Понедельник, 18 Марта
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, цукини, хрустящий пирог с персиками и печенье
1:00-2:00 Ирландская музыка с Currach

Понедельник, 25 Марта - Пасха, Лехаим не состоится

About our Programs

Last year the sixth and final volume of the Dictionary of American Regional English was published, to wide and enthusiastic acclaim. "DARE," as it is known, is a six-volume reference work that has been under development at the UW-Madison for many decades. It was the late Fred Cassidy who really got the research going, sending out field workers to communities around the country, armed with questionnaires. Editing of Volume One began in 1975, and that first volume was published in 1985, by Harvard University Press. One reviewer asked, "Can a person fall in love with a dictionary? If the work in question is the *Dictionary of American Regional English*…the answer appears to be yes" (Heidi Landecker, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*).

On **Monday, February 4** Prof. Joan Hall, Senior Scientist in the Department of English and Chief Editor of the Dictionary of American Regional English (DARE), will tell us more about the fascinating history of this project. More information is at http://dare.wisc.edu/.

Prof. Joan Hall

Assistant Director of the Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions (LISAR) Ulrich Rosenhagen will address the topic "From Judaeo-Christian to Abrahamic: Is the American Creed changing?" on **Monday, February 11.** Rosenhagen is an ordained pastor, originally in the Evangelische Kirche von Kurhessen-Waldeck (EKKW) and now in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which has officially called him to his position at LISAR. He holds two theological degrees from the EKKW and completed his Ph.D. at the University of Heidelberg with a dissertation titled: "Fratricide, Liberty, Supreme Judge: Religious Communication and Public Theology in the Epoch of the American Revolution." He was a researcher at the Technical University of Dresden, has held a research fellowship at Boston University, and has published papers in several German books and journals. Before joining LISAR, he served as Associate Pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Coral Gables, Florida, and as a pastor in Marburg and Hanau, Germany. At UW-Madison he is also a lecturer in Religious Studies and History, offering courses in the history of religion of modern Europe. *(From the LISAR website.)*

Ulrich Rosenhagen

It was a plum assignment, an offer she really couldn't refuse: Take a month off to travel around France, eat lots of delectable foods, convince chefs to give you their recipes, and then boil everything down into a culinary travel guide. On **Monday, February 18** author and chef Ronnie Hess will tells us her "Confessions of an Amateur Pastry Chef or How I Became a Food Writer With A Book About How to Eat Smart in France." The book describes her "road trip," the people, even the truffle dog, she met along the way to her award-winning book, *Eat Smart in France*. She'll also tell us how she became a food writer and what she's learned about French cuisine, including American misconceptions about it.

Ronnie Hess

Writer and poet Ronnie Hess has never met a French pastry she didn't like, although she is partial to Gâteau Basque, a specialty of France's southwest, and that French classic, lemon tart. An amateur pastry chef who has had stints at L'Etoile and Sunporch restaurants, Ronnie also sold French-style tarts for many years at the Hilldale Farmers' Market. Ronnie is the author of an award-winning culinary travel guide, *Eat Smart in France*, published by Ginkgo Press. She is also the author of *Whole Cloth*, a book of poems about searching for her husband's Jewish roots. She has contributed to many publications – national, regional and local – including *Saveur*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. She was restaurant critic for several years for *Madison Magazine* and was a freelance arts critic for *The Capital Times*. She currently blogs every month for an Internet publication, *MyFrenchLife*.

Ronnie started baking from mixes when she was a teenager growing up in New York City. She quickly graduated to more ambitious efforts, such as baked Alaska. She attended the Lycée Français de New York and Julia Richman High School, and graduated from Hunter College, the City University of New York with honors. She earned a master's degree in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She studied cooking with Liane Kuony at the Postilion restaurant and cooking school in Fond du Lac, and with Maureen Egan at Madison College (then MATC).

Ronnie's career in broadcast journalism began at Wisconsin Public Radio. She was also a reporter/producer for CBS News in Paris, worked for Minnesota Public Radio and Chicago Public Radio, and was a freelance writer/producer for the "American Justice" series that aired on the Arts and Entertainment (A&E) channel. Back in Madison, she became director of communications in the UW's Division of International Studies. During a sabbatical year, from 2004 to 2005, she taught middle school English in France. Until December 2011, she was a consultant to the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, directing the Academy's special events planning.

Get ready for some narishkeit (foolishness) on **Monday, February 25**, when Henry Sapoznik comes to celebrate Purim with us. Henry will *"Makh zikh naresh"* (make things silly) with us through "Yiddish folk songs, theater songs & jokes." In the tradition of Purim, when everything is topsy-turvy, you can expect things to be fun, funny and even a little bawdy at times. Wear a costume, it's Purim!

Henry Sapoznik

Henry Sapoznik is the Director of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture, which is "…dedicated to studying and preserving Yiddish music and culture, teaching it to new generations, and supporting scholarship that explores it as an important facet of Jewish and American life" *(Mayrent website)*. He has won many awards for his work in radio, record producing and performance of traditional Yiddish and American music. His ten-part "Yiddish Radio Project," heard on NPR in 2002, won the Peabody Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism. He has been nominated numerous times for the Emmy and Grammy awards, and is the author of scholarly works on Klezmer music. He is the founder of "KlezKamp: The Yiddish Folk Arts Program" and is the Executive Director of the folk arts organization that runs it, "Living Traditions."

WSPS
Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students

This Month's Health Assessment is *Operation Heart*

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, Operation Heart, will be held at Lechayim on February 4, from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your questions and concerns.

Monthly Health Assessment Schedule:

February 4th	Operation Heart (blood pressure and heart health)
March 4th	GenerationRx & MedDrop (prevention of medication misuse, and abuse and medication disposal information)
April 8th	Operation Immunization (screening for immunization; no immunizations will be administered)

Transitions

Happy February Birthday

Linda Boger
Arlene Rotter
Betty Arnes
Helen Sweet
Janice Beers
Louise Goldstein
Milt Rosenberg
Ruth Calden
Lee Applebaum

Mazel Tov to

Fay Nager, on the birth of her great-grandson,
Raviv Jacob Weiner, son of Deborah Hirsch and Seth Weiner

Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Merilyn Kupferberg, Florida

Condolences

To the family of Lorraine Newman, wife of Jules Newman, mother of Judy Coburn and grandmother of Danny Coburn.

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions will pick you up right outside your residence, drop you off at the door to Lechayim, and take you back home afterward. Contact Louise Goldstein (608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@ jssmadison.org) to make a reservation by 9:00 a.m. the Friday before Lechayim. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available. Rides are $1 round trip, payable to the driver. If you need to cancel your ride, give us a call. If you're a "regular," call Louise when you're **not** coming.

**Вам нужет транспорт, чтобы доехать до «Лехаим»?
Мы можем вам помочь!**

Общественная Служба Еврейской Общины сотрудничает с частной транспортной компанией «Транзит Сольюшнз». Автомобиль компании встретит вас прямо у вашего дома, отвезет вас на «Лехаим» и привезет обратно домой по окончании встречи.

Заказ транспорта – обязателен. Стоимость проезда - 50 центов в одну сторону, оплата – водителю. Возможен заказ транспорта специально приспособленного для кресел-каталок; сообщите об этом при заказе. Заказывайте транспорт через Луизу в Общественной Службе Еврейской Общины (телефон 278-1808, ext. 227 или по электронной почте (louise@jssmadison.org) до 9:00 пятницы, предшедствующей «Лехаим». Чтобы отменить заказ, позвоните до 9:00 в день встречи. Вы – «постоянный клиент»? Сообщите об этом Луизе и вам нужно будет позвонить только если вы **не поедете** на встречу.

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

www.jssmadison.org

On the home page, click on the date of the program in question

Shalom ***from Jewish Social Services!***

Do you know a senior who is new to Madison, or are you yourself a newcomer? JSS volunteers will visit and bring you a gift bag with information about programs for seniors and JSS' services, treats and a few surprises. Just contact us at 608-278-1808, ext. 227.
Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for their donations to this program.

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors

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

Attic Angel Place at 2:30 in the Garden Room
8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of JSS and Attic Angel Place. With music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel volunteers.
March 1, May 3

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall
333 West Main Street
A program of JSS and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with the assistance of UW students through the UW-Hillel Foundation.
February 8, March 29 (Seder, 11:00-1:30)

Oakwood Village University Woods at 4:00 in the Oaks' Community Room
6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of JSS and Oakwood Village University West. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Lauren Mazur.
February 15, March 28 (Seder, 11:00-1:30)

ATTENTION REHAB PATIENTS: If you are going to be in one of these locations during your rehabilitation, please let Jewish Social Services know; we'd like to invite you and make sure you are able to attend if you'd like.

Spotlight: Ruth Calden

By Pamela Phillips Olson

"Never let the sun go down on your wrath." As a young girl sharing a bed with her Danish grandmother, Ruth Calden heard this and many other important lessons. Remembered to this day, these lessons helped shape a life full of long and powerful commitments.

As a senior in a University of Michigan psychology class, Ruth sat next to Lee Salk, brother of Jonas of polio vaccine fame. Lee, who became a famous child psychologist, introduced her to his roommate George, a young Jewish man from Brooklyn, N.Y. Although Ruth was Dutch-Danish and a Methodist, she had had a Jewish boyfriend before in her hometown of Grand Rapids. "When I told my mother George and I would marry," Ruth remembers with a laugh, "my mother said." 'I guess you were just meant to have a Jewish husband, like Ruth in the Bible!'

After college Ruth and George moved to Madison where George began a clinical psychology practice and Ruth taught in the public schools. The couple had four children and many united interests. They became active members of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society. Together they led sessions of marriage enrichment based on George's book "I Count You Count." They enjoyed folk and disco dancing and played music together from classical to Klezmer. In 1980 they became part of a four-person group The Ethnic Connection, which was founded partly to cultivate respect for ethnic diversity. In that group Ruth played recorder and an Inca flute while George played mandolin; Doleta Chapru and Lee Burkholdt rounded out the group. From 1980-2010 The Ethnic Connection performed yearly at Lechayim, their favorite venue and their very first gig. When George died in 2007 the couple had been married for 57 years.

To this day Ruth plays in a recorder group, The Prairie Winds, and with guitarist and accordionist Rosemarie Lester, she started a new folk music group, The Continental Drifters. Since 1968 Ruth has also been part of a twelve-woman book group, which satisfies her long-standing love of poetry and literature.

Although she has had deep losses in her life, Ruth has continued her activities and has never been depressed. "My ways of finding solace are music, nature and a warm cat on my lap."

Looking back on family history is vital to the Caldens. Both she and George wrote wonderfully detailed family reminiscence stories. This reflects another strong message that has guided her life. As she went out the door as a young girl her father would say, "Remember who you are."

Some Scenes From Lechayim

Photos by Milt Leidner and Louise Goldstein

Sally Jamison and Clara Sweet enjoy their conversation.

(At left) Neil O'Connor of the Veterans' Center talks with Alice and Helen Hanau as Alice Loew looks on.

Past Purim fun at Lechayim

Karen Shevet-Dina entertains with a favorite instrument.

Evie Medow had Purim fashion sense.

NEED AN "ODDJOBBER" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext 227 or louise@jssmadison.org.

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

Celebrate with Lechayim!

Our new CELEBRATION PROGRAM offers a fun way to show your support for JSS. Honor a special person or acknowledge a special day and share your celebration and commitment to the work of JSS.

PARTY PACKAGE: What better way to celebrate a special occasion than with your friends? Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or just enjoy some cake! $200

- Recognition in the Lechayim calendar, Lechayim Lights, and E-Connect
- "Party" includes balloon and token gift for honoree and special cake for all attendees
- Recognition during Lechayim program
- Recognition at our registration table

HOLIDAY OR COMMEMORATIVE PACKAGE: Acknowledge a favorite holiday or commemoration day to show your support for JSS. $150

- Recognition in the Lechayim calendar, Lechayim Lights, and E-Connect as a sponsor of a specified holiday or commemoration day
- Recognition during Lechayim program

SPONSOR A WEEK: Be a sponsor just because you believe in the important role Lechayim plays in the community. Sponsor in honor of volunteers, a loved one, or even yourself. $100

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Lechayim Snow Day Policy

Lechayim is cancelled when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes schools due to inclement weather. Listen to WIBA, WTSO, WZEE, WMLI, WMAD, WOLX, WMMM or Charlie FM to hear if Madison schools are closed. Otherwise, we will cancel Lechayim if we think conditions warrant it. In that case, the decision will by made by 9:00 a.m. and someone will call you.

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Current opportunities with an elderly woman who grew up speaking French, and a gentleman with a good sense of humor who enjoys fishing, cards, and history.

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.

The 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 able.

OddJobbers: The really easy way to be really helpful! Can you change light bulbs and hang a few pictures? Show someone around Windows 7? Currently some people are waiting for help with these tasks. To be an OddJobber, you don't need to be able to do everything; you just have to like being helpful.

Youth Volunteering and B'nai Mitzvah Projects

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

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

Double your Volunteering Mitzvah

Does your company match employees' community volunteer hours with a monetary donation to the agency for which the employee volunteers? Check with your human resources department to see if such a matching program exists and ask for guidelines. This is a great way to enhance the beneficial effects of your volunteer work!

Deducting Expenses Incurred while Volunteering

Some expenses incurred during volunteer work are deductible. Volunteers should keep records and save receipts for these expenses. Check with your tax advisor about these deductions.

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This article is about the struggle of American and Soviet Jews regarding the emigration from the USSR (part 2).

Генрих Бабич

О борьбе за право советских евреев на эмиграцию

(продолжение)

Инициатива Бирнбаума о движении за освобождение советских евреев не получила немедленной массовой поддержки в среде американской еврейской общины. В течение 1960-х годов созданный им Комитет действовал на американской политической арене фактически в изоляции, проводя силами небольшой группы активистов разрозненные митинги и демонстрации в Нью Йорке, Бостоне и в нескольких других городах. Большинство еврейских деятелей предпочитало "спокойную дипломатию", а ортодоксальные активисты боялись, что широкая политическая кампания нанесет вред их подпольной религиозной деятельности за "железным занавесом". Но в конечном итоге этот американский протест превратился во всемирное движение, которое привело к самому большому исходу евреев за всю историю и через 25 лет внесло свой вклад в прорыв "железного занавеса" и распад Советского Союза. Движение повысило роль борьбы за права человека во внешней политике США и знаменовало собой формирование сильной и независимой американской еврейской общины, которая начала массовые выступления в защиту своих притесняемых собратьев во всем мире.

В последующие годы движение Бирнбаума оказало большое влияние на американскую еврейскую общину. Оно гальванизировало общину, выдвинуло большое число еврейских политических деятелей и усилило общественное звучание евреев в Вашингтоне. Преследуемые чувством вины за бездействие американских евреев во время Холокоста и ободренные триумфальной победой Израиля в Шестидневной войне, активисты поклялись никогда не игнорировать дело защиты евреев, подвергающихся опасности. Они не хотели повторения ошибок времен Холокоста.

Трудно предположить, что политическая кампания в США в поддержку советских евреев непосредственно привела к активизации евреев СССР, но эти идеи "висели в воздухе" и поэтому ситуация начала меняться. Обратимся теперь к вопросам борьбы евреев Советского Союза касающихся их права на эмиграцию.

Количество заявлений советских евреев на эмиграцию в Израиль резко возросло непосредственно после Шестидневной войны. В этом проявилось пробуждение еврейского самосознания. К 1969 году это приобрело характер массового движения. Из страны на Запад хлынул поток писем, в которых содержались требования, в соответствии с законами международного права, разрешить свободную эмиграцию из СССР. Налаживалась связь и координация действий между различными центрами зарубежом и группами евреев внутри Советского Союза.

В движении советских евреев определились два направления. Одно направление, которое объединяло так называемых "политиков", придерживалось позиции, что евреи должны бороться за свои национальные интересы за пределами советского общественного строя. Этот строй несовместим с их пониманием свободы, человеческих ценностей и прав человека. Они считали, что через борьбу за права человека евреи могут защитить свои национальные интересы. "Политики" постоянно чувствовали на себе внимание "всевидящего ока" КГБ.

В отличие от этого, "культурники" видели восстановление своего национального самосознания путем приобретения свободы религиозной деятельности, изучения исторических традиций народа, в частности, через организацию мероприятий, связанных с национальными и религиозными праздниками. Важную роль в этом смысле играли кружки по изучению иврита. Для организации деятельности в таком направлении осенью 1972 года начал издаваться нелегальный журнал "Евреи в СССР".

Независимо от того, к какому из двух этих направлений человек причислял себя, перед ним стоял вопрос – что означает быть евреем в СССР. Так или иначе, этот вопрос обсуждался в разных формах и в различных обстоятельствах.

Мне довелось познакомиться с одним видом деятельности, которую проводили "культурники". Эта деятельность получила название "Овражки" по имени небольшого полустанка в часе езды от Москвы. Одним из организаторов "Овражек" был мой соученик по институту и близкий друг Толя Шварцман. Сотни евреев собирались в лесу недалеко от полустанка по разным поводам – в связи с еврейскими праздниками, знаменательными национальными событиями, к которым, в частности, относился день независимости Израиля, и просто без повода. Несмотря на безобидность мероприятия, оно проходило под надзором нарядов КГБ "в штатском".

Движение "Овражки" объединило целую группу еврейских активистов. Казалось, их действия ограничивались лишь общими культурными национальными интересами. Но КГБ думал иначе и его председатель Андропов поднял проблему "Овражек" на высший государственный уровень. В мае 1981 года он написал в Политбюро ЦК КПСС записку, в которой, в частности, говорилось: "Лидеры националистов, в лице Абрамовича, Шварцмана и Престина, предпринимают попытки объединения лиц еврейской национальности путем вовлечения их в различные кружки по изучению иврита, в религиозные, так называемые 'научные', семинары и в группы активности в области искусства. Для достижения этих целей они организуют на регулярной основе в лесах Подмосковья массовые сборища евреев под видом их культурного отдыха. Эти сборища проходят по религиозно-националистической программе и приурочены к еврейскому календарю". И далее Андропов пишет: "Абрамович, Шварцман и другие националисты для прикрытия анти-социального характера своих сборищ играют на национальных чувствах евреев и приурочивают сборища ко дню *так называемого Холокоста* (курсив мой – Г. Б.). Комитетом Государственной Безопасности при активном участии советских людей предпринят ряд профилактических мер, в результате которых действия националистов были пресечены". Комментарии, как говорится, излишни.

После Шестидневной войны 1967 года количество заявлений о выезде в Израиль существенно увеличилось. С этим связана особая страница жизни советских евреев. Власти не были готовы к тому, чтобы большое число евреев покинуло страну (и не хотели с этим смириться). Поэтому огромное число людей, подавших заявления, получили отказ. Зачастую причиной отказа было участие заявителей в секретных работах оборонно-промышленного комплекса. Известно, что всякие государственные секреты, в особенности технического характера, имеют ограниченный срок давности. Хотя такие сроки были установлены, но чаще всего власти использовали факт участия в секретной работе не как причину для отказа на выезд из страны, а как повод, при помощи которого вокруг проблемы о выезде велась скрытая политическая и дипломатическая борьба. В результате, в среде советских евреев сформировалась особая категория, получившая название "отказники". В течение многих лет это понятие было так широко распространено, что фактически вошло в русский язык. Даже в английском языке появился его аналог ("**refusenik**"). По разным оценкам количество "отказников" составляло 10-20 тыс. человек. Это был цвет советской интеллигенции, в особенности, технической.

Проблема "отказа" в течение двух десятков лет являлась важным фактором взаимоотношений между Советским Союзом и США, между Востоком и Западом. В связи с этой проблемой непрерывно проводился торг, затрагивавший важнейшие политические и дипломатические интересы двух великих держав. К этому мы вернемся позже, а пока расскажем о судьбе трех еврейских активистов этого периода. Их независимая друг от друга деятельность, с одной стороны, заняла большое место в жизни советских евреев, а, с другой стороны, личные судьбы этих людей легли на алтарь борьбы за право на эмиграцию.

Натан Щаранский окончил Московский физико-технический институт и работал инженером-математиком в научно-исследовательском институте нефти и газа. В 1973 году Щаранский подал документы на выезд в Израиль, но ему было в этом отказано. Он уволился с работы и стал зарабатывать на жизнь частными уроками. К 1975 году Щаранский стал активным участником эмиграционного движения евреев-отказников.

Щаранский поддерживал отношения со всеми лидерами еврейского движения, поэтому его можно отнести к группе "политиков" в этом движении. Он полагал, что борясь за общие права человека, он утверждает себя как еврей.

Личная жизнь Щаранского оказалась увязанной с его политической деятельностью. В 1973 году он познакомился со своей будущей женой Наташей (впоследствии Авиталь). Наташа присоединилась к его работе и однажды их обоих арестовали во время демонстрации протеста перед ливанским посольством. Весной 1974 года они решили пожениться, думая, что если она получит разрешение на выезд, он будет требовать воссоединения со своей женой. Когда они обратились в ЗАГС, им ответили, что оформление свидетельства о браке потребует нескольких месяцев, поэтому они решили пренебречь официальной бюрократической процедурой и сыграть традиционную еврейскую свадьбу. Это оказалось затруднительным, так как блюстители еврейской традиции синагоги не захотели ввязываться в политическое дело и привлекать внимание КГБ. В эти дни Наташа получила разрешение на эмиграцию и ей предлагалось выехать не позднее, чем через неделю. Было известно, что попытка отложить выезд приведет к анулированию разрешения. Наташе удалось договориться с одним из старейшин синагоги о проведении процедуры бракосочетания. За полтора дня до окончания срока действия ее визы Щаранский был освобожден из тюрьмы, где он в очередной раз находился под административным арестом. Свадьба была срочно организована и квартира Щаранского заполнилась массой людей, которые пришли отмечать два события – создание новой семьи и отъезд Наташи. Советские власти впоследствии отказывались признавать законность этого брака. Наутро Щаранский проводил Наташу в аэропорт и они расстались со словами "До встречи в Иерусалиме". Не ведали они тогда, что встреча состоится через более чем 10 лет.

Щаранский продолжил борьбу. Во главе группы единомышленников в феврале 1975 года он пришел к зданию Верховного Совета с лозунгом "Вместо тюрьмы – виза в Израиль". Через тридцать секунд (!) на них набросились оперативники и затолкали в тюремный автомобиль.

По мере того как Щаранский становился более решительным в своей борьбе, он расширяет связи в среде "политиков". Устанавливая контакты с западными журналистами и политическими деятелями, Натан берет на себя роль моста между борцами за эмиграцию и сторонниками расширения движения за общие права человека.

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Israel and the World

Final Israeli Vote: Jewish Home Gains a Seat to Give Right Wing a Majority

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Jewish Home party gained one seat in the final results of Israeli voting, pushing the right-wing bloc to a majority in the 19th Knesset.

Israel's Central Elections Committee released the final tally on Thursday for the elections held two days earlier after counting 217,000 ballots collected at remote polling stations. Among others, the votes were cast by soldiers, hospital patients and government employees working overseas.

With the additional votes, Jewish Home finished with 12 seats, giving the right wing 61 seats in the 120-seat Knesset. That bloc consists of the Likud-Yisrael Beiteinu's 31 seats, Jewish Home's 12, the Sephardic Orthodox Shas party's 11, and seven for United Torah Judaism, the Ashkenazi haredi Orthodox party.

Also, the United Arab List-Ta'al party lost a seat and now has four, and Kadima crossed the required 2 percent threshold to gain two seats.

There were no other changes to the number of seats garnered by other parties. Other parties entering the parliament are the new centrist party Yesh Atid with 19 seats, Labor with 15, Hatnua and Meretz, each with 6 seats; Hadash with four seats; and Balad with three seats.

Two-thirds, or 3.77 million, of Israel's 5,656,705 eligible voters turned out, according to the elections committee. The number of voters was the highest since 1999, though turnout was down significantly among Arab voters.

The elections committee must submit the results to President Shimon Peres by Jan. 30. Peres then will ask party leaders who they would recommend to form the next government before choosing the one most likely to be able to form a successful coalition government -- it is expected to be Netanyahu. The chosen party leader has up to 42 days to present his government for a vote of confidence.

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

By Yehonatan Hazani Zion

Shalom Madison! I am in the Midwest and it is freezing cold out here, so I have to talk about the weather. But I am not going to talk about the weather here in Wisconsin; I am going to talk about the weather in Israel. My brother, who moved recently to a Kibbutz in the Lower Galilee in the north of Israel, wrote that for the first time in many years he really felt the blessing about the rain. He is living in a conservative Kibbutz called Chanaton. The Kibbutz is focused on both agriculture and education. So my brother, who grew up in a city like me, finally understands the need for rain and the importance of it.

Israel has very little water. Our main source of sweet water (water that we can drink), the Kinneret, the sea of Galilee, is getting lower and lower every year. The Dead Sea is getting farther and farther from the highway nearby. The government is supporting all kinds of solutions such as the factories that can make sea water into sweet water which Israel was the first to develop. The last "real" storm that was in Israel was about ten years ago. And then came this winter, with the rainiest December and January in the past 15 years! For Israelis, rain and water are a national need more than security – this is our only way of living. So over these past weeks I was sad and happy – sad because I really wanted to be in Israel to see the rain and the snow but happy because I know how much Israel needs that rain.

Here in frozen Madison things are getting back to normal. Chug Ivrit has returned, and I must say that Ellen Weismer (the Interim Program Director) has put a lot of effort into buying learning materials that can make Hebrew fun. On this point I would like to offer again my Hebrew classes for beginners on Tuesdays at 7:15 at the Federation building. If you would like to develop your Hebrew or learn basic conversational skills please contact me! Midrasha has also returned and I am happy to meet the students again, teach the students Hebrew, give them a taste about the conflict between the Israelis and the Arabs, and share with them some of my experiences growing up in Israel.

The Israeli election was on January 22nd, and a week before that, we had a wonderful discussion at the Federation building about the different parties, about right and left and about the government system in Israel – the coalition system. Please join me for more Rosh Chodesh programs that are coming. The next one will be on February 11th and we are going to learn about Israeli TV shows and satire. Please come and laugh! Tu BeShvat was here and we had a lovely Seder at Beth Israel Center, thank you all for coming! I wish to see you more. This next month I am going to attend several programs here in town such as the Shaarei Shamayim retreat and Sunday school. I am happily going to help a group from Temple Beth El that is planning on traveling to Israel next year. I am here for any sort of support and help regarding Israel – politics, economy, elections, traveling and any general thoughts you have about Israel, please "use" me!

A great winter to Madison and Israel,
Yehonatan Hazani Zion

Israeli elections night – Rosh Chodesh.

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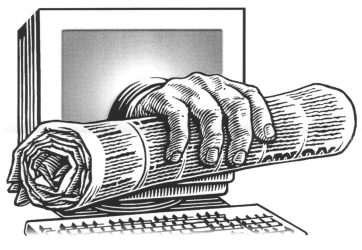

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