

JEWISH NEWS

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Community Yom HaShoah Service and Program

Sunday, April 27th
6:30 p.m.
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive

Join the Madison Jewish Community for our annual Yom HaShoah service, a chance for us to honor those who perished in the Holocaust and those who survived around the world.

After the program we will have a fascinating program with David Shneer titled, "The Jewish Holocaust and Memorialization of the Nazi Persecution of Gay Men: What and Why are We Remembering."

About Professor Shneer:

Called a "pathbreaking" scholar by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Shneer's research focuses on 20th century European, Russian, and Jewish history and culture. His newest book, *Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photogra-*

phy, War, and the Holocaust (Rutgers University Press, 2011), finalist for the National Jewish Book Award and winner of the 2013 Association for Jewish Studies Jordan Schnitzer Prize, looks at the lives and works of two dozen Soviet Jewish World War II military photographers to examine what kinds of photographs they took when they encountered evidence of Nazi genocide on the Eastern Front. In fall 2011, the travelling museum exhibit *Through Soviet Jewish Eyes* debuted at the CU Art Museum in Boulder, Colorado. *Through Soviet Jewish Eyes* was recently on display at the Holocaust Museum Houston in Texas through October 27, 2013.

His other books include *Queer Jews*, finalist for the Lambda Literary award, *Yiddish and the Creation of Soviet Jewish*



Professor David Shneer

Culture, finalist for the National Jewish Book Award, and *New Jews: The End of the Jewish Diaspora*, which has sparked discussion in publications like the Economist and the Jerusalem Post. His new project, *Not On Their Last Road*, examines Yiddish musical culture's role in the clash between Fascism and Communism through the life and work of Lin Jaldati, a Dutch-Jewish Yiddish-singing cabaret singer, who survived the Holocaust and was the last person to see Anne Frank alive. After the war, she moved to East Germany and became the Yiddish diva of the Communist world until her death in 1988.

Shneer has recently been named editor-in-chief of *East European Jewish Affairs*, an interdisciplinary journal which is essential for an understanding of the position and prospects of Jews in the for-

mer Soviet Union and the countries of East-Central Europe. It deals with the issues in historical perspective and in the context of general, social, economic, political, and cultural developments in the region. The journal includes analytical, in-depth articles; review articles; archival documents; conference notes; and annotated books. Shneer takes over editorship January 1, 2014.

Shneer lectures nationally and internationally and has written for the *Huffington Post*, *Rocky Mountain News* and the *Denver Post* as well as publications dedicated to Jewish life and culture, including *Forward*, *Pakntreger*, *Jewcy*, and *Nextbook*. Shneer has taught or been a scholar-in-residence at the University of California campuses at Berkeley and Davis, and at the University of Illinois, the National Yiddish Book Center, the University of Wisconsin, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, serving as the Pearl Resnick Fellow, and the Graduate

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Madison Jewish Community Joins Partnership 2Gether Program

The Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM) Board of Directors voted at their February meeting to join the Partnership Together Program (P2G). P2G is a program of the Jewish Agency of Israel. P2G, previously known as Partnership 2000, has become the paradigm for successfully partnering of 550 global Jewish communities directly with 45 Israeli communities—the majority of which are in national priority areas. Communities share ideas, strengths, challenges and models of success; and empower one another to generate waves of change. But the impact of these projects goes far

beyond the community level—each of us has the opportunity to become directly and personally involved.

Madison will join Milwaukee, Tulsa and St. Paul in partnering with the Sovev Kinneret region in Israel. Members of the Madison community had the opportunity to visit this area last November during the JFM mission to Israel. They were hosted by Israelis active in P2G programming who took them to the Arbel Cliffs, Tiberias and the Kinneret Courtyard. While they were together they discussed activities in the Partnership and the role of the Joint Steering Committee, including a meeting with members of the Israeli Steering Committee and participants in various

programs both past and present. The Steering Committee meets once a year to plan the programs and activities for that year and includes representatives from each partnership city in the US and representatives from the Sovev Kinneret region in Israel.

Previous programs have included:

Mad Israel: A two week community volunteer program. Volunteer opportunities include helping out in a school for children with special needs, an elderly center, a disabled IDF veterans club, new immigrants and more. Volunteers get a taste of life in the region with face to face interactions with volunteers active in the region, home hospitality and tours.

Chef, Musician and Social Worker exchanges: Israelis in these professions visited the P2G communities in the

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Save the Date for the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic!

The Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 22**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. Come and help us kick off the summer at this wonderful community event. Mark your calendar and watch your email and www.JewishMadison.org for more information.

This year's picnic will include special programming in honor of the 60th anniversary of Camp Shalom. We hope to see you there!

Coming in May:

Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable

Join us for a lunch program with speaker **Kevin T. Conroy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Exact Sciences**

Friday, May 16
12:00-1:30 p.m.
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The Jewish Federation of Madison website serves as the central information source for the entire Jewish community. More than 2,000 individuals visit jewishmadison.org each month. Members of other Jewish communities who are planning to move to Madison also depend on the Federation website for information about where to live, work, and shop.

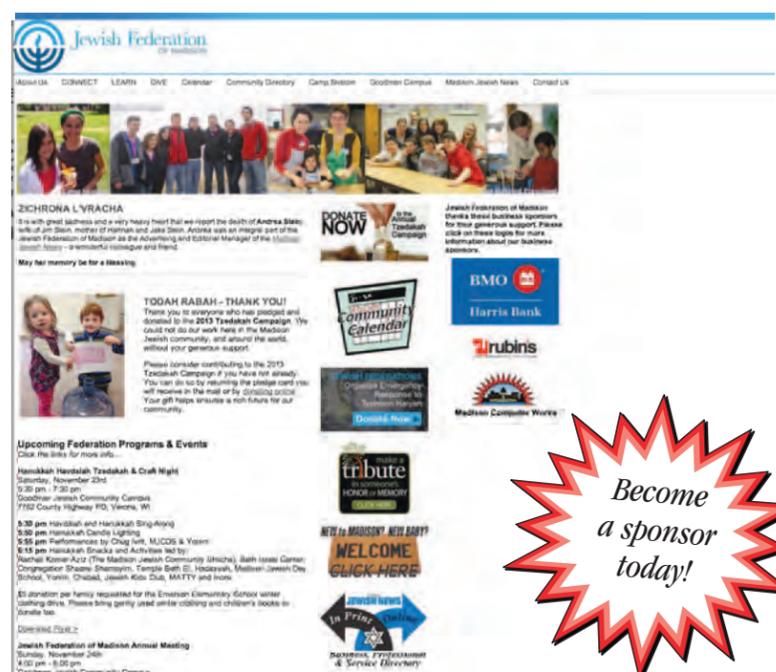
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- Your business name and logo will be prominently displayed on the Jewish Federation website homepage. Your business logo will also link to your website.
- Your business will be featured in an individual recognition announcement in every issue of *the Madison Jewish News*, which has a monthly circulation of 2,600 households and 6,000 individuals. The announcement will be given preferred placement and run in full color in the first few pages of the newspaper. The announcement will also include a photo of your choice, which you can change as often as you choose.
- You'll be invited as our guest to the Federation Annual Dinner, our November event attended by our community's leaders. You'll also receive complimentary passes for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool.

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



For information about becoming a website sponsor, contact the Jewish Federation of Madison, 278-1808 or info@jewishmadison.org



Camp Shalom Offers New Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

In honor of the 60th anniversary, Camp Shalom is offering a new Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship program. Businesses will have the opportunity to change a child's life, and in return, Camp Shalom can help advertise and promote business sponsors.

There are four different sponsor levels:

- **Director's Circle \$10,000+ (15+ Campers' Tuition)**
- **Shalom Circle \$5000-\$9999 (7-15 Campers' Tuition)**
- **Friendship Circle \$2600-\$4999 (4-7 Campers' Tuition)**
- **Camper's Circle: \$660-\$2599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)**

Each level of the Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsorships includes many benefits and recognition opportunities. For additional information, please contact Dina Weinbach at 608-278-1808 or dina@jewishmadison.org.

Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. We hope to raise \$110,000 in scholarship funds for the summer of 2014. There is little question that scholarship needs will be greater than last year; that's been the case throughout our history. Last year, with the support of our community, the Jewish Federation of Madison raised \$95,952 and awarded 172 campers with full and partial scholarships. Without exception, families tell us how grateful they are and how much their children love Camp Shalom, an experience the children would not have without scholarship support.

Please help us spread the word and consider the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship Program for your business. Thank you in advance for helping to make the 60th summer of Camp Shalom the best one yet.



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Making Israel Yours

Community Events to celebrate 66 years of Israeli independence!

APRIL

- **3rd:** Café Ivrit: Discussing 'Is Israel a Free Nation?' 7:30 p.m., Michelangelo Café, State Street
- **26th:** Israeli Poetry Reading, 8:30 p.m. at the Lazimy Family Home

MAY

- **1st:** Café Ivrit: Discussing the connection between the Holocaust, Israel Remembrance Day and Israeli Independence Day, 7:30 p.m., Michelangelo Café, State Street
- **4th:** Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Remembrance Day). Singing to remember.
- **6th: Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) Community evening program for adults with Comedian Benji Lovitt! 7:30 p.m. - Location TBA**
Israeli programs in the different schools during the week!
- **18th:** Lag B'omer bonfire for teens, 7:30 p.m., Picnic Point
- **22nd:** Café Ivrit: The Essence of Lag Ba'omer 7:30 p.m., Michaelangelo Café, State Street



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States to learn, share their expertise and skills, and collaborate.

Youth Delegations: For the past 15 years, a delegation of students completing Grade 10 has been sent to the Milwaukee community in the summer months to spend time with their peers. Members of the Israeli delegation also hosted members of the American delegation during their visit to Israel. To date, about 300 teenagers have been sent to the States. For the first time this year, a youth delegation will also be sent to the Tulsa community.

Engliada: Engliada volunteers from the Partnership communities teach Eng-

lish in an informal setting to members of the Israel region, making use of role playing games; site visits to places such as movie theaters, museums and cafes; listening to music and watching video clips. Each program session lasts for one month, with studies five days per week, three hours per day. The program has succeeded in forging lasting bonds between volunteer teachers and their Israeli students.

These are just a few of the examples of the programming that has taken place through Partnership 2Gether. The Madison Jewish community now has the op-

portunity to benefit from these programs and the opportunity to create new programs as well. This is exciting for Madison and a wonderful opportunity to get to know the people in this region of Israel.

If you would like to learn more about the partnership program, please email Racheli at Israel@jewishmadison.org or visit p2g.jewishagency.org/english/partnerships/kinneret/



Front (L-R) Marc Shovers, Diane Seder and Deborah Minkoff toured the partnership area last November.

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Theological Union in Berkeley. In addition to his editor-in-chief position for the journal *East European Jewish Affairs*, he currently serves on the editorial boards of the scholarly journal *Journal of Jewish Identities*, the Association for Jewish Studies' magazine *Perspectives*, and for the book series *Borderlines with Academic Studies* press. He serves as consultant to numerous Jewish agencies on questions of contemporary Jewish identity, and has served on the board of directors of the Association for Jewish Studies. He has won prestigious fellowships from the Social Science Research Council, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, the International Research and Exchange Council, and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In his broader work, Shneer co-founded Jewish Mosaic, the first national Jewish LGBT organization, which merged with Keshet in 2010, and was education director of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, the LGBT outreach synagogue of the San Francisco Bay Area, from 1997 through 2001. His work with the Jewish non-profit world in-

cludes consulting with organizations around issues of integrating post-Soviet Jews into Jewish communal life, serving as co-chair of Limmud Colorado, vice-chair of Keshet, and working with Facing History and Ourselves, a global non profit dedicated to fostering a democratic, human-rights oriented education in high schools.

This program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison, UW Hillel and the Center for Jewish Studies.



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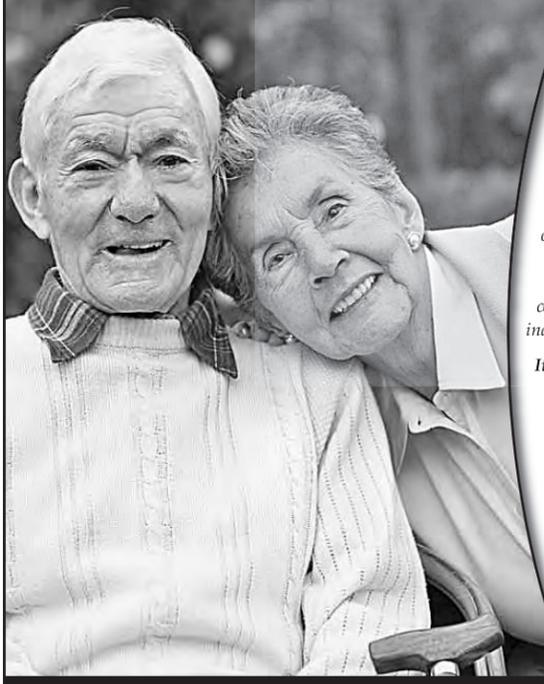
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The Madison group (shown in the center – Joe Shumow, Deborah Minkoff, Joel Minkoff, Diane Seder and Marc Shovers) poses with their hosts from the Partnership area last November when they went on a Federation mission to Israel.



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Upcoming



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EVENTS

Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand)

Monthly Jewish Community
Playgroup for Caregivers and
Children ages 0-2
Tuesday, April 1
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for this free traveling playgroup. Hand in hand caregivers will explore and discuss a new topic with a Jewish twist each month. Topics will include: yoga with baby, self-awareness, healthy eating, music, safety and more. Plenty of time for schmoozing and for the kids to play. Kosher snacks will be provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison. Future Yad B'Yad dates are May 6 and June 3. To RSVP or host one of the upcoming dates please contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org



K'tantanim Israeli Dance Class

For Preschoolers – Last Class
Sunday, April 6
3:30-4:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El, Community Court
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

Drop in for Yonim's Israeli Dance Class for Preschoolers. All 3-5 year olds welcome! Will have the chance to dance on stage at Sharsheret Festival on Sunday, April 27. \$5 per class. Contact Laura at yonim@jewishmadison.org to RSVP or with questions.



Madison Jewish Dialogue Sessions

Conversations About the Israeli-Palestinian Situation
Wednesday, April 23 at UW Hillel
Wednesday, April 30 at Temple Beth El
Thursday, May 1 at Jewish Federation of Madison
7:00-9:00 p.m. (for all dates)

Would you like to have a constructive, respectful conversation with other Jewish people whose views about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian situation are different from your own? Are you interested in talking about your experiences, feelings, convictions, and questions in an environment that promotes mutual learning?

The Jewish Federation of Madison, Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, UW Hillel and the Jewish Dialogue Group invites Jews of all perspectives, denominations and backgrounds to an introductory community dialogue where you will have an opportunity to:

- join together with the larger Madison Jewish community
- share your perspective on Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian situation
- learn about perspectives different from your own
- reflect on your own experiences, feelings, and ideas, and explore your own questions.

You must register to attend. Space is limited and on a first come, first served basis. For registration for or more information, contact: office@shamayim.org

Sharsheret Israeli Dance Camp

Hosted by Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe
Friday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. through Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.
Perlman Retreat Center / Camp Beber
W 1741 Highway J, Mukwonago, WI

Join us for an exciting weekend of dance workshops, activities and fun hosted by Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe! Enjoy Shabbat dinner, services and Havdalah. The weekend culminates with the Sharsheret Camp dancers performing a new showcase opening number at the Sharsheret Festival, an international dance festival, on the last day. This camp is open to anyone in 5th through 12th grade. For the registration form, or for more information, contact Laura at yonim@jewishmadison.org



Time to Register for Gan!

Schedule a Preschool Tour

Gan HaYeled Preschool is now enrolling new students for the 2014-15 school year. Schedule a time to come visit and see for yourself why so many families choose to send their children to Gan HaYeled. To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Missy at gan@jewishmadison.org, or call (608) 278-1808.



Cafe Ivrit is Back!

Thursdays at 7:30 pm
Michaelangelo's Coffee House
114 State Street, Madison

Cafe Ivrit is a great place to chat in Hebrew about Israel or Jewish issues. It will be run by Mickey and Racheli, our Israeli Shlichim.

To participate or for more information contact:

Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org or Mickey at israel@uwhillel.org

Save the Date:

Volunteer Trip for Jewish Teens

August 17th-23rd
Milwaukee
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2014

Service Learning Experience sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and generously funded by the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel. This trip is open to all Jewish teens in the community going into 9th – 12th grades. Experience an unforgettable week where teens will volunteer with a local organization devoted to issues of urban poverty. Join us for an awesome group-building, fun, and educational experience! Teens will start the day with morning prayers, end the day with an evening service, study Jewish texts and stories and integrate them into their experiences, and celebrate Shabbat together camping at a state park.

Cost is \$250 per student, which includes lodging, meals and transportation. For more information please contact program coordinator Parthy Schachter at civilhands@yahoo.com. Priority will be given to 10th through 12th graders, but interested 9th graders should also apply.

SAVE THE DATE!
UPCOMING



Family Education Events

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



Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Sunday, June 22, 11 am. to 2 p.m.
**at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman
Jewish Community Campus in Verona**

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

This year's picnic will include special programming in honor of the 60th anniversary of Camp Shalom. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates to be announced – Watch for details!

Mid-Summer Picnic

Shabbat Oneg at the Zoo

Pool Parties at the
Goodman Aquatic Center in Verona

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

We hope to see you at all the Family Ed events!

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A glimpse of the sketchbook of artist Kathy Mazur.

Exhibit Opening of the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory

SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, May 1
We are pleased to announce the opening of the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory exhibit on Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm at the UW Hillel. We invite the community to attend this free art opening. The Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory is a program of the Covenant Foundation. It is housed at the UW Hillel and is open to Jewish working artists in Madison and students on the UW Madison campus.

This year our Jewish Artists' Laboratory has studied the theme of Light. We have considered light as presented in biblical literature, kabbalistic texts from the Jewish mystical tradition, and in the musical works of European, American, and Israeli artists. We have also learned about the sublime in the context of art, studying works of Barnett Newman, Mark Rothko, and others.

The following Madison area artists are participating in the May 1st exhibition at the UW Hillel: Leslie Coff, Haley Feit, Roxana Florescu, Rachel Herbs-

man, Megan Katz, Stephanie Lifshutz, Kathy Mazur, Ellen Meyer, Pam Olson, Virginia Rose, Joan Sable, and Judith Zuckerman.

Also displayed in this exhibit will be a series of sketchbooks that are the collaborative work of participants in the Jewish Artists' Laboratories of the Upper Midwest, which includes Jewish artists in Madison, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis. This is an exciting venture in which artists exchange sketchbooks and work collaboratively on a shared work. Madison participant, Kathy Mazur says about this endeavor, "I love the sketchbook project, a collaborative effort among three artists' labs, where artists create connections through art."

The exhibit runs opens May 1, and runs through May and June 2014. If you are an artist who is interested in participating in next year's Jewish Artists' Laboratory, please look for information in a future edition of the *Madison Jewish News*.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov to:

Ben and Kate Lubchansky, on the birth of their daughter, Tilia Rosemary Jane Lubchansky;
Gabrielle Lensch Plastrik and David Plastrik, on the birth of their daughter, Ida Simone Plastrik; and
Rita and Leon Applebaum, on the engagement of their son Marc to Susi Ferrarello.

Condolences to the family of:

Herschel L. Seder, father of John D. (Cheryl) Seder, James A. (Marie) Seder, Diane (Bruce Rosen) Seder and Ilana, Sophie and Eli Rosen and Robert A. (Deborah L. Harmon) Seder;
Richard "Rick" Levin, husband of Judy;
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Cellist Uri Vardi Brings Fusions Continuum Concerts to the Midwest

By Allison Bloom

UW-Madison Professor of Cello Uri Vardi, an affiliate of the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, has performed as a recitalist, soloist, and chamber player across the United States, Europe, South America, Asia, and in his native Israel. In addition to his teaching and performing activities, Vardi has been active in developing the Fusions Continuum project. This project brings together the oud (a lute-like string instrument), cello, and piano in a rarely heard combination of instruments and Arabic and Jewish musical styles. As part of the Jewish Studies Semester of the Arts and thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison's Innovations Panel, Fusions Continuum will be giving free concerts in Madison on April 5 and 6, and in Milwaukee on April 6. I asked Professor Vardi to give us his perspective on the Fusions Continuum project.

Q: How did you become involved with Fusions Continuum?

A: In 1996, pianist/composer Menachem Wiesenberg, oud artist Taiseer

Elias, and I created the first Fusions project of Jewish and Arabic art music. This project culminated in a US tour in 1997. The initial project was a result of the curiosity of the three members of the group.

Q: What have you learned from working with this unusual combination of instruments?

A: The beautiful sonority of the blend between the cello and the oud fascinated all three of us. This fascination led to the later commissioning of a double concerto: *The Forty Steps* for cello, oud, and symphony by Joel Hoffman, which was premiered by the Madison Symphony Orchestra (conducted by John DeMain) with Elias and myself as soloists.

Q: How is the music you play with Fusions Continuum related to Judaism or Jewish culture?

A: There is a close relationship between traditional Jewish cantillation—the chanting of the Torah (*Ta'amei ha'mikra*)—and Arabic music, a relationship that we show in our programming.

The program of the Fusions Continuum concert will include Jewish music (written

by both Jewish and non-Jewish composers), traditional Arabic art music, and new compositions written for the unique combination of oud, cello, and piano. It will also include a world premiere of *Arabesque*, a duo for oud and cello by composer Jan Radzynski.

Q: What do you hope the audience will learn or feel when they attend a Fusions Continuum concert?

A: Our hope is that the audience will enjoy the unique new sonority that our three instruments produce, as well as appreciate the experience of listening to the combination of two different cultures under one roof. We would like to show that people who may have political disputes

can share the same stage and create a harmonious experience. We hope that the attendees will see that a mutual respect for our two different cultures can create a new experience of harmony and beauty.

The Fusions concerts will take place on Saturday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m. in Mills Recital Hall (455 N. Park Street), Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the Chazen Museum (750 University Avenue), and Sunday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rubenstein Pavilion of Chai Point Senior Living (1400 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee).

More information about the Fusions concerts can be found on our website at jewishstudies.wisc.edu/arts/fusions/, or call the Center for Jewish Studies at 608-890-3572.



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Friends of Emerson Update

Friends of Emerson, the partnership between Emerson Elementary School and Madison's social action coalition, Jewish Congregations for Social Justice, is charging along with great success. We now have 18 math mentors who work with 25 Emerson students each week. Also, volunteers participate in the weekly family event, 'Tuesday Night Lights'. Two recent programs are particularly noteworthy: *The Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture: "Community Engagement in Public Education"* and *A Principal Experience* sponsored by the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools.

Karen Kepler, Principal of Emerson Elementary School, was the Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial lecturer on Sunday

Feb. 16, sponsored by Jewish Social Services and Temple Beth El. She impressed the crowd with her passion and dedication to quality education. Kepler spoke about how she used some of her own negative experiences as a student to build positive, constructive experiences for Emerson students. As a principal, Karen believes community involvement builds stronger educational opportunities. Emerson's family night, 'Tuesday Night Lights,' easily attracts 150 people each week to gather, learn, have fun, and eat healthy snacks.

The annual lecture is in memory of Liesl M. Blockstein, a beloved member of Temple Beth El who was deeply involved in Jewish Social Services. Her husband, William L. Blockstein, of

blessed memory, established this lecture and scholarship fund to celebrate the achievements of Wisconsin women in

politics, public service, religion, arts, literature, and music, or in other areas of endeavor.



Rabbis Laurie Zimmerman, Jonathan Biatch and Joshua Ben-Gideon with Karen Kepler.



Emerson Math Mentors with Emerson Elementary School Principal, Karen Kepler. Top row: Marcia Vandercook, Sandy Wright, Karen Shevat Dinah, Larry Bensky, Karen Kepler, Bettine Lipman. Front row: Sari Judge, Sherie Sondel, and Betsy Abramson. Photo by Diane Kravetz.

Volunteers Needed for 'Friends of Emerson'

'Friends of Emerson' is looking for new volunteers.

Emerson School needs assistance with the 'Tuesday Night Lights' program. Volunteers would greet families and distribute name tags. Also, since each student that attends receives a new or gently used book, volunteers will help distribute the books to the very appreciative students.

'Tuesday Night Lights' offers a weekly program for Emerson students and their families. Approximately 150 people attend each week. Program examples are: Family Math Game Night, Family Fitness Night, Fine Arts Night, etc., etc. Everyone has fun, even the volunteers!

The program nights for this spring are: April 1, 22 and 29, May 6, 20 and 27 and June 3.

To sign up:

1. Go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/WFUu1s>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Betsy Abramson at betsyabramson@gmail.com and she will happily sign you up manually.

Emerson Elementary School was adopted by Jewish Congregations for Social Justice in July, 2013. Jewish Congregations for Social Justice is a joint coalition of the social action committees from Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Beth Israel Center. In addition to 'Tuesday Night Lights' and Math Mentors, volunteers from the three congregations have helped with a school supply drive and a winter outerwear drive, and assembled hundreds of Homework Boxes containing school supplies.

See our website: jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org, or, to volunteer go to volunteerspot.com

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.

Shabbaton with Rabbi Chava Bahle

April 4 and April 5
(First Unitarian Society)

Please call the office for the Saturday evening location.

Shaarei Shamayim welcomes Rabbi Chava Bahle for a Shabbaton with the theme "Preparing the Heart for Freedom," as we consider our journey to Pesach this year. We will gather in the Landmark Auditorium at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, for Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, April 4. This evening will include a potluck dinner; please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Rabbi Chava will lead us in services on Shabbat morning, April 5, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Unitarian Society, followed by a vegetarian potluck lunch and discussion. In the evening we will gather in a member's home for Havdalah.

Rabbi Chava is the Director of the Or Tzafon Retreat Center, a center for the study of Jewish mysticism, spiritual practice, and contemporary worship in northern Michigan. She is a twice-ordained rabbi and a maggid – a Jewish inspirational preacher and storyteller. Rabbi Chava teaches courses in religion, spirituality, and writing at Northwestern Michigan College Extended Education. She was a volunteer chaplain for the Michigan Department of Corrections for 18 years, and a recipient of Traverse City's Sara Hardy Humanitarian Award for her work in human rights.

Social Action Potluck: J Street and the Upcoming Jewish Dialogue Sessions

Friday, April 18
6:00 – 8:30 p.m., in a private home – please call the office for location

We will gather at 6:00 p.m. and have a brief Shabbat service at 6:15 p.m. There will be a vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:45 p.m. and a discussion at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 26

First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

9:30 am Torah Study; 10:30 am Services; 12:30 pm Kiddush

Temple Beth El

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

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

Pre-Passover Singles Creating Community Potluck Dinner

Sunday, April 13, 5:30pm
Rosewood Apartments; 902 N. High Point Road, in their Community Room

All ages welcome. This is a perfect opportunity to cook up your *chametz* (leavened products) and get it eaten before Pesach! If you don't want to cook, just buy a pizza or lasagna. Please bring a favorite Passover recipe. For more information or to RSVP email David at daviddad@tds.net.

Community Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 15, 6:00pm
RSVP by Tuesday, April 8
RSVP Online at www.templebethelmadison.org/events/#seder

Join Rabbi Biatch and Cantor Martin to celebrate our freedom at our annual community Passover Seder.

For more information or questions, please email Aleeza, program@templebethelmadison.org or call her at 608-238-3123.

Yizkor – Memorial Service

Sunday, April 20
5:00pm

The Holiday Memorial Service (Yizkor, in Hebrew) is a time when we recall our

loved ones who have departed this earth, and who reside in our memory. Please come and spend some time with your Temple Beth El community as we recall our loved ones on Yizkor.

Post Passover Chametz Fest

Monday, April 21, 6:15 p.m.

Great Dane Fitchburg
2980 Cahill Main, Fitchburg

All ages welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Aleeza at 608.238.3123 or program@templebethelmadison.org by Friday, April 18.

Shalom Passover

Tuesday, April 22
9:30am-10:30am

All community preschool children and parents are welcome to experience Passover with us. We'll enjoy story time, singing, crafts and snacks together. RSVPs to program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated, but not required.

Sixties Dance Party

Get back to where you once belonged.... or wish you did!
7:00pm, Saturday, April 26

Great music, chips, dips, sweets and punch. BYOB if you wish. \$10/person by April 24, \$12 at the door. Visit the Temple website to register online. For more information, please contact Aleeza, Program Director, at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Tots & Tunes

Sunday, April 27
9:30am - 10:30am
Temple Beth El Lounge

For all children ages Newborn to 5 years! A fun way to learn about Shabbat and the Jewish holidays! Sing with leaders Dana Prager and Kenny Lyons, do a craft project, and enjoy challah & juice. Questions? Call Educator, Larry Kohn, 608-238-3123.

Keshet Israel Film Series

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 – “The Flat”
(Documentary)

For full schedule visit <http://www.templebethelmadison.org/our-community/committees/keshet-israel-committee/#keshetfilm>

Temple Beth El's Arbor Street doors open at 7:00pm, film begins at 7:15pm and is followed by discussion. Snacks, beverages and schmoozing precede the showings.

Inequality for All A film by Robert Reich Screening & Discussion

Thursday, May 1
7:00pm

Presented by Temple Beth El and Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice.

RSVP: by April 25 to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123

2nd Heritage Shabbat with Rabbi Ken Roseman – Part of our 75th Celebration

Friday, May 2, 2014

5:45pm Chinese Food Dinner – Reservations Required
7:30pm Shabbat Service

Rabbi Ken & Phyllis Roseman will be joining us for this service that will use the blue Gates of Prayer prayer book.

“Do-It-Yourself Jewish Adventure Series” – For 5th & 6th Graders

Saturday, May 3

1:30pm, Temple Beth El Youth Lounge
5th and 6th graders are invited to enjoy a nosh with Rabbi Ken Roseman, author of the “Do-It-Yourself Jewish Adventure Series.” Rabbi Roseman was the Temple Beth El Rabbi from 1976 to 1985, and is back with us for Shabbat as part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

We're Traveling to Israel this Summer – Please join us!

Sunday, August 3, 2014 – Wednesday, August 13, 2014

There are still spots available, and we hope you will consider seeing the glory of

Israel in the beautiful summer weather. Contact Rabbi Biatch for details at rabbi@templebethelmadison.org, or at 608.238.3123. Specifics about the trip (itinerary, price, and other details) can be found at <http://www.arzaworld.com/temple-beth-el-madison-2014-israel-trip.aspx>.

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

Potluck Shabbat Dinner
Friday, April 4, 2014
7:00pm

Private home in the Vilas neighborhood
RSVP for more information and to let us know what you plan to bring, email Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org

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

Post Passover Pizza Party
Tuesday, April 22, 2014
7:00pm-9:00pm

Location TBD

This month, we're mixing up our Meet & Greet dinner to share chametz together at the end of Passover. RSVPs to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated. Dinner will be \$20 or less.

MaTTY (Mad Town Temple Youth Group) Grades 8-12

Sunday, April 20, 2014
1:00pm-3:00pm

MaTTY's Making Matzah With Mickey, the Israel representative in Madison!

Please RSVP to Naomi Segal by April 13th at matty@templebethelmadison.org

MaTTY Bagel Schmooze

Sunday, April 27, 2014

11:30am-12:15pm

Join us after Religious School in the MaTTY Lounge for bagels and juice.

MUTTY (Grades 5-7)

Rock Climbing
Sunday, April 6, 2014
1:00pm
Boulder's Gym

Beth Israel Center

Beth Israel is on the move! Our long-awaited remodeling project is getting underway, and we are embracing a “vacate-and-accelerate” approach to the endeavor. With the hope of being in our newly renovated synagogue for Rosh Hashana, we are holding services, classes, meetings and programs in other locations this spring and summer. Many thanks to Temple Beth El, Jewish Federation of Madison, and other organizations for working with us to make this transition a smooth one.

You can find us at...

Temple Beth El on Shabbat mornings, as well as for Pesach and Shavuot morning services. All start at 9:30am in the Temple Beth El lounge.

Downtown at 126 S. Hamilton Street for morning minyan (Sundays at 8:15, Mondays and Thursdays at 7am), evening minyan (Sunday through Thursday at 5:30pm), office functions (come say hi!), and some meetings and classes.

Check www.bethisraelcenter.org for where to find our Kabbalat Shabbat services and potluck dinners, as well as other program updates.

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

Here's what's on our April calendar:

Beit Midrash

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays
7:00-8:30 p.m. at 126 S. Hamilton

April 1: Lily Nagy-Deak on the *Modern Mikvah, Reinventing Spiritual Waters*

April 29: Jordan Rosenblum on *Kosher Food Rules, Exploring Mishnah Hullin*

Using the model of the traditional Beit Midrash (House of Study), participants will spend an evening studying Jewish

text and engaging in meaningful discussion. We will explore the world of hevruta (partner) learning and dive into both traditional texts and modern Jewish writings. Come every session, or just drop by when you can!

Fiction With Friends

Wednesday, April 2
7:00-8:30pm at 126 S. Hamilton

Read Bee Season by Myla Goldberg and come exchange thoughts, reviews, and perspectives with old and new friends.

Kadima State Street Chill-Out

Sunday, April 6
12:45-3:00pm

Middle schoolers, come hang out on State Street with Kadima! Enjoy a little noshing, a little shopping, and a little schmoozing. Contact Deborah Hoffman (256-7763 or hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) to RSVP or ask questions.

Joey Weisenberg Returns to Madison

Last but not least, Joey Weisenberg returns to Madison the first weekend in May for his third visit to work with the Beth Israel community on bringing more musicality and intention to our worship. Watch the Beth Israel website or subscribe to our e-newsletter for more information about this upcoming Shabbaton.



Mad Town Teen Jewish Service Learning Program

A Jewish Service Learning Experience sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and generously funded by the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel

Who: Jewish teens going into 9th-12th grades next August. This is community-wide; high schoolers belonging to any congregation as well as unaffiliated Jewish-identified teens are invited to join!

What: An unforgettable week where teens will volunteer with Growing Power, an urban farm dedicated to providing healthy food to urban communities, and learn about issues of poverty and food security.

Where: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

When: August 17-23, 2014

Why: Because this is an awesome group-building, fun, and educational experience!

How it's Jewish: Teens will start the day with morning prayers, end the day with an evening service, study Jewish texts and stories and integrate them into their experiences, and celebrate Shabbat together camping at Whitnall Park in Milwaukee County.

What does it cost: \$250 per student, which includes lodging, meals, and transportation.

How do I apply? Applications are available on the Shaarei Shamayim website (shamayim.org) and due April 1. If you have questions, please contact program coordinator Parthy Schachter at civilhands@yahoo.com. Priority will be given to 10th-12th graders, but interested 9th graders should also apply.

You're Invited: Passover at UW Hillel

Spring is finally here, and UW Hillel is looking forward to welcoming students and community members to our Passover seders, meals, and programs. During the week we plan to reflect on the meaning of freedom, celebrate the beginning of spring, and enjoy community meals. We welcome the community to join us for seders on Monday, April 14 at 7 PM and Tuesday, April 15 at 7 PM. Hillel will be offering several seder options each night. All seders will begin at the same time and dinner will be served at 8PM. Seder offerings include Traditional seder; A Meditation on

Passover; Greek Jewish Community Seder; Social Justice Seder; and Musical Seder. Seders will be catered by Café O and Zilli Hospitality Group.

We hope that the community will join us for Passover meals throughout the holiday week. We will offer meals in the Hillel dining room for lunch and dinner. All meals can be prepared to go.

For details regarding Passover at Hillel and to reserve your spot at our Passover seders and meals, please visit www.uwhillel.org/passover. The UW Hillel is located at 611 Langdon Street on the UW campus.



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For more information go to:
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email:
madison.chapter@hadassah.org
call: (608) 770-6521
6633 University Ave. Middleton, WI

Save the evening of June 1, 2014 for Madison Hadassah's Centennial Celebration.

On June 1st, Madison Hadassah will celebrate their 100th anniversary and unveil visions for the next century. The evening's festivities will include dinner and entertainment.

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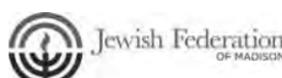
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Saturday, April 26, 8:30 p.m. at the Lazimy Family home.
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UW Students Celebrate Shabbat at Chabad

By REBECCA OHNONA

UW Sophomore

For Jewish students at UW-Madison, after a long week of arduous hours in the library, a lengthy class schedule, and the typical stresses that come with living as a college student, Chabad provides a peaceful, homey end to the week. Chabad at UW-Madison is the closest thing that many students feel to home at school. Shabbat dinner is the most popular evening for students to congregate at Chabad, with 80 to 120 students attending every week. “Judaism is a home and family oriented religion and this is what we try and create for students every day at Chabad,” Rabbi

Mendel Matusof said.

Shabbat preparation begins every Tuesday. Henya Matusof, along with various student volunteers, begins baking and cooking on Wednesday.

Many students help serve the Shabbat meal so that the dinner runs smoothly. A typical Shabbat dinner starts off with a variety of dips, including hummus, Henya’s famous “green dip,” babaganoush and olive spread. The Shabbos meal includes classic Jewish dishes, including kugel and matzo ball soup. While the food never disappoints, the main attraction is the comfortable feeling any student feels upon entering Chabad on a Friday night.

“For us the main thing is that students

feel at home,” Rabbi Mendel Matusof said.

And Matusof succeeds at just that. Students come to Chabad on Friday nights to bring in Shabbat through singing songs, saying the blessing over the candles, wine and Challah, while also catching up with friends and feeling at home with a nice meal.

“Chabad’s come-as-you-are philosophy makes students of all backgrounds feel comfortable and welcomed. It provides students with tremendous opportunities of learning, growing, and experiencing the beauty of Judaism,” UW student and Chabad board member, Alex Zimmern, said.

The comfortable vibe and leisurely at-

mosphere keeps students coming back to the Chabad every week. Student Board President, Matthew Elkin, notes the crucial social factor of Shabbat dinners at Chabad.

“Shabbat is a great way to connect with your friends that you may not have seen all week because of jobs or class or homework. It gives you the opportunity to check in with them, enjoy some delicious food, and relax after a stressful week,” he said.

Whatever the reason Chabad at UW-Madison is a true home away for home, and the perfect place for any Jewish student to spend their Friday night.



Crowds of students enjoy a Purim feast at Chabad.



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Why Madison Families are Choosing Jewish Day School

By NANCY BROWER

When Aimee Coen went to pick up her daughter, Lila, from Madison Jewish Community Day School one day this winter, she and other parents were surprised by how quiet it was outside of the classrooms. They wondered if they had misread the schedule. Were the children away on a field trip, or engaged in an activity in a remote part of the building?

As it turns out, the students were all inside the classroom working happily (and quietly!) on their journals, so engrossed in their thoughts and writing that it was tough to tear them away from school that day. This is a regular occurrence at MJCDS—at dismissal time, children are often surprised to learn that school is over and perhaps a little reluctant to put aside their work.

At other times, of course, the sounds of creative and engaged learning can be heard throughout the school. Leslie Greenspan's son, Jonathan, is in fourth grade, and he has benefitted greatly from the dual curriculum of general studies and Judaics, along with Hebrew language instruction, which allows for an enriching cross-over between subject areas. At high holiday time, the students learned about the rhythm of the shofar calls which blended into the

study of fractions; a unit on the Olympics gave way to vocabulary instruction on Hebrew words for sports; and the Tu B'Shevat seder is paired with learning about ecology and preservation.

The Coen family has been impressed with the small student-teacher ratio, the community feel, and the challenging dual curriculum. "Lila's teachers know how to reach her as an individual learner. We've seen her interest in reading grow enormously in just her first few months as a kindergartener, and she is coming home with Hebrew vocabulary words that she loves to share with us."

Kindergarten parent Adam Weil shares those thoughts about the school. He has watched his son, Lincoln, adapt easily and happily to the school. Lincoln "has made great strides in both reading and math all while getting in touch with his Jewish heritage," Weil says. "The smaller class size has lent itself to more personal attention as well. The teachers and other families immediately made us feel comfortable and welcome."

Leslie Greenspan also appreciates that an MJCDS education is guided by the concept of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. "This greatly affects the interactions among the students and creates bonds between them," she says. "Each student is given a strong sense of purpose in using their individual talents and skills. There is far more cooperation than competition, admiration than criticism, and a greater sense of strength in working together than out-doing each other."

Early in the school year, Coen attended a presentation by some of the older students, who had been studying bees. She was impressed by the depth of understanding the students demonstrated. It was clear that the teachers had prepared and executed the unit in a way that allowed students to study aspects of the subject that meant the most to them while mastering a complex topic.

On a weekly basis, parents can get a first-hand look and feel for how close the community is at MJCDS as they join their children at the Kabbalat Shabbat celebration on Friday afternoon. This is a time when, as Coen says, "the students and teachers give a review of the week. They're so eager to share that with everyone, to sing together and take time to recognize what they have learned."



The Greenspans

As everyone in Madison has made their way through this challenging winter, MJCDS stands out as a place where students are blossoming as they learn with curiosity and vigor; where teachers encourage deep understanding of topics in Hebrew, Judaics, and general studies; and where lessons about how to be a valued member of a community happen every day.

"We are so glad that we made the decision to enroll Lincoln and could not recommend the school, the staff and culture at MJCDS any higher," says Weil.

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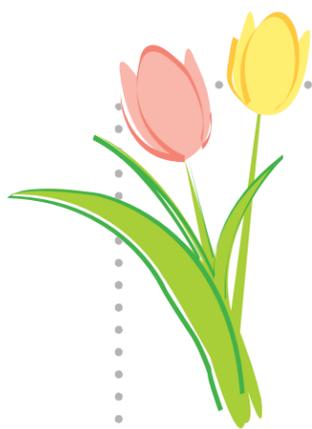


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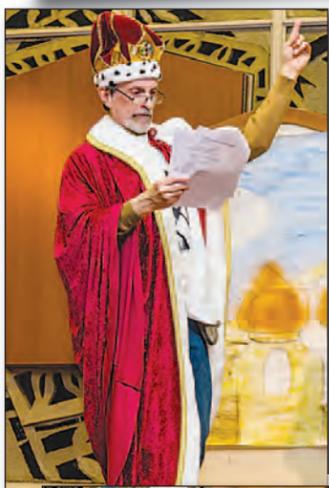
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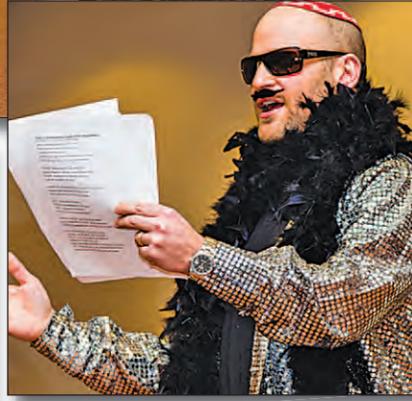
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Gordon. Registration materials will be available in May. Our thanks to the Levy Summer Series committee: Jeff Levy, Annette Durkin, Howard Fried, Herman Goldstein, Daniel Pekarsky, David Sulman, Jean Weissburg and JSS president, Nan Youngerman and to Jeff Levy for making this program possible.

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

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Volunteer Opportunities at this year's Passover Seders

Jewish Social Services will hold two Passover Seders for seniors, families and friends. On Thursday, April 17 at Capitol Lakes volunteers will help from 10:30-2:00 and on Friday, April 18 at Oakwood West volunteers will help from 2:00-5:30. Volunteers will help set-up, escort and seat guests, pour wine, water and grape juice, participate in the Seder, assist dining room staff with serving and clearing, and other duties as they come up. Ten volunteers are needed at Capitol Lakes and five at Oakwood; volunteers will receive a complementary meal at both locations (veggie option available). Contact Louise at 608-278-1808 or louise@jssmadison.org if you're interested in volunteering at one of these Seders.

Double Your Volunteering Mitzvah

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◆ Sunday, May 18

An Evening of Entertainment with Jazz Performer Ben Sidran and Silent Auction at Full Compass Systems, 9770 Silicon Prairie Pkwy, Madison. Event begins at 6:30 p.m., and includes performance, hors d'oeuvre reception and silent auction.

◆ Tuesday, July 8

An Evening of Comedy with Rabbi Bob Alper at CUNA MUTUAL Conference Center, 5810 Mineral Point Rd, Madison. Event begins at 7:00 p.m.

◆ Sunday, August 10

Founder's Recognition Brunch at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Dr, Madison. Event begins at 11:00 a.m.

For more information please visit www.jssmadison.org or call (608) 278-1808.

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Please be sure to mark your calendar and join us at one, two or all three of our 36th Anniversary Celebration events.

Coming in May

Our Evening of Entertainment with Ben Sidran and Silent Auction will be the place to be on May 18 when we kick off our celebration. What an evening it will

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Camp Shalom: Meet the Unit Heads

Camp Shalom is divided into three units, Unit Aleph (K-1), Unit Bet (2-3) and Unit Gimel (4-5). Each Unit is led by an

experienced staff member who has shown to be a strong leader, a role model to the staff and campers, creative and innovative

with programming and who embodies the ruach (spirit) of Shalom. We are ecstatic to announce the 2014 Camp Shalom Unit Heads.

Special Dates for Camp Shalom 2014

Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Session 1:

Monday, June 23rd- Friday, July 11th
Camp Shalom Visitor's Lunch: Friday, June 27th

No Camp: Friday, July 4th
Latenight/ Overnight: Wednesday, July 9th

CSNB 9th grade trip: Monday July 7th- Thursday, July 10th

Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Session 2:

Tuesday, July 15th- Friday, August 1st
Camp Shalom Visitor's Lunch: Friday, July 18th

Latenight/ Overnight: Wednesday, July 30th

CSNB 9th grade trip: Monday, July 28th- Thursday, July 31st

Camp Shalom Session 3:

Tuesday, August 5th- Friday, August 15th

Visitor's Lunch: Friday, August 8th
Latenight: Wednesday, August 13th

The **Camp Shalom Latenight** is for campers in grades K-5 and their families. There is no afternoon bus service on Wednesday and everyone is invited to bring a picnic dinner out to the Goodman Campus. The campers will entertain the

crowd with songs, skits and dances.

The **Camp Shalom Overnight** is for Unit Gimel, 4-5 grade campers. After the latenight program they will set-up tents outside or sleeping bags inside the Minkoff Center. The campers will have a night swim, a camp fire and plenty of time for bonding. On the Thursday following the overnight there is no camp for the 4-5 graders. The buses run on a special schedule and the K-3 graders return to Camp for special programming.

The **Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Overnight** is an off-campus trip to a local camping site. There is no alternative on-campus programming for campers who opt out of the overnight. The campers leave the Goodman Campus on Wednesday and do not return until it is time to board the buses on Thursday.

The **Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 9th Grade Overnight** is a four-day, three-night off-campus experience. The campers will take a bus to a campsite where they will stay for the entire trip. The days will involve outdoor adventure, arts and crafts and exploration. At night they will cook over the campfire, bond with each other and develop their camping skills. Campers who opt out of the camping trip will be able to join the Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim campers on campus for programming.

This summer Hannah Tikvah Kaiser will be returning for her fifth summer on the Camp Shalom staff. During the school year Hannah is a senior at Columbia College in Chicago and she is majoring in Fashion Business. Hannah loves the giant *Mishpacha* (family) at Camp every year. She is looking forward to meeting the amazing campers and working with all of the staff members, new and old. Hannah is excited about the late-night programs. Maybe she will use some of the skills she learns as a Wedding Specialist at J. Crew to help her develop some fun and unique activities for the campers...Project Runway Camp Shalom anyone?



Hannah Tikvah Kaiser

Micah Baum has spent 11 years at Camp Shalom; he was a camper at Shalom and at Noar and 2014 will be his 3rd year on staff. Micah loves to celebrate Shabbat at Camp Shalom and enjoys the relaxed atmosphere, special songs and stories and bonding with the campers over



Micah Baum

challah and grape juice while reflecting on the week. He is excited to take on this new role as a Unit Head and is looking forward to seeing his old campers and sharing his awesome, active and creative unit activities with the campers. This summer Micah's unit will be taking a journey through the world of Tom Hanks' movies. They will navigate an asteroid in their *Apollo 13* capsule, learn to survive on a desert with their best friend Wilson and reflect on the events of the summer with musical and cultural influences a la *Forrest Gump*. Micah will be returning to Madison this summer after an exciting year in Columbus, OH working for City Year, a non-profit program that focuses on addressing the dropout crisis by serving in high-risk schools and communities. Micah has spent his year tutoring and mentoring high school students to help them stay on-track to graduate.

Will Crawford-Lamal has been a part of Camp Shalom for as long as he can remember. He was a camper for 9 years and this will be his 7th summer on staff. Will loves getting to know all of the campers and staff during the summer. He is excited about Maccabiah this summer because it is such a fun day year after year. Will is known for creating new and innovative games and is looking forward to bringing back "Beehive," a game he invented last year. Will exemplifies the spirit of Camp Shalom, bringing happiness, cultural enrichment and a sense of community which are just a few of Will's strengths as a staff member.



Will Crawford-Lamal

Midrasha's Great Purim Race

The Midrasha student body participated in the first ever Midrasha Great Purim Race in March. Students were invited to bring a friend to join us for the program. The evening was filled with fun programming starting with an a capella concert from Jewop, UW Madison's only Jewish a capella group. A youth activities fair followed the concert. Board members from the local Madison youth groups (BBYO, MATTY AND MOUSY) as well as our community Shlichah, Racheli Komar-Aziz, set-up information tables about their programs. The students perused the tables, asked questions, played games and ate delicious Hamantashen that were made by our seniors during their Jewish cooking class.

The grand finale of the night was The Great Purim Race. The students divided themselves into teams of 8 or 10 members. Each team was assigned a color and a team name. The teams raced through a series of activities and challenges. The activities included:

- Haman's Hamantashen Hoax: team members had to eat Hamantashen filled with mystery fillings such as relish, mustard and green chilis
- I Spy Mordechai: team members had to take pictures of 6 hidden illustrations of Mordechai that were posted around the building
- The Whole Megillah: students used their phones to look on the internet for answers to trivia questions about the Megillah
- Esther's Beauty Pageant: each team dressed-up one of their team members to parade to the King
- Make some noise: students had to write a Purim song to the tune of a popular song and take a video to be sent to the judges for approval
- The students had to spell the word PURIM using their bodies

One team was crowned the winner of the Midrasha Great Purim Race but everyone had a blast!

Midrasha Calendar

April: Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 23 and 30 (no Midrasha April 16). Sundays, April 6 and 27 (no Midrasha April 13 and 20).

May: Sunday, May 4. Wednesday, May 7 – Graduation/last night of classes.



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



Thank You from Gan

On Sunday, March 2, Gan HaYeled Preschool held its first ever "Movin' Schmooze" Fundraiser. Fit Mom's Transformation Center generously donated their space, time and 100% of all the proceeds to Gan HaYeled. Families participated in fun fitness activities lead by Fit Mom's terrific staff. Tons of fun was had

by all. Many thanks go out to our fit "Movin' Schmooze" participants, as well as Dustin Maher and his staff at Fit Mom's Transformation Center. Thank you also to everyone who stopped in with a flyer at Panera Bread Company for Gan HaYeled's "Eat Bread to Raise Dough" Fundraiser on February 27!



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



Join Us for Schmooze & Tunes on Fridays!

Classes start March 28

Schmooze...

Meet, socialize and network with other parents and their children in the Jewish community. Find out about other great programs in the Gan HaYeled Preschool. Get to know other families with children who are between the ages of 3 months - 5 years.

Tunes...

The Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with our own music teacher, Susan Valko. Susan will be teaching Music Together classes for families in the Jewish community on Friday mornings in the conference room of the Jewish Federation of Madison. Music Together classes involve informal singing, moving, and instrument playing activities that are developmentally appropriate for very young children and their caregivers. Each week, following the music portion of class, we have SCHMOOZING time



and a delicious, homemade challah snack. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

Program -

Fridays: Class 1 - 9:15am to 10:15am
Class 2 - 10:15 to 11:15

Cost: \$160 (Additional fee of \$60 for participating siblings)

Dates: March 28 through June 13. (No classes on April 4 and 18)

For more information, contact Missy at gan@jewishmadison.org, or download the form at www.jewishmadison.org.

Minimum enrollment of 8 children is required.

Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool

PLAY Learn GROW

HEY PRESCHOOLERS:

Gan HaYeled is now enrolling for Fall 2014!

For more information or to arrange a tour, please contact Missy at gan@jewishmadison.org or call 278-1808.

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Find registration forms at www.jewishmadison.org or call Missy at 278-1808 for more information

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Sharsheret Dance Camp Registration is Open! Sharsheret Festival is April 27

All 5th through 12th graders are invited to come to an exciting weekend of dance workshops, activities and fun April 25-27! The camp is held at the Perlman Retreat Center/Camp Beber in Mukwonago. On Sunday, April 27, the kids from camp will showcase a new opening number at the Sharsheret Festival. No dance experience necessary and open to non-Yonim kids! Registration forms available at www.yonim.org. Questions? Contact Laura at yonim@jewishmadison.org.

Sunday, April 27th at 2-4pm is the 18th Sharsheret Festival – a celebration of international dance and peace at UW Music Hall. In addition to the Sharsheret camp and Yonim dancers, several other wonderful dance groups will be performing. This spring's Sharsheret will feature dances from the Middle East, India, China, Japan and more! And back by popular demand will be the amazing Okinawan Taiko Drummers from West High School. You won't want to miss this exciting show!

K'tantanim has been growing!

Preschoolers are welcome to join us Sunday, April 6th at 3:30 – 4:00pm to move and groove to Israeli music. They will have the opportunity to perform as a group at the Sharsheret Festival a few weeks later!

March was an exciting month for the Yonim Israeli Folk Dance Troupe. They performed at Oakwood Village and entertained many residents with a vibrant, energetic show. Also in March, the high school dancers took a trip to an Israeli dance camp called Beketzav Acher in Zion, IL. It was 3 days and nights of learning from some of the top Israeli dance choreographers of the world, and dancing with other Israeli dance enthusiasts who came to the camp from all over the US and Canada. In addition, there was a concert by a popular musical artist from Israel, Sagiv Cohen. A quote from one of the Yonim dancers sums it up, "Most amazing weekend of my life!"

For further information, please contact Laura at yonim@jewishmadison.org.



Holy Hamantaschen!!!

The second annual Jewish Community Hamantaschen Baking Workshop was a HUGE success. More than 40 people helped with the process of preparing, filling, folding and packaging 2100 Hamantaschen for our Community Purim Carnival. This was not a small feat and could not have been possible without the help from our master baker, Susan Roquitte. Susan spent hours shopping for supplies, and preparing the dough for the community workshop on March 9th. After a short dough tutorial she put everyone to work filling the dough with prune, poppy seed, cherry and raspberry. They folded the dough into the traditional triangle shape before baking them. No one was too young or too old to help us achieve our goal of making 2100 triangles. It was a truly cross-generational experience. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Hamantaschen and thank you to everyone who bought and ate them as well!



SAVE THE DATE...

Shop for Shalom!
Sunday, May 4
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Come shop for a great cause, the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund. Local vendors will bring their wares including skin care products, handbags and accessories, clothing, jewelry, foods and more! **20% of all sales will be donated** to help give campers an amazing summer experience at Camp Shalom.

Contact program@jewishmadison.org for more information



Lechayim Lights

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A Senior Adult Program of Jewish Social Services

April Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at **Lechayim Lunchtime Plus** at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org by **10:00 A.M. on the preceding business day, usually a Friday morning**. The kosher meals are catered by Café O Catering and a **vegetarian option is available with a reservation**. If you are over age 60 a minimum donation of \$4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what you can afford. The cost of the meal is \$7.50 for those under age 60.

Monday, April 7

- 11:00-12:00 Health Fair with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students, *Falls Prevention and Over the Counter Medication Screening*
- 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 Oven-fried chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, salad, and fresh fruit salad
- 1:00-2:00 Prof. Beth Martin, "Are Your Medicines Putting You at Risk for Falling?"

Monday, April 14 – *Passover, Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, April 21 – *Passover, Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, April 28 – *Lechayim commemorates Yom HaShoah*

- 11:00-12:00 Health Fair with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students, *Generation Rx/Med-Drop*
- 11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz Rissman
- 12:00-1:00 Sweet & sour meatballs, kasha varnishkes, California mixed veggies, tzimmes, Mandelbrodt
- 1:00-2:00 Henry Sapoznik, "The Holocaust and American Jewish Radio"

May dates

- May 5 – *Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)*
- May 12
- May 19 – *Last Lechayim, Lechayim Volunteer Recognition*

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

Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эль (the Temple Beth), по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 278-1808, ext. 227 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 10:00 утра пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовят Шарон Лангер и Али Стриклер из "Café O Catering" Вегетарианское меню по предварительному заказу. Стоимость обеда - \$7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет - \$ 4.00.

Понедельник, 7 апреля

- 11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
- 11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
- 12:00-1:00 Запеченная курица, картофельное пюре с чесноком, салат овощной и салат из свежих фруктов.
- 1:00-2:00 Профессор Бет Мартин, "«Приводит ли прием медицинских препаратов к увеличению риска падений?»"

14 апреля Пасха, Лехаим не состоится

21 апреля Пасха, Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 28 апреля Лехаим празднует Пурим

- 11:00-12:00 Ярмарка здоровья с с обществом студентов-фармацевтов штата Висконсин.
- 11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Эстель Кац
- 12:00-1:00 Фрикадельки под сладко –кислым соусом , каша *varnishkes* (обжаренные лук и лапша), калифорнийские овощи, *tzimmes* (приготовленный на медленном огне сладкий картофель или сухие фрукты), *Mandelbrodt*(бисквиты).
- 1:00-2:00 Генри Сапожник, "Холокост и Американско-еврейское Радио».

Даты мая

- 5 мая - Йом ха-Ацмаут (День независимости Израиля)
- 12 мая
- 19 мая - Последний Лехаим. Чествование волонтеров.

Need an "Oddjobber"?

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



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

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments in April and May

There will be two Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessments at Lechayim in April, a Falls Assessment on Monday, April 7 from 11:00-12:00 and a Health Fair with Generation Rx/Med-Drop on Monday, April 27. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your questions and concerns about

falls and proper disposal of unused or expired medications.

Next Monthly Health Assessment: Health Needs Assessment on Monday, May 5.



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

About our Programs

We've had quite a winter! Lechayim was cancelled an unprecedented four times for extreme cold or snow. Fortunately, we've been able to reschedule the programs we missed. On **Monday, April 7** we will catch up with Professor Beth Martin of the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy to hear "Are Your Medicines Putting You at Risk for Falling?" Professor Beth Martin will present research being done by Professor Dave Mott that looks at how modifying the way we use medicine can help prevent falls. Prof. Martin will address why older adults are at risk for medicine-related problems and what steps to take to reduce fall risk.

Dr. Martin is currently the coordinator of the Introductory Professional Practice Experience for the UW-Madison Doctor of Pharmacy



Professor Beth Martin

program. She is past director of the Pharmacotherapy Labs for the entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy degree

program. Her research interests include pharmacy services implementation and the evaluation and assessment of educational programs. Dr. Martin has a BS in Pharmacy and MS and Ph.D. in Social and Administrative Sciences from the UW-Madison. She has received many honors in the field of Pharmacy education, including the 1998-99 Teaching Excellence Award and the 1995 Young Pharmacist of the Year Award. She works closely with the Pharmacy students involved in the monthly Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment at Lechayim.

Lechayim will not meet on **Monday, April 14** or **Monday, April 21**, as we will be celebrating Passover. We resume on **Monday, April 28** with our Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) program, "The Holocaust and American Jewish Radio." According to our speaker, UW Mayrent Institute director Henry Sapoznik, "There was no more immediate and powerful medium for the revelations of the Holocaust than American Jewish radio." Join us as he plays and discusses historic Yiddish and English language programs from the 1930s-1950s, drawn from his collection at the American Folk-

life Center of the Library of Congress.

Henry Sapoznik is a scholar and musician, a four-time Grammy nominee, a prime mover in the late 20th century revival of klezmer music and an award-winning author, radio and record producer and performer of traditional Yiddish and American music. The ten-part series he produced for NPR's "All Things Considered," the "Yiddish Radio Project," received the Peabody



Henry Sapoznik

Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism. He founded "KlezKamp: The Yiddish Folk Arts Program" in 1985, and is the Executive Director of "Living Traditions," the folk arts organization which runs it. In 2009 he was Artist in Residence at the UW-Madison. Subse-

quent to that, when the Mayrent Institute was established here to house Sherry Mayrent's enormous and significant collection of Yiddish recording, Sapoznik was named its director.

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.

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions provides door-to-door service for \$1 round trip, payable to the driver. Contact Louise Goldstein (608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org) by 10:00 a.m. the Friday before Lechayim to make a reservation. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Please contact us if you need to cancel a ride.

CAPITOL LAKES RESIDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: RSVP to Ami Shimaneck, Director of Dining, at 608-283-2037 by April 11; your account will be billed. This meal is not included in the Capitol Lakes meal plan.

ALL OTHERS: RSVP to Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison WI 53719 by April 11 with your check made out to "Capitol Lakes" and write "Seder" in the memo line.

Menu: Matzoh Ball Soup, Brisket, Potato Kugel, Asparagus, Chocolate Cake with Berries. The vegetarian option is Eggplant Napoleon; please make this request with your reservation and let us know of any food allergies. Everything except the brisket is pareve.

Scholarships: Capitol Lakes Residents, see Chaplain Guta Coetkovic. Non-residents, contact JSS at 608-278-1808 or louise@jssmadison.org.

Purim at Lechayim



Estelle Katz lifts her lamp beside the Golden Door



Daithi Wolfe & Darl Ridgley of the Currach



Hilary Blue, Saretta Burke and Alice Loew



The Purim gang

Photos by Louise Goldstein



Ruth Boll as Raggedy Ann



Evie Medow and Ruth Calden

Lechayim programs



Dan Barker brought the music of Cole Porter to life



Nena Dyhr enjoys the lush Cole Porter music



Singing along to "Molly Malone"

Spotlight: Sam Jacobs

By PAMELA PHILLIPS OLSON

Newcomers sat quietly at a table because they were unacquainted. I sat down next to Sam. Right away he made a joke.

"Where did you get your sense of humor?" "I don't know. No one was funny; in my childhood life was hard."

It was Sam.

He told this story: During the winter of 1949 his sister-in-law, newly arrived from Europe, went to the grocery on a Sunday. It was crowded with people coming in for lox! The store on Melon Street was a gathering place, owned by Lou Pecharsky, a guy who helped the 'green-horns' adapt to life in America.

She asked for some "bitches in a can!*" Lou said, "I knew bitches came in all shapes and sizes, but I never heard of them coming in a can!" The store filled with laughter. Sixty-five years later, retelling the joke had the same effect.

There is a kind of generosity that goes into sharing a story. It is a gift.

Sam lived through a horrific time in history. He shared this story: Born in Lodz in 1923, Sam was two when his father died of tuberculosis. His mother remarried and Sam and his brother were raised in nearby Alexander by his grandfather, an extremely religious and renowned rebbe. Sam's life was

ruled by strict religious observance, prayers, yeshiva and home life.

In Poland on September 1, 1939, fifteen-year-old Sam Jacobs looked up at the sky. A German plane flying overhead signaled the start of war. His life changed. During the war the cruel reality of labor camps and concentration camps could have broken and embittered him. After years of harsh treatment, Sam and his family reunited briefly and were then transported to Auschwitz.

"Two crucial decisions saved my life. I chose the right lines by instinct and avoided death." His remaining family was killed. He was eventually liberated and sent to a DP camp of 4,000. Here Sam met Rachel, a girl from Lodz.

In 1949, they settled in Pittsburgh where they lived for 12 years. Sam met Lou Pecharsky, a man who taught him a thing or two about getting along in America. Sam and Rachel led a full life, raising two sons. They moved to Long Island and Sam drove a cab for 30 years. Upon retiring, he and Rachel moved to Florida and in recent years, to Madison. He recently lost his beloved Rachel after 66 years of marriage.

Yet he hasn't lost his humor, generosity and resilience.

* In Lodz, the Yiddish word for "butter beans" sounds like "bitches."



Sam Jacobs
(Photo by Louise Goldstein)

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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

Attic Angel Place at 2:30 in the Garden Room 8301 Old Sauk Road

A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel Volunteers.

May 2

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall 333 West Main Street

A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the UW-Hillel Foundation.

May 9

Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room 6225 Mineral Point Road

A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Lauren Mazur.

April 25, May 23

ATTENTION REHAB PATIENTS: If you are going to be in one of these locations during your rehabilitation, please let Jewish Social Services know.

Ten Tips for a Brain-Healthy Lifestyle

From the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin

1. Exercise regularly
2. Eat a healthy diet
3. Take care of your heart
4. Challenge your brain
5. Get quality sleep
6. Manage stress
7. Treat depression
8. Connect with others
9. Think positively
10. Have a purpose

Transitions

Happy April Birthday

Darlene Schwartz	Genya Kleyman
Dorit Bergen	Gerry Randy
Elinor Stotsky	Lillian Deutsch
Euna Staniforth	Muriel Rotter
Fay Nager	Sheyla Bodnikevich
Gary Geller	

Mazel Tov

To Lee (Rita) Applebaum on the engagement of their son Marc to Susi Ferrarello.

To Ida Wyman on her photography show currently at the James Watrous Gallery at the Overture Center, "Ida Wyman: The Chords of Memory."

Welcome to your New Home

Ida Wyman

Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Fay Nager, Florida

Condolences

To the family of Brian Friedman, son of Bea & Harry Friedman. We deeply regret that in our last issue the name we listed was incorrect.

Jewish Social Services Passover Seder Oakwood Village University Woods

Led by Sara Karon

Friday, April 18, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

6225 Mineral Point Road

Nakoma/Westmoreland Room

Seating begins at 2:30 p.m. and the Seder starts at 3:00 p.m.

\$16.00 per person. Family members are welcome!

OAKWOOD RESIDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: RSVP to Melissa Rutledge at 608-230-4260 by April 11; your account will be billed.

ALL OTHERS: RSVP to Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison WI, 53719 by April 11. Make your check out to "Oakwood Village" with "Seder" in the memo line.

Menu: Matzoh Ball Soup, Brisket, Potato Kugel, Asparagus and Pauline Rosenfeld's Sponge Cake

A vegetarian option is available (Eggplant Cutlets). Please make this request with your reservation and let us know of any food allergies. Everything except the brisket is pareve.

Ask Jewish Social Services about scholarships. 608-278-1808 or louise@jssmadison.org.

Еврейская Социальная Служба Пасхальный Седер Oakwood Village University Woods

Ведущая: Сара Карон

Пятница, 18 Апреля, 3:00-5:30 вечера

6225 Mineral Point Road

Nakoma/Westmoreland Room

Прием гостей начинается в 2:30 вечера и Седер начинается в 3:00 вечера

Цена: \$8 с человека. Члены семьи приглашаются!

OAKWOOD ЖИТЕЛИ И ИХ СЕМЬИ: заказывайте места у Мелиссы Рутледж по тел.608-230-4260 до 11 апреля; оплата будет произведена с вашего счета.

ВСЕ ОСТАЛЬНЫЕ: заказывайте места в Еврейской Социальной Службе по адресу: 6434 Enterprise Lane, Мадисон Висконсин, 53719 до 11 апреля. Выписывайте чек на «Oakwood Village» с «седер» в мемо линии.

Меню: Мацо-бол суп, грудинка, картофельная запеканка, спаржа и пористый торт от Полина Розенфельд.

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This article is about religious, social, and political points of view on anti-Semitism (part 2)

Генрих Бабич

Религиозная, социальная и политическая сущность антисемитизма (продолжение)

Антисемитизм Средних веков начался с враждебного по отношению к евреям эдикта римского императора Константина (313 год), принявшего христианство. Это было время, когда влияние Церкви в мире росло. Расширилось и “обучение презрению” к иудеям. Это приводило к их социальной дискриминации и погромам, совершавшимся христианами с благословения Церкви. В 1096 году был организован Первый крестовый поход, целью которого было освобождение Святой земли и Гроба Господня от “неверных”. Поход сопровождался уничтожением ряда еврейских общин Европы. Немалую роль в этой резне сыграла антиеврейская пропаганда погромщиков-крестоносцев, основанная на том, что христианская религия, в отличие от иудаизма, запрещала давать в долг под проценты. Из этого, якобы, следовало, что евреи жадные и им присуще стремление к накопительству. Далее, VI Латеранский Собор 1215 года потребовал от евреев носить на одежде специальные опознавательные знаки или ходить в особых головных уборах. Собор не был оригинальным – в странах ислама власти предписывали и христианам и евреям исполнять такие же установления. В XVI веке в странах Европы для евреев было установлено проживание в особых кварталах – гетто, которые были отделены от остальной части города. Еще более мрачной страницей в истории католической церкви была инквизиция. Она преследовала не только “еретиков” христиан. Репрессиям подвергались и обращенные в христианство евреи (марраны).

Церковь и светские власти в эпоху Средневековья, постоянно и активно преследуя евреев, действовали как союзники. Религиозные преследования иудеев имели и свои трагические социальные и экономические последствия. Даже “бытовое” презрение, религиозно мотивированное, приводило к дискриминации евреев в общественной и хозяйственной сферах. Евреям запрещалось вступать в гильдии, заниматься рядом профессий, сельское хозяйство для них было запретной зоной. Их облагали специальными налогами и сборами.

На Руси Иван Грозный запретил пребывание евреев в стране и следил за тщательным соблюдением запрета. После взятия города Полоцка войсками Ивана Грозного в 1563 году около 300 местных евреев, отказавшихся перейти в христианство, были утоплены в Двине.

Мало кому известно, что за три века до Холокоста совершались убийства подобные нацистским. В 1648-49 годах украинский гетман Б. Хмельницкий устроил еврейскую резню. Так как многие евреи служили у польских дворян, против которых он восстал, гнев Хмельницкого обрушился на евреев. Он ненавидел всех евреев без разбора. Его казацкие отряды

убили более ста тысяч человек (при численности мирового еврейства тогда в полтора миллиона человек). При этом самым зверским образом убивали младенцев и беременных женщин. Эти цифры сопоставимы с тем, что в Холокосте погибли 6 миллионов евреев из их общего числа в мире в 18 миллионов. Советская пропаганда, возвеличивая Хмельницкого, тщательно скрывала его преступления, а на Украине он почитается как национальный герой, который боролся за независимость Украины.

В эпоху **Просвещения** (XVIII-XIX века) даже многие реформаторы, выступавшие за равноправие этнических меньшинств, не были свободны от антисемитизма, который носил характер религиозного и распространялся на всю общественную жизнь. Вместо обращения в христианство они требовали от евреев ассимиляции. Некоторые просветители, подобно Вольтеру, видели в евреях угрозу для прогресса европейской культуры и утверждали, что природная глупость и лживость евреев делает для них невозможной интеграцию в нормальное общество.

В России до середины XVIII века отдельные группы евреев неоднократно изгонялись из страны. В 1791 году в областях массового проживания еврейского населения была создана черта оседлости, за пределами которой евреям селиться запрещалось. Следует отметить, что в Российской империи до начала XX века правовые ограничения применялись только к лицам иудейского вероисповедания и те евреи, которые принимали крещение, избавлялись от этих ограничений.

Антисемитизм в России в XIX и в начале XX века проявлялся в ряде веховых царских решений. Указом 1823 года Александр I потребовал, чтобы евреи Белоруссии прекратили все винные промыслы и переселились в города и местечки. Был введен запрет евреям жить в сельской местности вблизи границы. При Николае I стали проявляться тенденции к ассимиляции евреев. Согласно указу императора евреев стали брать в рекруты с 12 лет. До 18 лет их направляли в батальоны кантонистов, где их русифицировали. В 1850 году последовал запрет на ношение пейсов и традиционной еврейской одежды, только старым евреям было разрешено донашивать ее при условии уплаты соответствующего налога. Однако большинство евреев продолжало носить традиционную одежду и пейсы. Власти боролись с этим, применяя жестокие меры, но успеха так и не добились. В ноябре 1851 года все еврейское население было разделено на пять разрядов: купцы, земледельцы, ремесленники, оседлые и неоседлые мещане. Большинство евреев попало в разряд неоседлых мещан, для которых вводился усиленный рекрутский набор. Им запрещалось отлучаться из городов, к которым они были приписаны. После убийства Александра II в 1881 году в 166 населенных пунктах Российской империи произошли еврейские погромы, тысячи домов были разрушены, много семей лишилось имущества, большое число мужчин, женщин и детей было ранено, а

некоторые убиты. В царствование Александра III были изданы распоряжения о процентной норме при поступлении евреев в гимназии и университеты. Земская реформа 1890 года лишила евреев права участвовать в органах самоуправления.

В начале XX века продолжились массовые антиеврейские погромы, которые охватили 660 населенных пунктов. В 1911 году в ритуальном убийстве 12-летнего мальчика в Киеве был обвинен еврей М. Бейлис. Дело Бейлиса вызвало возмущение во всем мире. Присяжные его оправдали. В это же время в России была опубликована историческая фальшивка с обвинением евреев в мировом заговоре – Протоколы сионских мудрецов. В период революции и гражданской войны антиеврейское насилие на территории бывшей Российской империи достигло пика. Во время гражданской войны еврейские погромы осуществлялись всеми ее участниками: украинскими националистами (40%), отдельными бандами (25%), белыми (17%) и красными (8,5%). Общее число евреев убитых в погромах с 1918 по 1920 годы оценивается в 100 тысяч человек. В результате всего этого еврейская эмиграция из России за период с 1880 по 1928 годы составила 2,265 млн человек.

Активное участие евреев в революции с целью освобождения от антисемитизма и их большевизация ошибочно или намеренно способствовали восприятию советской власти как власти евреев. Это отождествление распространяли российские эмигранты в Европе и США.

Говоря об **антисемитизме в СССР**, напомним кратко, что в деле национального строительства советская власть официально руководствовалась доктриной марксистско-ленинского пролетарского интернационализма. Ленин в 1919 году высказался по вопросу об антисемитизме в статье “О погромной травле евреев”, в которой разъяснил, что враги трудящихся не евреи, а помещики и капиталисты. В результате отмены Черты оседлости правительством Керенского в марте 1917 года первое десятилетие Советской власти было отмечено массовой миграцией евреев в крупные города, что приводило к распространению **бытового** антисемитизма. **Государственный** антисемитизм советского времени был заложен политикой Сталина. Напомним некоторые положения этой политики.

Советская политика крайне отрицательно относилась к сионизму. Власть сдерживала развитие еврейской культуры. В 1928 году было запрещено печатание книг на иврите, сохранилось лишь несколько изданий на идиш. К концу 30-х годов большая часть евреев-коммунистов подпала под подозрения в разнообразных “уклонах” (в основном в троцкизме и меньшевизме) и была исключена из партии, многие были репрессированы. В те же годы были ликвидированы все еврейские учебные и многие культурные учреждения.

Говоря обобщенно утверждаю, что политика советской власти, включая отношение к евреям, отличал высокий уровень **лжи, дезинформации и замалчивания**

Несколько примеров.

В январе 1931 года Сталин в ответ на запрос американского Еврейского телеграфного агентства ответил что, “коммунисты, как последовательные интернационалисты, не могут не быть непримиримыми и заклятыми врагами антисемитизма. В СССР законом строжайше преследуется антисемитизм, как явление, глубоко враждебное Советскому строю. Активные антисемиты караются по законам СССР смертной казнью”. На этом фоне, однако, в середине 1930-х годов был введен запрет на любую информацию о проявлениях антисемитизма в СССР.

Антисемитизм имел место даже в период Отечественной войны. Погромы и массовые убийства евреев, совершались коллаборационистами на оккупированной территории, в особенности на Украине. Немцы завоевывали территорию страны с явным намерением уничтожения здесь всего еврейского населения. Советская пропаганда во время войны и, в особенности, в течение многих лет после войны замалчивала подобные факты. Приведу два примера замалчивания.

В послевоенные годы весь мир ужасался массовым расстрелом в Бабьем Яру в окрестностях Киева. Немцы были лишь организаторами этого преступления, а непосредственными исполнителями были украинцы. Здесь были расстреляны 150 тыс. евреев и несколько тысяч советских военнопленных. Это правда, но дальше начинается ложь советской пропаганды. Она широко провозглашала, что расстреляны были простые советские граждане (напомним, что их расстреливали тоже советские граждане). Для затверждения такой лжи в установленном на этом месте сразу после войны скульптурной группе были изображены старик-крестьянин и молодая женщина в типично украинской одежде. Только лет через двадцать этот памятник был заменен другим, который включал фигуру старика-еврея. По этому поводу приведу высказывание писателя В. Некрасова: “Да, в Бабьем Яру были расстреляны не только евреи, но только евреи были расстреляны здесь лишь за то, что они были евреями”.

Другой, более близкий мне, пример относится к г. Бердичеву, где я родился. Уже 8 июля 1941 года город оккупировали фашисты. В течение двух-трех последующих месяцев здесь были расстреляны все евреи – 38 тысяч (в живых случайно остался один годовалый ребенок) из примерно 100 тыс. населения. Я посетил Бердичев через тридцать лет после окончания войны и в центре города увидел мемориальный камень с надписью: “На этом месте во время Отечественной войны были расстреляны 7 тыс. **советских людей**” (выделено мной). Отмечу к этим цифрам, что расстрелы происходили в нескольких местах. Меня возмутила ложь и дезинформация этой надписи – оказывается, что здесь погибли советские люди (потому, что они советские люди или потому что они евреи?). А как быть с другими советскими людьми (украинцами), которые их расстреливали?

(окончание следует)

Israel and the World

Unrest in Ukraine, and What Federation Is Doing About It



It started in November with peaceful protests against government actions to strengthen political ties with Russia instead of the European Union. It snowballed over the next few months into violent confrontations between police and protestors, resulting in dozens dead, hundreds injured, a fugitive ex-President, and scenes of destruction that have gripped the world. Russia is performing massive military exercises near the border and pro-Russia gunmen have seized government buildings in Crimea. And it's not over.

Although the estimated 300,000 Jewish residents in the capital city of Kiev and throughout Ukraine are not outright targets of violence, it has touched them like everyone else. Some Jews in Kiev live close to Independence Square, site of protest encampments and some of February's deadliest clashes, and are afraid to leave their houses. On February 23, the Giymat Rosa Synagogue in Zaporizhia, 250 miles southeast of Kiev, was firebombed. There are concerns about deepening divisions in the country and the rise of the radical right.

But Jewish Federations and our partner agencies, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the Jewish Agency for Israel, and World ORT, are there. Since we've supported Jewish life

and organizations in Ukraine for decades, we were able to step up when the need for help intensified.

- JDC has activated its emergency response network to ensure continued home deliveries of food, medicine, heating and cooking fuel, and sustained life-saving care at home for the elderly. JDC has increased security at select Jewish communal institutions and Hesed social welfare centers. For updates, please visit JDC's Ukraine page, <http://www.jdc.org/where-we-work/former-soviet-union/crisis-in-ukraine.html>

- The Jewish Agency has tapped its Emergency Assistance Fund, started in 2012, to bolster security at Ukraine's many Jewish institutions, including synagogues, yeshivas and community centers. For more on the Jewish Agency's actions, please see the Jewish Agency's website, <http://www.jewishagency.org/>.

- World ORT has launched a campaign to raise \$200,000 to fund increased security at four of its schools in Ukraine. Each school has several hundred students, many of whom travel to class through now-dangerous areas; the father of a student at the Chernovtsy school was killed during clashes in Kiev on February 20. Plans include hiring additional security guards and installing closed-circuit TV and alarm sys-

tems on school grounds. For more information on World ORT's Ukraine programs and needs, please read ORT's school security plan, http://www.jewishfederations.org/local_includes/downloads/67129.pdf.

- Additionally, NCSJ is sending out frequent communication briefs informed by various governmental, non-governmental, and Jewish communal sources. To receive updates, please visit NCSJ's website, <http://www.ncsj.org/>.

These efforts, and so many more, are being funded by Jewish Federation dollars. When you are invited to donate to your Federation's Annual Campaign next fall, you will ensure we can continue to help Jews around the world during times of crisis.



World ORT Provides New Opportunities for Jerusalem's Arab Community

Editor's Note: World ORT is funded in part by the Jewish Federation of Madison.

The hundreds of Arab girls enrolled in extra-curricular courses at World ORT's new YOU-niversity in Jerusalem are looking forward to gaining the skills and knowledge they need to carry them forward to university.

Three hundred teenagers booked places even before Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat officially opened the centre at the Beit Hanina Municipal School for Girls. Another 200 are expected to enroll in the coming weeks.

"From the moment we started marketing the centre I've had principals and parents calling me; they are very excited because Jerusalem needs something like this to encourage and support students in science and technology," said the YOU-niversity's manager, Dr Tahani Mala'bi.

The Jerusalem municipality is sharing the cost of the new centre with World ORT – part of its investment in the city's eastern suburbs, Mr Barkat said, to reduce social disparities.

"Education is an excellent tool for bringing people closer together and we will continue to invest in the education system. Education will enable students to have the tools necessary for a successful future," Mr. Barkat said.

The new center will focus on providing science and technology enrichment courses to female middle-school students

from five schools in the Israeli capital's eastern neighborhoods. Subjects include physics, medicine, robotics, engineering and astronomy and, by popular demand, English and Hebrew.

"English is very important in the study of science and students need good Hebrew if they want to go to an Israeli university," said Dr. Mala'bi, who is looking forward to seeing the YOU-niversity respond and develop to the local community's needs.

"We're starting by offering courses to girls because in our community girls don't have so many opportunities. We want to support them and encourage them to learn about science and let them discover that they can do it, to empower them. I'm sure that in the future we will take on boys as well," she said.

The Jerusalem YOU-niversity is the sixth of its kind opened by World ORT in disadvantaged communities in Israel and the second serving Arab communities, the other being in Nazareth. There are plans for similar facilities serving Jerusalem's Haredi community.

Open during the afternoons and evenings, the centres offer subjects which are not available at local day schools, which close at lunchtime. And where school classes can have as many as 40 students – making personalized attention difficult – the centres' classes are limited to 20 teenagers who enjoy the support of two mentors. Each centre uses local profession-

als to run courses for local students and draws on input from national leaders including Hebrew University, Ben Gurion University, Machon Lev – Jerusalem College of Technology, and Micron Industries.

Moti Dotan, World ORT Kadima Mada Chairman, said: "We are pleased to continue to encourage the study of science amongst our children. This will not only enrich their world, it will increase the num-

ber of students specializing in science and technology and help them to gain access to higher education in the field of their choice."

World ORT Kadima Mada CEO Avi Ganon added: "This, our first project in Jerusalem after seven years focused on disadvantaged communities in the Galilee and Negev is, I believe, a sign of many more to come."



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The Mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat (left), is shown some of the modern lab equipment available at the YOU-niversity. With him are World ORT Kadima Mada CEO Avi Ganon (second from left) and YOU-niversity Director Dr. Tahani Mala'bi (right).



From the Mid-east to the Mid-west: Highlights From Our Community Shlichim (Israel Program Coordinators)

By MICKEY & RACHELI AZIZ-KOMAR

“Go, gather together all the Jews...” (Esther: 4,16)

Why did Esther request for all the Jews to gather? Why couldn't she go alone to the king?

Esther knew what she was doing might risk her life, and she needed help, moral support. Her mission was not for her herself, it was for all of her community, her nation, the Jews.

And only when she had the Jews around her did she have the courage to face the king!

What better way to celebrate this wonderful Purim festival than a great community carnival! It was so nice to see the community working together to organize it and wonderful to see how many people came to be part of this community event!!! Just as we tell you how great Israel is; we surely tell Israel how great Madison is!

This month was difficult for Israel. We had Israel Apartheid week, where organizations call to boycott, divest and make sanctions against Israel (BDS).

Campuses around the U.S and the world had protests, lectures, films and other programs to promote their Anti-Israel beliefs.

I understand people want to find solutions to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians but I believe there are ways to do so by promoting peace and not through hate like the BDS movement is doing. I want to thank the group who came on March 2 to the lecture I did about why BDS is not good for Israel and the peace process.

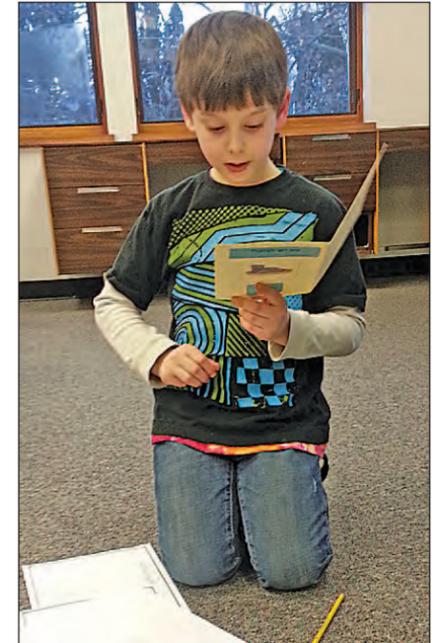
Purim symbolizes why it's important to speak for your people, to be part of a community, to care for Israel. The hate that's growing against Israel is not only Israel's matter, it won't stop there. It's so much easier to spread hate than peace. Even among ourselves. It doesn't mean we have to ignore the problems, it means we have to care, open our minds and hearts to solve them.

There are many ways to get involved – all it takes is a thought, a call, an email or just show up to a program. When you give to your community and/or to your Jewish nation you give to yourself too.

Now that Passover is approaching we can wish you all:

"לשנה הבאה בירושלים הבנויה!", "Next year in Jerusalem!"

~ Mickey and Racheli



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