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Camp Shalom Shines Bright Like a Diamond

By ELLEN WEISMER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Jewish Federation of Madison

This summer is the 60th anniversary of Camp Shalom: the Diamond anniversary. They say diamonds are forever and for many of us, the memories we have created at Camp Shalom are like diamonds. This winter has been a cold one and whenever I have felt frustrated with the frigid temps, I try to find something to warm me up. More often than not I reach for my memories, daydreaming about the summer, warmer temperatures and swimming at the pool. And many of those memories were made at Camp Shalom.

Camp has been in my life since I was in college. As a junior in college I was looking for something to help me connect to the greater Madison Jewish Community. Little did I know that accepting the job as the Camp Shalom Assistant Director of Programming in 1999 would im-

pact my life so significantly. I had been a camper and on staff at several Jewish overnight camps around the country but Camp Shalom was like no place I had ever been. I met campers and staff from all different religions, races, socioeconomic backgrounds and differing abilities who came together to share their summer experience.

I remember my first day at camp when all of the campers filed off the buses squealing with joy as they returned to their summer home. The campers were smiling, the counselors were singing and my heart was full immediately. This was the beginning of my unconditional love for Camp Shalom. I stayed on staff as the Assistant Director of Programming until 2004 when I then became the first Director of Camp Shalom Bogrim. In 2006 I was hired to direct Camp Shalom – the same summer I married my husband who I met at Camp Shalom.

This year, my husband and I are getting ready for a new chapter in our lives. We go from being Camp Shalom alumni and staff to being Camp Shalom parents. It is hard to believe. We have no hesitations or doubts about where our precious little one should spend her summer days. We know that the loving, energetic, trustworthy Camp Shalom staff will work tirelessly this summer to teach her the camp songs, traditions and games that we treasure so much in our memories. We know that everyday she will have the opportunity to learn and grow on the expansive

and beautiful 154 acres of the Goodman Campus. We know that the MSCR lifeguards and staff will safely foster her love of the water and swimming. We know that we will have a chance to see Camp in action when we attend the parent lunches and late night programs. And most of all, we know that she will create memories that will forever sparkle in her heart, like diamonds.

We hope you will join us for the 60th anniversary Camp Shalom season! Registration will be available online on March 6th, 2014.

Introducing the 2014 Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Director

Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim is thrilled to announce that we have hired a new Director for Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim. Lisa Friend-Kalupa is new to the CSNB family but not new to Camp Shalom. She joined the Camp Shalom staff at the age of 19 as a counselor, continued on as the Assistant Director of Individual Needs and was the Camp Shalom Director from 1997-1999. We are so excited to welcome Lisa back to the Camp family. Following is a note from Lisa:



Lisa Friend-Kalupa

When I first made Camp Shalom my summer home, Camp was celebrating its 30th anniversary; so it seems fitting to return to Camp during another anniversary year, as Camp looks forward to its 60th wonderful summer. Camp has grown quite a bit since I first joined the staff as a counselor, and has continued to grow and change since my last day on staff, as Camp Director, the day before my oldest child was born in 1999. I'm really excited about the opportunity to return to the Camp Shalom family in a new position, as Director of Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim! Noar-Bogrim will be entering its second year as a combined program, and we are already focused on setting a great summer in motion for campers entering 6th through 9th grade. I hope your 6th to 9th graders will join us for a wonderful summer of old and new hobbies and activities, outdoor adventures and the opportunity to be part of a Madison camp community that is like no other. It's going to be a great summer!

Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim is for campers going into 6-9 grade. There are two three-week sessions of CSNB. Each week will include a specialty activity chosen by each camper, daily options for off-campus activity including biking, roller skating, kayaking and ice-skating; and options back at camp to include swimming, camp favorites, and fun activities ranging

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Camp Shalom Welcomes New Director, Ari Davidson

Camp Shalom celebrates 60 years of camping, tradition, outdoor fun and community by welcoming our awesome 2014 Camp Director, Ari Davidson. Ari has been a part of the Camp Shalom family for a long time. Camp Shalom registration is on March 6, 2014.



Ari Davidson

fourth grade teacher at Sunset Ridge Elementary in Middleton. Working at camp influenced my decision to become a teacher; I truly enjoy interacting with children, helping them reach their goals and build character.

Camp is a very special place to me. As a camper it taught me how to make friends and try something

I am extremely excited to be returning to Camp Shalom as Director. It is a privilege and an honor to continue the wonderful, sixty year legacy of Camp Shalom. My Camp Shalom career began long ago when I was a camper. I have spent 11 amazing summers on staff as a Camp Shalom Counselor, Unit Head, Assistant Director of Programming and most recently Director of Camp Shalom Noar.

During the school year I work as a

new. As a counselor I learned to work with others and to be a positive role model for children. As I embark on this new journey, it is my goal to continue to help campers and counselors grow as individuals, learn new skills, create new friends, and end the summer having a profound affection for being at Camp Shalom.

B'Shalom,
Ari

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Wisconsin Jewish Conference

By MICHAEL BLUMENFELD

Executive Director

Editor's note: The Wisconsin Jewish Conference (WJC) is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM). WJC, chaired by Mark Laufman, is an umbrella organization that brings several Jewish communities throughout Wisconsin together to pursue common public policy goals.

The 2013-14 legislative session is quickly coming to a close. Senate and Assembly leadership have indicated that they will conclude legislative work in early April, after which most legislators will officially hit the campaign trail.

During the 2013-14 session, the Wis-

consin Jewish Conference worked on a host of issues impacting Wisconsin's Jewish community. Most significantly, the WJC, along with JFM and others, organized a response to several anti-Semitic signs found on both private and public property in Algoma, Wisconsin last summer. An investigation is ongoing, and the WJC continues to communicate with the Kewaunee Sheriff's Department and the FBI regarding the status of the investigation.

WJC also organized a response to legislation making it more difficult to challenge the use of race-based mascots and met with legislators to discuss concerns regarding a proposed Religious Freedom Amendment to the state's constitution. During the 2013-15 state budget debate,

WJC joined the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin in issuing an interfaith call for Medicaid expansion, which appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

In an effort to conduct community outreach, WJC, JFM and the Consul General of Israel to the Midwest Roey Gilad met with Governor Scott Walker, Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture,

Trade and Consumer Protection Ben Brancel to discuss issues affecting Israel. WJC and JFM leaders also met with U.S. Congressman Mark Pocan about his 2013 trip to Israel. The WJC recently met with U.S. Senator Ron Johnson to discuss issues affecting the Jewish Community.

As we head into the final days of the 2013-14 session, WJC is in the process of planning our quarterly interfaith breakfast with religious organization leaders, and will help organize next year's Interfaith Advocacy Day at the state capitol.

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from Rube Goldberg contests to sculpture building, yoga classes and babysitter certification. Each session will include an overnight as well as a four-day, 3-night trip for the ninth graders. We'll be looking for ideas from campers and families both before and during camp--our goal is to bring our campers opportunities that

match their interests, and to bring options to campers that they might not otherwise have thought to try.

Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim registration will be online starting on March 6th, 2014. If you have any questions about Camp please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.

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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, March 4
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 April 1, May 6, and June 3. To RSVP or host one of the upcoming dates please contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org

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Hamantashen Baking Open House

Sunday, March 9
2:00-6:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El Kitchen and Social Hall
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2:00-2:30, and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging. Join us to learn to bake Hamantashen. Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim Carnival on March 16.

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



K'tantanim Israeli Dance Class for Preschoolers

Sunday, March 9
3:30-4:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center
(Multi-Purpose Room, Lower Level)
1406 Mound Street, Madison



Calling all 3-5 year olds! Drop in for Yonim's Israel Dance Class for Preschoolers. \$5 per class. Please RSVP to Laura at yonim@jewishmadison.org. Future class date is April 6.

Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 16
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison



\$7 for ages 2-12. Free for ages 13 and up. Entry fee includes all booths, games and the bouncy house. 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Purim Spiel featuring the Community Rabbis and our Community Shlichim; 12:15-2:00 p.m. booths, bouncy house, prizes, food for sale (including Hamantashen). Booths include Cake Walk, Bingo, Basketball, Duck Pond, Bean Bag Toss, Face Painting, Mini Golf, Lollipop Tree, Wii Just Dance, Funny Photos, and more.

The Community Purim Carnival is presented by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Gan HaYeled Preschool, the Jewish Federation of Madison, Madison Jewish Community Day School and Temple Beth El.



See the back page ad for more details on this fun community event.

Accessorize Your Seder at Fine Earth Studio

Sunday, March 30
Fine Earth Studio
2207 Regent St., Madison
Two Sessions to choose from:
2:00-3:30 or 4:00-5:30 p.m.

The Family Education Committee invites everyone for a fun and relaxing afternoon of beaded jewelry making and Passover-themed clay projects. All ages and artistic abilities are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$15 per participant for one 90-minute session including clay and beaded jewelry projects. Adults who supervise their children but do not participate do not need to pay. Space is limited so please RSVP online at JewishMadison.org or email program@jewishmadison.org



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 israelifellow@uwhillel.org

Save the Date: Volunteer Trip for Jewish Teens

August 17th-23rd
Milwaukee

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.

Jewish and Muslim Students Learn About the Environment



Is there a better place to visit in Madison during the winter than the observatory at Olbrich Gardens?

In the deep chill of February, Jewish and Muslim students from Madison Jewish Community Day School (MJCDs) and Madinah Academy of Madison (MAM) breathed in the warmth and explored topics related to the environment as they participated in the gardens' Tropical Explorer Program together.

MAM and MJCDs have met twice a year to learn together for the past four years. As the students grow, they get to know one another and look forward to time with familiar faces.

The get-togethers have become a highlight for students. "One of my favorite memories is when we met up with Madinah Academy," says MJCDs alum and current Hamilton middle school student Lena Ben-Gideon.

"They're a nice school and it's good to meet kids of a different religion," says

fourth-grader Jonathan Greenspan. "It's nice to learn about different cultures and see how much religions can be different and also the same."

Over the years, some of the joint programs have focused specifically on the two faith traditions or on the ideas of community building. One program asked the children to co-create booklets illustrating things each child loved about his or her tradition. Another day, students' learning focused on words that are similar in Arabic and in Hebrew. This time, though, the schools chose to learn about something of mutual interest at Olbrich.

"I think both models work," says MJCDs Head of School Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon. "Learning together, no matter what the topic, builds community."

MJCDs Judaics teacher Clara Lazimy says that the programs teach these young students not to view those who are different from them as a faceless 'other.' "These kids get to know each other as people before they start to hear about political issues," she says.

The time spent together is an expression of the Jewish day school's philosophy, which emphasizes the educational value of community activities centered on tikkun olam, repair of our world, as well as the importance of understanding the diversity of cultures in our local and global community.

Discover Day School

MJCDs is a K-5 elementary school offering an excellent independent school experience and a rich grounding in Jewish heritage and Hebrew language.

Upcoming dates for Discover Day School Tuesday Tours include March 4, April 8 and May 13, all at 9:15 am. On these mornings, adults are invited to tour the school, view classes in session, and learn more about MJCDs through a question and answer session with the Head of School. RSVP via email to rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com or by calling 204-9900.



Rachel Krinsky



Diane Seder



Sheila Reed

Madison Hadassah's Shabbat Tea is March 15

Madison Hadassah invites you to Shabbat Tea on Saturday, March 15th at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Diane Seder and Bruce Rosen, 4525 Fox Bluff Lane, Middleton. The topic for this event is "Choose How to Make Your Impact on the World."

It is a question that we all face every time we are asked to give – whether it is education, social justice, healthcare, the environment or Israel - how do you prioritize where and how to give? In other words, how to you choose How to Make Your Impact on the World?

As Madison Hadassah approaches our 100th anniversary celebration on June 1st, we are hosting two programs where we can prioritize the causes we give to as individuals and as a chapter. Hadassah is about progressive social justice and healthcare causes. One example is using healthcare as a bridge to peace in Israel and the Palestinian territories. In the United States, Hadassah initiatives call for supporting women's health care, voting rights, fair pay, LGBT rights, and much, much more.

The Shabbat Tea on March 15 will feature three women who are involved in different fields of giving and will explore strategies for prioritizing charitable gifts. Rachel Krinsky, Diane Seder and Sheila Reed are three of the many members of our community who have devoted much of their lives to giving.

Rachel Krinsky is the CEO of the YWCA Madison, an organization dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Previously, Krinsky served as Executive Director of The Road Home Dane County which helps homeless families find stable housing.

Rachel has also counseled people through Briarpatch and the Utah AIDS Foundation in Salt Lake City.

Diane Seder is a long-time community volunteer, mostly within the Jewish community. She is on the executive committee and board of the Jewish Federation of Madison, UW Hillel, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, and Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. Diane believes Jewish values drive all of her community activities. She said this comes from our tradition that we are all responsible to one another and we have the power to improve the world.

Sheila Reed is an international consultant in humanitarian and development assistance. Reed began her career in disaster relief and humanitarian aid in the humanitarian crises in Ethiopia during the 1980s. She has since worked in more than 40 developing countries evaluating and advising such groups as the United Nations, Unicef, Oxfam, World Vision, and Save the Children on disaster and crisis management. Reed has in-depth experience and leads workshops around the world on emergency response, disaster risk reduction, gender and equity, peace building and development of legal institutional systems. To read more about Reed's background, visit Madison Hadassah's website below.

There is no charge for this program, but we are grateful for donations made before or after Shabbat.

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Mazel Tov on the engagement of:

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Condolences to the family of:

Harold Borenstein, father of Phyllis Eisenberg, Nicki (Ken) Milin, Marylyn z"l (Neil) Holman;

Natalie Mintz, wife of Stan Mintz;

Sue Sweet, mother of Sally Vultaggio;

Dr. Harold L. Jellinek, father of Holly Jellinek;

Amy Zolot, daughter of Marvin and Diane Zolot;

Chris Kirby, step-brother of Ina (Alan) Herlitzka;

Alfred Kadushin, father of Goldie Kadushin (Steven Morrison) and Raphael Kadushin (Thomas McGhee);

Brian Friedman, son of Harry and Bertha Friedman and brother of Diane Loeb and Paul Friedman;

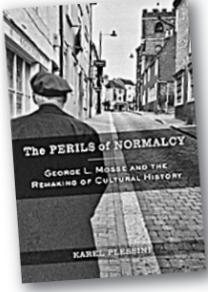
Susan Jacobs, wife of Mark Jacobs, mother of Hannah Jacobs, daughter of Barbara (the late Fred Goldfarb) Mills;

Rose Century Soglin, mother of Paul (Sara) Soglin; and

Jerald Peter Gross, husband of Adrienne Borisy-Gross; father of Steven (Cordelia Martinez) Gross and Miriam Gross; step-father of Felice Borisy-Rudin (Nathan Rudin), Pippa Borisy (Vadim Lando) and Alexis Borisy (Lia Meisinger).

The Perils of Normalcy: George L. Mosse and the Remaking of Cultural History

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A taboo-breaker and a great provocateur, George L. Mosse (1918–99) was one of the great historians of the twentieth century, forging a new historiography of culture that included brilliant insights about the roles of nationalism, fascism, racism, and sexuality. Jewish, gay, and a member of a culturally elite family in Germany, Mosse came of age as the Nazis came to power, before escaping as a teenager to England and America. Mosse was innovative and interdisciplinary as a scholar, and he shattered in his groundbreaking books preva-

lent assumptions about the nature of National Socialism and the Holocaust. He audaciously drew a link from bourgeois respectability and the ideology of the Enlightenment — the very core of modern Western civilization — to the extermination of the European Jews.

In this intellectual biography of George Mosse, Karel Plessini draws on all of Mosse's published and unpublished work to illuminate the origins and development of his groundbreaking methods of historical analysis and the close link between his life and work. He redefined the understanding of modern mass society and politics, masterfully revealing the powerful influence of conformity and political liturgies on twentieth-century history. Mosse warned against the dangers inherent in acquiescence, showing how identity creation and ideological fervor can climax in intolerance and mass murder — a message of continuing relevance.

"Fortified by a treasure-trove of private papers and by reminiscences and cri-

tiques of scholars on both sides of the Atlantic, Karel Plessini has written a masterful account of how a gay Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany used his own lived experience to become a preeminent historian of his century's traumas and transformations. George Mosse was a pioneer in historiography's cultural turn, producing a cascade of books and

new perspectives on nationalism, fascism, racism, religion, sexuality, war and Judaism. Plessini traces both the genesis of Mosse's individual works and judiciously assesses their impact on historiography with clarity and precision." — Seymour Drescher, University of Pittsburgh

Karel Plessini has been a fellow of the Institut für Europäische Geschichte in Mainz, Germany, and a George L. Mosse Visiting Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Viskonsin! Tales from Yiddish Wisconsin

By HENRY SAPOZNIK, DIRECTOR

UW-Madison Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture

Where does the history of Yiddish culture in Wisconsin reside? In the official records of synagogues and social organizations. In Yiddish language newspapers and radio broadcasts. In small-town newspaper accounts of strange languages in courtrooms. In grave markers scattered throughout the state. In family pictures long tucked away in boxes.

But it also lives: in the memories of living members of the community and in joining together to sing songs as in the historical practice of community choral societies.

With Viskonsin! Tales from Yiddish Wisconsin, the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture seeks to uncover the often under-explored history of Yiddish culture in Wisconsin. Midwestern Yiddish culture emerged from the same historical trends that brought Yiddish immigrants to larger eastern cities, but it unfolded differently as those immigrants landed amongst a different mix of immigrant groups, in different landscapes, and often in smaller communities. With this project, we want to learn more about local culture, but in so doing we can also see how Wisconsin—and the upper Midwest—fit into and diverged from larger national and global trends.

We're still in the process of gathering these materials—finding local resources, asking for members of our community to share what they know, what artifacts they might have from their parents and grandparents—but we want to share what we have learned so far in a pair of events aimed at bringing this history to light.

First, we're excited to announce a collaboration with the Madison Yiddish Choir. On Wednesday, March 26, we're hosting a choral concert and sing-along. This event harkens back to community singing in settings such as the Yiddish Workmen's Circle. The Choir will perform some material, and then guide us in singing together. With this concert, we can all participate in a tradition that was vital to holding together small communities. The concert will be held at the Italian Workmen's Club, whose history reflects the era when the Greenbush was alive

with the Yiddish culture this concert and project celebrate.

Two days later, on Friday, March 28, we'll host a day-long symposium about upper Midwestern Yiddish culture. This programming will have a mix of formats. Scholars will discuss Yiddish language media in Wisconsin and historical tales that help us learn about interactions between small town and large city communities. Set amongst these formal presentations will be community oral history panels, in which we'll have a chance to hear firsthand accounts of Yiddish life in Wisconsin.

Please join us for one or both of these events. And if you've got material to share—stories, pictures, letters, wedding albums—let us know! We'd love to hear from you. Call us at 608.890.4818, find us by email at info@mayrentinstitute.wisc.edu, or drop us a line in the mail: Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture, 432 East Campus Mall, Madison WI 53706.

Viskonsin! is a program of the UW-Madison Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture. It is co-sponsored by the Jewish Museum Milwaukee, Wisconsin Historical Society, Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures, Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, Department of Comparative Literature & Folklore Studies, and School of Music.

Events: These programs are free and open to the public.

Madison Yiddish Choir Concert and Sing-Along
Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.
Italian Workmen's Club
914 Regent Street

Symposium with presentations and community history panels
Friday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
UW-Madison Memorial Library,
Room 126 in the public hall
728 State Street

More concert and symposium information: <http://mayrentinstitute.wisc.edu/events/viskonsin-symposium/>

More about the Viskonsin! project: <http://mayrentinstitute.wisc.edu/viskonsin-tales-from-yiddish-wisconsin/>

George L. Mosse was a legendary history professor at UW-Madison. Mosse taught for more than thirty years at the University of Wisconsin, where he became the John C. Bascom Professor of European History and Weinstein-Bascom Professor of Jewish Studies, while concurrently holding the Koebner Professorship of History at Hebrew University. Beginning in 1969, Mosse spent one semester each year teaching at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He also became a visiting professor at University of Tel Aviv and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. After retiring from the University of Wisconsin, he taught at Cambridge University and Cornell University. Mosse was the first research historian in residence at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The UW Center for Jewish Studies is named in his memory along with Laurence A. Weinstein. During his lifetime, he honored his sister, Hilde L. Mosse, through the naming of the Jewish Federation of Madison's Gan HaYeled Preschool and making substantial gifts to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.



George L. Mosse

The Jewish Federation of Madison expresses its appreciation to these individuals who recently made a tribute donation to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion

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Temple Beth El

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

We encourage members of the Jewish community to join Temple Beth El. 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.

Tots & Tunes

Sundays: March 2, April 27
9:30am - 10:30am

Temple Beth El Lounge

For all children ages Newborn to 5 years! Join other Jewish kids and parents for a fun way to learn about Shabbat and the Jewish holidays! Hang out with leaders Dana Prager and Kenny Lyons and sing songs, do a craft project, and enjoy challah & juice. Come and get to know other parents and kids from around the community. Questions? Call Educator Larry Kohn, 608-238-3123.

How does BDS negatively affect Israel? BDS: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

Sunday, March 2
10am-11:30am

Exactly what do a boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel mean to Israel? Who is involved in the BDS movement? How does the BDS movement impact Israel, and what can we do about it? Racheli Komar-Aziz, Madison's Shlichah (emissary) from Israel will be our speaker. Racheli brings a wealth of information to this talk regarding the BDS movement, and the specific projects which will be affected as the BDS movement gains momentum.

Workshop: Personalizing Passover

Sunday, March 9, 12 p.m.
Passover is almost here! The first Seder is on April 14, 2014

Getting Ready for Passover?
Wanting to Breathe New Life into Your Passover Seder?

Wanting Ideas for Preparing a Passover Seder for the First Time?

If these are questions stewing in your head, please join our Outreach Committee on March 9 to get a variety of answers to your questions and many good ideas and options for your Passover Seder celebration this year. This will be a hands on mul-

timedia workshop for all. For more information and to RSVP visit <http://www.templebethelmadison.org/events/#passover> or contact program@templebethelmadison.org.

Let's Get the Party Started – 75th Anniversary Opening Celebration

Featuring Rabbi Rick Jacobs
President of the Union for Reform Judaism

Friday, March 14
6 p.m. Family Style Congregational Dinner
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service, Chocolate Oneg to follow

RSVPs are required by Thursday, March 6. To RSVP and for more information visit <http://www.templebethelmadison.org/75th/#75thkickoff>.

Rabbi Rick Jacobs is president of the Union for Reform Judaism, the Congregational arm of the Reform Jewish Movement in North America. A long-time and devoted creative change agent, Rabbi Jacobs, spent 20 years as a dynamic, visionary spiritual leader at Westchester Reform Temple (WRT) in Scarsdale, NY. During his tenure, he reshaped communal worship, transformed the congregation into a community of lifelong learners, and strengthened the synagogue's commitment to vibrancy and inclusion. Under Rabbi Jacobs' leadership, WRT completed a new "green" sanctuary, one of only a handful of Jewish houses of worship in the nation to carry this designation.

A Night on the Town ... Shushan Style & Persian After Party

Saturday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
Please come in costume – adult beverages provided

6:30 p.m. A Night on the Town... Shushan Style: A Musical Purim Shpiel. Come see Temple Beth El's first ever congregant written, directed, and produced Purim Shpiel! Support your fellow congregants in their debuts as Esther, Mordechi, Haman, Vashti, and King Ahashverosh.

7:15 p.m. After Party, we'll keep the merriment going with a costume contest and festive Persian nosh.

RSVPs to Aleeza, program@templebethelmadison.org, are appreciated.

9:30 p.m. Keep the celebration going at Beth Israel, their costume theme this year is "MUSIC." Come as a musician, band, instrument, genre or in a costume of your choosing.

Keshet Israel Film Series

Tuesday, March 18

The Syrian Bride (Fiction)

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

Tuesdays at Temple Beth El's Arbor Street doors open at 7:00pm, films begin at 7:15pm and are followed by discussion. Snacks, beverages and much schmoozing among friends (known and new), precede the showings.

"The Syrian Bride" Filmed in the Golan Heights, on the border between Israel and Syria, this film is bound to provoke deep thought. Political differences threaten to permanently pull one family in two as a young Israeli Druze girl is betrothed to a Syrian Druze man. This many-faceted film probes the politics, cultures and emotional depths of both Israelis, Israeli Druze and Syrian Druze societies. Showing time: 97 minutes, produced in 2004. **Not rated**; portrays political controversy.

Singles Creating Community Coffee & Conversation

Friday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.
Barriques, 5957 McKee Rd. (PD), Fitchburg

You asked for it at our first Singles Creating Community event. Now come chat and socialize around a table with a good cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, especially nice during these winter months. Please join us. We have chosen the places and times, you provide the conversation! We can use this time to catch up with each other and think of future events and activities. If for any reason you are single, this group is for you.

First Heritage Shabbat: "The Swarsensky Era"

Part of our 75th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, March 28, 2014

The First Heritage Shabbat is a marvelous opportunity for congregants of all ages to experience the Reform Judaism our parents and grandparents observed. It will be a chance to relive the Swarsensky era, 1940-70, in prayers and music of the times. Rabbi Manfred Swarsensky was our founding rabbi and many people remember his spiritual leadership, intellect and warmth. During the service we will fondly remember that era by using the Union Prayer Book and the Union Hymnal. There will be excerpts from some of Rabbi Swarsensky's most notable sermons and a video including interviews with Rabbi Swarsensky, a very young Hannah Rosenthal and others. Please join us for a memorable journey back into the history of our

Temple and our Reform Movement so we can learn together where we started and how much we have changed. Visit <http://www.templebethelmadison.org/75th/#heritage> for more on our Heritage Shabbat Series.

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

Madison's Jews' Next Dor is for the Jewish 20- & 30-somethings community in and around Madison. (Dor means "generation" in Hebrew.) We're open to all young adults and organized through Temple Beth El Madison (<http://www.templebethelmadison.org/>)

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, March 21, 7-9 p.m.
Location TBD

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

Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 4, 7 p.m.
Private home in the Vilas neighborhood

Join Madison's Jews' Next Dor for a potluck Shabbat dinner! The host will provide challah & wine for Kiddush, the cutlery and plates. Please bring a dish to share, no pork or shellfish, please avoid mixing dairy and meat in your dish. Please RSVP to receive the address and let us know what you plan to bring, email Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org. We look forward to welcoming in Shabbat with you!

MaTTY (Mad Town Temple Youth Group, grades 9-12)

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

Bagel Schmooze

March 2, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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

MaTTY Movie Night & Baking

Saturday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.
<http://www.templebethelmadison.org/learning/youth/#mattymovie>

MaTTY Bake Sale

Sunday, March 30, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Proceeds to benefit The Lone Soldier Project.



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Beth Israel Center

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

PJ Havdalah

Saturday, March 1, 5:45 p.m.

We're kicking off our new partnership with PJ Library by hosting a PJ Havdalah family program. Come in your pajamas for Havdalah, stories, songs, and an opportunity to enroll in the free PJ Library program. Enrolled families receive free Jewish books and CDs for children between the ages of 6 months and 8 years. Contact Interim Education Director Lily Nagy-Deak (education@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763) with questions.

Beit Midrash

**1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

March 4: Lily Nagy-Deak on *Commanding Happiness for Adar*

March 18: Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon on *Moments of Transcendence*

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!

Yom Rishon: Purim!

Sunday, March 9, 10-11:15 a.m.

Come for this engaging program for preschoolers. Enjoy art, movement, music, stories, and projects as well as further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It is family education at its finest. In March, Purim crafts and stories!

Vashti's Den

Thursday, March 13, 7-9 p.m.

Back by popular demand, this pre-Purim women's night out celebrates Vashti, the woman who said "No!" to the King. Come for Vashtinis and belly dancing, stay for the crafts, learning, henna, Middle-Eastern inspired nosh and dessert, and more. Cost is \$18. RSVP to office@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763 by March 7. BIC

members can have the admission fee put on account. For others, payment in advance will secure your reservation. What happens at Vashti's stays at Vashti's! This Beth Israel Adult Education program is being co-sponsored this year by the Jewish Federation of Madison and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

Purim Celebration

Saturday, March 15, 8:15 p.m.

Celebrate Erev Purim at Beth Israel this year! It'll be our last big party in the building before the remodeling project begins. All are welcome! After Ma'ariv and Havdalah, we'll read the WHOLE MEGILLA and then party the night away. Help fulfill

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.

Shabbat Services

**Saturday, March 8
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
9:30 a.m. Torah Study; 10:30 a.m. Services; 12:30 p.m. Kiddush**

Evening of Jewish Folktales with Storyteller Susan Stone

**Friday, March 14, 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.
First Unitarian Society
(Gaebler Living Room)
900 University Bay Drive**

Join award-winning professional storyteller Susan Stone as she shares funny, enlightening, and poignant Chasidic and Jewish folktales, as well as personal narratives. We will gather for a vegetarian potluck at 6:15 p.m. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Susan Stone's storytelling will follow the potluck dinner. This event is suitable for adults and older children; non-members are welcome to attend.

Shabbat B'Yachad – Intergenerational Shabbat Service

**Saturday, March 22, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive**

Join us for a musical Shabbat with our

the mitzvah of *ad lo yadah* by contributing hootch. This year's costume party theme is MUSIC. Come dressed as your favorite genre, band, musician or instrument. Or march to the beat of your own drummer. Plus, KARAOKE! Unleash your inner rock star or country crooner. Even if you're shy, give it a try. Also, bring some cash for the Purim Purim. Write your name or initials on one or more pieces of paper currency. Put your bill(s) in the pot. At the end of the night, we'll draw one bill. If it's yours, you get the percentage of the pot equal to the value of your bill. Put in a \$100 bill and you could win the whole pot! Proceeds will be shared with Emerson Elementary School.

Havdalah Niggunim

Saturday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.

Come for spiritual davening and singing of niggunim. We start with Min-

cha at 6:00, then enjoy seudah shilshit (third meal) and singing until it's time for Ma'ariv. We will round out our slow leave of Shabbat with a joyous Havdalah.

Kiddush Honoring Rayla Temin

Saturday, March 29

For many years, Rayla Temin has devoted time, love, and energy to coordinating Torah readers and service leaders for Shabbat and holidays at Beth Israel. Join us in honoring her commitment with your presence on Shabbat morning, March 29. If you would like to also make a financial contribution to the Kiddush lunch in her honor, please send a check to the office (1406 Mound St., Madison 53711) with "Honoring Rayla" on the memo line.

beloved song leaders, Aviv and Anna. We will celebrate Shabbat as an intergenerational community and then share kiddush lunch together. This is a great way to check out our Bet Sefer program.

Social Action Potluck – Hope Into Practice: Jewish Women Choosing Justice

Friday, March 28, 6-8:30 p.m., in a private home – please call the office for location

The speaker for this evening will be feminist and peace activist Penny Rosenwasser. 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.

Shabbaton with Rabbi Chava Bahle

April 4 (in a private home) and April 5 (First Unitarian Society)

Please call the office for the Friday evening and Saturday evening locations.

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 a member's home 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, 900 University Bay Drive, 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.

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Birthright Continues Expanding on Campus through Chabad

By REBECCA OHNONA

UW-Madison Sophomore

Taglit-Birthright Israel provides free 10-day trips to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 26. Until this summer, young adults that had traveled on peer trips with camps, youth groups or the like were ineligible for this trip. Birthright has announced that they will no longer exclude those who went on trips while still in high school.

While there are different providers through which one can go on Birthright, Chabad chooses Mayanot, which is the largest birthright provider on campuses throughout the country.

Mayanot's goal is to provide Taglit-Birthright Israel participants with an unforgettable Israel experience in every

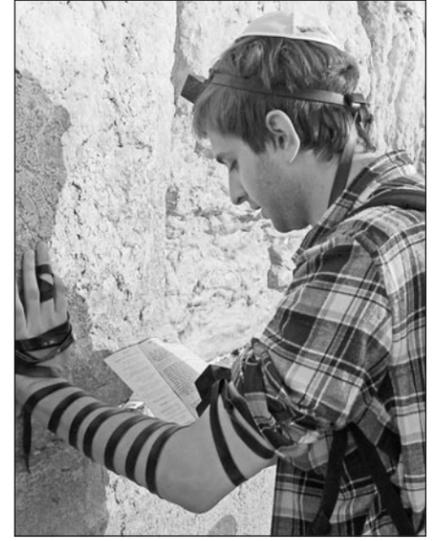
sense of the word. Israel is the ideal backdrop for bringing Jewish history, ideas and culture to life and as past participants attest, the sights and sounds of Israel impact everyone on Mayanot tours in unique ways. Through learning Jewish and Israeli history and engaging in dialogue with Israelis, questions are raised about Jewish identity that challenges the participants throughout their lives. Mayanot strives to find the delicate balance in presenting the ancient and modern history of Israel, contemporary Israeli culture and Jewish tradition, in an open and comfortable environment.

Rabbi Mendel Matusof, of Chabad at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has just returned from a trip to Israel this January with forty students and plans on staffing his tenth Birthright trip in May.

"Birthright is an amazing program which fosters and strengthens Jewish identity, and helps to build bridges between the Jews in the Diaspora and Israel. One aspect that makes Mayanot unique is that it has a rabbi on every bus in addition to the tour guide. Birthright's research has shown that if Birthright participants don't feel a connection to the Jewish part of Israel, they likely won't feel a connection to Israel at all," he said.

Matthew Elkin, Senior at UW-Madison and Student Board President of Chabad, strongly recommends that students take advantage of the opportunity that Mayanot provides through Chabad.

"Especially if someone has ever been to Chabad, they know the warmth, joy and love celebrated at Chabad. Going on Birthright with Rabbi Mendel will make



Madison native Alex Goke prays at the Western Wall.



Lots of W pride up in the Galilee.

his or her Birthright experience that much better," he said.

Elkin also notes that the Mayanot trips appeal to students on many levels of interest. "If you're looking for religion, you can get that. Looking for Israeli culture? It is provided in abundance. If you just want to have fun traveling, Mayanot provides an A+ experience," he said. "Going with Mayanot is best way to get everything in."

"Israel is such a cool place, a melting pot of sorts, bringing cultures together like no other place you would travel on vacation," Elkin said.

No matter one's motivation, a trip to Israel through Birthright, free of cost, is guaranteed to end in countless memories, lessons, and an unforgettable experience.

Register for your trip of a lifetime now at www.mayanotisrael.com

CJS Sponsors Symposium on Jews and Utopian Thought

By MICHELE WALDINGER

Jews, especially European Jewish intellectuals, have had a prominent role in Utopian thought in modern political movements, often radical political movements of the Left. Does Judaism have anything to do with that? Is there a traditional religious Messianic dimension to their involvement?

These questions were the starting point for a symposium sponsored by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, "The Messianic Impulse: Jews and Utopian Thought in Modern Europe," to be held on March 25.

Professor Tony Michels, who conceived of the symposium as part of a biennial series of conferences put on by the Center, explains that the idea began with a theory advanced by prominent French political

theorist Michael Löwy in his book *Redemption & Utopia: Jewish Libertarian Thought in Central Europe*. "Löwy argued that there was an important historical juncture in Central Europe in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in which Judaic notions of Messianism merged with radical political thought. That's the departure point for the Symposium."

Michels invited scholars dealing with Jewish intellectual history in different disciplines to further explore the intersection between religion and political ideas of European Jews. "All of the speakers will discuss Jewish thinkers who are viewed as some of the most influential intellectual thinkers of the twentieth century, such as Martin Buber, Franz Kafka, and Walter Benjamin," says Michels.

Löwy, an internationally renowned sociologist, philosopher, and literary scholar based in Paris who has taught at many institutions, including Tel Aviv University, will present the keynote address. Jack Jacobs, Professor of Political Science at John Jay College, who has lectured throughout the world and has had his works translated into eight different languages, will speak

on the Frankfurt School in Germany (most of whose theorists prior to the Nazi takeover were Jews) and its relation to Israel.

Sarah Hammerschlag, Assistant Professor of Religion and Literature at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will address French Jewish intellectuals and their connection to Zionism and Messianism. Eugene Sheppard, Associate Professor of Modern Jewish History and Thought at Brandeis University, will look at Messianic and revolutionary ideas in both the political left and the political right.

"The speakers belong to different generations," says Michels. "[The symposium] includes younger scholars who have recently published their first books all the way up to an esteemed emeritus professor like Löwy, but all of whom are groundbreaking in their own ways."

The symposium will be held on March 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Varsity Hall III, Union South, 1308 Dayton Street. It is free, open to the public, and accessible to people with disabilities. More information, including the schedule of events, is available at <http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu/events/messianicimpulse/>.

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.

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A Trip of a Lifetime for UW Madison Students

This past January, UW Hillel staff Mickey Aziz Komar and Jennifer Jennings took 36 students on a trip of a lifetime through Taglit Birthright Israel. During the trip, students traversed Israel by bus, climbing Masada, floating in the Dead Sea, hanging out in Tel Aviv, and exploring Jerusalem. Along the way, they engaged in conversations about their Jewish identity, Jewish pluralism, and how they relate to Israel. Below are the reflections of three UW students on their experiences and what they brought home.



When I registered for my winter Birthright trip, I was a little unsure of what the experience would entail. I had arranged to go with two of my friends, but I didn't know anyone else on the trip. I'd never left the continent, much less flown all the way across the Atlantic. Most importantly, I wasn't sure if I was Jewish enough to hack it in Israel.

While the sheer length of the flight to Israel was a bit of a shock to me, it was smooth sailing once we touched down. Despite not knowing the vast majority of my bus mates at the start of our journey, I found that we bonded quickly over long talks and reflections on what we saw and experienced each day. Looking back, I can say honestly that I had some of the best conversations I've had in years on Birthright. As far as the things we saw, I probably most enjoyed comparing the bustle and life of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem with that of our own American cities, as well as climbing high above the desert floor to the top of Masada. I also can't leave out the Sea of Galilee, which may be the most beautiful place I saw in Israel. From where I sit, I'm happy to report that my initial misgivings were baseless, and that Israel, and Birthright, helped to build both my Jewish identity and my appreciation for

our increasingly connected world. Birthright introduced me to some great people, and a great place, that I may have never met otherwise. Since I returned from Israel, I have been going to Shabbat each week and recently began working at Hillel. I continue to explore my Jewish identity.

*Andrew Haffner
Senior, UW Madison*

This past winter break, I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Israel on a ten-day trip sponsored through the Hillel and Taglit Birthright Israel. Before embarking on the trip, I had little expectations and didn't take the time to think in detail or thoroughly about what the trip would mean to me or how it would impact me as a person. Fortunately, I had the time of my life and was able to grow as a person and solidify what my Jewish heritage meant to me. Some of the highlights of the trip were being able to float in the Dead Sea, and

also in the same day hiking up Masada. The Dead Sea surprisingly didn't hurt and it was exciting to be able to float so easily. Although the hike up Masada was a little more challenging than I expected, the view was incredible. Other memorable moments included watching the sun set at our hotel in Netanya over the Mediterranean Sea. There were many beautiful sunsets in Israel that I was fortunate enough to be able to witness. Lastly, I thoroughly enjoyed and miss being able to eat falafel and hummus every day; I can honestly say I didn't get sick of it. I am still searching for a comparable Mediterranean restaurant in Madison and not succeeding.

Most meaningful, however, were the people I met along the way and the stories

they shared with me. Through our speakers, one of them being a founder of Birthright, and the soldiers that accompanied us on our trip that shared personal stories of being affected by terrorism, and small group discussions, I was able to shape my Jewish identity. These stories and people are the reasons I grew as a person and experienced a trip that will continue to impact me in the future. I learned that being Jewish for me is about being a part of a strong and unified group of people. I feel powerful and even special in the fact that I can point to part of my identity as being Jewish. For me, this trip led me to feel more connected with my Jewish heritage. Before the trip, I felt that I wasn't

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PURIM

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UW Hillel Trip

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very connected with my Jewish heritage because my family is more secular and we rarely celebrate any of the major Jewish holidays. Now, I feel I can reflect on my Jewish heritage as something that is meaningful to me and will continue to be for the rest of my life. I hope to continue devel-

oping my Jewish identify on campus by becoming more involved in Hillel and staying in touch with the friends I made on the trip.

*Alexandra Young
Sophomore, UW Madison*



After landing back into the states and thinking about my Birthright trip, I began to realize how awesome and meaningful of a trip I went on. That 36 college students, who didn't know each other, can get on a plane for 12 hours and spend 10 days in the beautiful state of Israel is remarkable. Developing new friendships, and seeing the progression from a bus of strangers to a tight knit group, where we all joked around and listened to stories, made this trip one of a lifetime. While being sick on Birthright for the last half of the trip wasn't ideal, I was still able to get a lot out of my Birthright experience. I was able to visit many of the historic landmarks Israel had to offer and was able to relate them back to my life. Whether that was the Western Wall, Yad Vashem, or just walking through the streets of Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv, I was able to experience Israel at its finest. After being on the trip, I have a greater appreciation of being Jewish and a much greater appreciation of the State of Israel. A country that continues to experience violence and conflict, but still made me feel extremely safe, showed me a lot. I



would highly recommend to anyone that not only wants to get in touch with their Jewish heritage, but also is looking to meet new people and travel to an amazing state, that they should go on Birthright.

*Alex Sloan
Senior, UW Madison*

**Loving
Passover
at UW Hillel**

April 14th

UW Hillel welcomes the Madison community to our Passover meals: Seder, lunches & dinner.

Learn more @ www.uwhillel.com/passover

**Accessorize your Seder at
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Organized by the Jewish Federation of Madison Family Education Committee

Sunday, March 30

Fine Earth Studio & Gallery, 2207 Regent Street

Two sessions to choose from: 2-3:30 or 4-5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per participant for one 90-minute session including clay and beaded jewelry projects.

(Adults who supervise their children but do not participate do not need to pay.)

Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon of beaded jewelry making and Passover-themed clay projects. All ages and artistic abilities are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Jewish Education

Michpacha and Me

There's no better cure for the winter blues than a night at the waterpark with old friends and new. Despite the rain, hail and thundersnow 48 people came to Crawdaddy Cove to enjoy a night of swimming, food, waterslides and family fun! Thank you to the Family Education Committee for sponsoring this wonderful event.



Yad B'Yad Playgroup Kickoff a Success!

This has been a long winter and for caregivers with young children it has meant long days inside. The Jewish Federation of Madison's new program, Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand), offers a warm, friendly environment where caregivers and their babies can play, escape the cold and shmooze with other adults. 12 caregivers joined Tiz Goff, our Jewish Community Outreach Coordinator, for the very first Yad B'Yad community playgroup in February. The children played, everyone snacked and the grown-ups got to know each other by playing a game where they matched pictures of the grown-ups in attendance with pictures of them as babies. The pictures below illustrate what a fun playdate it was for everyone. The next Yad B'Yad Community Playgroup will be on Tuesday, March 4th at 10AM. Maya Garbuz from Madison Sleep Consultants will be our guest speaker in March. For more information please contact Tiz Goff, outreach@jewishmadison.org



March at Midrasha

An important announcement regarding Midrasha Hebrew on Sundays: Beginning on March 23rd our Sunday Midrasha Hebrew classes will be moving to Temple Beth El. The Hebrew classes will begin at 12:00PM and will end at 1:00PM. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org

Sunday, March 3rd: Normal schedule

Wednesday, March 5th (Bring a friend night!)- Student Dinner, Jewop Concert, Youth Group Fair and The Great Purim Race:

On Wednesday March 5th, the Midrasha students will be participating in an exciting Midrasha Purim event. The evening will begin with our spring student dinner, students can sign-up to come to Midrasha early for a delicious meal. Everyone will enjoy a concert by Jewop, UW Madison's Jewish Accapella group. During their break, the students will have the opportunity to walk around a Jewish Youth Group and Activities Fair. Finally, the students and their guests will participate in a fun Purim themed race. In groups they will complete in a series of activities and try to be the first ever champions of The Great Purim Race!

Wednesday, March 12th: Normal schedule

Sunday, March 16th: Community Purim Carnival (no Hebrew)

Wednesday, March 19th: No Midrasha

Sunday, March 23rd: 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El

Wednesday, March 25th: Normal schedule

Sunday, March 30th: 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El

Teacher Think Tank 2014: Making Mitzvot More Meaningful

What happens when you put 50 dedicated, creative, thoughtful Jewish educators in one room for an afternoon of structured brainstorming? Pure greatness, that's what! On February 24, 50 of the educators who work at our local Jewish schools gathered together for the 17th annual Madison Jewish Teacher's Conference.



When we started planning this event our goal was to bring everyone together not only to learn but also to get to know each other,



to share ideas and information and to brainstorm ways that we can connect our curriculum across the community. Our focus this year was on Jewish Service Learning (JSL).

The structure of the program was different than in years past. First on the agenda was the keynote speaker, Nancy Matthews. Nancy is the Director of the Morgridge Center for Public Service. She defined service learning, talked about how it is currently being incorporated in higher education, offered community resources for the teachers and gave everyone a lot to think about. Following her keynote, Ellen Weismer, the Jewish Federation of Madison, showed a brief power-point presentation about Jewish values and Jewish Service Learning.

During the second half of the training everyone participated in a Beit Café (World Café) model of brainstorming. They were divided into tables and discussed three key questions. With each question they switched groups so that everyone had a chance to meet and brainstorm with a new table of people. Finally, we came together to "harvest" the information by talking as a whole group about the key points that were discussed about each question.



There were so many fabulous ideas that were discussed including the need to incorporate more JSL opportunities into our Jewish community with a *Day of Service*, by developing a community-wide curriculum for service learning, creating a website that will serve as a resource for Jewish educators to use for ideas about how to incorporate JSL their classrooms and congregations and more!

We plan to continue these conversations and follow-up on this program so that we can bring some of these ideas to fruition.

Thank you to the Teacher Training planning committee, to Temple Beth El for hosting this event, to Nancy Matthews for the Keynote and to all of the teachers who came, opened their minds, shared their thoughts and made this training so meaningful.



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



Lola puts flowers on her tree for Tu B'Shevat.



Nevaeh shows off the Grass Head Guy that she made with Racheli, our Shlichah.



Hodaia likes to build with Giant Legos.



The Gimel class is making Israeli Chocolate Ball cookies, YUM!



Lilly, Maor, Alexis and Nevaeh are playing Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



Olive and Nathan slid down the hill, all the way to the fence.

Malia LOVES to sled!



The Dalet class is ready to celebrate Tu B'Shevat with a Seder.



The leopard and tiger, Daniel and Jacob, like playing with trains.

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

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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.

SAVE THE DATE!
UPCOMING

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

HAMANTASCHEN WORKSHOP:
Sunday, March 9, 2-5 p.m. at Temple Beth El
Join us for this annual event. Susan Roquette will lead a short session on how to make Hamantaschen! Then we will work together to make the tasty treats that will be sold at the Community Purim Carnival.

COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL:
Sunday, March 16 at Temple Beth El
See the full page ad on the back page of this issue for details.

ACCESSORIZE YOUR SEDER:
Sunday, March 30 at Fine Earth Studio
Join us for an afternoon of Passover crafts and jewelry-making. We will offer two sessions, 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4 p.m., each session will offer time for working on clay projects (Seder plates, frogs and more) and for making jewelry. \$15/person. All ages welcome!

Other events to look forward to:

- ✓ Challah Baking Workshop

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!

Camp Shalom 60th Anniversary

T-Shirt Design Contest!

Calling all artists...in honor of the 60th anniversary of Camp Shalom we are holding a t-shirt design contest. The theme for the contest is **Sixty Years of Shalom**. Design guidelines are below:

HOW TO ENTER

- (1) Submissions will only be accepted through April 15, 2014, 11:59 PM (CST). Design submissions can be sent to Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or Jewish Federation of Madison, Camp Shalom T-shirt Contest, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719.
- (2) All entry emails should have the subject line "T-shirt Design Contest Submission - First Name, Last Name."
- (3) Submit up to two designs per person. If you submit more than two, only your first two submissions in order of date and time will be considered.
- (4) Submit only original designs. These designs must not contain copyrighted material and they cannot have previously won any awards.
- (5) Submit front t-shirt designs only. There should be no text or visuals on the back of the shirt.
- (6) Attach entries as medium resolution .jpeg or .pdf files.
- (7) Any artwork and writing submitted will not be returned, and become property of Jewish Federation of Madison.

NO ADDITIONAL MATERIALS (VIDEOS, SAMPLES, ETC.) WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH YOUR SUBMISSION.

REVIEW & SELECTION

- (1) Entries will be reviewed by the Camp Shalom Committee
- (2) Judging criteria is based on: creativity, originality, and content related to the theme of **Sixty Years of Shalom**.
- (3) The panel of judges will select 2 honorable mention designs and 1 winning design to be printed on the 2014 Camp Shalom T-shirts
- (4) Winners will be notified before or by May 1, 2014.

Successful Season Opener for Yonim

The Yonim Israeli dancers shined on stage at the Waisman Center Children's Theater on Feb 9th. It was a very exciting and successful Season Opener featuring several new dances.

Future Performances!

You're in luck that there are two more chances to see Yonim this spring! Please save a date and come enjoy a show. You'll be glad that you did!

- Sunday, March 23rd at 3pm at Oakwood Village's Auditorium, 6205 Mineral Point Rd, Madison
- Sunday, April 27th at 2pm at UW's Music Hall, 925 Bascom Mall, Madison

Sharsheret Dance Camp Registration is open!

What: Israeli dance for a full weekend with other kids! Learn amazing dance choreography and perform it on a big stage at the end of the weekend!

Who: 5th – 12th grade girls and boys, Yonim and non-Yonim kids. No dance experience necessary!

When: April 25-27, 2014

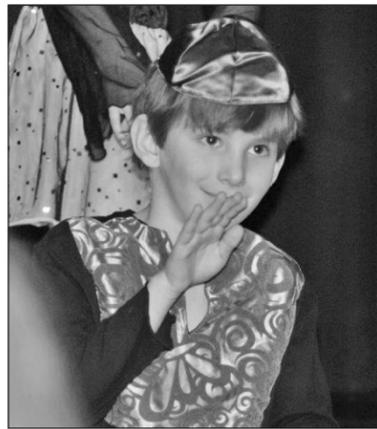
Where: B'nai B'rith Beber Camp, Mukwonago, WI

Festival: Sunday, April 27th the new dance will be showcased at Sharsheret International Dance Festival at UW's Music Hall

K'tantanim Israeli Dance classes for kids ages 3 to 5 years old!

Two more classes this spring:
Sundays, March 9 and April 6 at 3:30-4:00pm
All preschoolers are welcome!

Please contact Laura at yonim@jewishmadison.org for further information.



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Wiseman Joins Staff of JSS

Jewish Social Services is pleased to welcome Mindy Wiseman as Senior Adult Services Professional. Mindy will begin this position on March 17, 2014.

For seventeen years, Mindy provided occupational therapy services for Elder Care/Care Wisconsin and was promoted to Supervisor of the Rehabilitation Department. Some of the services she provided for seniors included home assessments, assisting with discharge planning, and family/caregiver education. She has extensive experience collaborating with interdisciplinary teams to develop and implement plans of care to help clients improve health and maintain functional independence. Mindy has also



created and led educational and support groups. She has made presentations to senior groups on a range of topics.

Hailing from Southern Illinois, Mindy is a licensed occupational therapist and received her degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She and her husband, Mark Evans, are members of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, where she served as secretary of the CSS steering committee and served on the children's education committee. She is also a member of the Jewish Women's Circle.

Mindy is very excited to be joining the JSS team. She is looking forward to assisting seniors and their family members.

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

Friendly Visitors develop on-going, one-to-one relationships with a senior or person with disabilities in a nursing home, assisted living facility or living in his or her own home. Volunteers uniformly say that this is a very rewarding activity that brings meaning and a wealth of feeling to their lives. *Commitment is about an hour a week for a minimum of six months.*

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

A la Carte Volunteering

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

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

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

do everything; you just have to like being helpful.

Volunteer Opportunities at this year's Passover Seders

Jewish Social Services will hold two Passover Seders at retirement communities, for which there are volunteer opportunities. On Thursday, April 17 we will be at Capitol Lakes and on Friday, April 18 we will be at Oakwood West. 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. Contact Louise at 608-278-1808 or louise@jssmadison if you're interested in volunteering at a Seder. Registration information for the Seders themselves will be available in the April issue of "Lechayim Lights."

Double Your Volunteering Mitzvah

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

Deducting Expenses Incurred While Volunteering

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

Hirsh, rabbi and comedian Bob Alper, Professor Jodi Eichler-Levine of the UW-Oshkosh and Professor Philip Hollander of the UW-Madison.

The dates are Tuesday, June 10, and Wednesdays June 25, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20. Registration information will be available later this spring.

Save the Levy Summer Series Dates

The popular Levy Summer Series returns this summer with the theme, "Paths and Intersections in Jewish Life: Journeys in Identity and Culture." Our speakers include Milwaukee Jewish Federation Executive Director, Hannah Rosenthal, Judaic Education Director of the Milwaukee Jewish Community Center, Jody

It's time to
celebrate...
and we are looking forward
to you being a part of it!



2014 marks the Double Chai – 36th anniversary of JSS. In honor of this milestone, we have three celebrations scheduled to commemorate our Double Chai anniversary.

◆ 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.

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"The world's first existential jazz rapper" *The Times of London*

"The voice of his generation" *Downbeat Magazine*

"A Renaissance man cast adrift in modern times" *Chicago Sun Times*

Ben Sidran has been a major force in the modern day history of jazz and rock and roll, having played keyboards with or produced such artists as Van Morrison, Diana Ross, Michael Franks, Rickie Lee Jones, Mose Allison and Steve Miller.

It's been a long and varied journey for Sidran—from playing boogie-woogie piano as a six year old in Racine, Wisconsin, leaning into his jazz records, "literally like an Eskimo huddled around a fire," to growing up to play boogie-woogie piano around the world. Despite the reality that he is better known in Europe and Japan than in America—a fact of life for most jazz musicians—Ben Sidran is an American success story.

Ben's most recent accomplishments include: In 2010, Sidran completed Dylan Different, a tribute to the music of Bob Dylan; in 2012, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin and published his long awaited text on the Jewish influence on American popular music, *There Was a Fire: Jews, Music and the American Dream*; his most recent recording is *Don't Cry for No Hipster* (April, 2013).



This article is about religious, social, and political points of view on anti-Semitism (part 1)

Генрих Бабич Религиозная, социальная и политическая сущность антисемитизма

Недавно я случайно встретил знакомого, с которой не виделся несколько лет. Разговорились, и она мне, в частности, сказала, что многие ее американские друзья задают один и тот же вопрос: **“Почему в мире так не любят евреев?”** В результате родилась идея и мне порассуждать об антисемитизме – далеко не простой проблеме.

Начну с определения. **Антисемитизм** – это одна из форм национальной нетерпимости, выражающаяся во враждебном отношении к евреям (иудеям) как к этнической или религиозной группе. Он часто основан на предрассудках. Такое определение весьма общо и требует пояснений.

Антисемитизм является одним из проявлений **ксенофобии** и иногда применительно к евреям используется слово **юдофобия**. Этот термин обозначает враждебность по отношению к евреям и/или иудеям, а не ко всем народам семитской группы, к которой относятся и арабы. Это слово было впервые употреблено в 1879 году немецким публицистом В. Марром в памфлете “Победа германизма над еврейством”. Термин отражает расистские представления о биологической несовместимости европейцев – как “германской” (“арийской”) высшей расы, и евреев как представителей низшей “семитской расы”. Так считали первые идеологи антисемитизма. С тех пор он обозначает именно вражду к евреям.

Расовый антисемитизм получил полное развитие в XX веке. Его можно назвать “классическим” и именно с ним связано возникновение самого понятия “антисемитизм”, а его результатом стало крупнейшее проявление этого явления – Холокост. Расовый антисемитизм рассматривает евреев как врожденных носителей биологически ущербных признаков, а потому не только не признает за ассимилированными евреями права на существование, но и считает их наиболее опасными, так как они вносят “порчу” в здоровое тело нации и пытаются тайно захватить власть над ней.

Исторический антисемитизм трансформировался от античной юдофобии до современного так называемого “нового антисемитизма”.

Античный антисемитизм – наиболее древний вид антисемитизма, рассматриваемый историками как предубеждение к иудеям, как носителям **единобожия**, со стороны язычников в античную эпоху (цивилизация Древней Греции и Древнего Рима в период от VIII века до н.э. до VI века н.э.). Идеологи того времени, будучи язычниками, в этой связи обвиняли евреев в ненависти ко всем народам, тайных и явных преступлений против национальных нравов и обычаев, подрыве

экономики, распространении лжеучений, нелояльности и т.п. Обвинения в принесении человеческих жертв и каннибализме трансформировались впоследствии в кровавый навет.

Религиозный антисемитизм возник в христианстве примерно во II веке н.э. Он предполагает ненависть к евреям как носителям иудаизма и в том, что они были причастны к распятию Христа. Поскольку в христианстве Иисус считается Богом, весь еврейский народ объявлялся богоубийцей. Такое мировоззрение разделяет людей не по национальности, а по вероисповеданию. Таким образом, в идеальном варианте, иудеи, переходя в христианство, переставали быть предметом ненависти. На практике так происходило не всегда и такие люди, несмотря на смену религии, не признавались полноценными членами общества и назывались выкрестами. В наше время религиозный антисемитизм не ограничивается христианством. Антиеврейские настроения широко распространены среди мусульман.

Новый антисемитизм или **антисионизм** возник в конце 1990-х годов и означает распространение антисемитизма на ненависть к национальным устремлениям евреев к созданию своего государства и к самому государству Израиль. Грань между антисемитизмом, критикой сионизма и политики Израиля часто бывает трудноуловимой, что позволяет, с одной стороны, оправдывать антисемитизм как “критику израильской политики”, а с другой стороны, рассматривать критику Израиля как проявление антисемитизма.

Историки иногда разделяют антисемитизм на социальную и политическую составляющие. К первому типу они относят **юдофобию** или **бытовой антисемитизм**. Бытовой антисемитизм представляет собой неприятие евреев, связанное с их образом жизни. Идеологически бытовой антисемитизм при его использовании в борьбе за власть приобретает общественную значимость. Другим типом является **государственный антисемитизм**, когда антисемитизм становится государственной политикой, как это было в нацистской Германии и в СССР.

Итак, антисемитизм – это мировая (то есть распространенная по всему земному шару) и историческая (то есть существовавшая в течение всей двухтысячелетней истории человечества и даже до нее) проблема. Об этой проблеме в самом широком диапазоне высказывались все – от “великих” и до рядовых исполнителей еврейских погромов. Ее можно осмыслить только следуя историческому развитию общества.

Во временном плане начну с конца. Действительно, многие исследователи отмечают, что в 2000-е годы антисемитизм в мире достиг максимального уровня со времени окончания Второй мировой войны. Это касается как открытых выступлений антисемитского характера, так и завуалированных заявлений. К таким заявлениям можно отнести критику Израиля, которая не учитывает, что те, кто стремится его унич-

тожить, делают это лишь потому, что Израиль – еврейское государство.

В 2009 году отмечен резкий рост числа антисемитских акций. Так, в Канаде количество таких инцидентов увеличилось на 11,4% по сравнению с предыдущим годом и достигло самого высокого уровня за последние 28 лет. Почти вдвое возросло количество антисемитских акций во Франции и на 55% – в Великобритании.

Кратко об **антисемитизме в США**. В течение более двух столетий это была проблема для евреев-американцев, хотя степень юдофобии в этой стране не идет ни в какое сравнение с преследованиями евреев в других районах мира. За это время и евреи, и антисемиты, проходившие через “плавильный котел”, в равной степени изменялись в нем. Сегодня еврейская община США является по численности второй в мире, после Израиля. В течение большей части XX века проявление антисемитизма в стране неуклонно снижалось, в особенности, после Второй мировой войны. По данным Антидиффамационной лиги в 2011 году антисемитизм отвергают подавляющее большинство американцев, причем 64% из них высоко оценивают вклад евреев в американскую культуру. Существенное меньшинство американцев, 19%, поддерживают антисемитскую “утку” о том, что евреи контролируют Уолл-стрит.

За последние годы некоторые американские социологи выдвинули концепцию “нового антисемитизма”, которая распространяется радикальными исламистами. Концепция базируется на критике Израиля и призывает к тому, чтобы язык антисионизма и нападок на Израиль использовался по отношению к евреям более широко. В 2004 году ряд влиятельных политиков США обвинял еврейских членов кабинета Буша в том, что они вовлекли страну в войну против иракского Хуссейна с тем, чтобы помочь Израилю.

Общественной деятельностью по противостоянию антисемитизму занимается Антидиффамационная лига, основанная еще в 1913 году. В 1990 году в США принят закон, по которому ведется статистический учет преступлений на почве ненависти, в т.ч. антисемитского характера. За период с 1979 по 1989 годы зарегистрировано 9.617 антисемитских инцидентов. Такая цифра достигла пика в 1994 году – 2066 случаев, но в последующие три года произошло уменьшение. По данным за 2002-2008 годы количество антисемитских проявлений в стране колебалось вокруг цифры в 1000 случаев в год. Следует подчеркнуть, что рост антисемитских проявлений напрямую связан с реакционной мусульманской пропагандой.

Теперь вернемся к **истории**. По мнению ряда исследователей, **античный антисемитизм** возник и развился в мире язычества, куда многие евреи были вынуждены переселиться из-за войн. Большая часть современной антисемитской аргументации происходит от античных предрассудков язычни-

ков. Исследователи причин возникновения античного антисемитизма делятся по своим подходам на две группы. Первые видят причину негативного отношения в самих евреях, вторые – в отдельных локальных и широких конфликтах. По наиболее распространенному мнению, юдофобия в древнем мире была вызвана обособлением евреев от других народов. Это происходило из-за того, что иудаизм является монотеистической религией. Иудеи также верили в то, что еврейский народ является избранным Богом. Другим немаловажным фактором, заложившим основу отличия евреев от других народов, в среде которых они проживали, было то, что евреи с древности были **людьми книги Торы**.

Раннее христианство также вызывало ненависть языческого мира, в результате чего многие первые христиане принимали мученическую смерть. Говоря об **антииудаизме раннего христианства**, отметим, что после изгнания из Палестины иудеи, оказавшись в диаспоре, т.е. в рассеянии в разных странах, вели себя принципиально иначе, чем христиане. Они продолжали сохранять культурно-религиозную идентичность и резко осуждали ассимиляцию. Будучи дискриминируемым меньшинством, они продолжали подчеркивать свою “особость” и даже те, кто завоевывал высокое положение в обществе, не стремились походить на коренное население. Приведем лишь два высказывания об этом.

Русский философ Н. А. Бердяев в работе “Христианство и Антисемитизм” отмечал:

“Христиане бывали антисемитами главным образом по мотивам религиозным. Евреи признавались ими расой отверженной и проклятой не потому, что это низшая раса по крови, враждебная всему остальному человечеству, а потому, что они отвергли Христа. Религиозный антисемитизм есть в сущности, антииудаизм и антитагалмудизм. Христианская религия действительно враждебна еврейской религии, как она кристаллизовалась после того, как Христос не был признан ожидаемым евреями Мессией.”

И второе. Американский писатель Э. Клейвен, протестант еврейского происхождения, полагает, что антисемитизм – “такой хороший показатель наличия зла в человеке”, что, как пишет он, “я склонен верить в то, что, когда Бог сделал евреев избранным народом, он выбрал их для того, чтобы они служили своего рода “системой раннего обнаружения” безнравственности для всех остальных”.

Этапным в разделении христиан и иудеев явилось разрушение Иерусалима римлянами в 66-70 годы. Для иудеев христиане, покинувшие город перед его осадой римскими войсками, стали не только религиозными отступниками, но и изменниками своего народа. Христиане же увидели в разрушении Храма исполнение пророчества Иисуса и указание на то, что отныне именно они, христиане, являются истинными “сынами Завета”.

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Lechayim Lights

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March 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**. The cost of the meal is \$7.50, with a minimum donation of \$4.00 suggested for those over 60.

Monday, March 3

11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Veggie quiche, chickpea salad, fruit compote, cookie
1:00-2:00 Pianist Dan Barker plays music by Cole Porter

Monday, March 10 – *Lechayim celebrates Purim*

11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Tilapia with salsa, honey-glazed carrots, green salad, Hamentaschen
1:00-2:00 Irish music with The Currach

Monday, March 17 – *Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, March 24

11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Chicken with tomatoes, potato kugel, broccoli, apple crisp
1:00-2:00 Jessie Garcia, "My Life with the Green and Gold: Tales from 20 Years of Sports Casting"

Monday, March 31

11:00-12:00 *Operation Immunization* with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Lentil soup (V), cheese blintzes, fruit sauce, coleslaw
1:00-2:00 Nan & Jim Youngerman, "Reflections on Our Travels in Central Europe, Fall 2013"

April Dates

April 7
April 14 – Passover, Lechayim does not meet
April 21 – Passover, Lechayim does not meet
April 28

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" Vegetарианское меню по предварительному заказу. Стоимость обеда - \$7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет - \$ 4.00.

Понедельник, 3 марта

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Овощная запеканка, гороховый салат, компот, печенье
1:00-2:00 Пианист Дэн Баркер играет музыку Коула Портера

Понедельник, 10 марта Лехаим празднует Пурим

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 Тулупия с сальсой, глазированной медом морковь, зеленый салат, хаменташа.
1:00-2:00 Ирландская музыка в исполнении Currach

Понедельник, 17 марта Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 24 марта

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Курица с помидорами, картофельная запеканка, брокколи, хрустящий яблочный пирог
1:00-2:00 Джесси Гарсия, "Моя жизнь в зеленом и золотом: Сказки 20-ти лет спортивной журналистики"

Понедельник, 31 марта

11:00-12:00 Оценка здоровья студентами Фармацевтического Общества штата Висконсин
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Суп с чечевицей, блинчики с сыром, фруктовый соус и салат из капусты.
1:00-2:00 Нан и Джим Янгерман, «Воспоминания о наших путешествиях в Центральной Европе, осень 2013»

Даты апреля

7 апреля
14 апреля Пасха, Лехаим не состоится
21 апреля Пасха, Лехаим не состоится
28 апреля Йом ха-Шоа (День памяти жертв Холокоста)

Lechayim Snow Day Policy

Lechayim is cancelled when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes schools due to inclement weather. Listen to the radio, watch a local tv station or view an online weather report to learn if Madi-

son's schools are cancelled. Otherwise, we will cancel Lechayim if we think conditions warrant it. That decision will be made by 9:00 a.m. and someone will call or email you and we'll post it on our website.

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, *Operation Immunization* will be at Lechayim on Monday, March 31 from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your immunization-related questions and concerns. Please note that immu-

nizations will not be administered. Health Assessment Schedule: April 28, *Health Fair with Generation Rx/Med-drop*; May 5, *Health Needs Assessment*.

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Pharmacy Students

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

About our Programs

“Favorite son” pianist Dan Barker returns to Lechayim on **Monday, March 3** with a program of music by Cole Porter. Dan has been playing with Abigail Cantor at Lechayim Thanksgiving celebrations for a number of years. He graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a degree in Religion and is a very talented pianist and composer who is also the co-president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation. Dan is a former evangelist who was ordained as a minister at the age of 15 and became a freethinker in 1983. He is the author of several books and a composer of music, including religious music for which he still receives royalties. He plays piano weekly at the Nakoma Golf Club piano bar. Most importantly,



Dan Barker

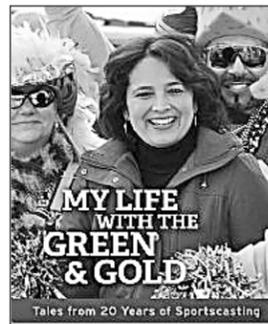
he is a fabulous pianist!

We’ll celebrate Purim on **Monday, March 10** with Irish music from the Currach. It’s Purim when everything is topsy-turvy, so why not have Irish music for a Jewish celebration? The Currach has been playing Lechayim for a number of years, and always delights with the melodies and rhythms of the Emerald Isle. You can also catch them every Friday night from 5:00-7:00 at the Brocach Tavern on West Main Street.

The Social Hall at Temple Beth El will be unavailable on **Monday, March 17**, due to the community Purim carnival that will be held there the day before, so Lechayim will not meet on that day.

Ever wonder what it’s like to interview famous athletes and coaches? For twenty years, sports-

caster Jessie Garcia has done just that. On **Monday, March 24** she will bring fans to the sidelines at Lambeau Field, inside the locker room, aboard the Packers bus, and into the host’s chair at “The Mike McCarthy Show” in her talk about her book, *My Life with the Green & Gold*. Besides being a sportscaster, Jessie is the granddaughter of our own Abe Landsman.



Jessie Garcia

A self-proclaimed “terrible athlete,” Garcia reported on Wisconsin’s beloved Green Bay Packers during the Holmgren, Rhodes, Sherman, and McCarthy years. She’s been a Packers sideline reporter for preseason games and covered the team during its Super Bowl showdowns against the Patriots, Broncos, and Steelers. She’s traveled with the team to Tokyo and the White House and to schools and retirement homes, where the gridiron heroes interacted with their fans. She’s visited the hometowns of players and coaches, she’s met their proud parents and their pets, she’s interviewed the team trainer about their strength exercises. Her recent book *My Life with the Green & Gold* also features up-close and personal stories about other teams and athletes she’s covered, from the Badgers and Brewers to Wisconsin Olympians such as Bonnie Blair and Casey FitzRandolph. Garcia’s expertise is capturing behind-the-scenes, human-interest stories. She’ll share a personal and humorous

insider’s look at many Wisconsin sports heroes from the perspective of a female sports journalist – and working mom – who has ridden the adrenaline rush to be on the air at 5 a.m., 10 p.m., and any hour in between all while juggling the many demands of family life. Not many parents can say they’ve changed their child’s diaper in the tunnel at Lambeau Field, but Jessie Garcia can. (Wisconsin Historical Society Press).

On **Monday, March 31** we’ll hear the story that we would have heard back in January, when we had to cancel Lechayim due to the life-threatening cold. The story is about a trip that took the travelers not only to a different place, but back to a time when life in that place was very different. In the fall of 2013, Jim and Nan Youngerman traveled to Berlin, Krakow, Budapest, Prague, and Linda, Germany. On their trip they explored the remembrances and revival of Jewish life in these cities and more. Jim and Nan look forward to sharing their recent adventures and giving Lechayim attendees a taste of their experiences.

Jim Youngerman is a Madison attorney and former president of both Jewish Social Services and the Jewish Federation of Madison. Nan is a retired teacher from the Madison Metropolitan School District and current president of Jewish Social Services. They are both passionate travelers.



Jim and Nan Youngerman



The Currach

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.

Fun at Lechayim

Photos by Louise Goldstein



Jerry and Elinor Stotsky



Sam Jacobs



Volunteers Pamela Phillips Olson and Janis Wrich



Betsy Haimson and Clara Sweet celebrated their birthdays together.



Rabbi Andrea Steinberger, Shlichah Racheli Komar-Aziz, and student volunteers from Hillel with Capitol Lakes residents.

...and more!



Evelyn Cantor at Capitol Lakes Shabbat.



George Wolnak joins the singing at Capitol Lakes.

Spotlight: Charlie Meyer

By PAMELA PHILLIPS OLSON

Dr. Charlie Meyer grew up in Philadelphia. "On my street were 52 houses. Fifty-one were owned by Jewish families." It was a very segregated city.

When he turned nine he contracted polio, just one year before the Salk vaccine became available. After five months in a hospital he came home with a brace on his leg and a determination to become a doctor.

His mother, a teacher, shared her beliefs in equal rights and justice with Charlie. His father was a technical engineer for RCA and worked on military communication.

Charlie was bright and studious and developed a keen interest in human behavior and emotions. He graduated from Albright College in Pennsylvania and planned to start medical school at Hahneman, which later became Drexel. Before starting, he wanted to volunteer down south. He met T.G.G. Wilson, chairman of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, who arranged funding for Charlie.

"He's just a crazy kid" his father exclaimed.

"You'll get hurt or worse. Don't go!" cried his mother.

Three student volunteers had been killed in 1964 in Mississippi (Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner), but Charlie was deter-

mined. Knowing no one, he embarked on the bravest and one of the most meaningful adventures of his life.

James Meredith made his historic March against Fear across Mississippi and was shot. While Meredith was hospitalized, Charlie and others continued the march. When they stopped in a field to rest, they were tear-gassed and beaten. "The police hit me with the butt of a rifle and kicked with steel-toed boots. I returned home for several days to recuperate."



Charlie Meyer

(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

Returning south, Charlie worked with families in Green County Alabama, a deeply impoverished area. At the end of the summer, "thirty children lined up at the medical clinic to be inoculated with the DPT and Polio vaccine." What had been basic medical care for years throughout the

United States, was finally available for these children, thanks in part to Charlie Meyer.

He moved to Madison in 1972 where he raised three children with his wife, Ellen and was known as a well-respected and compassionate psychiatrist. His career was interrupted by Parkinson's disease in 1989.

To this day, Charlie remembers the summer he spent in the south very vividly. He marvels at how far the civil rights movement has come. His eyes fill with tears as he says, "To think, Barack Obama is our President!"

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.

March 7, 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.

March 7, 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.

March 28, April 25

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

Save the Dates for Passover Seders at Retirement Communities

Thursday, April 17, Capitol Lakes Retirement Community, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18, Oakwood Village University Woods, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Registration information will be available in early April. Residents, their families and friends, and non-residents are welcome at both Seders.

Transitions

Happy March Birthday

Anna Heifetz	Ida Wyman
Arie Carmi	Ilya Fiksel
Cleo Loftsgordon	Lillian Zwilling
Elsa Johnson	Robert Schlesinger
Hagit Vardi	Vlad Konovalov
Harold Farkas	

Mazel Tov

To Dorit Bergen, on the marriage of her nephew, Andrew Bergen, to Andrea Marcantonio in Orange County, California

Best Wishes for your Wellness

Milt Rosenberg
Clara Sweet
Alice Hanau

Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Merilyn Kupferberg

Condolences

To the family of Betty Arnes
To the family of David Friedman, son of Bea & Harry Friedman

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 - Recognition during Lechayim program
 - Recognition at our registration table

Lechayim Dates:

~ March 3, 2014	~ April 7, 2014
~ March 10, 2014 – Purim	~ April 28, 2014 – Yom Hashoah
~ March 24, 2014	~ May 5, 2014 – Yam HaAtzmaut
~ March 31, 2014	~ May 12, 2014
	~ May 19, 2014 – Volunteer Recognition

For more information or to reserve a date, please call 608-278-1808 or visit www.jssmadison.org

Israel and the World

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The Jewish Federation of Madison provides support to a wide variety of essential agencies in Madison, around the United States and around the world. Read the stories below and learn how your campaign dollars support programs in some of our country's large urban areas as well as in tiny communities a world away.

For more information or opportunities to volunteer with the Jewish Federation of Madison, contact info@jewishmadison.org or call 608-278-1808.



Federation Programs Transform Young Lives

It was an unlikely pairing: Marc, a middle-aged Jewish man, and Deron, a disadvantaged young boy in public school struggling to keep up with his peers.

Yet for three years, the duo met weekly. As a volunteer from Jewish Federation, Marc made the trek each week through city neighborhoods, across a concrete playground to an inner city school where he tutored Deron, helping him learn to read and gain confidence.

They lost touch after Deron went to high school but Marc always wondered what happened to the boy he spent so much time with. So, he called. Deron wasn't home. He had started college.

"These are great kids who are struggling in school," said Marc, who has been tutoring inner-city kids for more than a decade. "How can we let them be left behind in society? To have a chance, they have to be able to read."

In cities across North America, legions of volunteers devote their time to tutoring at-risk students, many of whom need an extra edge to keep up with their peers. Programs funded by Jewish Federation build brighter futures and transform not only the lives of young people across North America, but also those who help them.

For people like Marc, who take time out of their busy schedules to take part in tikkun olam — improving the world — the reward could not be richer.

"I felt great for me a little, and a lot for him. Now he's really going places," says Marc. "It's great that through the Federa-

tion I've had the opportunity to change a life. What we do makes a difference."

Providing Winter Relief for Ukraine's Most Vulnerable Families

In a small and semi-deserted village in eastern Ukraine, Alexander Petrov struggles to provide for his wife and seven children.

The village, which is only accessible by tractor for much of the winter, lies about 80 miles from Donetsk, Ukraine's fifth-largest city.

Though Petrov works as a doctor in a nearby town, his village's isolation makes it difficult to heat his home and care for his loved ones. The village consists of about 300 houses; a third of the buildings are deserted, and about half of the rest serve as summer homes for families who come only for vacations. His family lives in three rooms and owns almost no furniture.

The Jewish Family Service program provides the Petrovs with a monthly food card to purchase groceries, school supplies, winter vitamin sets, warm-weather clothes, and coal to heat their home.

Without the JDC-provided coal, the Petrovs could only heat their home with wood, as their village has no gas supply or running water. When the family ran out of money to purchase firewood, the children would be drafted to join their parents in a nearby forest to collect it.

Without JDC's winter relief, Alexander would be unable to care for his five daughters and two sons. But JDC's assistance to the family goes beyond simply providing for their material needs when temperatures drop.

JDC also provided financial help to enable the Petrovs to attend a seaside Jewish family retreat last summer — the furthest the children had ever been from home.

They are among the more than 6,200 children in the former Soviet Union (FSU) who benefit from JDC's winter relief program each year.

From Eastern Europe to Central Asia, JDC's work in preparing the most vulnerable Jews for winter is one of its signature accomplishments throughout the former Soviet Union (FSU).

"In different parts of the FSU, winter assistance remains relevant and sometimes even critical for survival," said Yulia Lidis, a JDC staff member in the region.

Almost 2,000 miles northwest of the Petrovs, Dmitri and Tatiana Belozeroz live in the village of Chernigovka, Kazakhstan, with their two daughters, Snezhana, 8, and

Viktoria, 6. Their village — located about 100 miles from the city of Petropavl, about the size of Yonkers, New York — is fast dying out, and employment opportunities are limited.

Tatiana does not work, and Dmitri is only able to find occasional seasonal work as a tractor driver. The family survives on about \$50 each month — enough to scrape by and provide for the barest of basic food needs, but not enough to fund medications for their daughters or toiletries.

Without JDC's help, the couple could not afford to heat their home — a necessity in Chernigovka, which experiences winter for nine months of the year and sees average temperatures of -4 to -40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Heating their home would eat up nearly seven

months of the family's income, making the coal JDC's Hased social welfare network provides invaluable.

The Belozerozs also receive warm blankets, warm clothes, vitamins, school supplies, a heater, some food support, and laundry detergent from JDC.

For more information on our work in the former Soviet Union: <http://www.jdc.org/where-we-work/former-soviet-union/>



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Alexander and Svetlana live in a tiny, isolated village outside of Donetsk, in eastern Ukraine, with their two young daughters, pictured here. Without JDC's help, they would be unable to survive the winter.

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

By MICKEY & RACHELI AZIZ-KOMAR

We are now in the middle of the first month of Adar and as the Talmud tells us "When Adar comes, joy is increased". Israel has given us a number of reasons for joy this month. The Israeli startup Inpris developed "UpSense," a mobile app offering the first fully gesture-based keyboard to enable people with visual impairment to type on tablets and smartphones using customizable gestures. The app also has a mode for those already proficient in Braille typing.

Highlights of the month:

The Madison Israel Film Festival was a great success. We showed six different films, all showing how communities, generations and nations can come together with friendship. We want to thank the wonderful Jewish community of Madison for supporting us and coming to many of our films. We were so happy to see all of you who came and we hope that you enjoyed coming and hope to see you again at all of our Israel events.

At the MJCDS we learned about different views of Israel using maps by Danny Kerman and every student chose their maps and made their own versions of the map.

Teaching Holocaust studies in Temple Beth El we started by learning about Anne Frank and other children our age who lived and died during the Holocaust. We gave them a life and dreams just as we have.

In our second lesson we learned how children celebrated their Bar Mitzvah during the Holocaust. We discussed the differences between the way we celebrate our Bar/Bat mitzvah today and the way it was celebrated in the past.

During the third class we asked who was a hero during the Holocaust, who our heroes are in our life and what makes them heroes.

Our last lesson focused on Holocaust denial, why it is so important to learn and remember the Holocaust for our future, and how can we do so.

Wishing you all a happy and joyful Purim,
Racheli and Mickey



Planning a trip to Israel?



- **Jerusalem**
- **Dead Sea**
- **Tel Aviv**
- **Golan Heights**
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- **Haifa**
- **And so much more!**

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