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Elsie's Story

By JERILYN GOODMAN

She speaks with a slight, but distinct, accent whose origin I had long suspected, but, given her age and all that implied, been hesitant to ask. One night at dinner, though, I posed the simple question to 95 year old Elsie Hirsch, "Where are you from?" She looked at me with an imperceptibly sad smile and, after a long pause, replied, "Where do you think?" Afraid of probing too deeply, I held her gaze and meekly ventured, "Eastern Europe."

Her piercing blue eyes did not flinch when she said, "Germany," pronouncing it "Chermamy," a tonal hint of the homeland she had left nearly eight decades ago.

"When did you come here?" I continued, a tentative way of asking whether she'd been fortunate enough

to have fled the Nazis or strong enough to have survived them. "In 1939," she replied.

Despite the bustle all around us, my eyes and my heart were fixed on this small, soft-spoken woman. "How did you get out," I asked gently. I was more than curious. I felt compelled to know her story, obliged, in my own small way, to bear witness.

The next day, I asked if I could interview her more formally. "I don't like to talk about it," she resisted again. I explained that I would try to put her account on paper, that she could read it and decide whether she was comfortable sharing it with others, that I would do nothing without her consent, but there

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Elsie Hirsch

Partners in Friendship P2G – Partners2Gether in Israel

By LOUISE GOLDSTEIN, P2G COMMITTEE MEMBER

Social media can bring people together but actually meeting people in real life is still a lot of fun and can result in encounters of great depth. Members of the Madison Jewish community have the opportunity to connect on this kind of personal level with everyday Israelis through our participation in Partners2Gether (P2G), a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel that seeks to strengthen Jewish communities in Israel and abroad through meaningful people-to-people

encounters and relationships. With the support of the Jewish Federation of Madison, our city participates in P2G as part of a cluster of cities that includes Milwaukee, St. Paul and the area around Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) in Israel known as Sovev Kinneret. Various kinds of

projects are developed that find ways to bring Israelis and our community members together in enjoyable, educational, personal and meaningful ways.

My husband Bruce Thomadsen and I had such an encounter when we served as a host family for Israelis who came to compete in the Madison Marathon in 2015. We became good friends with our guests, Yuval and Nitza Karta, and the following year my daughter Liz

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Shlomit Ezer & Louise at Kibbutz Ginnosar

MADISON JEWISH
COMMUNITY
YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM
VOICES OF A GENERATION

The annual Community Yom HaShoah program will include a memorial service of remembrance and a presentation by Julie Kohner. Survivors and their family members will light memorial candles in memory of their loved ones who died and those who have no one left to remember them. All are welcome. More info on page 3.

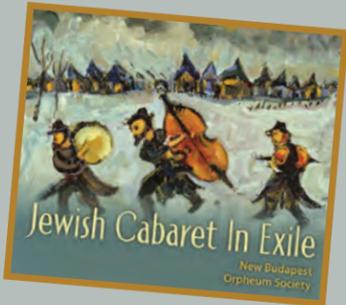
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1406 Mound Street
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Cabaret Experience

PRESS RELEASE

Beth Israel Center, in Madison, Wisconsin, will be the site of a rare cultural evening on Sunday evening, May 6, at 7:00 pm—a **YIDDISH CABARET** featuring **THE NEW BUDAPEST ORPHEUM SOCIETY**, an Ensemble-in-Residence in the Humanities Division at the University of Chicago, since 1998.

This group of eight classically trained musicians has researched and now performs a rich trove of songs in Yiddish once heard in popular cafes and

nightspots in Vienna, Berlin, Warsaw and Budapest in the years before World War II. The group tours widely, having performed at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in NYC, the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC; and internationally at the Jewish Museum of Berlin, at the European Center of Jewish Music in Hanover, Germany and at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom, among many other venues.

Tickets for this concert may be purchased at bethisraelcenter.org.

P2G

Maier and I stayed with them while visiting Israel. So, I was delighted when I was asked to join our local Partnership committee to help plan more projects with Sovev Kinneret. I like the idea of finding ways for others to have as much fun with P2G as I've been having!

As a member of the local committee I recently attended our Partnership's annual steering committee meeting in Sovev Kinneret, where projects were approved, budget decisions were made and friendships were forged. Madison's shlichah Shlomit Ezer and I travelled to Israel to participate in this process, see Sovev Kinneret and meet our counterparts from the Partnership. What I found, in addition to excellent Israeli food and enchanting scenery, was a dedicated group of people who believe strongly in the value of personal encounters to promote and strengthen Jewish "peoplehood," irrespective of political or religious considerations. In short, people keenly interested in making connections

with us.

Madison is a relative newcomer to this Partnership, which has existed for twenty years. In addition to discussing the proposed projects, I learned about existing and past projects like school "twinning," youth and young adult visits, encounters with chefs, artists and legislators and our own Reciprocal Birthright (which brings Israeli young adults to Madison to experience American Jewish life with local young Jewish adults). We heard from young Israeli adults who, with support from our Partnership, have dedicated themselves to live and work in Tiberias, which struggles to keep its young adults. We spent time at Kibbutz Ginnosar and Kfar Tavor, viewed the Zodiac mosaic at the ancient synagogue of Hamat Tveryeh and celebrated in a local winery.

We had the opportunity to see the area through the eyes of Israeli steering committee members who gave in-depth

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tours focusing on their personal involvement in the area. I had a very informative drive around the lake, through parts of the Golan Heights, with Amir Mokady, who for many years had been the IDF Northern Command's liaison between the United Nations Peacekeeping Force and his counterparts in the Lebanese and Jordanian armed forces. He also worked with Jordan for decades on water diversion from the Yarmuk River into Jordan for agricultural purposes. This was a very different kind of tourism, very relevant to current political realities. I'm grateful that I had this opportunity to dive a little deeper into one person's reality in Israel.

Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to enjoy such personal encounters with average Israelis from Sovev Kinneret, right here in Madison, or even in Israel. Whether as a host family, a volunteer or a participant in a specific project, there's a way for you to have the pleasure of meeting and befriending them person-to-person.

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Madison Jewish Community Yom HaShoah Program Voices of a Generation

The Jewish community of Madison will gather together at Temple Beth El on April 11, 2018, 7:30 pm, to observe Yom HaShoah, the day of remembrance for those who died during the Holocaust. This commemorative service and memorial candle lighting will be led by members of the community who are survivors, or children and grandchildren of survivors. Local rabbis and cantors from across the Jewish community of Madison will also participate.

This year, Ms. Julie Kohner will speak about her parents' lives and the life lessons she has learned from them and the other survivors she has met through her organization the Voice of the Generations which is dedicated to preserving and sharing survivors' stories. Voices of the Generations is a non-profit organization that has presented programs throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia. Julie accompanied the opening of the installation of a permanent display featuring Hanna Kohner at the Mauthausen Memorial in Austria in 2013. In 2014, she presented at the 44th Annual Scholars Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches.

Ms. Kohner's parents' autobiography, *Hanna and Walter, A Love Story*, traces their journey from 1930s pre-war Europe to reuniting after the end of the war. In her program, Ms Kohner also shares video clips from a television program that aired her mother's story in 1954, one of the first times a story about

a Holocaust survivor had been shared on U.S. commercial television. Voices of the Generations teaches the devastation of the Holocaust through the stories of its impact on one family. It is through their only child, Julie, that Hanna and Walter's story lives on.

While Ms. Kohner is visiting Madison, she will also share her parents' story at Middleton High School.

The program is open to the public. The program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison, and Congregations Shaarei Shamayim, Beth Israel Center and Temple Beth El.



Julie Kohner

Mitzvah Makers Move 4,000 Pounds!

By TIZ GOFF
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Mitzvah Makers, Jewish Federation of Madison's newest group, was created after hearing that people wanted more volunteer opportunities in the Madison area. On Thursday, March 8, six community members volunteered to help sort over 4,000 pounds of citrus at Second Harvest. Here are what a couple of our volunteers had to say:

Mitzvah Makers is a great opportunity for those who want to help out in the community but are unable to commit to an ongoing volunteer position with one agency. ~Arlin.

By doing this mitzvah, it was grati-

fyng to help our Jewish Federation demonstrate to the larger community our commitment to tikkun olam. ~Jerilyn

I had never seen 1,140 pounds of grapefruit in one box. We had so much fun putting fruit into smaller containers, laughing and chatting. Helping others makes my day. When are we going to do it again? ~Yvonne

Mitzvah Makers is open to everyone, with opportunities several times a year. If you hear of a volunteering opportunity that would be great for the Mitzvah Makers, please let Tiz know at outreach@jewishmadison.org



Mitzvah Makers taking a break

From Your Executive Director

By RABBI PAULA JAYNE WINNIG

For as long as I can remember, whenever I hear the introductory notes leading to the words, *kol od baleivav penima...* the opening words to *Hatikvah*, I get goosebumps and my eyes well up with tears as I feel the pride and joy of belonging to the people of Israel and the Land of Israel. I don't know how or when it began, but I have always had a deep, abiding, and complex relationship to the modern State of Israel. I know that from early childhood I wanted to learn to read Hebrew and demanded at age six to be allowed to learn Hebrew with the older children. At the age of ten, when we had no rabbi and no religious school teachers, I learned Hebrew with the tutor who was flown in to teach the two b'nai mitzvah students that year. I saved my quarters to plant trees in Israel and I saved my bat mitzvah money to be able to travel to Israel. I was simply fiercely connected to Israel.

Over the years, my connection has matured but never waned. I believe in the ideals which led Theodore Herzl to champion the idea of building a homeland in our ancient land which would allow Jews from all over the world to find safety and security. Sadly, this idealistic view of the State of Israel is not yet its reality. Rather than a land flowing with milk and honey, Israel is often a land flowing with controversy and conflict. And people continue to be hurt and disappointed. Every time we think that peace might be on the horizon, something comes along to disrupt it.

While it is clear that Israel's conflict with its neighbors disrupts the idealism of Israel's Zionist dreamers, it is also clear that internal politics are also problematic. It is often said that Israel needs its external enemies to keep it from completely breaking apart from its internal controversies.

And yet, despite all odds against this experiment in Jewish self-governance working, here we are celebrating the arrival of Israel to age 70. Most Jews alive today only know a world in which Israel exists. We only know that despite the raging anti-Semitism engulfing communities around the world, including our own in the United States, we have a reason to feel secure in this crazy world. We know that should an expulsion or threat to our security occur, we do have a place that will accept us. No longer do we live in a world with no safe harbor for Jews.

According to our talmudic rabbis, 70 is the time for a head full of grey hair. It is a time a person passes from his or her most productive years, into a time leading to self-reflection and perhaps wisdom by the time one reaches the age



of 80. Israel, and its supporters, have plenty of grey hair, both from age and from worry and weariness that there is still so much conflict raging in Israel.

What will the next decade bring for Israel? Will it bring peace and security for all the inhabitants of Israel and its neighbors? Will it bring more understanding among Israel's various populations? Will the United States remain Israel's ally? Will our hopes and dreams for Israel be dashed or fulfilled? Two states? One state? My crystal ball is too blurry to forecast what is to come.

However, my heart forecasts that I will continue to love Israel, even with all its blemishes. Jews have always dreamed for a better future for the world. So, I continue to dream that someday, peace will reign in the world and it will begin as our prophets proclaimed that peace would reign throughout the world and would begin in Zion, in Jerusalem in Israel.

I hope for peace as described by the great Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai:

*Not the peace of a cease-fire,
not even the vision of the wolf and the
lamb,
but rather
as in the heart when the excitement is
over
and you can talk only about a great
weariness...*

*A peace
without the big noise of beating swords
into ploughshares,
without words, without
the thud of the heavy rubber stamp: let
it be
light, floating, like lazy white foam...*

*Let it come
like wildflowers,
suddenly, because the field
must have it: wildpeace.*

יום הולדת לישראל

Yom Huledet Sameach Israel.
Happy Birthday Israel, may you live to
120 and for many more years than that.

SPF Goes to Revel Sunday, April 15, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

SPF means Singles, Professionals, and Adults with Families. Please join us at Revel to create a craft or more! You will choose from a variety of Craft Bar projects ranging from \$15 to \$40 and pay Revel directly. We'll provide some non-alcoholic drinks and snacks.

Drinks are also available for purchase for \$1 to \$10. If the group is hungry after creating works of art, we can easily walk to a restaurant for nosh!

This event is for adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s.
Contact Tiz Goff with any questions at outreach@jewishmadison.org

Towards an Understanding of Oneself and Each Other: Necessity of Now Seminar at UW Hillel

By JERILYN GOODMAN, HILLEL, UW-MADISON

UW-MADISON HILLEL IS A BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

Fifty years ago this month, the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sparked waves of violence and racial strife in cities and towns across the country. Ours was a nation divided along lines of blacks vs. whites, young vs. old, hawks vs. doves. Much has changed in the ensuing decades, yet sadly and prophetically, much has stayed the same. In our country, communities and college campuses today, discord between races, classes, religions and philosophies ranges from disagreeable to detestable to dangerous.

As part of its multi-year mission to create positive energy and experiences that build bridges among Jewish and non-Jewish, whites and students of color, UW Hillel, in collaboration with the UW Center for Religion and Global Citizenry (CRGC), created and facilitated a new seminar called "The Necessity of Now." The seminar consisted of a series of weekly conversations with a select group of students about the intersection of race, faith and ethnicity in shaping their own identities on campus and as national leaders. In all, fourteen students, from a variety of cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds, participated in five seminars, each focusing on a different aspect of how their race and faith played into their understanding of and views about current issues such as

immigration, gun violence, and identity politics in the United States today.

Participants were chosen, in part, because of their interest and ability to serve as positive leaders in creating change regarding matters of race and racism on the UW campus. Going into it, most expressed both interest and uncertainty. Said Alexis Terry, a sophomore from Milwaukee, "I was hesitant at first because talking about race, faith, and religion are uncomfortable, controversial topics. However, I feel passionate about having these intercultural conversations, which are extremely essential."

Leading the conversations were Greg Steinberger, UW-Hillel Executive Director, Lizzy Wallis, Hillel's Social Justice Fellow and Dr. Ulrich Rosenhagen of the UW CRGC. In a comment echoed by many of her peers, Alexis said, "The most meaningful lesson throughout this seminar is that I learned to listen engagingly with both open ears and open mind."

Last month, students participated in a three-day trip to Washington DC where they had the opportunity to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, as well as the State Department, where they met with staff who work on issues of politics, race and ethnicity daily.

For freshman Emma Lai of Rockford, the museum visits brought home the reality of the ideas she and her seminar-mates discussed. Said Emma, "I am a skeptical person, and questioning every assumption is how I understand the world. But the museum visits did something no dialogue could. They answered my questions and solidified my assumptions by showing me the experience of so many people who had faced extreme and prolonged hardship."

Until his visit to the museums, sophomore Emil Mostrom of Appleton didn't realize how recent was the history he had studied. "I think the education system in the U.S. brushes over a lot of important topics as it relates to the States' role in the Holocaust. It surprised me how many things I learned on our visit that I didn't ever learn in school. The museums prompted me to be an even stronger advocate to minority students on campus," Emil said. Alexis Terry added, "The museum visits also allowed me to understand how important it is to speak up about critical civic issues."

Greg Steinberger says of the new offering, "It is our hope that we can develop a program where students share and can learn about one another's personal and cultural narratives and

commit to a deeper understanding of self and of one another. We hope that, in telling their stories, the students will experience cross-cultural learning, gain leadership skills, and perhaps commit to volunteering together while on campus. We hope it will begin to build a base of student leadership, not just for today, but for tomorrow and semesters to come."

In Emil, Emma, Alexis and others in their group, Steinberger's hopes were realized. They all expressed gratitude to Hillel for the seminar. "Before this experience," said Emma, "I really didn't know any Jewish people, let alone peers. Hillel gave me a greater understanding of not only the Jewish faith, but also the kindness of people from different backgrounds." "What I took away from the experience," said Jeremy Sanford of Stafford, VA, "is the idea that, no matter what background people come from, there's always some common ground to form the basis of communication. I would say this shows the inherent connection from human being to human being."

The Necessity of Now Program is supported by a generous grant from an anonymous donor at the Milwaukee Jewish Foundation.



Hillel's Necessity of Now Seminar at the Holocaust Museum

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Hadassah's Walking Adventures

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Pheasant Branch Early Spring Madison Hadassah Walking Adventure Sunday, April 15, 11:00 am-1:00 pm Meet at Pheasant Branch Nature Conservancy

Mid-April, Pheasant Branch seems to come alive with wildflowers in bloom, huge flocks of migrating birds stopping over, and cranes performing their spring courtship dances. The trails are free of ice and snow and the mosquitoes haven't arrived yet. It's a perfect time to move outdoors for exercise with friends and others.

Choose between a 3 mile walk or a shorter visit to Sacred Springs. We will have an I Spy game for children.

From Middleton Hills Shopping Center off of Century Blvd., turn onto Pheasant Branch Rd. Park at 3rd Pheasant Branch Nature Conservancy Parking lot.

Backstage Overture Center Madison Hadassah Walking Adventure with Lucyna Shenker and Alan Sunday, May 13, 12:30 pm-2:00 pm Meet at Information Window across from box office windows (this is a rescheduled tour from February)

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ISRAEL AT SEVENTY

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

{ see back page for details }

Federation Calendar Upcoming Events

Ivrit Kallah - Adult Hebrew Lessons

Every Monday, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

*Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719-1117*

For more information contact Shlomit Ezer at (608) 442-4072 or Israel@jewishmadison.org

Community Yom HaShoah Service and Program

April 11, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI 53711

Contact Paula J. Winnig at (608) 442-4070 or pjwinnig@jewishmadison.org

For more information, refer to page 3 or visit JewishMadison.org

SPF Goes to Revel

Sunday, April 15, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Revel, 107 N Hamilton Street, Madison, WI 53703

Contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org

RSVP at www.JewishMadison.org

For more information, refer to page 3

Using Jewish Stories in the Classroom, Community, and with Your Kids

Sunday, April 15, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

*Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI 53711
(608) 238-3123*

For more information, refer to page 9

Israeli Film Festival - Ben Gurion, Epilogue

Monday, April 16, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703

Contact Tal Sheffer at (608) 669-5168 or tsheffer@uwhillel.org

For more information about this film, refer to page 23

Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) Ceremony

Tuesday, April 17, 5:00 pm-5:30 pm

UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703

Contact Tal Sheffer at (608) 669-5168 or tsheffer@uwhillel.org

More information on page 23 or at www.JewishMadison.org

Goodman Jewish Community Campus Clean Up Day

Friday, April 20

Goodman Campus, 7762 County Hwy PD, Verona

For more information, please email Ellen Weismer at

shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org or visit www.JewishMadison.org

70th Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Sunday, April 22, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703

Contact Shlomit Ezer at (608) 669-8042 or

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Registration available at www.JewishMadison.org for wine tasting.

Community celebration for Israel's 70th Birthday!

For more information, refer to back page

Congregation News

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Beth Israel Center

Come see what our lively, traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Beth Israel Center programs and services are open to all; visitors are especially welcome. Please introduce yourself. Some events require registration; most are open to all. Please call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org with any questions. We love to talk about upcoming events, education for children and adults, membership and more. Rabbi Barth schedules schmooze time a few times each month in coffee shops. Visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or our Facebook page for more information. Here are some upcoming calendar highlights:

Siyyum

Friday, March 30, 7:00 am

The Talmud prescribes that all in the category of b'khor (first-born) should fast on the eve of Pesach from sunrise until sunset—recalling and recognizing the fate from which they were spared (the final plague visited upon the Egyptians). Many do in fact observe this fast. However, a fast is nullified if there is a Jewish ritual celebration such as a bris or a wedding. It is hard to arrange these specifically for the eve of Pesach, so an approved alternative is a siyyum—the celebration of completing a unit of Talmudic study. Even if only one person has done this, the celebration can be shared by all present. The siyyum at BIC (with some bagels and nosh) will be held following morning minyan on Friday, March 30. All are welcome, first-born or not.

Pesach Services

Saturday, March 31

Sunday, April 1

Friday, April 6,

Saturday, April 7, 9:30 am

Come to Beth Israel Center for Pesach morning services, followed by a kosher for Passover nosh. We will recite Yizkor on Saturday, April 7.

Shabbat Morning Meditation

Saturdays, April 7 and 21

9:15 am-10:00 am

Come to Beth Israel Center on the 1st and 3rd Shabbat of each month for meditation, chanting, and discussion. You may enter or leave quietly at any time. These sessions serve as preparation for Birchot HaShachar (which begin at 9:30 am in the main sanctuary), Shacharit (which typically starts around 9:50 am in the main sanctuary), or Torah Service (which typically begins around 10:10 am). Questions? Email merchavlev@gmail.com.

Special Guest Scholar: Rabbi Fern Feldman

Saturday, April 7

Sunday, April 8

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Fern Feldman, our guest scholar over the final days of Pesach. She will explore the topic of "Sacred Darkness", a metaphor for Jewish spiritual experience originating in Biblical sources and expanded in

rabbinic, Kabbalistic, and contemporary feminist teachings. The Torah offers the metaphor that "...Moses ascended to the thick dark cloud where God was to be found." In addition to analytic textual study in Derashot and classes, there will be a session with experiential approach. Rabbi Feldman earned her rabbinic ordination through ALEPH (Jewish Renewal) studying with Rabbi Barth, and is trained as a spiritual director. More about her can be found at <http://rabbiernfeldman.com/>. Call the office for more information.

Subversive Prayer

Sundays, April 8 and 15, 9:00 am

Rabbi Sami Barth leads an ongoing series of journeys into the arena of prayer, poetry, music and worship, looking at challenges, paradoxes, and occasionally a pathway forward. Following Sunday morning minyan with light breakfast, each session stands alone. Come when you can. All are welcome.

Schmooze with Rabbi Barth

Wednesday, April 11, 2:30 pm

Tuesday, April 24, 10:30 am

ZuZu Café

Enjoy coffee or your beverage/nosh of choice with Interim Rabbi Sami Barth. This is an open invitation to a table at local coffee bars. Talk about Life, the Meaning of Life, Beth Israel Center, Israel...whatever is on your mind.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturdays, April 14 and 28

9:00 am-9:45 am

Rabbi Sami Barth and others will lead about 45 minutes of parsha discussion beginning at 9:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Shabbat of each month. No background or Hebrew language skills needed. Meet on the lower level.

Z'mirot: Songs of Israel

Saturday, April 14, 12:30 pm

In preparation for Yom Ha'Atzmaut, come sing songs of Israel, old and new, during and after Shabbat Kiddush lunch. All are welcome, whether or not you think you can sing. We'll begin singing when we've finished eating.

Yom Rishon Celebrates Israel

Sunday, April 15

10:00 am-11:15 am

Calling all families with preschoolers! Come to Yom Rishon and enjoy interactive family learning on a different Jewish theme each time. Yom Rishon is a theme-based program that meets about once a month for art, movement, music, stories, and projects as well as further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It's family education at its finest. Meet other families with preschool-age children. Bring friends! This program is free to BIC members. Others pay \$5/child or \$10/family.

Kadima Play Date and Pizza

Sunday, April 15, 3:30 pm

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to let the good times roll for a fun afternoon of bowling, billiards, video and board games, air hockey, and pizza at the Union South Sett Recreation. For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman at DeborahHoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.

Israel Seder

Wednesday, April 18

Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Dr.

Special for Yom Ha'Atzmaut, come to an Israel Seder, promising a uniquely powerful encounter with the essence of Israel through stories, songs, visions... and food. This multi-media experience is open to the community and will take place at Temple Beth El during Midra-sha. Reservations will be required, and a nominal fee charged to offset the costs of the food. Watch our website, emails and Facebook page for details.

MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze

Friday, April 20, 5:45 pm

All 8th through 12th graders are invited to celebrate Shabbat with MOUSY. We start with a taste of song-filled Kabbalat Shabbat davening at Beth Israel Center, and then enjoy a taste of Shabbat dining and schmoozing at the host home of one of our members. For more information, please contact President Moira Wilson, or Youth Director Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org). Also check out the MOUSY of Beth Israel Center Facebook page.

Earth Day Open House

Sunday, April 22

2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Celebrate Earth Day at Beth Israel Center and bask in the sun that fuels our new solar panels. Join members of the community, neighboring congregations and other community groups who would like to learn more about solar energy in general and our new

installation in particular. Light refreshments will be served, and we will offer a sparkling wine (or juice) toast at around 2:30 pm, followed by a brief presentation.

Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, 7:00 pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Sylvia builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master—all levels welcome and encouraged to attend.

Talmud Class

Wednesday mornings, 9:15 am

Join Rabbi Sami Barth for Talmud study on most Wednesday mornings. No experience or Hebrew/Aramaic language skills required. Check the calendar on the BIC website (www.bethisraelcenter.org) or contact the office to confirm class dates.

Shabbat Services

Every Friday at 5:45 pm

Every Saturday at 9:30 am

Looking for warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services? We welcome Shabbat every Friday around 5:00 pm as people begin to gather and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45 pm.

Our Shabbat morning worship begins with Birchot HaShachar and continues through P'sukei d'zimra, Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. Each week during the school year we offer age-appropriate tefilla (prayer) for all children, babies through age 12, at 10:30 am. Younger children should bring their grown-ups along. Visitors are always welcome!

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We hope you can join us for these upcoming events:

Shabbat Starts Here Featuring Leadership Series Graduation

Friday, April 6, 5:45 pm
5:45 pm: Pre-neg Shabbat
6:00 pm: Service
6:45 pm: Pizza party to celebrate the conclusion of Passover
7:45 pm: Project presentations and Leadership Series graduation

Contemporary Issues Through Jewish Eyes

Thursdays, April 12, 19, 26
May 3, 10, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Concern for social justice has always been a cornerstone of Judaism.

Together, we will examine what our tradition teaches us about current issues, learn how the Reform movement has applied these teachings to contemporary understandings, and explore how our own values are shaped by our tradition. Instructor: Rabbi Bonnie Margulis.

Shabbat La Vida Loca

Friday, April 13, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
A Shabbat service infused with music styles of Latin America, featuring our choir and t'filah Band with added Latin drums and trumpet. Fun for all ages.

Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System Educational Series

Tuesday, April 17
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Facilitated group discussion of the book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. You are welcome to attend regardless of whether you have read the book. Dessert provided.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Shaarei Shamayim, Madison's Inclusive Jewish Community, 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 us (608) 257-2944.

Exploring Judaism: Open Discussion About All Your Jewish Questions

Wednesday, April 11, 4:30 pm
Please call the office for location.

Curious about Judaism? Join Rabbi Laurie for a monthly gathering where we discuss different aspects of Judaism. This group is for people who want to deepen their knowledge of Jewish practice, who have questions regarding Jewish identity, who are considering becoming Jewish, or who are looking for an opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed environment. We structure each session around participant questions and interests. If you would like to learn more or receive updates, and to

RSVP, please contact the office.

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, April 14 and 28
9:30 am
Friday, April 20, 6:00 pm
Located at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Dr.

On April 14 we welcome Ben Kantor as a Bar Mitzvah, and on April 28 we welcome Florencia and Logan Olivera as Bnei Mitzvah. All are welcome to stay for Kiddush lunch following the service. On April 20 we welcome Cantorial Soloist, Michele Rozansky, to lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service. A vegetarian potluck dinner follows.

Morning with Jewish Storyteller, Marilyn Price

Sunday, April 15
9:50 am-11:30 am
Located at RISE, 2120 Fordem Ave.

Internationally known storyteller and puppeteer, Marilyn Price, will create a special morning of Jewish stories – with puppets! Reaching out

Temple Beth El Israel Film Series Presents *The Settlers*

Wednesday, April 18
Doors open at 7:00 pm
Film at 7:15 pm

"*The Settlers* traces the history of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and their growth through individual action and, in this telling, the sometimes tacit encouragement of Israeli politicians" ~Rotten Tomatoes website. The split between the "left" ideology and that of the settlers themselves, and those encouraging them, is made abundantly clear.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, April 19
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Nile Restaurant, 6119 Odana Rd.

Lag Ba'Omer Bonfire at Picnic Point

Saturday, April 28
6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Bring a picnic dinner and we'll provide s'more fixings to enjoy at our bonfire.

PJ Library Tots and Tunes

Sunday, April 29
10:30 am-11:30 am

For young children (ages 0-5) and their families. Enjoy playful, musical, educational moments, including a PJ Library story and meaningful craft project.

Chicago Bus Trip: Jewish Festival and Holocaust Museum

Sunday, June 10, 8:00 am-9:00 pm
Early registration required!

Take a road trip to Chicago with TBE! Board the bus for an exciting day at the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival and the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. We'll have a private museum tour at 1:30 pm (including an interactive 3D hologram experience) followed by the opportunity to explore the museum's special exhibits. For more information, prices, and registration, please go to tbemadison.org/event/chicago-bus-trip.html.



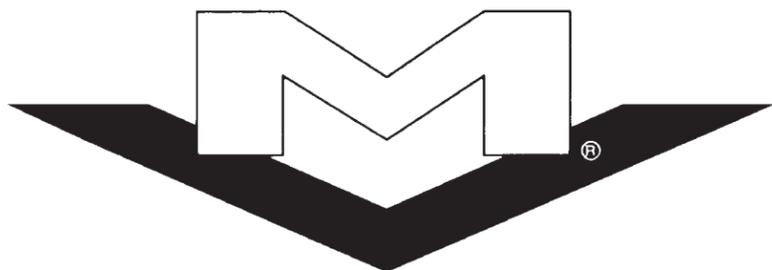
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May Passover be a joy-filled time for you and your family. Happy Pesach!



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Where Will You and Your Children be Buried?

By JUDITH BLANK
 PRESIDENT OF JBAM - JBAM IS A BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATION OF THE
 JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

As I observed my Dad's yahrzeit this week, I of course remembered the shock of this vibrant man's sudden death; driving him to his hospital of choice rather than the closest ER, waiting through emergency surgery, and finally, unplugging the machines the next morning that had been keeping him breathing.

What also resonated within me was everything my Mom and Dad had done in advance of their deaths to ease the process for me and lessen my stress

levels.

As a child, my synagogue purchased plots in a Jewish cemetery that were available for sale to congregants. For better or worse, the Jewish community of my youth would have the opportunity to spend eternity together. Our family bought enough graves for my grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and their partners to be buried together. Grandpa bought a large headstone inscribed with the family names long before anyone

occupied the graves. When asked what his rush was he replied, "it won't get any cheaper." Grandpa was, a very practical man.

When Mom and Dad were in their sixties they decided to pre-pay for the items they could for their funerals, which took place decades into the future. They selected the coffins they wanted and outlined their final plans, all of which made my life much easier during my time of grief.

Since my family is now scattered across the country, I have recently made my own arrangements through Cress Funeral and Cremation Service to ease the process for them, a process I strongly recommend.

Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) serves the entire Madison Jewish community by overseeing the Beit Olamim, the Jewish section of the Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery located at 7302 Mineral Point Road, in Madison, Wisconsin. Beit Olamim was purchased in 2009. JBAM needs to pre-sell many more plots and perform aesthetic updates by 2020, or we risk losing this treasured piece of our Jewish community.

Beit Olamim has two distinct areas for burial within the cemetery: Sha'ar HaRachamin, a section in which plots are available for burials in accordance with halacha and traditional Jewish buri-

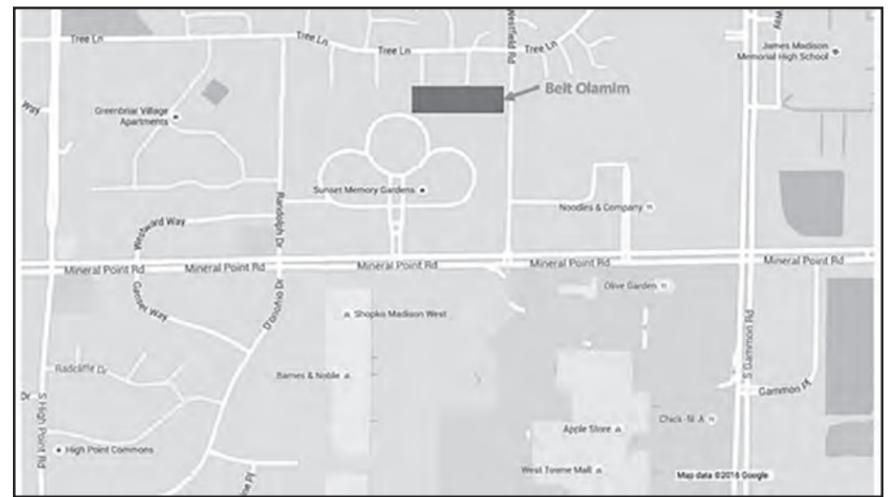
al practice, and Sha'ar Shalom, a section in which plots are available for burial in accordance with less traditional Jewish burial practices, such as the inclusion of families with non-Jewish members, and the burials of cremains.

This past year, JBAM has been actively engaged in acquiring more graves, all of which come with perpetual care, planning landscaping and beautification for the cemetery, and working with Madison's congregations to address future needs.

Why should you care? Why now?

As Grandpa well understood, prices go up and rarely come down. The prices at Beit Olamim are considerably below the average cost for Jewish cemeteries. JBAM uses the funds generated by the sale of burial rights to help us purchase the next block of graves. Later this spring and summer there will be a community wide effort to sell burial rights and raise funds in collaboration with Madison's synagogues and major community agencies. If you want to have a Jewish cemetery that meets the community needs for the next fifty years, now is the time for action.

For more information about Beit Olamim, or to volunteer your talents to one of our committees please contact me at judithblank91@yahoo.com.



School Twinning in Partnership2Gether: Gan HaYeled and Gan Savion

By YEHUDIT VAGNER OF GAN SAVION
 AND MARLA BECKER OF GAN HAYELED

Editor's note: Partnership2gether is a program of the Jewish Federations of North America and our participation is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison through its Overseas and Israel allocations.

One of the ways our Partnership-2Gether program with Sovev Kinneret is a part of day-to-day life here in Madison is through the school twinning program. The twinned schools create close relationships sharing materials and projects and creating personal connections between the schools. The Jewish Federation's Gan HaYeled preschool is partnered with Gan Savion in Kfar Tavor from Sovev Kinneret region.

From Yehudit Vagner of Gan Savion:

Gan Savion is a preschool for ages two to three in Kfar Tavor, a part of the Sovev Kinneret region. Our staff consists of three women; Rachel from Yavniel, Asil from Kfar Kama and myself.

Environmental awareness is a major characteristic of our preschool. That includes recycling, eating healthy food and hiking in nature to familiarize the

children with the area they live in.

As staff, we always try to broaden the horizons for the children and so we were very excited about the idea of this partnership. For our preschool, it is a chance to learn about different places, a different language and get to know friends who live far away.

We set four topics to focus on as part of our preschool partnership this year: the first was Purim, for which we sent each other videos. We also sent Gan HaYeled a photo album and cards, and received holiday cards from them. The second topic is Shabbat, the third is what

a day in each preschool looks like and the last is Yom HaAtzmaut.

From Marla Becker, Director, Gan HaYeled:

We love our partnership with Gan Savion. Our Gan students loved watching the Tu B'shvat video direct from Israel. We really liked sharing our Tu B'shvat fun by sending pictures of us planting seeds and video of our Tu B'shvat seder. We made Purim cards for our new friends and received a beautiful book from them.

We are really looking forward to having our students continue to experience Israel through their connection to Gan Savion.



Madison Jewish Educators' Council Welcomes Dan Jacobsohn to Lead Improv Workshop

By RABBI LAURIE ZIMMERMAN
SHARAEI SHAMAYIM

Dan Jacobsohn, owner of Bricks & Minifigs Madison and a passionate advocate of improvisational theatre, inspired a group of Madison Jewish educators last month with a workshop on using improv in the classroom. Sponsored by the Madison Jewish Educators' Council and funded by Jewish Federation of Madison, he drew teachers and community members from Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, and Gan HaYeled.

Participants learned the nuts and bolts of improv and did several exercises to help get them comfortable with using these techniques with their students. They will be able to incorporate these practices into community events such as Purim shpiels, dramatic divrei Torah, board meetings, family retreats, youth group programs, and Shavuot workshops.

The Madison Jewish Educators' Council is comprised of the education directors of Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, along with the directors of Gan HaYeled and Midrasha.

Join the Madison Jewish Educators' Council April 15 for a Workshop by Marilyn Price: "Using Jewish Stories in the Classroom, Community, and

Home"

The Madison Jewish Educators' Council will sponsor its last workshop of the year for the larger Madison Jewish community on Sunday, April 15 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm, at Temple Beth El. Master storyteller, Marilyn Price, will inspire educators and community members by teaching the craft of Jewish storytelling, helping participants incorporate basic techniques in their classrooms, families, and communities.

Storytelling has been a part of the history of Judaism since we sat around the fire telling about our days, handing down the family lore and making sense of Torah. The better we are able to communicate the story, the stronger the message to our students, communities, and children. In this workshop Marilyn Price will teach the lessons of telling: a cue here and there and the time to practice within a safe place and among our fellow teachers or community members.

Price brings the resources from her 40+ years of telling and listening to the story. She takes the gifts that people bring to the table and helps them to emphasize their rich practical value.

Price is an internationally known storyteller, puppeteer, educator and author. A specialist in creativity training, she heads a not-for-profit foundation, Tri-

Braining, Inc. teaching how to reach multiple learners within formal and experiential venues. It is primarily the use of story that she emphasizes in those trainings. Her published works include books on puppetry, original stories, and a primer using puppets to teach the Hebrew alphabet. Her latest work with David A. Teutsch, *From Gratitude to Blessings and Back*, illustrates the connections between Jewish blessings and everyday stories. Of her many accomplishments she prizes her work as the puppeteer for the Chicago Public Library and the Mayor's Award for the Arts in her hometown of Evanston, Illinois.

This workshop is generously supported by the Jewish Federation of Madison. To RSVP please contact Rachel Sauer at Temple Beth El, school@tbemadison.org.



Elsie's Story

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was value and meaning in her testimony. Finally, she agreed.

In the middle of the night of November 9, 1938, sixteen-year-old Else Moos, asleep in her bed in the German city of Ulm, was awakened by loud knocks on the door. On what would come to be called *Kristallnacht*, the Night of Broken Glass, Germans took to the streets in a wave of violence against their Jewish neighbors. Through the long night and into the next day, Else's synagogue was burned, Jewish businesses were looted, and her father, Adolph, a prosperous linen merchant, was arrested by the Gestapo. Along with scores of his fellow *landsmen*, he was taken to the local jail, then shipped to the concentration camp at Dachau.

It was a shock, she said, but not a total surprise. Already, Jewish children could no longer go to school in Ulm or play in the parks. A sign at the local movie theater read "No Jews Allowed." For months, conversation in the family's close-knit circle of friends had centered on leaving Germany. "That's all we talked about," she recalled, "When are you leaving?" and "How are you going?"

One after another, they left – one family to Argentina, another to South Africa, and more to America. The Moos family had planned that they, too, would be going. Even with her father trapped in Dachau, unable to finish her last year of high school, and her world upended, Else and a cousin dared to take a train everyday to a Jewish school still open in Stuttgart, 60 miles away, to learn English, in anticipation of their own departure.

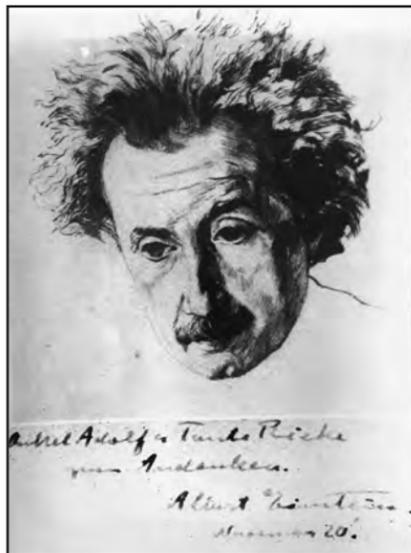
Else's older brother, Heinz, had been the first to go. Sponsored by their father's first cousin, Albert, who lived in New Jersey, he had arrived in the U.S., just weeks before her father's arrest. It was the depths of the Depression

and work was hard to find in New York. Assisted by a Jewish resettlement agency, Heinz, whose name was now Anglicized to Henry, went to Portsmouth, VA, where he knew a friend from home, and found work in a department store.

With the official start of the war still months away, Adolph Moos was one of the lucky ones. After six weeks in Dachau, miraculously, he was allowed to return home. "They released everybody in (the camp), because they didn't know what to do with them," said Elsie, who would add an "I" to her own name once in the States. Thankful to be reunited, there was no doubt that the family faced grave danger.

On learning of his father's ordeal, Henry reached out immediately to the cousin who had sponsored his own immigration and said it was urgent to get the rest of his family out of Germany.

Cousin Albert, whose work in 1933 had taken him, temporarily, to the U.S., realized that, with the rise of Nazism in his homeland, he could never return to Germany. Settling in New Jersey, he pursued an academic career while working passionately to help save fellow Jews in Europe, including colleagues still in Germany. As Honorary President of the Union for the Protection of the Well-Being of the Jewish Population (OSE), he not only solicited and encouraged others to take action to save persecuted Jews, but made his own, direct appeals.



Einstein signed image

In a letter that year to the president of Turkey, through its prime minister, Albert wrote, "I beg to apply to your Excellency to allow forty professors and medical doctors from Germany to continue their scientific and medical work in Turkey. The above mentioned cannot practice further in Germany on account of the laws," adding shrewdly, "...in granting this request your Government will not only perform an act of high humanity, but it will bring profit to your own country." It was later reported that, counting the men, their families and staff welcomed by Turkey thanks to that entreaty, Albert saved one thousand lives.

Despite the persecution in Europe, Jewish immigration to the U.S. was strictly limited by quotas and refugees needed to be sponsored by two individuals, preferably relatives. Following Adolph Moos's release from Dachau, a long, anxious year passed until finally, under his cousin's sponsorship, he, his wife and daughter received visas to enter the U.S.

In December 1939, abandoning their home, their business, and all but a few possessions, the family managed to reach Holland where they boarded a ship bound for New York. Elsie's mother, Hilde, had no siblings, but her father had three brothers still in Ulm. Tragically, they believed the move was unnecessary and chose to stay in Germany.

The voyage was perilous. With the war already started, the German navy

had placed mines along the sea route to block American supply vessels. A few days into the trip, the vessel stopped dead in the water. "They had to decide whether to continue or turn back," Elsie recalled. Facing the threat of death in both directions, the fate of the Jewish refugees lay in the hands of the shipping company and their captain. "We stood there for about two or three days," she said, "not moving, not knowing what to do." Ultimately, the ship went ahead and she and her parents landed, safe, but destitute, in New York. "I think we came with ten dollars each," she said.

Jewish services reunited the family with Henry in Virginia to start their new life, but, with limited command of the language and scant resources, 65-year-old Adolph, was lucky to find work. The affluent businessman, who had sold the finest fabrics to German high society, now carried heavy baskets of linens and clothing up and down stairs in a laundry. Seventeen-year-old Elsie, skilled in handiwork, knitting and crocheting, took a job sewing in a clothes factory. Her great regret, to this day, is that she was not able to finish high school. At the factory, she met her future husband, Jerry, born Joachim, Hirsch, who'd been a medical student in Germany. "He couldn't go to medical school anymore because he didn't know enough English, either," she said, "so we worked there together." Elsie and Jerry would go on to build a successful business and life for themselves and their two children in Portsmouth.

Elsie Hirsch never met her father's cousin, the man whose efforts saved her and so many others from Nazi genocide, but there is a picture of him in her living room, inscribed in his own hand to her grandparents, his *Onkel Adolph* and *Tante Rieke*, from their nephew... Albert Einstein.

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Each level of Camp Shalom's Corporate Sponsorship Program includes many benefits and recognition opportunities. For additional information please contact Ellen Weismer, shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org.

Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

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- Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
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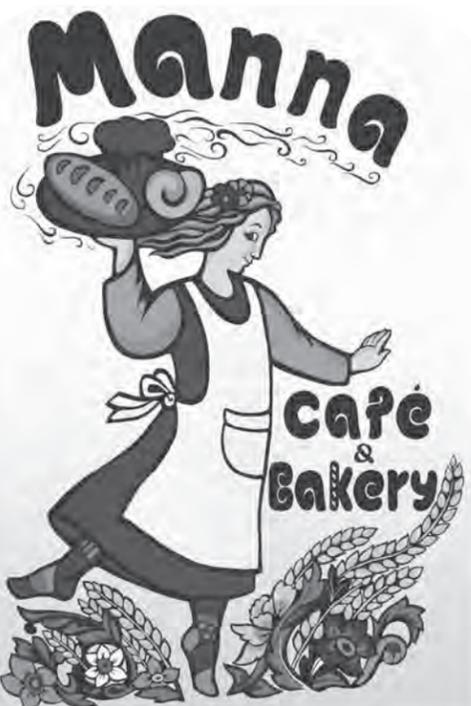
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- Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
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- Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/18)
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Camper's Circle: \$795-\$2599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)

- Recognition on the *JewishMadison.org* website on the Camp Shalom webpage
- Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
- Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households
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An Israeli Experience

By CLARA LAZIMY

On a Thursday evening, just before my boyfriend, Rafi, left Jerusalem to spend Yom Kippur at home in Jaffa, he and I had an argument. It was silly, really. No big deal. One of those tiffs that are soon forgotten. Only... this wasn't just any Thursday. It was the evening of October 4, 1973. Two days before what would come to be called the Yom Kippur War.

The war broke out on Shabbat, while many people in Israel were fasting and praying. The streets in Jerusalem were deserted, the silence eerie. Suddenly, the air-raid sirens shattered the quiet and we knew without knowing that something momentous was happening. On the radio we heard military code words,

calling the reservists to their units. Now we knew.

Rafi and his younger brother Menashe (z'l) went straight from synagogue to volunteer at their units, even before they were called. Rafi was a lieutenant in a combat infantry unit, and Menashe was in heavy artillery. Rafi wanted to let me know he was ok, but in those days we, like many others in Israel, did not have a phone at home.

My parents and I listened to the radio and watched TV news, hoping for any hint of Rafi's whereabouts. In the first few days of the war we learned that things were not going well for our forces. There were many casualties. On average, more than a hundred combat-

ants were killed every day during the three weeks of the war. Was Rafi among them? Was he hurt? Would I ever see him again?

The days that followed were bleak to say the least. My parents and I had immigrated to Israel from Argentina not long before. I had just turned 21; Rafi, at 24 had already fought in the Six Day War. We had never been through a war, but we soon learned to cover our windows with black-out curtains, make sure the shelter in the basement of the building was clean and everything was in order ...just in case.

There was that horrible gnawing fear, the not knowing, not being able to find out where he was, how he was. We had not parted on good terms, but all that had to be relegated to the background, or I would not be able to carry on. Still, it was there, a constant, like a drum marking the rhythm of my hours. It took me days of going from office to office, but eventually at the university, someone took pity on me and gave me Rafi's mother's address, and I wrote to her. A few days later I received a letter from Rafi's older brother and I could breathe again: they had heard that he was alive!

Now I also had the military postal address where I could write to Rafi, and so we started a correspondence that I treasure to this day. Soon we even found a way to communicate a little more immediately. When Rafi's unit was able to use field phones to call home, he was

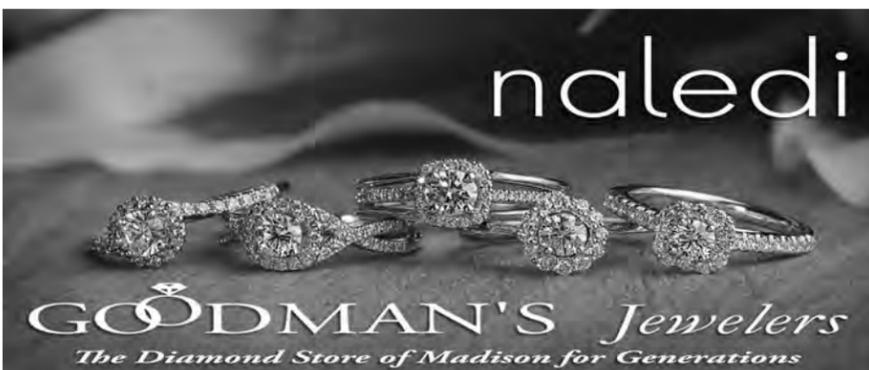
among the last to have access. Married soldiers had priority over non-married officers, so if and when he could, he would call my friend in Jerusalem (who was blessed with a home phone) and let her know that he was okay. I called her daily from a public phone on my block, and she passed his messages to me. I still didn't know where he was, but at least I had fairly fresh news every two or three days, even if there was no talk of him coming home on furlough.

The situation wasn't ideal, but it was better than it had been, and it went on until the week when we heard nothing from him. Nothing! It's amazing how quickly our minds can fill in the blanks with the worst possible scenarios. It was unbearable. I called my friend daily, and she always had the same answer: "Sorry dear, I haven't heard from him." Her own husband was at the front as well, so she knew what it felt like not to know. Then, one day, as I was talking to her on the phone and looking at the street through the window, I saw an apparition: Rafi was walking towards my house! His hair was a wild "fro", outlined by a bright red halo, the result of the desert sun and really hard water and bad shampoo...but he was the most beautiful sight I had ever seen.

We married a couple of months after Rafi was released from the Army, and we are still lovingly together after 44 years.



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Where are they now?

We reached out to our former Israel ambassadors and asked for updates. Included are the answers to the question, where are they now?

“Memories make us who we are. Dreams make us who we will become.”

It's been almost three years since we ended our Shlichut program in Madison, and still, each time we hear something about Wisconsin, hear about people we know, have a chance to talk about our experience, we light up! These two years were significantly special for us! We grew as a couple, as a family, as Israelis and mostly as Jews!

We miss the different kinds of people we used to meet daily, we miss the American Jewish philosophies we were exposed to. We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to be with you.

In Israel all is the same. It's like a roller-coaster. The politics suck, the tension is always in the air, the solution is still far away, people still drive like crazies... but besides that—it's good to be home in this Madness! People are happy here, the feeling of belonging, that what we all are seeking for. Israel is flourishing in many ways and it's good to be part of it.

What's going on with us? Well, Mickey missed his Birthright experience in Madison so much, that he's an educational director of a company named Sachlav that brings birthright groups to Israel. Racheli teaches physical education and English in a girl's high school nearby, still coaches netball and is trying to develop it in Israel.

Ofek Eitan is 3.8 years old and still knows who Buckey the Badger is! He's a little genius and we can't wait to see how he'll save the world!

Eliya is 2.5 and she rules the house, she has a lot of character and she's the most loving and caring kid. And last, but not least... a baby girl? who's due to come mid-May! She's a wild little kicker in the stomach and we are sure she'll be an amazing kid, just like Ofek and Eliya.

We are sending you love from warm Israel and can't wait to see how you will celebrate its 70th birthday!

May we remember the past and may we celebrate our dreams for the sake of Israel!

Happy birthday Israel!!!
Racheli and Mickey Komar



To our dear friends in Madison!

It's hard to believe that half a year has passed since our departure from Madison. Returning home with a new-born child proved a challenging task. Fortunately, Israel has its charms, as we are all familiar with and we have settled in well.

We now live in Jerusalem, Daniel works as a tour guide with tourists and Israelis and Shirly works for the Jewish Agency as a Personal Assistant to the CEO. Little Ariya (already 9 months old!) goes to the kindergarten every day and likes to keep us busy tidying the house that she so loves to mess!

We dearly miss the lakes, the Terrace, football games and of course, the people.

We hope to see you soon, do not forget to update us if you visit Israel!

Shirly, Daniel and Little Ariya



Shalom Madison!

It seems like only yesterday we got all excited about celebrating Israel's 60th anniversary and here we are, ten years later. The isthmus starts to defrost as the beaches of Tel Aviv become more and more crowded, and the miracle of Israel is turning 70 years old! I have also grown older, hopefully wiser, but looking back at my experience as your Israeli man in Madison makes me realize what a meaningful year it has been for me, both personally and professionally.

A proud father and husband, I enjoy planting roots in my homeland, the same land that my ancestors could only dream on returning to.

As the IDF Widows & Orphans Organization's director of youth department I make sure that the children of Israel's fallen heroes aren't left behind. I often use knowledge and instruments I gained in Madison when I turn to Jewish communities around the world to join us in strengthening these children and their families, and bring Israeli and foreign Jews together as one global community.

I will never forget my year in Madison; the landscape, its seasons, the cheese curds but mostly the people, who made Madison a home away from home for me, and the wonderful gift of growing, to become who I am today.

Shlomi Nahumson



I was fortunate enough to be Madison's Jewish community first Shlichah (Emissary) – fifteen! or so years ago.

The two years I spent with the community, shaped my own Jewish identity and affected my decision to become a professional Jew. The experience I gained in Madison, in communal work, combined with my Jew is-Indian-Israeli identity, and hours of help from community members in editing my application, finally proved worthy, when I was awarded the prestigious Ralph Goldman Fellowship to serve an additional one year in small Jewish communities served by JDC. I was sent to India, and worked with the local Jewish and Israeli business community, on the first ever Israeli film festival in Mumbai. The idea was taken, from my time in Madison, working also on the first Israeli film festival. This became a tradition carried on by all the schlichim.

I then returned to Israel, only to meet my soon to be husband, who was on his way to Toronto for his PhD. We spent the next six years in Toronto, and both our kids, Itamar and Adi, were born in Toronto. While my husband studied, I continued working for the local Jewish community on Israel education and Engagement.

Three years ago we returned to Israel, to Herzliya. My husband is a faculty member at IDC, my kids are in school, and I work for the Jewish Agency for Israel, managing the Strategy and Development of the Activism unit, working in Israel to advance vulnerable communities and create a stronger Israel.

I often speak to Jewish communities, about our work in Israel and my personal journey. I often share how it started in Madison. I keep in touch with community members, students and friends I met while in Madison. On your next visit to Israel, please be in touch, it's always nice to reconnect and spend time with a Badger.

Shirin Ezekiel



Your Federation Dollars at Work

By RABBI PAULA JAYNE WINNIG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

Over the past few years, many members of the American Jewish community have felt uncomfortable with some of the Israeli government's decisions. To demonstrate their objections, to protest and make a statement, many American Jews have reduced their contributions to local Jewish Federations, which send a portion of their annual campaign funds to Israel.

These types of protests do little to influence the Israeli government, as Federation funds do not go to the Israeli government. Funds sent to maintain programs in Israel are managed through the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and support programs which operate only within the Green Line in Israel. Individuals who qualify for services, such as the Holocaust survivor assistance program and who live over the Green Line, still receive services regardless of their residency. The programs are located within the Green Line.

Most Federations, Madison included, also send a portion of their Israel and overseas allocations to the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The JDC operates programs to help people in need in seventy nations worldwide. The JDC supports developing communities in the former Soviet Union by providing food, emotional and physical support and housing support for Holocaust survivors and the Righteous Among the Nations, who helped save Jewish lives. The JDC provides medical and food assistance to drought-stricken areas in the Sudan and Ethiopia, to name just a few of their many programs. When donations to Federations are reduced in protest over Israeli government policies, these programs suffer.

The Jewish Federations of North America has launched a new program area called iREP, or the Israel Religious Expressions Program. iREP has been created to help American Jews actively engage with programs in Israel.

iRep is comprised of a dynamic group of twenty Federations and foundations whose goal is to increase understanding about religious diversity in Israel. iRep will act to enhance Israel's civil society and to strengthen Israel's relationship

with North American Jewry based on mutual recognition of and respect for diverse Jewish expressions. This will be done through education and awareness building, support of organizations, and sustained and systematic communication between North American and Israeli leadership

iRep was approved by JFNA's Board of Trustees in the summer of 2014. Its initial goal is to promote and help advance meaningful change to the status quo that will serve to facilitate a range of legally-recognized options for marriage in Israel.

The Jewish Federation of Madison's Israel and Overseas Panel recommended an allocation of funds to join the coalition of twenty Jewish Federations specifically supporting the work of iRep. The Panel felt the need to see that a portion of our funds would actively be used to change the status quo for Jewish life in Israel. This request was affirmed with the passage of the Jewish Federation of Madison's 2018-19 Budget.

iRep has made allocations to support the following:

- A public awareness campaign aimed at informing and strengthening public opinion on alternative marriage options. Funds were allocated to a group of organizations working together on this effort including: Yisrael Hofsheet, the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, and the Masorti Movement. Part of the grant supports the operations of the alternative marriage services provided by these three organizations.

- A project by the women's rights organization Mavoi Satum which serves the growing trend in the Orthodox community to seek more egalitarian marriage ceremonies outside the rabbinic, by providing legal and halachic counseling, as well as, determination by a private beit din of their Jewish status, to couples who choose this kind of ceremony.

- Public awareness work with the Russian speaking sector, which is one of the populations that is most impacted

by the Rabbinate's policies. To raise the issue of marriage freedom as a legitimate choice, familiarize the public in Russian, on marriage alternatives, and the rights of couples who choose alternative marriages. This educational and media campaign is carried out by two organizations: Atid Ba'midbar and Project Kesher Israel.

The Israel and Overseas Panel will continue to share more information

about the work of iRep as it continues. We will share documents and videos which further explain how our Federation dollars are spent here and abroad.

We are proud to continue the work which began so many years ago of helping our international and local Jewish community and those in need where ever they live.

Thank you for your support to our annual Tzedakah Campaign which makes these contributions possible.



People asking for civil marriage.

Don't Forget to Vote on April 3!

By MICHAEL BLUMENFELD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WISCONSIN JEWISH CONFERENCE
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Wisconsin's 2018 Spring Election will be held on April 3, 2018. There are many local races taking place across the state for city councils, school boards, county boards and Judges. Statewide issues include the race to fill an open State Supreme Court seat and a referendum to eliminate Wisconsin's State Treasurer.

The primary election for State Supreme Court took place on February 20. Rebecca Dallet and Michael Srenock won the three-way race and will be on your ballot April 3. The two are vying to replace incumbent Mike Gableman who chose not to seek another term.

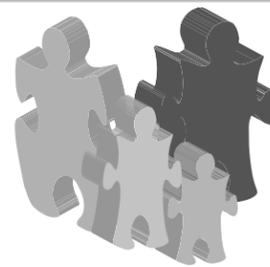
The statewide referendum question will ask voters to decide whether or not Wisconsin should amend its constitution to eliminate the office of State Treasurer. It would be the first time in state history that a Wisconsin constitutional officer has been eliminated.

Early Voting: Madison residents can vote early at the City Clerk's Office and at local libraries. Early voting ends on March 31.

Voting at the Polls: Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day. You will need to show a photo ID. For all the information you need to vote, including a sample ballot, visit: <https://myvote.wi.gov>

In other news, on Tuesday, March 20, the Wisconsin State Senate passed Assembly Bill 553 on a unanimous voice vote. Senator Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa), the bill's author, was the only Senator to speak during floor debate. She said that she is proud to stand with Israel and that "Wisconsin should not and will not tolerate such hateful initiatives."

As you know, the Assembly previously passed this legislation on a voice vote, so the bill can now be signed into law by Governor Walker.



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About our Programs



Monday, April 9

Ken and Claudia Miska will present a travelogue with sounds, photos and video about their thirty-day adventure in South East Asia including Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore. Learn more about the culture, religion, music, dance and history of this exotic part of Asia. Be prepared to share their adventures through their story telling and photos.

Ken and Claudia have traveled to 49 states and 45 countries and love to share their experiences by giving travelogues. Before retiring Ken was a manager for CUNA Mutual. Claudia was the coordinator of volunteers for the Project for Older People, Middleton Outreach Ministry.

Monday, April 16

We will hear the Raging Grannies! Armed with feather dusters, flowered hats, knitted shawls and gaudy beaded necklaces they may not look like your typical radical rabble rousers. Far from choosing to spend their time knitting by the fireplace, these quick-witted women



are crackling with spunk, sass and liberal ideals that they are spending their golden years singing out to the streets of Madison. The Raging Grannies of Madison began as a project of the Madison chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), first singing to the crowds of Madison WI anti-war protesters in the fall of 2003

These women are part of a larger international movement which began in Canada during the mid-1980s and evolved into an effort to protest a variety of issues through performance, as well as bust the stereotype that aging means retiring to the rocking chair.

The Raging Grannies have groups, or "gaggles" as they are called by members, spanning the globe and in at least 25 states. Their songs, which are sung to the tune of familiar folk-songs, force into the public sphere very serious issues in an entertaining way.

Monday, April 23

Celebrating Israel's 70th anniversary, Steve Kerbel's talk is entitled, "Making the Desert Bloom: New Developments in Agriculture and Technology in the Negev Desert Region of Israel." Having poor soil conditions, a harsh climate, rugged terrain, little fresh water, and a small population, the Negev was largely ignored during modern Israel's first four decades. It did, however, have some influential supporters, among them David Ben-Gurion, Israel's

first prime minister. He had faith that the desert could be cultivated and turned into a place where Jews could settle and prosper. More than fifty years later, his vision has been realized—Israeli farmers have overcome arid land conditions to grow prize-winning tomatoes, olives, wine, and a host of other fruits, vegetables and flowers.

In his talk, Steve Kerbel will tell us the story and provide insights into how the Negev region has become the fastest growing and most productive region in Israel. Steve is an attorney and independent education consultant in the Greater Washington, DC area, and has been involved in formal and informal Jewish education, youth group, camp, day school and congregational school for the last thirty years. Steve writes curriculum and provides in-person and online teacher training. Steve is currently an adjunct faculty member for the Center for Israel Education at Emory University and for Gratz College. Steve served as Director of Education for Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, Maryland. Steve's avocations include facilitating wine tastings featuring Israeli wines and teaching about the geography of diversity of Israel through its wines and wine makers.

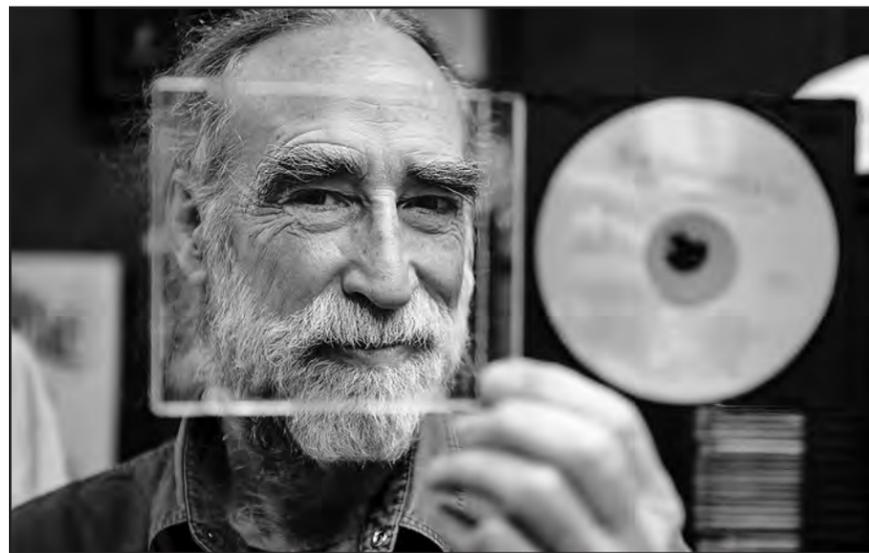
Monday, April 30

Jim Leary will share "What Folksongs Tell Us about Work in Wisconsin." People have often relied on songs to express their experiences as workers and human beings. Rural and urban, blue collar and white collar, of indigenous and immigrant heritage, Wisconsin's culturally and linguistically diverse peoples have sung songs while they work. This talk includes historic and contemporary field and studio recordings of Irish and French Canadian



lumberjacks, Finnish and Croatian miners, Potawatomi and Norwegian ironworkers, Italian and Mexican farmhands, and Polish and Hmong factory workers to illustrate continuity, change, and commonality in the folksongs of Wisconsin's workers.

Jim Leary is a public folklorist from Rice Lake, WI who studies the traditional songs, stories, customary practices, and handwork of indigenous and immigrant peoples in America's Upper Midwest. He co-founded of the Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures, a research center committed to the languages and cultures of the region's diverse peoples. Leary worked on farms and in the woods, tended a press, and did warehouse, janitorial, and foundry work in his teens and twenties before he became a professor of folklore and Scandinavian studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been involved in numerous museum exhibits, folklife festivals, public radio programs, documentary sound recordings and films. His books include So Ole Says to Lena: Folk Humor of the Upper Midwest and Folksongs of Another America: Field Recordings from the Upper Midwest, 1937-1946.



Announcing the Dates for the Levy Summer Series

In partnership and with a generous donation from Jeffrey C. Levy, Jewish Social Services established the Levy Summer Series in 2013. This six-part speaker series is an opportunity for lifelong learners to interact and learn from local scholars, artists, and community leaders.

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Monday, April 9

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz
11:30 am-12:30 pm Complimentary blood pressure check with nurse, Lori Edelstein
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lime and sesame soy chicken, jasmine rice, Asian slaw, garlic mushrooms, cake (vegetarian option: lime and sesame soy tofu)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Ken and Claudia Miska presentation, "Thirty Days in Southeast Asia: 2017"

Monday, April 16

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Orange fennel roasted chicken, mashed potato, roasted corn, fruit, dessert (vegetarian option: roasted tofu)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Raging Grannies, songs of life, politics, and protest

Monday, April 23

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Moroccan chicken, basmati rice, mixed green salad, spring vegetable medley, lentil and spinach soup, brownie (vegetarian option: Moroccan tofu)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Kerbel presentation, "Making the Desert Bloom: New Developments in Agriculture and Technology in the Negev Desert Region of Israel"

Monday, April 30

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Beef and lamb kofte, pita, saffron rice, cucumber and mint sauce, Greek salad, peas and carrots, curried squash soup (vegetarian option: grilled seiten)

Next Month's Dates: May 7, 14

If you would like further information about the meal, programs, transportation, or to check on any cancellations, contact Paul Borowsky at (608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org.

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Понедельник, 9 апреля

- 11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле
11:30-12:30 Бесплатная проверка артериального давления медсестрой, Лори Эдельштейн
12:00-13:00 Цыпленок с лаймом под кунжутно-соевым соусом, рис жасмин, азиатский салат, грибы с чесноком, торт (вегетарианский вариант: тофу с лаймом под кунжутно-соевым соусом)
13:00-14:00 Презентация Кена и Клаудии Миски «Тридцать дней в Юго-Восточной Азии: 2017 год»

Понедельник, 16 апреля

- 11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
12:00-13:00 Жареный цыпленок под соусом с апеельсином анд фенхелем, картофельное пюре, жареная кукуруза, фрукты, десерт (Вариант вегетарианской кухни: жареный тофу)
13:00-14:00 Бешеные бабушки: песни жизни, политики и протеста

Понедельник, 23 апреля

- 11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
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Jewish Education

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By MARLA BECKER
DIRECTOR OF GAN HAYELED

“Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint you can at it.” ~Danny Kaye

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Would you be willing to share with us a favorite story or book in English or other languages? Do you have an art medium you love? Perhaps a special science lesson to contribute? We would love to incorporate your visit into our curriculum. We’re sure the kids will benefit and even bet your canvas will pick up a new enjoyable blend of color!



Illustrator Ken Becker takes the children on a reading adventure with the book he illustrated, “The Aleph-Bais Trip on the Aleph-Basis Ship.”



Ken even drew for us!

Hag Sameach!

By MARLA BECKER
DIRECTOR OF GAN HAYELED

Exploring Passover for the past three weeks has literally been music to our ears! On any given morning, you can hear the children singing the Four Questions and other Passover songs that take them through the story of Exodus. In addition to music, we also prepare for Passover through movement, art, storytelling, acting, gardening, cooking and quite impressive conversations!

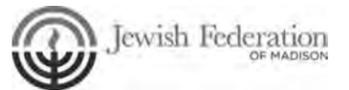
This year we are creating haggadot, which contain all the key components of the Passover Seder including the songs we have been singing, children’s artwork AND the songs we have been singing for this holiday of spring. It is amazing how each child—18 months through 5 years of age—experiences, processes, and applies information in their own way. Some children cannot wait to belt out the songs, such as “Oh

Listen King Pharaoh”. Others look at their artwork and love explaining what is happening in the pictures. As they flip through their own pages, they are sequencing, using concepts such as before and after, and retelling a story.

Children displaying interest in sight words, can “read” the repetitive sentences at the top of each page: “Look at Egypt,” or “Oh look, frogs!” Others, like four-year-old Ziv, ponder some philosophical concepts: Why did the “good” Egyptians receive the same punishment as Pharaoh and the cruel Egyptians?

Our Passover exploration culminated in an all school model Seder. Rabbi Paula led the seder using the children’s Haggadot as a guide. Celebrating together with all the children, families, and friends truly made this an extra special occasion.

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Israel *and the* World

Israel Celebrates Seventy Years

BY SHLOMIT EZER AND TAL SHEFFER
MADISON SCHLICHIM

Being here while celebrating seventy years to Israel gives us a unique chance to explore Israel's relationship with the rest of the Jewish world. After seven decades, it is important to stop and think about it. A particularly interesting discussion, for me (Shlomit), took place in a Zionism class I teach at Midrasha after-school program. This is a group of eleventh graders, and we got to talking about whether they feel any responsibility or connection to Israel and whether American Jews should feel that way towards Israel. There were several different views. One thing that came up a few times was that their feelings towards Israel are not necessarily different than towards any other country, except for the fact they know people or have relatives there. However, it is not random that many American Jews have relatives in Israel.

A few months ago, I asked my parents to send me old photos of my grandparents, from around the time they immigrated to Israel. One of the photos they scanned was a photo from 1948, from New York—a support rally for the Jewish state, weeks after the UN partition plan and a few months before the establishment of Israel. Apparently, that photo was taken by my grandfa-



New York City 1948

ther's sister.

When the Jews of Iraq had to flee, starting in the 1940s with an escalation of the persecution against Jews (that grew stronger into the 1950s), people fled to different places. Some, like my grandfather, chose to come to Israel because of a Zionist belief. Those people would meet underground to study Zionist texts, since it was against the Iraqi law. When they came to "Palestina", before Israel was established, they joined the organizations that fought to build and protect the Jewish homeland.

At the same time, many Jews from there and from different countries looked for other places to which to flee. Many of them ended up wherever they could go—Israel, the United States or other places. It depended on many variables, some of them very random. And so, while my grandfather and his descendants lived in Israel, his sister and her descendants lived in the east coast of the United States, where she sent the photo from. So, it is not a coincidence that many Jewish people all over the world have relatives in Israel. Forty three percent of the world Jewry today live in Israel. It sounds corny to say it, but we are truly one family. "A homeland for the Jewish people" does not only mean a haven in case something goes wrong; the reason I would like Jews to feel a connection to Israel is because of Jewish peoplehood.

It took me several years, I think, to really understand what is behind that connection. I am still amazed and awed when I hear of a Jewish person from a different country who chooses to volunteer to the IDF. We are thankful for having the opportunity to live in a Jewish community outside of Israel, learn and develop new perspectives on that connection.

This is my chance to say to you, Midrasha students: thank you for engaging in a personal discussion like that and

sharing your feelings and thoughts.

Hopefully you see now why it is important for us to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Israel here, with you. The big celebration will be on April 22, and we invite you all to come: come celebrate the 70th birthday with an a capella performance by Jewop, birthday cake, Israeli treats and a special proclamation from Mayor Soglin. Adults, will taste Israeli wines while learning about the country and the people who make it in a special wine-tasting workshop.

Bring your children to enjoy various activities including Israeli arts

and crafts, games and more.

The big event is still to come, but Israel's celebrations have already begun. Over the past month, we have had a Krav-Maga (Israeli self-defense system) workshop presented by an Israeli Krav Maga instructor. What a way that was to celebrate International Women's Day! We also brought the Israeli cuisine to Beth Israel Center's youth with a cooking night, and brought some Israeli art to Temple Beth El youth with a paint night.

Also, during this past month, two

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Paint Night Fun



Shakshuka with Beth Israel Center youth

Yom HaAtzmaut recipe: Falafel

Ingredients

- 1.6 lb dry garbanzo beans
- 2 large onions, roughly chopped
- 10 garlic cloves
- 1 large bundle of cilantro
- 1 large bundle of parsley
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tbsp cumin
- olive oil

Preparation:

Soak the beans overnight. Drain, and put all the ingredients (except for the oil) in a food processor. The mixture does not need to be chopped until it's completely a paste, a little texture is good. Taste and add salt if necessary. Let the mixture rest for 30-60 minutes.

Pre-heat the oven to 400 degrees, dip your hands in some olive oil and shape the mixture into small balls. Place the falafel balls on parchment paper, and make sure they are covered with a thin layer of oil (the mixture might be crumbly and it can seem like the falafels will fall apart, but when baked the mixture sticks together. Bake the falafel. After about 20 minutes or when it starts to become brown flip them and let them bake for another 20 minutes or until they look crispy. They are best while fresh and hot. Enjoy! וּבְאִיתָם



Trying to define the Israeli cuisine is tricky. It is part middle eastern, part Mediterranean and like in any immigrant society – a little bit of anywhere people came from. While most foods immigrated to Israel and were not invented there, over the years we developed a rich, colorful and diverse cuisine made of all those pieces. Still, when we think of the most Israeli food recipe to share here for Yom HaAtzmaut, we think of Falafel. Originated in Egypt and popular throughout the middle east, it is definitely the most common street food in Israel. People will argue for hours over what the best falafel place is, but apparently it is not hard to make at home. This is a translation of a recipe Shlomit's mom found in the paper once. The best thing about this recipe is that you don't have to deep-fry the falafel. If you bake it instead, it surprisingly come out just as great and it becomes a very healthy food. The work is totally worth the outcome.



Connecting with Israel

Israel

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films were screened as part of the Israeli Film Festival at UW Hillel: *On the Map* and *The Women's Balcony*. Coming up this month (April 16, 7:00 pm at Hillel) is the third movie and you do not want to miss it: *Ben Gurion, Epilogue*. In the great depths of the archives, interview footage was discovered of one of modern history's greatest leaders, David Ben Gurion. The interview is from 1968 when he was 82 years old, five years before his death. He lived in his secluded home in the desert, removed from all political discourse, which allowed him a hindsight perspective on the Zionist enterprise. Ben Gurion's introspective soul searching is the focus of this film, and his clear voice provides a surprising vision for today's crucial decisions and the future of Israel. "*Ben Gurion, Epilogue* is a wistful ode to a lost generation of leaders who viewed simplicity as a virtue even as they strove for giant goals." ~ The New York Times.

Yom HaZikaron

Right before Yom HaAtzmaut, please join us in commemorating Yom HaZikaron. The Israeli Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Hillel on April 17 at 5:00 pm. As is customary for Yom HaZikaron ceremony, white shirts are recommended. The ceremony will include the Yizkor memorial prayer, texts and songs, the story of one fallen soldier and singing of Hatikva, (the Israeli national anthem.)

Israel between Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzmaut – on a personal note

This month is an emotional roller-coaster. In Israel, during Passover, the streets are decorated with colorful flags and there is a festive feeling of spring

in the air. Then one day the colorful flags are gone and on every street corner people start selling Israel flags to put on your cars. The whole country is filled with flags and is taken over by the weight of the upcoming three days, with ceremonies, films and overall atmosphere. Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, is marked with the first tzfira (a siren that is heard at the same time all over the country, which marks a moment of silence) An entire country stops and stands, including drivers that pull over and get out of their cars, to remember the victims.

A week after that we mark Yom HaZikaron, Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers of Israel and victims of terror attacks, almost twenty-seven thousand women and men. We stand still during two sirens, like the one on Yom HaShoah—one in the evening and one the next morning.

The following evening is the evening of Yom HaAtzmaut, Independence Day. The proximity of those days is a subject of many discussions in Israel. While it is very hard to switch so quickly from grief to joy and celebration, the days are connected. When celebrating the existence of Israel, we also remember what it took—the sacrifice, and the people who are no longer here because they were prosecuted for being Jewish or died defending the country.

Here is one personal story of a man who lived through the Holocaust to help build the Jewish state. It is the story of my (Tal's) grandfather, Mirek.

Mirek (Meir) was born in 1922 to a Jewish Hasidic family in a small town called Hukliva, in the Carpathian Mountains in Czechoslovakia, today in Ukraine. He had seven siblings, and

although he was an A student, his father, who was a watchmaker, didn't want him to go to a better school because he was afraid that this would push him away from Judaism. His father also told him that he should become a watchmaker like him, because he believed that it would one day save his life. At the age of thirteen he began to learn how to be a watchmaker.

Hungary annexed the Carpathian Mountains on March 1, 1939, so in 1943, when Mirek turned 21, he had to join the Hungarian army. Because he was Jewish they didn't recruit him to the army, but instead he was assigned to forced labor in a coal mine.

Working in the coal mine was dangerous, and from the moment he had arrived, he constantly looked for a way out. At one point, he went to the supervisor, who was anti-Semitic, and asked him what time it was. The supervisor then told him his watch wasn't accurate, and my grandfather told him he was a watchmaker and offered to fix his watch. On that night the supervisor invited him to a big dinner at his house, and after that my grandfather fixed his watch and the entire neighborhood's watches too. The next day he was given a better position, and he felt like his father's prediction was starting to become true.

Six months later, he was sent to Poland. The Hungarians cooperated with the Germans, so he and other Jews were brought there to dig bunkers. In the fall of 1944, he was sent to a quarry in the Austrian-Hungarian border. There he met his brother, who he hadn't seen for three years. From there they walked for another three days to the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. In February 1945, they had to leave Mauthausen because the Russians were approaching the camp. My Grandfather marched for three days to Gurzkinchen camp in Austria, where the conditions were even worse.

On the morning of May 5, 1945, the US army came and freed the camp. From there the Americans took him to Wels in Austria, and in July he was moved to Budapest to a displaced persons camp, where he accidentally met his father. After a while my grandfather moved to Prague

and started to work as a watchmaker.

In May 1948 a friend of his invited him to go to a lecture of an emissary that came from Israel. He never thought of making aliyah, but he went to the lecture anyway. It was right after the declaration of independence in Israel and during the Independence War, and the emissary said that Israel needed more manpower, especially combat soldiers, paratroopers and pilots. My grandfather didn't know exactly what it meant to be a pilot, but he remembered that airplanes have a lot of clocks in them, so when the emissary asked who wanted to volunteer, my grandfather immediately raised his hand. A month later he was summoned to the Czech air force to take tests, and after a month he was called to join a pilot course, along with eleven more volunteers who passed the tests.

On February 26, 1949 my grandfather arrived by a ship at the Haifa port, and was recruited to the Israeli air force. In 1950, after finishing the second course ever in the IAF flight academy, he became a qualified flight instructor and later became a squadron chief in the IAF pilot training school. This is where he met my grandmother Hana. My grandfather had a long and impressive military career in the IAF, and in 1962 he was made the base commander of IAF base Sde Dov in Tel-Aviv, where I served in the army as a driver 42 years later.

Six years later, my grandfather received an amazing offer: he was asked to establish the Singaporean pilot training school in Singapore, and in 1969 he moved to Singapore with his family to be the IAF emissary there. They lived there for three years, and when he returned to Israel with his family, he started to work at Arkia Airlines. In 1973, he had to quit flying due to high blood pressure.

During his life my grandfather returned several times to the town where he was born and to the concentration camps, where he had been a prisoner. Unlike many other Holocaust survivors, he shared his story and talked about it a lot, and he even wrote a book about his story. He continued working for Arkia in different positions, and went to work every day, until he passed away in 2012 when he was 90 years old.



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