

JEWISH NEWS

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Over 100 Attend Madison Israel Solidarity Event

Editor's Note: On Thursday, July 24, the Madison Jewish community joined together to share thoughts and prayers for peace in Israel and for peace in the region. The event was held at UW Hillel with Mickey and Racheli, Community Shlichim, of The Jewish Agency of Israel, and sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison and UW Hillel along with Temple Berh El, Beth Israel Center, and the Madaion Jewish Community Day School.

Following is an address given by Jim Stein, President of the Jewish Federation of Madison:

Good Evening,
My name is Jim Stein, President of the Jewish Federation of Madison. On behalf of Dina Weinbach, Executive Director of the Federation and our Board of Directors,

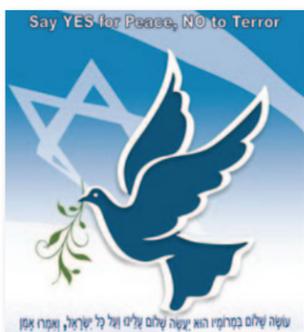
I thank you for coming to tonight's evening of solidarity with Israel, to promote peace and the victory of peace over terror in the Middle East. In addition to the Federation, tonight's program is co-sponsored by UW Hillel, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, and the Madison Jewish Community Day School. We greatly appreciate the wide spread community support for Israel and tonight's messages of solidarity and peace.

We are in the 17th day of Operation Protective Edge. I don't quite understand when a conflict crosses the line from being an "operation" to a "war." It is clear, however, that lives are being lost, that survivors are experiencing immense psychological trauma, and that the entire situation – regardless of our political loyalties – is tragic.

As of this afternoon, over 2100 rockets had been fired at Israel since July 8th, 2014. That is more than 130 rockets per day, all day – at any time of the day or night. Even during humanitarian cease

fires. Over three-fourths of the country is at risk from rockets. As of today, 32 Israel soldiers have died, including two Americans. Israeli and Palestinians have died as

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2014 Tzedakah Campaign to Kick Off with Dueling Pianos

Join us on Sunday, September 7th to kick off the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign. Everyone is welcome to attend this complimentary evening filled with food, music and community. Dinner will be catered by Full Compass' own Executive Chef, Don Olsen. After dinner, enjoy the incredible talents of Jim Ripp and Josh Dupont of *PianoFondue*, as they drop the gauntlet and musically duel for your enjoyment.

Jim has made his musical home for the last 8 years at the Ivory Room Piano Bar in downtown Madison. With his quick witted humor and crazy antics, coupled with his overall ability to play just about anything on the fly, Jim will entertain you and leave you with a sore throat from singing and laughing along. His talented dueling partner, Josh, co-founded *PianoFondue* in 2006 and has been honing his rock and roll piano bar skills for the last decade. Together, Jim and Josh will tickle the ivories and bring the house down with an upbeat musical show sure to appeal to all musical tastes. Starting planning your requests;

they love to play what you want to hear! This fun, funny and energizing performance is the perfect way to Kickoff our Tzedakah Campaign season. We hope to see you at this special evening which will include an update about the local and worldwide needs funded by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Tzedakah Campaign.

Special thanks to Susan and Jonathan Lipp of Full Compass Systems for their generosity in hosting this event again this year.

Although this fabulous evening is open to our entire community, dinner seating is limited to the first 275 respondents and reservations are required as seating will be assigned. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, August 28 at rsvp@jewishmadison.org. For more information, call 608-278-1808 or email Lynn at lkaplan@jewishmadison.org.

Attending this event implies a commitment to donate to the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign.



Camp Shalom end of day friendship circle.

Every Day is a Great Day at Camp!

When we started to plan for camp this summer one thing was for sure, we wanted every day to be a great day for the campers

at Shalom and Noar-Bogrim. This meant offering all of the classic activities and traditions that make our camp so wonderful while also incorporating new and innovative programs to keep our campers coming back for more.

This summer each day at the Goodman Campus has been jam packed with fun activities engaging the Camp Shalom campers in physical activities, adventures in Teva (nature), exploration with Omanut (arts and crafts), experiences with music, singing, dance, theater, improv, fishing, Israeli dancing, Shabbat and so much more! This year for the first time ever, the Gimel campers who are entering 4th and 5th grades participated in the Boulder's Portable Climbing Wall program during first and second session.

Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim's 6th through 9th grade campers had experiences both on the Goodman campus and off. Their on-campus highlights included cooking classes, a campus-based triathlon, gardening, Boulder's Portable Climbing Wall,

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Josh Dupont (left) and Jim Ripp of *PianoFondue* will entertain at the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign kickoff event on September 7.



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

As a Federation website business sponsor, you'll receive the following recognition in appreciation of your support:

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

Extra benefits for Platinum and Gold sponsors

At the platinum level, your business will receive exclusive sponsorship rights for the entire website within your business category. Therefore, your organization will be the only website sponsor within your area of business.

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



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



Solidarity Event

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well. The exact civilian death counts have been difficult to verify, but I want to be perfectly clear - all deaths are tragic.

The Jewish Federation of North America, in partnership with the Union for Reform Judaism and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is leading the "Stop the Sirens" campaign, an emergency effort to raise and distribute \$30 million in cash to address the urgent and immediate needs posed by the barrage of rocket attacks on Israel.

One of the goals of this campaign is to create - if you will - a "Social Iron Dome" - an impenetrable network that can provide intelligent, highly focused social support for people living in Israel who are suffering.

Here is how the Stop the Sirens Campaign is using your donations:

1. Over 25,000 children living within 40 kilometers of Gaza have received respite care - time away from home and sirens, usually in the North. These are children and their families who live on *kibbutzim* and *moshavim*, some of whom are at risk of being attacked from Hamas tunnels, who have lived under near constant threat of attack from rockets and Hamas infiltrators. This was supposed to be their summer break. They have lived in bunkers and have high levels of psychological stress.

2. The JFNA has activated its emergency fund for victims of terror - those who have experienced any physical or property injury. Victims receive 4000 NIS (about \$1150 USD) immediately for food, medications, and critical supplies.

3. Psychological counseling for *olim*

(Israel immigrants). Especially new ones from Yemen, for example, who recently arrived and now are facing the threat of death from Hamas.

4. Through the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), we are reminded that although rockets don't discriminate where they hit, their effects do discriminate. The JDC serves the most vulnerable - the elderly, the disabled, those with special needs, and children. They are especially vulnerable to the psychological and financial stresses of the conflict. The JDC has served over 36,000 Israelis focusing their efforts on these specific parts of the community. The JDC has over 70 case workers on the ground, serving over 9000 clients, making sure their basic needs are met, such as bringing food and portable toilets to those stuck in their safe rooms because they - quite simply - can't reach a bomb shelter - are out of food or don't have a toilet. Their responses are personal and tailored to the needs of individuals.

These examples scratch the surface of how the Federation and the worldwide Jewish community have come to the aid of Israel.

Locally, our Partnership Together Program has transferred \$3000 to the combat Soldiers from Golani Unit who are fighting in Gaza. Thanks to our Partnership, hundreds of soldiers will get new and clean socks, underwear and T shirts. The supply will be delivered as soon as possible to the Gaza strip border and from there will be picked up by the Golani unit soldiers. Every bit helps - we are, indeed, a worldwide Jewish community

How can YOU help?

To do your part, we ask you to do a few things.

1. Pray for peace and the safety of our family and friends in Israel

2. Remember the names of those who lost their lives

3. Stay informed by reading thoughtful and reliable news sources. Watch jewishmadison.org for updates and programs on this topic.

4. Please do your part and donate to the "Stop the Sirens" emergency relief program - to date only 66 members of

the Madison Jewish community have donated to the campaign - to help create and maintain our Social Iron Dome - and we have only a few days left.

I will close with a note that reflects how close this hits home, from a recently retired Israeli UW Professor and partner of mine, at home in Tel Aviv this summer, Chuck Hellman. I received it yesterday evening.

...*Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh* - All Jews are responsible for one another. Thank you for joining us tonight.



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Nadav Shelef Discusses Current Events in Israel

On Monday, July 14, the eighth day of Operation Protective Edge, over 75 members of the Madison Jewish community came together at UW Hillel to hear Nadav Shelef, the Harvey M. Meyerhoff Assistant Professor of Israel Studies and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, discuss current events in Israel. Organized by Israel Fellow and Madison Shaliach, Mickey Aziz Komar, community partners included the Jewish Federation of Madison, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, and the Madison Jewish Community Day School.

Wisconsin Jewish Conference Update

By MICHAEL BLUMENFELD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wisconsin Jewish Conference

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

The issue of human trafficking has been identified as a priority by both the

Jewish Federation of North America and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal activity in the world, generating approximately \$32 billion in profits every year. In Wisconsin, over 200 victims have been identified to date.

The Legislature took the first step toward addressing the growing issue of human trafficking in Wisconsin during the 2013-14 legislative session with the passage of 2013 Wisconsin Act 362, authored by Representative Amy Loudbeck (R-Clinton), which updates the list

of what constitutes trafficking as well as the definition of "commercial sex acts" and creates a process for victims to expunge any charges related to human trafficking from their records.

Several other pieces of legislation aimed at curbing human trafficking were introduced during the 2013-14 session but failed to pass before the legislature adjourned for the year. Almost all of these bills had bipartisan support.

Many of the legislators who championed human trafficking legislation this past session are returning to the legislature next session. Given the bi-partisan support of this issue, it is likely that the legislature will continue to give significant consideration to the issue of human trafficking. The following bills could be reintroduced next session:

Senate Bill 209/Assembly Bill 192: would require law enforcement officials who encounter juveniles suspected of being victims of sex trafficking to make a report to the appropriate child welfare agency and launch an investigation into the situation to see if the victim is in need of child protective services. Victims of trafficking are often charged with prostitution or released into the custody of their perpetrators, as there is no cur-

rent law requirement to investigate child prostitution if it does not involve a family caregiver.

Senate Bill 552/Assembly Bill 681: would allow a victim of human trafficking to bring a civil lawsuit against the person who trafficked them, recruited them, or profited from the trafficking. The victim would be able to collect actual damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees, and any revenue earned by the trafficker from the victim's sexual exploitation.

Assembly Bill 776: would permit a court, in lieu of convicting a child for prostitution, to enter into a consent decree or a deferred prosecution agreement, placing the child under supervision. It would also require the court to make a child abuse report if the judge believes the child is a victim of human trafficking.

Assembly Bill 811: would require anyone who commits a sexual crime against a child or a crime related to prostitution or trafficking to pay a \$500 surcharge to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board. The funds collected would be used to provide grants to organizations that offer services to child victims of sexual crimes.

Janelle Bentley Named New Yonim Artistic Director

We are so excited to announce Janelle Bentley as the new Artistic Director for Yonim. Janelle, a native of St. Paul, MN and graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison (BFA in Dance), is an active performer, teacher, and choreographer. She has enjoyed working with artists such as Kate Corby & Dancers, Carrie Hanson/The Seldoms, Kun-Yang Lin, Susan Marshall Company, Marlene Skog, Scott Wells, Chris Walker, and Jin-Wen Yu. She has performed nationally and internationally in festivals such as the DUMBO Dance Festival, White Wave Festival, WestFest, and 2012 World Dance Alliance conference in Taipei, Taiwan. In August of 2012, Janelle traveled to northern Israel to study with the renowned Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company (KCDC). After completing her ten-month course of study, Janelle was invited to join KCDC's young company, KCDC 2 as the only non-Israeli apprentice for their 2013-14 season.

Janelle is pleased to be returning to the fine city of Madison this year to pur-



Janelle Bentley

sue additional studies in the area. You might see her dancing around town with Li Chiao-Ping Dance, teaching Pilates, or visiting the farmer's market to prepare for her epic Israeli breakfasts. She loves all forms of dance including tap, jazz, ballet, contemporary, Latin American folk dancing. She is now especially thrilled to be joining Yonim and exploring new movement possibilities. Janelle is excited to share her first-hand knowledge of Israel with the Yonim community – including her love of Israeli music, the Hebrew language, and contemporary Israeli culture. She is looking forward to meeting everyone involved in this special community and adding on to an already thriving organization! Na'im me'od – It's nice to meet you!

We are in the processes of planning a new and exciting year for Yonim. Registration will begin next month. Watch for emails with more information. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy at yonim@jewishmadison.org or visit yonim.org for more information.

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Upcoming



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EVENTS

Schmooze and Zuz

Exciting and affordable new class for children ages 0-4

Fridays, Aug. 1, 8, 22 and 29
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Meet Susan at Badger Gymnastics for creative movement and music activities



Schmooze (which means chat) and Zuz (which means movement), is our exciting and affordable new class for children ages 0-4! We will be "moving" to music and new locations, doing yoga, developing friendships and so much more. The awesome Susan Valko, an instructor at Badger Gymnastics, and a Gan HaYeled music and movement teacher as well as a Gan parent will lead the Zuz group in creative and fun activities.

Families may register for any individual sessions up to two days before each class by emailing Missy at gan@jewishmadison.org. \$16 for first child and \$9 for each additional child.

Contact Missy at gan@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808 for more information or download registration form available at www.jewishmadison.org

Camp Shalom's 60th Birthday Party

Sunday, Aug. 3

10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Nitty Gritty

1021 North Gammon Road
Middleton



Bring your family and friends to the Nitty Gritty on Sunday, August 3rd and mention Camp Shalom and the Nitty Gritty will donate 10% of your bill to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.



Oodles of Noodles Pool Party – Enjoy a Noodles and Company dinner and swimming

Monday, August 4, 4:30-8:00 p.m.

Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Road PD, Verona

Enjoy a Noodles and Company dinner (order your noodles in advance at www.jewishmadison.org). Swim in the pool, meet new people, bring your own swimming noodles and have oodles of fun! Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

\$10/dish (regular sizes only), includes drink and dessert. Dinner options include Mac and Cheese, Japanese Pan Noodles, or Mediterranean Salad

*Noodles will only be ordered for those whose orders and payments have been received by Friday, Aug. 1!

**Please note that all pool parties are weather dependent. If the weather is bad we will eat dinner in the Minkoff Center and play games indoors.

For more information contact: Ellen Weismer, 608-278-1808 or email: program@jewishmadison.org

Goodman Aquatic Center is Open!

Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Road PD, Verona
Through Aug. 15, the pool is open Monday-Friday, 4:30-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Aug. 16 through Sept. 1, open daily, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Enjoy the beautiful 5,500 sq. ft. outdoor pool with six 25-meter lanes and zero depth entry, located in Verona. Plenty of shaded area and deck chairs to lounge with friends and family. For season dates and times, pool membership information and more, visit www.jewishmadison.org/pool



2014 Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff Event

Sunday, Sept. 7

at Full Compass Systems Headquarters
9772 Silicon Prairie Parkway, Madison
Doors open at 5:45 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m.



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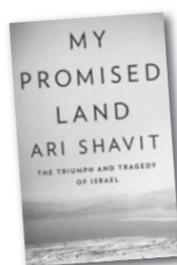
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Attending this event implies a commitment to donate to the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign. See the back page ad for more information on this upcoming event.

Book Club: Discussion of *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit

Coming this fall!

Contact Racheli Komar-Aziz for location, 608-669-8042 or israel@jewishmadison.org



In the spring of 1897 a steamer carrying a delegation of 21 British Jews left Port Said, Egypt, for Jaffa – the last leg of its journey to the Holy Land. Leading the pack was Herbert Ben-twisch, an affluent London lawyer and Zionist leader and the great-grandfather of Ari Shavit, a columnist for the Haaretz newspaper and one of Israel's most influential political commentators. In "My Promised Land," his first book in English, Mr. Shavit charts Israel's history partly through the lives of his pioneering forebears: His grandfather, Herbert's son, was a Cambridge-educated pedagogue who helped develop Israel's education system, while his father was a chemist at the eye of Israel's nuclear program. The result is roughly equal parts personal and family memoir, Israeli history, and prophecies for the land's future. It is one of the most nuanced and challenging books written on Israel in years.

Space is limited! If you are interested in joining us please contact Racheli: israel@jewishmadison.org

UW Hillel is Expanding Staff, Programs and More

By JENNIFER JENNINGS

The beginning of the school year is right around the corner. In preparation, UW Hillel is expanding staff, programs, and introducing a new restaurant, Adamah-Neighborhood Table, as part of its commitment to serve UW students and the Madison community.

Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus

UW Hillel is pleased to launch a new, innovative program aimed at expanding our connection to the Orthodox community on campus. The Heshe and Harriet Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (JLIC) of the Orthodox Union is sending Shlomo Geller and Ora Geller to UW Hillel as part of their program that sends Orthodox couples to colleges and universities to support the Jewish community by providing additional learning opportunities and expanding Jewish pro-



Shlomo and Ora Geller with their daughter Hephzibah.

gramming for college students. JLIC helps Orthodox students navigate the college environment and balance their Jewish commitments with their desire to engage in the secular world. In addition, JLIC provides avenues for spiritual development and exploration for Jewish students from varied backgrounds. Shlomo and Ora will be teaching two text classes each week, leading and supporting Friday night Orthodox services and Saturday morning services, and hosting students in their home for Shabbat meals. Welcome Shlomo and Ora!

Shlomo Geller and Ora Geller are proud to be the first-ever JLIC Educators at UW-Madison. They will be arriving in early August from Israel with their one-year-old daughter, Hephzibah. Shlomo was born in Israel and served in the IDF as an infantry soldier. He spent six years studying at Yeshivat Beit Orot in Jerusalem and later received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics from Ariel University. He worked for a year as a lecturer at Ariel University and in a Tel Aviv research group. Shlomo is currently finishing his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Technion in Haifa, where the couple currently lives. Shlomo enjoys playing soccer, playing musical instruments, and watching movies.

Ora was born in New York, and at four months made Aliyah with her parents to Hashmonaim. After high school she did her community service on Kibbutz Shluchot. She received a B.A. and M.B.A. from Ariel University in Business and Economics. Ora loves painting, puzzles, and cooking.

New Staff

We are expanding our programming for students this year, adding Rebecca Schwab as Engagement Associate. Lily Nagy-Deak will be coming on board as Director of Jewish Student Life.



Rebecca Schwab

Rebecca Joey Schwab, Class of 2013 and one of UW Hillel's student leaders, is thrilled to begin working for UW Hillel. Rebecca spent the greater part of her youth involved with the Young Judaea youth movement, and dedicated herself to Jewish a cappella and teaching Hebrew throughout college. Rebecca most recently worked for the Jewish Federation of Madison as the Assistant Director of Camp Noar Bogrim. After four years of working with the Federation's Midrasha program, she feels that she's a part of the Madison community. Israel education and exploration is high on her list of ways to start the day. Rebecca studied Hebrew literature and Jewish history at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Jewish Studies B.A., Hebrew and Semitic Studies B.A., and a certificate in Middle Eastern studies.

Lily Nagy-Deak grew up in Portland, Oregon, and has since become a wandering Jew. Lily holds a dual degree in Theatre Arts and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. She spent a year studying as an Education Fellow at Yeshivat Hadar in New York City and most recently served as the Interim Education Director at Beth Israel Center here in Madison. Lily loves teaching people to pronounce



Lily Nagy-Deak

her Hungarian surname (hint: nawdage day-awk). She also loves a good cup of coffee, untangling the Gemara, inventing recipes, and backpacking in the wild.

Introducing Adamah-Neighborhood Table

UW Hillel is pleased to announce a new partnership with Blue Plate Catering, which will be providing dining and catering services at Hillel starting in August 2014. Award-winning Blue Plate Catering is a full service caterer that has been serving the greater Madison area for over 20 years.

"Adamah-Neighborhood Table," will be the new quick-service restaurant on Hillel's main floor. It will open in time for the start of the fall semester with an expanded menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The restaurant will offer an exciting and diverse parve/meat menu that includes fresh locally sourced items, such as smoothies, chopped salads, house-made soups, gourmet sandwiches and wraps, and more! Student meal plans will be available for purchase at discounted rates. Check back for more info on meal plan options in August.

Through cooperation with Blue Plate Catering, Hillel also will be expanding its Kosher catering offerings, both in-house and off-site. In-house events will have the choice of either full Kosher catering or standard catering service, based on the groups' needs. To schedule a special event, student organization meal, reception or any other event with catering needs at Hillel or for more information about off-site Kosher catering options, please contact Rinat Gofman at rgofman@uwillel.org or 608-256-8361 ext. 705.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel tov to the parents and grandparents of this new arrival:

Akiva Mac Gregor, son of Ellen Friedman and Simcha MacGregor, grandson of Gary Friedman and Bonnie Denmark Friedman.

Condolences to the families of:

Greg Budd, husband of Lesa Budd;

Clara Sweet, aunt of Dale and Tom Kaufman and sister-in-law of Phyllis Lefkowitz;

Vince Boyle, brother-in-law of John and Sandy Bierman;

Dylan Nelson, nephew of Lesa Budd;

Kenneth Schmidt, father of Gary (Laurie) Schmidt and Debra (Gary) Hegstrom;

Joshua Hollander, father of Philip (Juliet Page), Henry (Katherine Gall), and Susan;

Lowell Jennings, father of Lee (Susie) Jennings; and

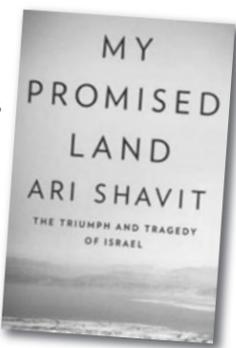
Solomon Solomon, father of Susanne Policano.

Book club based on Ari Shavit's book: "My Promised Land"

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We had a great group for July, we will meet again in the fall! If you are interested to join us, please contact Racheli: israel@jewishmadison.org



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

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In honor of Murray and Carol Shear
Leslie and Laurel

In memory of Andrea Stein
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In memory of Raizel Feldman
Peter and Deena Williams

In memory of David Wagner
Schneiderman Family

In memory of Irving and Dorothy Glassman
Ariel Barak

Kesher Israel Film Series to Begin September 17

The Kesher Israel film series is set to recommence. All films will now be shown on the third Wednesday of each month. Temple Beth El is located at 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison. The main doors open at 7:00 p.m. and films begin at 7:15 p.m. The intermittent time allows for schmoozing and snacking. A variety of free snacks and drinks are provided.

Our first film, "The Gatekeepers" will be shown on Sept. 17. This important Israeli Documentary portrays interviews with former heads of the Shin Bet as they reveal how futile their attempts have been to quash any Palestinian attempts for statehood.

Special guest moderator Stanley Kutler, author of articles and books in-

cluding "Abuse of Power, the new Nixon Tapes", professor at various uni-

versities worldwide, and now professor emeritus of history at U.W. Madison,

Kesher Israel Film Series includes:
September 17: "The Gatekeepers", documentary with special guest moderator Stanley Kutler. (A full description can be found in the adjacent article.)

November 19: "Yossi"
December 17: "Jellyfish"
January 21: "Life in Stills"
 Descriptions of future films will appear in the *Madison Jewish News* during the month they are shown.

"Who Is Wise? The Person Who Learns From Everyone"

By Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon

The ancient rabbis asked, "Who is wise?"

To this seemingly simple question, there are many possible answers. The person who has read the most books? The person who knows how to do his own laundry? The person who knows how to put her core values into action each day?

At Madison Jewish Community Day School, we consider these questions carefully on a continual basis. Our educational philosophy, formulated in several years ago in a process that involved parents, faculty, board and community members, is our school's attempt to articulate some of our answers to these important questions.

Our educational philosophy serves as a guidepost for us as we provide a dual curriculum of general and Jewish studies taught by talented teachers in small classes and in the larger context of a warm school community. And like our educational program, our philosophy is rooted in Jewish values.

Our philosophy:

At MJCDS, we believe that life is enriched at every age by learning and by a deep engagement with Jewish life. We strive to instill within each child a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

In our classrooms, children benefit from an environment designed to foster relationships and cultivate respect, curiosity, and the ability to think independently, creatively and resourcefully. Students learn that determination and perseverance enable each learner to make progress in his or her understanding and to master new skills.

It is this nurturing setting that enables children to develop confidence, skills and knowledge that will prepare them to succeed academically and to build a strong, joyful sense of Jewish identity.

MJCDS students develop skills for critical thinking, creative problem-solv-

ing, and personalizing text and context, both Jewish and secular. Our Judaic studies program, which emphasizes Hebrew language as well as knowledge and love of Jewish traditions and Israel, supports the acquisition of skills to read and understand texts using traditional interpretations, while encouraging students to develop their own personal understandings.

MJCDS believes that asking thoughtful questions, feeling secure to voice original ideas, and evaluating possibilities using knowledge and judgment are key to becoming intrepid explorers of our world.

"Teach a child according to his or her way." (Proverbs)

At MJCDS, we honor individual learning styles through varied teaching methods. We provide children with multiple ways to express their thoughts and feelings and to demonstrate what they have learned.

We believe that small classes provide for an optimal learning environment. Within these settings, teachers and students have the opportunity to develop relationships in which students are both nurtured and challenged.

MJCDS programs nourish the whole child by incorporating the arts, movement, and physical education into daily learning.

We believe that children who are comfortable with who they are, confident in their abilities, and in tune with their emotions, they will be curious, creative, and empathetic lifelong learners.

"There are 70 faces to the Torah" (Midrash Bamidbar Rabbah, 13:16)

At MJCDS, students learn that the world can be investigated and understood from a variety of perspectives. In the 21st century, the ability to make connections between disciplines and to apply multiple lenses and tools to solve problems have become indispensable skills.

As a dual curriculum school, MJCDS

has the unique opportunity to integrate various subjects and perspectives in examining issues found in general education, Judaic studies, and current events. Learning is reinforced as students observe that it is both possible and enlightening to study any given subject using a variety of approaches. As students make connections between subject areas, they gain opportunities to relate to what they are learning and develop a stronger and richer understanding of the material.

MJCDS emphasizes various analytical processes including scientific inquiry, mathematical concepts, making connections between texts, and synthesizing ideas across subjects. This approach helps students to understand that both secular and Jewish knowledge can be alive and relevant in all aspects of life.

We believe that learning is most powerful and compelling when students see the connections between who they are, what they know, and how they can make a difference in the world.

"Who is wise? The person who learns from everyone." – Pirkei Avot

Learning in multi-age settings gives children the opportunity to live this piece of wisdom through in-depth peer collaboration.

Children learn with and share their skills and knowledge with people of different ages, strengths, ideas and traditions. In this way, MJCDS students learn from one another and develop skills to become future leaders and role models in their community. We strive to maintain close connections with the neighborhoods that surround us, including the various branches of both Madison's Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

MJCDS students learn that a diversity of practices and voices make the Jewish tradition and community rich and rewarding.

We believe that Judaism is a multi-vocal tradition, where varying perspectives and practices are cherished and affirmed.

"If I am not for myself, who is for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?" – Hillel

MJCDS affirms the educational value of service projects and community activities centered on *tikkun olam*, repair of our world.

We also believe that future community leaders must have an understanding of the diversity of cultures in our local and global community.

Similarly, as children grow, so should their understanding of the world at large in a setting that inspires a sense of safety and self-assurance. In helping students to build a sense of confidence, MJCDS teaches students that though the world is not a perfect place, they are capable of understanding and meeting today's and tomorrow's challenges.

In this way, MJCDS students develop leadership and social skills to adapt to new environments, promote social justice, and build caring communities.

To learn more about MJCDS, a K-5 Jewish elementary school, contact Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon at rabi@madisonjewishdayschool.com or call 204-9900.



Jewish studies teacher Clara Lazimy reads a story.



Students visit a farm and participate in an "archeological dig" as a final activity in learning about the early peoples of Wisconsin.



Students display work related to the ten commandments.

Congregation News

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Beth Israel Center

If you're a fan of construction sites, take a walk or drive by the corner of Mound and Randall this summer. Beth Israel Center's transformative remodeling project is in full swing.

The synagogue will be ready for at least partial occupancy this fall. One unanswered question as of press time (mid-July) is: which parts will we be ready when? Due to this uncertainty, we have decided to hold Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services at the nearby First Congregational Church, at the corner of Breese Terrace and University Ave. More details will follow in the September MJN and will be available at www.bethisraelcenter.org. For now, know that we will be offering all of our usual High Holiday services, including age-appropriate programming for preschoolers through bar/bat mitzvah age, on both days of Rosh Hashana and on Yom Kippur.

While Beth Israel services, classes, meetings and programs are taking place in various locations this summer during the construction, we are still the same warm and welcoming congregation. Please join us for any of the programs

listed here. Call us or visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, for more information. Many thanks to Temple Beth El, Jewish Federation of Madison, and other organizations for helping us during this exciting time in the life of Beth Israel Center.

Come find us at...

...Temple Beth El on Shabbat mornings. Services start at 9:30am in the Temple Beth El lounge. Children's services for preschoolers through 2nd graders begin at 10:30 on August 9 and 23. There's always a light lunch after services, and all are welcome.

...126 S. Hamilton Street (one block off the Square) for morning minyan (Sundays at 8:15, Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00), evening minyan (Sunday through Thursday at 5:45), office functions (come say hi!), and some meetings and classes. The A.J. and Celia Rosenberg Library is also functioning in our downtown digs.

...members' homes or Hoyt Park for Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evenings. Call the office, check www.bethisraelcenter.org, or subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter to get the location details. And thanks to all the host families!

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

All Beth Israel Center programs are open to anyone who wants to see what our vibrant style of traditional, egalitarian Jewish community is all about.

Program highlights:

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck in Hoyt Park

Friday, August 15

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors! Services begin at 5:45pm and are followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner. Meet in the large shelter up the hill from the parking lot. Bring food and/or drinks to share. Beth Israel pro-

vides plastic cutlery and paper plates. We'll do it again on September 5.

Beit Midrash

August 3 & 17

9:30am, BIC-Downtown

This summer, Beth Israel's Beit Midrash is convening at 9:30 on select Sunday mornings in our downtown digs. Discover and enjoy hevruta (partner) learning by delving into both traditional texts and modern Jewish writings. Come every session or drop by when you can. Bagels provided!

Talmud Torah Registration Is Now Open!

Now is the time to register for Talmud Torah if you haven't already! Talmud Torah is Beth Israel's religious school program for students in kindergarten through grade 7. For more information, please email education@bethisraelcenter.org or call us at 256-7763. Registration forms are available online at www.bethisraelcenter.org.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, August 9 and 23

First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

Torah study begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m. and Kiddush at 12:30 p.m.

Community Sunday Service

Sunday, August 3

First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

Shaarei Shamayim, along with the First Unitarian Society, will be sponsoring a day of service. We will have an interfaith service beginning at 9:00 a.m., volunteer activities from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m. To view a list of the many non-profit organizations, or to sign up, please visit <http://www.fusmadison.org/service-volunteer>.

Join Our Bet Sefer (Children's Education Program) Community!

Shaarei Shamayim has a lively, creative school that combines traditional and

progressive approaches in a learning environment that is meaningful and fun. Each student is encouraged to think, question critically, and interact with respect and kindness. We have created a vibrant community at our school; we go on field trips, volunteer at local organizations, and celebrate Shabbat and other holidays together. We teach Jewish values and texts through lessons that are tailored for children's individual needs, and we incorporate dance, music, storytelling, arts and crafts, and drama into our curriculum in order to reinforce and enrich the subject matter. For further information, please email our school's Director, Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman, at rabbi@shamayim.org or call her at 257-2944.

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

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

Summer Office Hours: 8:30am-4pm M-TH; 8:30am-2pm Friday.

Picnic Shabbat Friday, August 1 Wingra Park

5:30pm – Pre-Service Oneg Shabbat, enjoy a nosh and wind down from the week before Shabbat Services. 6pm – Shabbat Service lead by Rabbi Biatch 7pm – Bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy with us. Temple will provide drinks & ice cream for dessert.

Please bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit on.

RSVPs to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org, or 608-238-3123 are appreciated so we have enough ice cream.

Dan Nichols & E18hteen Concert

Saturday, August 2
7:00pm door open, 7:30pm concert
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9770 Silicon Prairie Pkwy.
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Dan Nichols is a “Jewish camp kid” from GUCI who has released eight full-length studio albums. Their most popular tunes are “Chazak” (“Strength”), “B’tselem Elohim” (“In the Image of G-d”), and “L’takein” (“To Repair”), more fondly known as the Na-na song. Eight-

een is “trying to make Jewish music culturally relevant” with the folk-rock feel, similar to Dave Matthews. We are excited to bring Dan Nichols & E18hteen to Madison and hope all of you can join us! Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drocBklMhZg>. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door <https://templebethelmadison.wufoo.com/forms/dan-nichols-eighteen-concert/>

Summer Shabbat Get-Together Friday, August 8 5:30pm, Bluephies on Monroe

What is more relaxing than a Shabbat evening in summer? How about an informal dinner with others who are also unwinding from the week?

The Temple Beth El Membership Committee has organized several community Shabbat dinners over the past few months, and each one has been a warm and wonderful gathering. We invite you to join us on August 8th at 5:30pm at Bluephies restaurant, right around the corner from Temple. We will have a relaxed dinner and then anyone who would like to can head over to Shabbat services together that start at 7:30 pm.

Come with friends or come to meet new people. We will get to know each other as we share a meal to welcome Shabbat. Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org to let us know you are coming.

Early Shabat Service & Dinner Honoring Our Seniors

Friday, August 22
5:45pm Reception 6:00pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Biatch— open to all, no reservation required 6:30pm Dinner — Brisket, kugel, salad, challah, dessert. Reservations Required. \$6 for Seniors, \$10 for non-seniors, please register by Friday, August 15, 2014. The Madison Jewish community is invited to join us in

honoring the seniors in our community. Kugel tasting, homemade desserts and party favors for seniors. Everyone, of any age is invited. All events will take place in the Social Hall. Join us for one or all parts of this special Senior Shabbat. Transportation provided as needed if notified no later than 1pm on Friday, August 15. For more info and to register visit <http://www.templebethelmadison.org/events/#honor-seniors>.

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

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

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner Thursday, August 21, 7pm-9pm Bunky's Café 2425 Atwood Avenue, Madison

Do you like to eat and are you ready to mingle?! Join Madison's Jews' Next Dor for the next installment of our third Thursday Meet & Greet Dinner! Bring a friend and join with us to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty family-style meal. RSVPs to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated.

Dinner will be \$20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Our Meet & Greet Dinners take place on the third Thursday of each month at a different restaurant each time. See you then!

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Or email resume to Stephanie Kirklín, educator@templebethelmadison.org



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“Life Memories Project” at August Founders Recognition Brunch

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portraits that have appeared in the Lechayim Lights section of the *Madison Jewish News*. Many of you have relatives or friends who have participated in this project and know how meaningful it has been for them. Please join us at the premier showing of the Life Memories Project of Jewish Social Services, Madison.

Feel-Good Volunteer Opportunity Available

Are you looking for a lively social activity, the chance to meet really interesting people and the opportunity to do something useful but easy? Lechayim Lunchtime Plus offers all this plus the camaraderie of other volunteers. We meet

most Mondays during the academic year from 11:00-2:00, though most Lechayim volunteers are there for one to two hours, and we can accommodate volunteers who are snowbirds or travelling.

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AUGUST 6



Philip Hollander “Levi Aryeh Arieli’s ‘Allah Karim!’ and the Forging of Israeli Identity”

Arrival in the Promised Land wasn't enough to remake early 20th century Jews into a proud, upright people. Through analysis of Arieli's landmark 1912 drama, this talk will explore debates of that time over how to transform the Jewish people.

AUGUST 20



Rabbi Tiferet Gordon “You don't look Jewish! - Neither do you! Re-creating a Culturally Representative and Inclusive Judaism”

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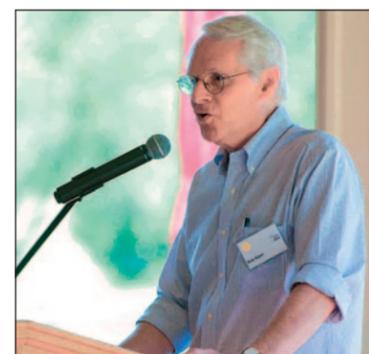
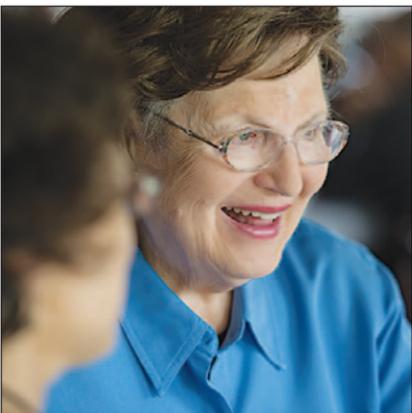
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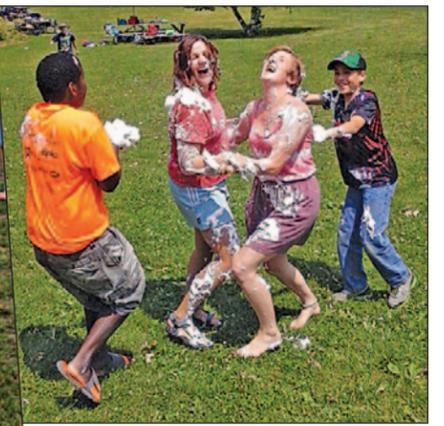
Scenes from the Levy Summer Series

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Reliving the First 100 Years and Looking Ahead to the Next... Madison Hadassah's 100th Anniversary

2014 is a year of many anniversary celebrations in Madison but only one has 100 years of longevity, Madison Hadassah – an organization whose history reflects much of Madison's Jewish history.

The centennial celebration for Madison Hadassah brought many generations together to do three things – To celebrate, to relive some of the remarkable accomplishments from the past century

with storyteller Bob Kann, and to look to the future with Magda Peck, a national leader in public health and advocate for women's healthcare.

One of the most important messages echoed throughout the evening was that Hadassah is just as relevant to young Jews today as it was a century ago. You can find more photos and stories about the past and future of Madison Hadassah online at www.hadassah.org/Madison.



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Midrasha Registration Online for the 2014-15 Academic Year

The Midrasha handbook and registration materials will be available online at www.JewishMadison.org on August 1st. All 8th – 12th grade students are welcome to register online. Midrasha meets on Wednesdays for Jewish Studies and Hebrew and Sundays for Hebrew. Please

email program@jewishmadison.org if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone at Midrasha! Midrasha will meet at Temple Beth El in the fall and at Beth Israel Center in the spring.

Come Try Yonim!

Come try Yonim! Yonim's season kicks off with 3 try it days for new families and welcomes back returning dancers. Come learn new dances, meet new friends and have tons of fun!

Try it days are Sundays: September 7, 14, and 21 (times by age group below).

Join Yonim and New Artistic Director Janelle Bentley on Sunday, September 7th at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, to find out more. There will be a quick meeting for parents between re-

hearsals to go over registration and answer questions. Brei'Sheet and Aleph parent meeting will be 4:30-5:15pm and Bet and Gimel parent meeting will be 6:45-7:15pm.

Rehearsal Times for Yonim Dancers:
Brei'Sheet (grades K, 1, 2) 4:00 to 4:45pm

Aleph (grades 3,4,5) 5:00 – 5:45pm
Bet (grades 6, 7, 8), 6:00 – 7:00pm
Gimel (grades 9,10,11,12) 7:00 – 8:30pm



Parent Volunteers are a Big Part of Yonim's Success

Join Madison's only Israeli youth dance troupe, Yonim! Dancers in kindergarten through high school who are interested in joining can give Yonim a try starting Sunday, September 7, at Temple Beth El.

A big part of Yonim is the parent volunteers. Moms and dads are needed for everything from organizing fundraisers to helping at performances. Jennifer Ginsburg has been involved with Yonim since her oldest daughter, Norah, started as a kindergartener. She is now going into middle school and will be part of the Bet dance group. Ginsburg's younger daughter, Leah, also joined in kindergarten and will join Aleph in the fall.

"I wanted to be involved because Yonim has been so important to my children and our family. It is unlike any other activity the kids do. It is about the love of dance, teamwork, Jewish culture

and Israeli dance. It is about families coming together - it is a real community," says Ginsburg.

One volunteer role Ginsburg has taken on is the leader of the Yonim Advisory Committee or YAC. The committee is a group of parents working towards the best interest of Yonim. Ginsburg says formalizing parent volunteers is extremely important for this unique dance group. "We all have to pitch in to keep it going. If everyone volunteers a little of their time and effort, it shouldn't be too much of a burden on anyone."

Registration for Yonim will begin later this month. The group performs around Madison throughout the school year. If your child is interested in participating in Yonim, contact Cathy at yonim@jewishmadison.org or visit www.yonim.org for more information.

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Thank you to the following businesses for donating healthy snacks to our Camp Shalom and Noar-Bogrim campers!

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Project Lunch Thank You

Thanks to the generosity of community members we were able to provide food for healthy lunches to Camp Shalom campers in-need. Three days a week volunteers make 10 healthy lunches and deliver them to the Camp Shalom buses. The lunches are placed in the refrigera-

tors and distributed to campers who are in need of a healthy lunch for one reason or another.

Project Lunch has been a huge help to our campers and their families and we are so grateful to everyone who has taken the time to make lunches.



Zuz visits Olbrich Gardens

Schmooze & Zuz

Schmooze (which means chat) and Zuz (which means movement), is Gan HaYeled's exciting and affordable new summer class for children ages 0-4! We will be "moving" to music and new locations, doing yoga, developing friendships and so much more. The awesome Susan Valko, an instructor at Badger Gymnastics, and a Gan HaYeled music and movement teacher as well as a Gan parent will lead the Zuz group in creative and fun activities!

Friday, Aug. 1

Meet Susan at Badger Gymnastics for creative movement and music activities. Cost: \$16 First child, \$9 Siblings

Friday, Aug. 8

Meet Susan at Badger Gymnastics for creative movement and music activities. Cost: \$16 First child, \$9 Siblings

Friday, Aug. 22

Meet Susan at Badger Gymnastics for creative movement and music activities. Cost: \$16 First child, \$9 Siblings

Friday, Aug. 29

Meet Susan at Badger Gymnastics for an adventure walk, songs and movement. Cost: \$16 First child, \$9 Siblings

Families may register for any individual sessions up to two days before each class by emailing Missy at gan@jewishmadison.org or by downloading a form from our website at www.jewishmadison.org and mailing it to Gan Haya'eled, Jewish Federation of Madison, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719.

Summer Fun at Camp Shalom Katan



Maya, Blanka and Avner riding in the bike parade.



Maggie riding her bike in the bike parade.



Ellie riding her decorated bike in the bike parade.



What a great parade!



Olive jumping into the GAC pool with her Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Buddy.



Olive swimming with her Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Buddy.



Shira swimming with her Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Buddy, Simone.



Thank you Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, for a great field trip!



Maggie, jumping to her Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Buddy.



Snack time for Olive, Alexa, Blanka, Elijah, Malia and Ian, after swimming.



Ian swimming with his Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Buddy.



Blanka and Alexa in the pool, with their Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Buddies.



Snack time for Ellie, Orly, Shira, Maggie, Maya and Shachar, after swimming.

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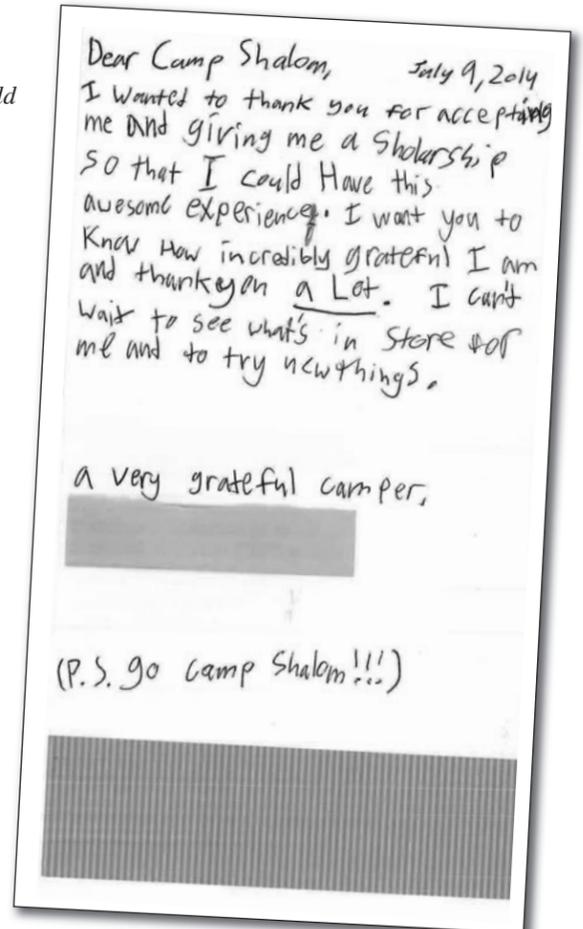
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biking and some of the campers even tested their musical skills by writing a camp song. Their off-campus highlights included mitzvah projects in the community, stop-motion-animation workshops at the Madison Public Library, log-rolling on Lake Wingra and tubing on the Sugar River.

Each session offered special programming for Camp Shalom families and an

overnight for the 4-8th grade campers. The oldest campers, a group of 20+ campers entering 9th grade, traveled to Camp Chi in the Wisconsin Dells where they were able to enjoy 4 days of fabulous programming including water sports and sight-seeing.

Everyone at Camp is looking forward to more fun on these incredible summer days!

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Oodles of Noodles Pool Party 2014

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- Play with pool noodles (please bring your own)
- Meet new people and have oodles of fun!
- Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

\$10/dish (regular sizes only), includes drink and dessert

Dinner options: Mac and Cheese • Japanese Pan Noodles • Mediterranean Salad

*Noodles will only be ordered for those whose orders and payments have been received by Friday, August 1st!

**Please note that all pool parties are weather dependent. If the weather is bad we will eat dinner in the Minkoff Center and play games indoors.

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Welcome Blue Plate Catering, Our New Lechayim Caterer

Jewish Social Services is pleased to announce that Blue Plate Catering, a highly regarded local caterer, will begin providing kosher-style meals for Lechayim Lunchtime Plus this September. We are very excited about this new opportunity and we look forward to enjoying many delicious lunches together. As before, all meat will be kosher and dairy products and meat will not be mixed. Veggie options and strictly kosher meals can be provided with a reservation. Our sincere thanks to Sharon and Tony of Café O for the catering they provided at Lechayim over the last few years.

Jewish Social Services remains committed to supporting Lechayim Lunchtime Plus and providing high quality, nutritious meals along with interest-



ing and appealing programs. We hope that you will continue to come – or come for the first time! – to Lechayim to enjoy the lively company, delicious meals and stimulating programs. Please continue to make your donations based on your ability to pay; no one will ever be turned away for lack of funds and everyone who would like a meal is welcome. As it says in the Passover Haggadah, “Let all who are hungry come and eat.”

Lechayim Opens on September 8 with Retro Swing Band!

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 8, when Lechayim Lunchtime Plus resumes at Temple Beth El, with catering provided by Blue Plate Catering. The Retro Swing Band will return to get us off to a rocking start with Big Band-style music. This marvelous, 15-piece band has been

providing swing music free of charge around Dane County for many years and has been featured at Lechayim for almost as long. If you can't join us for lunch but crave music by the likes of Sinatra, Ellington and Dorsey, you're more than welcome to dance on in at 1:00 for the performance.

Clara Sweet, z"l

She knew everyone's name and handed everyone a smile of delight along with their name badge. For many, many years she and her friend Eve Becker, z"l, were the welcoming face of Lechayim. She inspired love and loyalty and despite seeing almost 100 years, counted many people of a younger generation as close friends. She was a scintillating dinner guest who could laugh at herself when gently teased. A faithful shul-goer who always sat in the same seat on the end of the row on the right side of the sanctuary, she was the last of Beth Israel Center's charter members. She adored her sons and missed her Leonard terribly. Clara's last hours were spent in the company of family and friends, surrounded by the Yiddishkeit she loved. We will surely miss her, and are grateful that she graced us with her presence for so long. May her memory be a blessing.

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions provides door-to-door service for \$1 round trip, payable to the driver. Contact Louise Goldstein (608-278-1808, direct 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org) by 2:00 p.m. the Friday before Lechayim to make a reservation. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Please contact us if you need to cancel a ride.



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Spotlight:

Pamela Phillips Olson, LCSW



A young Pamela Phillips with some of her elderly relatives.
(Photo by Roger H. Phillips, z"l)

By PAMELA PHILLIPS OLSON

I feel it is an act of generosity to tell a story and an honor to hear it. There is wisdom and insight gained in each telling. When I interview people at Lechayim, they often say, "You listen to us talk about our lives; when will you write about yourself?"

The truth is, listening intently to stories is one of my earliest memories. As the youngest child of the youngest of my mother's generation, I listened to my elder "tantes" (Yiddish for "aunt") conversations swirling around me.

Summers, when they visited our house on Staten Island and sat in the back yard, I was bathed in the sound of Yiddish mixed with English. Hearing roars of laughter or indignation, and sometimes the hushed words of sorrow, I listened while sprawled at their feet working with my paper and Crayola's. The tantes, who lived in hot city apartments, would fan their skirts, enjoy the breeze and proclaim, "Ach, it's a mechieh!" (life-giving pleasure)

Listening became vitally important to me as I went through school. It was my strongest learning skill. (My other habit, drawing while listening, has recently been proven to aid auditory memory as well.) Now I realize I was dyslexic, so my strong listening skills were a vital gift.



Pamela Phillips Olson

Attending Hunter College and Yeshiva University's School of Social Work, I earned my Masters degree, all the while marching for civil rights and peace. My commitment to these causes came from family stories that touched me deeply.

From early on I knew I wanted to be a social worker and when I heard about the practice of psychotherapy, I knew that was for me! The healing power of stories is embedded in my work.

I love my work, but I look forward to my weekly time volunteering at Lechayim. It is an enjoyable change of pace that I treasure.

At Lechayim I have found a dear extended family. When I interview participants and write their stories, I try to convey their history and the spark of wisdom that helped them triumph over adversity and create good lives. When I photograph them, through the camera lens I see the children they once were and their courage and strength. I am grateful for their presence in my life.

Louise sometimes offers me a month off from writing Spotlight, "No Way!"

Please come to the JSS Founders Recognition Brunch on August 10, where there will be an exhibit of stories and portraits from the Lechayim Lights "Spotlight" column. Reservations are required; you can make a reservation for the JSS Founders Recognition Brunch online or by calling JSS at 608-278-1808 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Correction

We apologize that last month's Spotlight photo was incorrectly attributed; the photographer was Nan Youngerman.

Transitions

Happy August Birthday

Bea Friedman
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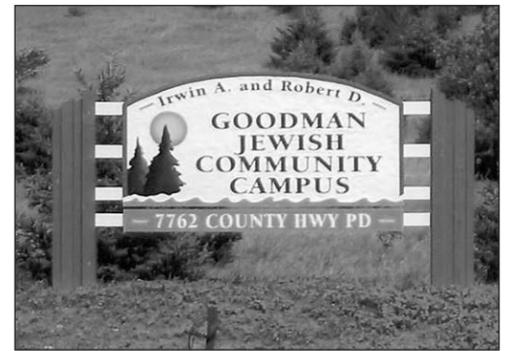
To Susan Eichhorn, whose beautiful gardens were featured in the 2014 Olbrich Botanical Gardens Home Garden Tour

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This article is about the issue of capital punishment in the USA.

Генрих Бабич О проблеме смертной казни в США

Соединенные Штаты Америки по праву считаются одной из самых демократических стран Запада. Тем не менее и здесь продолжает существовать такая серьезная проблема как смертная казнь, т.е. узаконенное право государства на лишение жизни человека, совершившего тягчайшее преступление. По этой проблеме сложилась довольно противоречивая ситуация. Опросы общественного мнения показывают, что большинство населения стран Запада в разной форме высказываются за смертную казнь, но "гримасы" демократии и избирательной системы приводят к тому, что смертная казнь либо отменяется, либо на ее применение устанавливается мораторий.

Ситуации, в которых люди лишали жизни себе подобных, имели место с самого начала существования человечества, когда между племенами велись непрерывные войны. В этой связи появилось понятие "враг", т.е. любой член враждебного племени. После того как враг определен проблема упрощалась – его нужно было уничтожить. Во времена племенной организации все было просто. В этой связи достаточно вспомнить жизнь американских индейских племен.

Когда в обществе возникли государства, понятие врага потребовало другого определения. В качестве врага выступало государство, враждебно агрессивное по отношению к данному. Появились законы военного времени. Помимо них внутри государств были приняты законы, определяющие убийство человека, не связанное с военными действиями.

Тут мы подошли к существу вопроса о смертной казни. Это убийство (назовем вещь своим именем), осуществляемое государством в наказание за тягчайшее преступление в соответствии с действующими законами. Проблема правомерности такого наказания очень непростая, не решена и продолжает волновать миллионы людей. Существо проблемы, которое каждое государство решает по-разному, и является предметом настоящей статьи. Конечно, мы ограничимся рамками Соединенных Штатов Америки.

Сначала остановимся на некоторых общих положениях. Смертная казнь действовала в колониях в соответствии с британским правом еще до провозглашения независимости США в 1776 году. С созданием государства казнь была определена действием Восьмой поправки к Конституции и почти исключительно применяется для случаев убийств при отягчающих обстоятельствах. В дополнение к этому с 1994 года смертная казнь может быть применена за незаконную продажу наркотиков и в случаях предательства интересов страны. Всем штатам дано право принимать как

конституционные так и другие законы, которые разрешают или запрещают смертную казнь. В настоящее время она разрешена в 32 штатах, а также при преступлениях федерального значения и в военной законодательной системе. В число 18 штатов, в которых смертная казнь не предусмотрена законодательством, входит Висконсин, где она была отменена в 1853 году.

По данным за 2012 год в стране было приведено в исполнение 43 смертных приговора и еще 3.146 узников находятся в камерах смертников. В целом нельзя сказать, что в США смертная казнь применяется широко. За последние годы один смертный приговор выносился в среднем на каждые 700 убийств, совершенных при отягчающих обстоятельствах.

В связи с проблемой смертной казни часто возникает вопрос о ее зависимости от расовой принадлежности преступника. Такая зависимость не усматривается, если исходить из следующих данных. Со времени доступной статистики известно, что черные американцы составляли 41% приговоренных, а доля черных в населении страны составляет 12%. Начиная с 1976 года, из числа казненных, черные американцы составляли 34%. В этой связи следует отметить, что из осужденных по всем другим видам преступлений (и находящихся в тюрьмах) черные американцы насчитывают 47%. Вопрос о том почему вообще среди черных американцев уровень преступности выше (в пропорциональном отношении), чем среди белых, социально и исторически весьма сложен и здесь не рассматривается.

Методы приведения смертной казни в исполнение изменялись от штата к штату и с течением времени. Начиная с 1976 года наиболее распространен метод химической инъекции. С этого времени и по август 2012 года было казнено 1.304 человек, из которых 1.130 окончили жизнь в результате химической инъекции, а 157 умерли на электрическом стуле.

В 1995 году Верховный Суд США принял решение о том, что демонстрация по телевидению процедуры приведения смертной казни в исполнение является неконституционной и отменена.

За последние 20 лет общественное мнение в поддержку смертной казни, хотя и медленно, но снижается. Максимум поддержки приходился на 1994 год и равнялся 80%, а наиболее низкий уровень приходился на 1966 год и составлял 42%. В настоящее время эта цифра равна 63%. При этом неверно было бы применительно к проблеме исходить из того, что "если народ хочет, то так тому и быть".

В связи со сложностью, в т.ч. этической, в проблеме смертной казни существенно рассматривать не просто мнение миллионов людей, хотя и это очень важно. Имеет большое значение какие доводы, как за так и против, приводят различные общественные организации, так как за этим

обычно стоит большая работа для обоснования той или иной позиции. Многие религиозные организации, мнения которых отражают соответствующие философии, возражают против смертной казни, основываясь на моральных принципах. В таких организациях часто происходит раскол, при котором более консервативные группы поддерживают смертную казнь, а более либеральные возражают против нее. В то же время другие группы, такие как объединения баптистов, юридические организации, которые стоят на соблюдении буквы закона, группы защиты прав жертв преступлений, поддерживают смертную казнь. При этом некоторые юридические школы занимают такую позицию, что решения, которые выносятся по каждому индивидууму, нельзя примирить с отношением общества к соответствующим социальным меньшинствам.

Дискуссии по поводу правомерности смертной казни ведутся практически постоянно. Приведем перечень соображений, по которым противники и сторонники смертной казни строят свои доводы.

1. Моральность или аморальность смертной казни.
2. Конституционность или неконституционность смертной казни в связи с различиями в толковании закона.
3. Является или не является угрозой смертной казни сдерживающим фактором для лиц, склонных к преступлениям.
4. Имеет ли или не имеет общество право на возмездие за преступление.
5. Опасность совершения ошибки в случае неправомерного применения смертной казни.
6. Сопоставление затрат на смертную казнь по сравнению с затратами при пожизненном заключении.
7. Опасность принятия судом дискриминационных решений расового характера.
8. Опасность вынесения несправедливых судебных решений в зависимости от материального положения обвиняемого.
9. Зависимость принимаемых судебных решений от квалификации защитников сторон.
10. Противоречит ли клятве Гиппократова необходимость присутствия врача при исполнении смертного приговора.

К перечисленным соображениям необходимо добавить следующее. За период с 1973 года по настоящее время 142 смертника были либо оправданы, либо освобождены за недоказанностью обвинений. По этому поводу **противники смертной казни** подчеркивают как судебная система близко и опасно подошла к той черте, за которой принимаются ошибочные решения при вынесении смертного приговора. Они утверждают, что смертная казнь не является эффективным средством для предотвращения преступлений, содержит большой риск осуждения невиновных, является варварским по своему существу, непропорционально в большей степени воздействует на расовые мень-

шинства и бедных людей и ставит судебную систему в моральном смысле в то же положение, в котором находятся преступники, совершившие убийства. Еще одна деталь, стоимостная. Поскольку приговоренные к смертной казни используют для своего спасения все средства апелляции, которые очень дороги, то смертный приговор оказывается гораздо дороже для государства, чем приговор к пожизненному заключению.

Сторонники смертной казни обращают внимание на то, что статистика учитывает только смертников, оправданных по решению суда, при этом количество действительно невиновных может быть меньше. Они утверждают, что смертная казнь является сдерживающим фактором, улучшает жизнь общества путем исключения рецидивизма теми преступниками, к которым вынесен смертный приговор, повышает безопасность выживших жертв преступлений и является по своей сути справедливой.

Созданная в 1992 году при Университете Иешива в Нью-Йорке, так называемая организация Проект Невиновности, работает с тысячами осужденных к смертной казни с целью возможного их оправдания на основе проведения ДНК-тестирования. Проект разрабатывает также пути реформирования системы контроля преступлений с целью предотвращения несправедливых приговоров. Организация разработала научное обоснование того, что в судебной системе вынесение ошибочных приговоров не является изолированным или случайным явлением. В целом деятельность организации направлена на минимизацию количества ошибочных приговоров. Со дня основания организации с привлечением ДНК-тестирования были оправданы 18 приговоренных к смертной казни. В целом они провели в тюрьмах 229 лет, включая 202 года в камере смертников, по обвинению в преступлениях, которые не совершали.

Из этой краткой статьи видно насколько проблема смертной казни сложна и не может быть решена директивным путем, как это пытаются сделать сейчас некоторые страны. Для ее решения необходимы длительные социальные, психологические, биологические и другие исследования.



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Israel and the World

Israel, Netherlands Going Dutch on High-Tech

Israel and the Netherlands are pushing for greater collaboration between themselves in medical and scientific research in an effort to combine Dutch financial resources with Israeli know-how.

Under the title of "Healthcare Innovation Day, The Netherlands – Israel," held in Amsterdam last week, dozens of Israeli companies had a chance to impress Dutch business interests hoping to tap into Israeli brainpower.

Dutch electronics titan Royal Philips hosted the event at its company headquarters in Amsterdam.

"You cannot innovate by yourself," said

Bert Van Meurs, senior vice president of Philips Healthcare. "Innovation is all about cooperation."

The Israeli and Dutch economic affairs ministries, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, and the Israel Export and International Cooperation Institute organized the happening that included participants from high technology companies, universities, R&D centers and representatives from government agencies of both countries.

The full day of presentations and round table discussions focused on innovations for healthy aging. Israeli developers showed off an array of products from

smartphone applications to airbags designed to prevent hip fractures among the elderly.

The impetus for the event came last December during a meeting between Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during the first Netherlands-Israel Cooperation Forum.

Beyond the specific issue of healthcare for the elderly, officials expressed the interest the Israelis and the Dutch have in expanding cooperation, especially now that Israel has signed on to the European Union's Euro Horizon 2020 program, set to make some 80 billion Euros available for scientific research.

The day after the meeting in Amsterdam, the Office of the Chief Scientist at the Economy Ministry chose a joint venture by Teva Pharmaceuticals and Philips to operate an incubator aimed at developing pharmaceuticals and medical devices, particularly those that incorporate digital technologies.

Caspar Veldkamp, the Dutch ambassador to Israel, explained the benefit that Dutch and Israeli companies offer each other.

"We are economically strong, but we need innovation," he said. "We want to learn how they [the Israelis] do it."

The Netherlands, with its huge port at Rotterdam, is a European trade hub and has become the fifth largest trade partner with Israel behind the US, Britain, China and Turkey.

According to figures from the government-run Israel Export and International Cooperation Institute, exports to the Netherlands in 2013 came to \$2.1 billion, or 4.4 percent of Israel's total exports for the year.

The drive towards cooperation comes as boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) organizations are campaigning to punish Israel for its settlement policies.

Veldkamp spoke strongly against the BDS movement and its ability to disrupt ties between the two countries.

"BDS is on the fringes of society and politics," he told the Times of Israel, noting that last March, 75% of Dutch members of parliament voted in favor of a motion that their government should give "a demonstrable visible meaning to its relationship with Israel."

"I separate BDS from policy issues," he said. "Sometimes we [Israel and the Netherlands] disagree, and we don't hide that."

Haim Divon, Israeli ambassador to the Netherlands, explained that the Dutch gov-

ernment has a standoffish attitude when it comes to dealing with companies beyond the Green Line, Israel's pre-1967 armistice lines. Settlements are located in the land beyond the Green Line, which includes East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

"They don't encourage Dutch companies to deal over the Green Line, but they don't say it is illegal, either," Divon

said.

Veldkamp mused that Israeli business attitudes, which can seem abrasive to some, are similar to the Dutch way of making a deal.

"The bluntness makes us feel at home," he admitted. "But there is a mutual trust and a common method of communication."

Both Israel and the Netherlands are home to populations that enjoy high life expectancies, making them natural partners for tackling what is seen as a major challenge to healthcare in the not-too-distant future. Though people are living longer, they are having fewer children, resulting in a sharp change in the ratio of over-65-year-olds to those in the workforce between the ages of 15-65.

According to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, at the end of 2012, there were 833,000 people over the age of 65 living in Israel, a figure that represents about 10% of the total population. Among OECD countries, the average is 14.9%.

"The big issue is not that we can spend less than we do," noted Maya Leventer-Roberts, director of transitional policy at Clalit Health Service's research institute. "The real critical point is that there will be an explosion in our 65+ population and we will deal with it. If we don't invest in the elderly, they will cost more."

The event was an opportunity for participants to make an impression under the auspices of the Philips brand name, a matter of some pride to the Dutch.

"Philips is a magnet, a drawer of people," said Yossi Abu, founder and CEO of 3D Medical Simulation. Abu was invited to present his company's real-time monitoring system for thermal ablation procedures used for destroying tumors.

Abu said the opportunity to showcase his product was a success, though he admitted that Israel's reputation as a high-tech innovator that can solve anything has ballooned beyond what even the Israelis can produce.

"Many people were looking for technologies," he said, "but they overestimate a bit. We also struggle with the same problems that they do."



CRISIS IN ISRAEL

Crisis in Israel: JDC Responds

As rockets continue to be fired on Israel from Gaza, JDC's emergency response system has been activated and is ensuring the safety and well-being of the most vulnerable Israelis impacted by the escalating crisis. As we have so many times in the past, JDC stands shoulder to shoulder with all Israelis.

JDC's network of programs for elderly, people with disabilities, and youth in Israel's South have activated their emergency phone chains and have been regularly checking in on those they serve, ensuring their safety, and meeting their needs as the emergency continues:

- JDC's Day Centers for Elderly are in regular contact with seniors in Merhavim, Sdot Negev, and Beer Tuvia, and have already been delivering meals to the homebound and other elderly who rely on the Centers for hot meals.

- JDC's Better Together program for families in low-income neighborhoods is creating alternative recreational activities for children in the range of the rocket fire, with an emphasis on activities for children

who may have to endure extended stays in bomb shelters.

- JDC's Center for Young Adults in Sderot is welcoming children and families to utilize the "safe space" available at the facility, and young adult volunteers are developing activities to occupy the city's children, who due to the emergency cannot participate in the usual summer activities.

JDC is working closely with Israel's Ministries of Social Affairs and Social Welfare, Education, and Health; the Home Front Command; and the National Emergency Network. JDC's experience in responding to past emergency situations in Israel -- during the second intifada, the Second Lebanon War, the Carmel Fires disaster, and Operation Cast Lead -- is in place to ensure that support and assistance can be delivered quickly and effectively.

You can stay up to date with the developing situation on Facebook and Twitter.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Israel at this dangerous time.



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developing activities to occupy the city's children, who due to the emergency cannot participate in the usual summer activities.

Go to the Source: Websites about Israel

For questions on how to support Israel and information about what is happening, please contact our Israeli Shlichim: Racheli, Jewish Federation of Madison Shlichah at: Israel@JewishMadison.org and Mickey, UW Hillel Israel Fellow at: IsraelFellow@UWHillel.org

To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:

<http://www.JewishMadison.org>
<http://www.timesofisrael.com>
<http://www.ynetnews.com>
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Participants at the 'Day of Innovation for Healthcare for the Aged' that focused on medical technology cooperation between Israel and the Netherlands, Amsterdam, June 10, 2014. (photo credit: Bibi Neury, Photo Republic)

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west: Tough Summer Months

By RACHEL AND MICKEY AZIZ-KOMAR

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

By the time you read this month's article, many things may be different. Operation Protective Edge might be over, Israel and Gaza's civilians may have some quiet, the terror will be gone, or it might not.

We had a tough month in July that started with the three Israeli teenage boys who were kidnapped and murdered and the murder of a young Arab boy. Then hundreds of rockets sent 80% of Israeli citizens to bomb shelters and the civilians of Gaza were hurt by Israel's actions to stop the rocket fire. The fear, the injuries, and the death made this month an extremely violent and horrible one.

By the time you are reading this, I may already be a Mom or just on the way to be a first time Mommy to a baby Shaliach. A baby who will grow up in Israel, will live through its ups and downs, and he will need to learn fast the way life works in Israel. After living here for a year without needing to run to shelter for anything except tornados and without the fear of terrorism, it scares me to think about my baby growing up in Israel. I've learned so much about Israel and the world. Bringing up my child in the Middle East doesn't sound so appealing these days.

But even with all the fear in my heart, I know that I want to raise my family in Israel! It is a feeling that's hard to explain but because I grew up in Israel during crazy years of intifadas, wars, gas masks, shelters and sirens, bombs and terror attacks, I feel a connection and a loyalty to the place I call home. It's where I had the best childhood and adulthood I could ever ask for, I am happy and proud to be who I am and where I am from. That's what I want to give to my child. Confidence, maturity, and feeling that everything will be o.k. and we are safe. I want him to grow up proud to be an Israeli just as his parents are!

We want to thank this beautiful community for the support you have given us as the Israeli Shlichim and for the support you are providing to the people of Israel by making donations, ordering pizzas for Israeli citizens, sending messages of caring, calling us to check-in, and taking the time to learn and discuss to understand more about this complicated and difficult situation. And a big thank you to Nadav Shelef and all of the community members who attended the discussion he led.

Some highlights of this month:

We had different Israel activities in Camp Shalom Katan, Camp Shalom and Noar-Bogrim.



Our first Madison-Sovev Kinneret Partnership program came to Madison! We had 35 teens from Milwaukee, Israel and Madison visiting the capital, downtown Hillel, and most important creating relationships between Israelis and American Jewry. We hope to enroll more Madison teens next year!

We said goodbye to Ruchama, Tzvika, Ma'or and Shachar who went back to Israel. We will miss Ruchama's volunteering spirit and miss the kids' smiles in Gan Hayaed, Yonim and at Camp Shalom!

We started a book club based on the book *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit and we hope you enjoyed it! If you are interested in attending another one in the fall, please contact us.

We had an end of the year party for the Adult Hebrew class! If you want to enroll in next years' Hebrew class, please contact us.

We went to visit Madison kids from Camp Ramah and Camp Interlaken! We heard about their experiences and we gave them some kisses from home.



Standing with Israel this month.



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Jim Ripp

This is a free event open to the entire community, but dinner is limited to the first 275 people who RSVP. Attending the kickoff event implies commitment to donate to the 2014 Annual Tzedakah Campaign.



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