

JEWISH NEWS

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2014 Tzedakah Campaign: Still Time to Do Extraordinary Things Together!

Together we can do extraordinary things. But it will take ALL of us. Please consider doing one more act of kindness this year. Donate to the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Only donations mailed by December 31, 2014 are eligible for a tax deduction this calendar year. For this reason, we strongly encourage you to make your year-end gift right now. Of course, there is another reason to mail your gift as soon as you are able – the growing need for the services that the Jewish Federa-

tion of Madison provides.

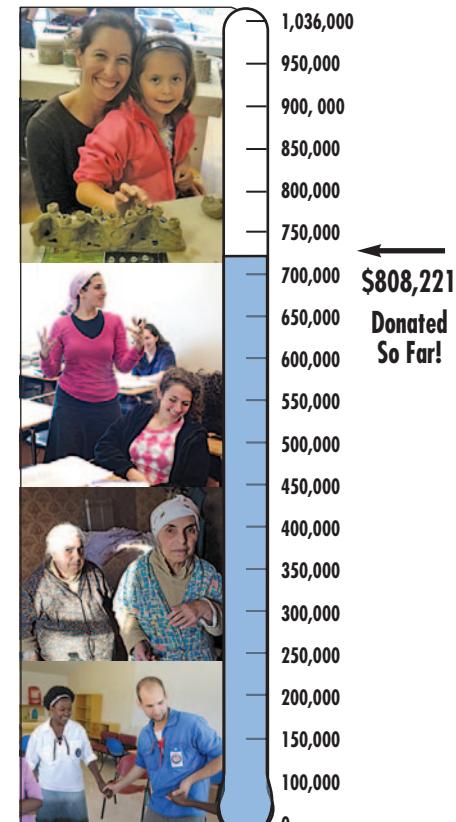
The difficult economic times we face have placed an unprecedented strain on resources. Many families and seniors in the Madison community are hurting. Although you may not see the need each day, it is real and it is urgent.

By making your most generous year-end gift now, you will help to ensure that the Jewish Federation of Madison has the essential funding needed as 2015 begins; funding to feed, clothe, comfort and rescue people in need. Funding to

inspire, educate and connect people to their Jewish identity. Funding to help the unemployed, to support families with special needs, and to ensure that the Jewish Federation of Madison will always be ready to rescue Jews in danger and respond to crisis locally and around the world.

Take a moment to think about the good you want to do in the coming year. Perhaps you have already made a donation, could you consider donating more? Think about those who are suffering and our duty to ease their burden. Then, make your gift and be sure to mail it by December 31, 2014.

The volunteer leadership of the Jewish Federation of Madison has set a goal of \$1,036,000. This will be a tough goal to reach. Please help us so that we can continue doing our good work.



Annual Meeting Report of the Executive Director

The following speech was given at the Annual Meeting on November 16, 2014 by Dina Weinbach, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Collaboration. Contribution. Continuity. Community.

These four words describe the work of the Federation. Our work is varied and broad, but it emanates from our mission established almost 75 years ago that still holds true today: To work toward building a strong and unified Jewish community in order to ensure the survival, well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in this area, in Israel and throughout the world. The Federation acts to develop the resources and create the initiatives required to support agencies, activities, services and programs which strive to fulfill this mission.

This past year has been filled with



Dina Weinbach. Photo by Diane Kravetz.

more than the usual challenges our people and community faces. When three Israeli teens were kidnapped and murdered, we joined in mourning with their families, Israel and the worldwide Jewish community. When Israelis ran for cover as over 4,300 rockets were fired from Gaza during 50 days of conflict, our community raised over \$35,000 – more than our fair share to provide psychological counseling, programs for children, and food and medicine for elderly unable to leave their homes. When trouble and military aggression broke out in Ukraine, we joined the JDC – the Joint Distribution Committee – to support projects that assist Ukraine's 30,000 Jews, many of whom are frail and living in poverty. With anti-Semitism rising in Europe, we called upon government officials through the Jewish Council of Public Affairs and the Jewish Federations of North America to forcefully decry it and aggressively take measures to protect our fellow Jews.

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Clowning Around in Madison With the Israeli Dream Doctors

On November 19 the Jewish Federation of Madison hosted our first Partnership2Gether program with the Israeli Dream Doctors, also known as Medical Clowns.

Medical Clowning is a new but highly respected profession in Israel. The medical community has worked collaboratively to ensure that Medical Clowns are integrated into all aspects of a patient's care. At their most professional, therapeutic clowns are respected complementary care providers who are able to articulate their role in

the care of the patients as integral members of the health care team. Medical clowning is becoming more and more common in other countries as well. They work to treat the patient as much as they treat the disease.

The Medical Clowns came to Madison to lead two programs. One was at UW Hospital and was well attended by hospital staff and members of the community at large. In the evening we hosted a dinner for the medical clowns, Community members and Midrasha

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The Dream Doctors: Shoshi, Hamutal, Dr. Hertzl, Dafna and Hagar.
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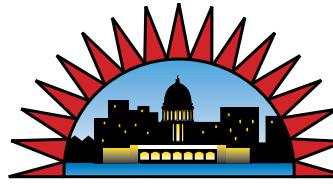


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The Jewish Federation of Madison website serves as the central information source for the entire Jewish community. More than 2,000 individuals visit jewishmadison.org each month. Members of other Jewish communities who are planning to move to Madison 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.

The screenshot shows the homepage of jewishmadison.org. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'About Us', 'CONNECT', 'LEARN', 'GIVE', 'Calendar', 'Community Directory', 'Camp Shalom', 'Goodman Campus', 'Madison Jewish News', and 'Contact Us'. Below the navigation, there's a banner for 'ZICHRONA LYRACHA' with a photo of a woman. To the right, there's a 'DONATE NOW' button and a section for the 'TODAH RABAH - THANK YOU!' campaign. Further down, there's a 'Community Calendar' section with a photo of two children, a 'Community Calendar' button, and a 'JEWISH FEDERATION' button. On the right side, there are logos for 'BMO', 'Harris Bank', 'rubin's', 'Madison Computer Works', and 'JEWISH NEWS'. A red starburst graphic on the right encourages potential sponsors to 'Become a sponsor today!'

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





See How Far Your Gelt Goes

While you and your family are at home lighting the menorah, the gelt you give to the Jewish Federation of Madison is also providing light. Brightening lives around the world.

Your gelt is bringing food and comfort to our elderly in Eastern Europe, trauma counseling to families in Southern Israel, Jewish education for children from Madison to Minsk to Mumbai. And much more.

Your gelt helps the vulnerable in our community in hundreds of cities and towns around the globe – as well as right here at home. So this Hanukkah, give what gelt you can to the Jewish Federation of Madison. It will brighten your holiday to see how far it goes.



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Susan Lipp presented the Ben Minkoff Award to Jordy Loeb at the October board meeting.

Zach Galin Receives Young Leadership Award



Zach Galin accepted the Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award from last year's recipients, Daniel Mitchell and Sasha Kerlow at the November Jewish Federation of Madison Annual Meeting. Photo by Diane Kravetz.

Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award Recipient

The Ben Minkoff Volunteer Leadership Award is named in memory of former Jewish Federation of Madison President and founder of Camp Shalom, Ben Minkoff. The recipient of this award must have a record of committed service to the Jewish Federation of Madison and the Madison Jewish community stretching over a period of time doing volunteer work beyond its usual definition. Traditionally, the identity of the award winner is kept secret, but this year the award was presented to Jordy Loeb at the October 21st Jewish Federation of Madison board meeting since he was unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

Jordy Loeb has a long history of involvement in the Jewish community both here and in other places he has lived. Those roots started with BBYO and Camp Interlaken JCC (that he attended for many years). He has a degree in Jewish Studies from the UW Madison, as well as a law degree, and his commitment to Judaism and Jewish life has continued since those early years. In his 20s, Jordy taught at Midrasha: Madison's Hebrew High School. He loved teaching there and was very committed to the program. Apparently students loved Jordy so much they still remember him when they have

met years later as adults and parents.

Jordy served on the Jewish Federation of Madison Board of Directors for many years. Committee and Panel involvement included the Gan HaYeled Committee, the Camp Shalom Committee, the Goodman Campus Committee, the Executive Advisory Committee and the Local Services Panel. In addition, he also helped with the Tzedakah Campaign.

At Beth Israel Center, Jordy was on the Executive Committee and then the Building Committee. After decades of trying to rebuild Beth Israel Center, he helped to make this a reality. He became the Chair of the Building Committee and helped raise enough money and support to finally make this dream come true. Jordy is now the President of Beth Israel Center and sits on the Board of the Jewish Federation of Madison once again.

One huge fan of our award winner said "I realize he is my husband, but I have never seen such sincere passion, such commitment and utter support from one man that has gone on for as long as I have known him...We met when I was nine!"

We are thrilled to present the 2014 Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award to Jordy Loeb.



Jordy surrounded by his family after receiving the Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award.

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Upcoming



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EVENTS



WINTER MACCABIAH

Winter Maccabiah: An Olympic style winter camp experience for kids in 2nd through 8th grade

December 29-31

Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona

The fun includes: Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Team vs. Team Competitions, Team Building Activities, Ruach (Spirit) Rallies, Coaches Competitions, Maccabiah Activity Marathon, and Vegetarian Pizza Party. Cost is \$120 (\$100 if registered and paid in full by Dec. 1, 2014). Fee includes bus transportation from specified stops, all activities, a daily snack, a tee shirt and a pizza lunch on the last day.

Registration is available online at: www.JewishMadison.org.

Contact Ellen Weismer for more information or with questions at program@jewishmadison.org or call 608-278-1808, ext. 4073.



Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) Playgroup

Free playgroup for children ages 0-2 and their caregivers. Kosher snacks provided. Tuesday, December 2, 9:30-11 a.m.

Contact Tiz Goff for location and to RSVP at: outreach@jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404.



Community Hanukkah Tzedakah Fair featuring a light dinner, sufganiyot, Havdalah, menorah lighting, Israeli dancing, tzedakah and crafts

Saturday, December 13, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street, Madison

Join the Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Gan HaYeled Preschool, Madison Jewish Community Day School, Temple Beth El and the entire Jewish community for Havdalah, Israeli dancing, and assorted tzedakah and craft activities.

Schedule of events:

5:30 p.m. Arrival and introductions

5:45 p.m. Havdalah led by the students from Madison Jewish Community Day School

5:55 p.m. Ceremonial lighting of the Hanukkah candles by the students from Gan HaYeled Preschool

6:00 p.m. Israeli dancing with the Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe

6:20 p.m. Tzedakah and Craft Fair Dairy Dinner with Hanukkah Treats

For questions or to volunteer at this event please contact Ellen Weismer at program@jewishmadison.org



Light It Up! The 21+ Hanukkah Party – Come enjoy latkes, drinks, trivia, dancing and more

Saturday, December 13, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison

The 21+ Hanukkah Party is one you don't want to miss. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Co-sponsored by Beth Israel Center, Shaarei Shamayim Young Adult Havurah, Jewish Federation of Madison, Temple Beth El's Madison's Jews' Next Dor, and UW Hillel Grad Plus.

RSVP at: <https://uwhille.wufoo.com/forms/light-it-up/>

Questions? Email Lily at lnagydeak@uwhillel.org



Hebrew Playgroup: A play group for Hebrew-speaking families with young children (newborn-4)

Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Rotating locations as desired by the group, including homes, parks, or other public spaces. This will be an entirely Hebrew-speaking environment intended to support the language development of our children, giving them exposure to Hebrew in an enriching, semi-structured group setting. In addition to play, the meetings will include Hebrew story time and sing-alongs! If you are interested in participating, please email: Aviv at avivkammay@gmail.com or Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org

Café Ivrit (Hebrew Café)

Café Ivrit is an informal and friendly way to improve your conversational Hebrew, meet new people and enjoy a cup of coffee along the way. Starting Nov. 5, every alternate Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the shlichim's house, downtown. Please contact Racheli for more information: israel@jewishmadison.org



Are you an adult who is interested in learning Hebrew? Would you like to learn conversational skills? Now is your chance!

Join Racheli Komar-Aziz, our community Shilcha (Israel Program Coordinator), for an adult Hebrew class.

When: Beginners, Mondays, 6-7 p.m.; Advanced, Mondays, 7-8 p.m.

Where: The Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Fee: \$18 (Scholarships available)

Please contact Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org with questions. Register online at www.jewishmadison.org

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Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award Presented to Faygie Matusof

Editor's note: The following words were shared by Faygie Matusof after receiving the Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award.

Thank you. I am extremely touched and honored to be the recipient of the Andrea Stein award. Andrea was always seeking to unite the community. She had a passion for Judaism which she shared with everyone she knew. I

accept the award on behalf of Chabad of Madison and of Chabad in general.

The award states it is for Jewish community outreach. I checked the definition of outreach; it was the extent or length of reaching out. I'll share a little secret with you – I was raised on the teachings of the Rebbe, and was taught that no Jew is outside. Every Jew is in. So it is Inreach that we do – helping each person use their own mind to

awaken their heart and connect with their G-dly soul. Take the case of the man who wrote to the Rebbe that he was involved in outreach – bringing close those who are distant. The Rebbe responded: No Jew is distant. Every Jew is a beloved child of G-d.

The award also mentions it is for action that best serves Klal Yisrael. How do you define Klal Yisrael? Let's use the analogy of a Torah scroll to explain. A Torah scroll contains many letters, each handwritten in black ink on parchment. If a single letter is missing or deformed, the entire scroll is unfit for use. Every Jew is a letter in G-d's scroll. The people of Israel comprise a single, interdependent entity. Another important law regarding the Torah scroll is that each of its letters must be ringed by a blank strip of parchment. Should a letter touch its fellow even by a hair,

thereby violating the white space between them, again, the entire scroll is disqualified from use. Often, a strong sense of community and communal mission obscures the differences between its members, blurring them to a faceless mass. Says the Torah; true, my hundreds of thousands of letters spell a single integral message. But this message is comprised of hundreds of thousands of voices, each articulating it in its own particular manner and medium. To detract from the individuality and uniqueness of one is to detract from the integrity of the collective whole. Klal Yisrael consists of both the community and the individual.

Thank you again for this great honor. I am certain it will only enhance our efforts, and with G-d's help, we will continue to serve this community for years to come.

Gary Friedman Recognized for 25 Years of Service

The award to Gary Friedman was presented at the Jewish Federation of Madison Annual Meeting on November 16.

Gary Friedman, who has been a dedicated member of the Jewish Federation of Madison Board of Directors since 1988, received special recognition at the Annual Meeting on November 16th. Gary has been instrumental as chair of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee since the 1990s and invaluable when it came to reviewing our annual audit, setting up accounts for stock transfers, and overseeing all of our financial operations. Gary has been a steadfast, reliable board member whom we all have trusted for over 25 years. He listens carefully and comments when it matters most. He has always represented the voice of reason. His judgment is impeccable and our Jewish community owes him a great debt of gratitude. Thank you Gary for your distinguished service to the Jewish Federation of Madison.



Gary Friedman was recognized for his distinguished service to the Jewish Federation of Madison. His award was presented by Jewish Federation of Madison President James Stein. Photo by Diane Kravetz.



Faygie Matusof is the first recipient of the Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award, presented by Jewish Federation of Madison President James Stein. Also pictured is Faygie's husband, Rabbi Yona Matusof. Photo by Diane Kravetz.

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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel tov on the birth of:

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Mazel Tov on the marriage of:

Raphael Kadushin and Thomas McGhee

Condolences to the families of:

Leonard Goldman, grandfather of Geri (Stacy) Goldman; and **Herbert Starky**, father of Michael (Deborah) Klein, grandfather of Rachel and William Klein.

Lester Pines Receives Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award at November's Annual Meeting

The Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award was presented to Lester Pines at the Annual Meeting on November 16.

As the most recent recipient of the Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award, I have the honor tonight to present this award to a very deserving individual. Our Awardee has been selected by a Committee comprised of past recipients of this Award. It is the tradition to keep secret the name of the Honoree until the very last moment. This year the Selection Committee has gone to great lengths to keep secret not only the identity of our recipient, but also that the Award is even being given, since this Award is not presented every year. I hope the Committee has been successful in keeping this secret, and that our Awardee will be surprised.

Established in 1974, the Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award is named in memory of former Jewish Federation of Madison President Alex Temkin. The recipient of this award is to have a long and committed record of service to the Jewish Federation of Madison, stretching over many years, serving as chair of several major committees, involvement as an officer and Board member, and involvement in leadership positions in the campaign. The recipient should have demonstrated outstanding service in special, innovative or emergency programs. The recipient should be generally respected and recognized as a community leader. There is no question the individual we honor tonight meets these criteria and more.

Our honoree grew up in St. Louis with Jewish education being an important part of his life. He was very active in AZA, not only locally, but moving into leadership regionally and nationally and traveling to Israel.

His parents had a huge influence on him. His father, a dentist, ended up having to flee his home in the Dominican Republic within 24 hours because of speaking out against the then dictator, Rafael Trujillo. His grandparents had immigrated to the Caribbean in the late 1800's, escaping religious persecution in Lithuania. From his father, he learned to always stand up for what you believe, even if it meant challenging those in power. From his mother, who was very active in Jewish volunteer

work, he learned about Jewish community service. Based on these roots, his future career path may not surprise you.

During high school our award winner thought of becoming a rabbi, but during the political climate of the 1960's, he decided to pursue other, though related, social justice interests. He came to the University of Wisconsin in 1968, funded in part through a scholarship in communal Jewish life from the JCC of St. Louis. Through this scholarship and thinking he would become a social worker, he was placed at Neighborhood House, Madison's first settlement house. There he was a youth worker, and he happened to meet his future wife. After majoring in history, he ultimately decided to go to law school at the UW.

Our honoree married in 1971 and has lived in Madison ever since, where his two daughters were raised. He has been in private practice since 1975 and is a Senior Partner at a highly respected law firm where he leads the litigation department. He has appeared in courts throughout Wisconsin and has litigated matters in federal district and appeals courts in several states, in wide ranging areas of the law. He has argued many important cases before the Wisconsin Supreme Court involving major state policy issues, including collective bargaining, voter ID, women's reproductive health and marriage equality.

It must be obvious by now that our award winner is Lester Pines.

Lester takes responsibility for Tikkun Olam and "repairing the world" very seriously and he is particularly passionate about standing up for the powerless in protecting their constitutional and civil rights.

Lester has been on the Jewish Federation Board of Directors since the 1980's, including having served as President from 2007-2010. He is currently on the Executive Committee, the Local Services and Agencies Panel, the Administration and Personnel Panel, and the Budget and Planning Committee. He has been a member and chair of the Community Relations Committee, through which he led the successful effort before the Madison Common Council against naming the city of Rafah as a Madison Sister City. He has also been a campaign volunteer, a member of the Nominating Committee, and he was a participant in the 2005 Jewish Federation of

Madison Israel Mission.

Despite his stellar career and many impressive accomplishments as a lawyer, to his great credit Lester has kept it all in perspective. In a cover story feature appearing in a 2012 edition of the *Capitol Times*, Lester emphasized that "My career as a

lawyer pales in comparison to my being a father...My greatest accomplishments are my daughters, and I share that achievement with my wife."

It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the 2014 Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award to Lester Pines.



Jim Youngerman, left, presented the Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award to Lester Pines. Photo by Diane Kravetz.

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Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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Shabbat Evening Potluck

Friday, December 5, 6:00 p.m.

Please call the office for location

Celebrate Shabbat in community and join us for our monthly potluck in a

member's home. Children are welcome. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Introduction to Jewish Meditation and Chanting

Saturday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Please call office for the location

Join us for Havdalah, meditation, and chanting. Please bring a dessert or a healthy treat to share.

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, December 13, 27, see below for times

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.

Young Family Havurah – Tot Playgroup

Sunday, December 7, 9:45-11:30 a.m.

Center for Families

2120 Fordem Avenue

Looking for Jewish community for you and your little ones? Check out Shaarei Shamayim's new young family havurah (group). This is for parents and their children, ages 0-5. At this event we'll sing songs, tell a story, and play. It's a great opportunity to meet other par-

ents and find community. Stay tuned for Tot Shabbat and other programs.

Come Light the Menorah: Celebrate Hanukkah with Shaarei Shamayim

Wednesday, December 17, 5:30 p.m.

First Unitarian Society

900 University Bay Drive

Gather in the early evening for a festive meal, followed by singing and games for all ages. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Beth Israel Center

Our major renovation and nine-month "camping" trip is nearly over. If all goes according to plan, by the time you read this issue of *Madison Jewish News*, we will be moving into our newly renovated synagogue at the corner of Mound and Randall. Please be patient with us in early December, as we will be between offices, closing up our downtown location around Thanksgiving weekend and opening up

our new office as soon as we have our occupancy permit — anticipated in early December.

Our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, will continue to have where-to-find-us information, and our phone number will remain 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.

From our December calendar and all at 1406 Mound Street!

Shabbat Dinner – The First Post-Renovation!

Friday, December 12

Check the Beth Israel Center website for menu and pricing information. Kabbalat Shabbat services begin at 5:45. Dinner follows.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, December 14, 10:00am

Come experience preschool family education at its finest! Yom Rishon is a theme-based program including art, movement, music, stories, and projects. There will also be some further learning on each session's topic for parents and other adults who accompany the children.

Put all the 2014/15 dates on your calendar: December 14, February 1, March 1, April 12, and May 10. Attendance at all sessions is not required. Come when you can! Questions? Contact Beth Copelovitch, education@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763.

Hanukkah Party

Thursday, December 18, 5:45 p.m.

Come enjoy a casual dinner of warm soup and latkes along with dreidle games and other family fun. All are welcome! Cost is \$10 per person, \$6 for children

under 5. RSVP to office@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763.

Tefila Class with Rabbi Ben-Gideon

December 7 and 14, 9:20 a.m.

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon leads a series of Sunday morning discussions about prayer. This class will focus on getting more out of individual prayer and communal services. While these sessions are open to all, they may be of particular interest to parents of Talmud Torah students, especially those who feel their children may already know more than they do.

Shabbat Morning Services

Every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

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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, and we welcome prospective members to participate in programs and activities. Please contact Heidi Lauhon, Executive Director, at 608-238-3123 or executive director@templebethelmadison.org for membership information.

Our office will be closed on December 25, 2014 and will close at 2pm on December 31.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, December 5, 7:15 p.m.
Taste of India Restaurant
2623 Monroe Street, Madison

We meet for dinner on the first Friday of the month. This month, we're staying right in the neighborhood. Join us at the Taste of India, at 7:15 PM. Choose from chicken, beef or vegetarian dishes, spicy or not spicy. Before dinner at 5:30, everyone is invited to join us at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, for a pre-service Oneg Shabbat nosh. Services begin at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Potluck, Havdalah & Game Night

Saturday, December 6, 5:30pm
Potluck Congregational Dinner

Please bring a dish to share without pork or shellfish. Please refrain from mixing dairy and meat in the same dish. Temple will provide paper goods and drinks. 6:30pm Havdalah followed by game night Please bring games to share and play. All generations welcome. RSVPs appreciated to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

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Film Showing: The Line

**Wednesday, December 10
6:30pm-8:30pm**

As the final film in Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, Economic Justice Film Festival, the Temple Beth El Social Action invites you to a viewing of The Line. The film tells the stories of 3 people in different parts of the country, each of whom lives at or below the poverty line. They are people like you & me, but various circumstances have conspired to bring them to or keep them in poverty. UW Professor Anna Haley Lock, nationally recognized expert in low-wage and low-skilled workers & income inequality, will speak after the film. Event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Tots and Tunes

**Sunday, December 14
9:30am-10:30am in the Adult Lounge**

Fun for all children newborns to 5 year olds!!!

There will be singing, crafts, challah & juice. Come hang out with leaders Lynn R., Karin H. and Kenny L. as they teach the tots about Hanukkah through songs and crafts!

Mitzvahs & Miracles: A Hanukkah Extravaganza

Sunday, December 14, 12:15

Join us for lunch, mitzvah projects and Hanukkah crafts for children and adults. All ages welcome. The mitzvahs and miracles begin after the school wide service that morning. This free event is brought to you by the Temple Beth El Program Committee. Donations towards lunch will be accepted. Please RSVP by Friday, December 5, 2014 to Aleeza Hoffert, at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608.238.3123. Register online by noon, Friday, December 12.

begin at 7:15pm Snacks provided.

Please see description of the film in the Kesher Israel Film Series article of the *Madison Jewish News*.

Singles Creating Community Coffee Clutch

**Friday, December 19 at 9am
EVP Coffee: 555 South Midvale Boulevard, Madison
(by Sequoia Library)**

Enjoy a cup of joe with your Singles Creating Community friends.

Shabbat Hanukkah Latke Throwdown

**Friday, December 19
5:30pm Dinner
7pm Jovial Shabbat Service with the T'filah Band
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Dinner reservations required, including Challah, Lemon Chicken or Veggie Mediterranean Stuff Peppers, Latkes, Sufganiyot (Jelly donuts), Salad, and more. \$15 for ages 13 & up; \$10 for youth 3-12; free for tots 3 & younger Latke Throwdown - staff and congregants will compete for whose latke reigns supreme. Everyone will get to enjoy the latkes along with our latke toppings bar. To enter the Throwdown or for more details, contact Aleeza Hoffert program@templebethelmadison.org or 608.238.3123. Register online by noon, Friday, December 12.

Chinese Food & Double Feature

**Wednesday, December 24
5pm, Brave
7pm, Chinese Food Dinner
8pm, Frisco Kid**

\$6/person RSVP by Wednesday, December 17. Register online or to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608.238.3123. Bring your blankets and pillows and snuggle up for movie night at Temple Beth El. Come for one or both films and dinner. We'll have snacks during the movies and we're bringing in a yummy Chinese food dinner from Hong Kong Café.

Thou Shall Retreat: Temple Beth El Congregational Retreat

**Friday evening, January 16 through Sunday morning, January 18, 2015 (MLK Weekend)
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Center for Jewish Studies Welcomes Gary Zola for Kutler Lectures

BY CATHERINE BONESHO

The George L. Mosse/Laurence A. Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies hosted Professor Gary P. Zola of Hebrew Union College in early November for the Stanley Kutler lecture "He Was Just Like One of Us – Lincoln and American Jewry." Professor Zola recently finished his book *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry*, which describes the relationships of American Jews and the sixteenth President of the United States. In his work, Zola discusses the strong influence of Abraham Lincoln on the Jewish community after Lincoln's assassination, and how Lincoln gained his reputation in the Jewish community.

According to Zola, American Jews expressed profound gratitude and respect for "Father Abraham." One of the reasons

for these feelings towards Lincoln was that he was the very first American President to publically and privately fraternize with Jews and use their businesses. In Lincoln's Illinois and the wider Midwest there was a boom in the population of immigrants, especially those from central Europe. Jewish immigrants recall how Lincoln frequented their businesses where he would buy products including collar buttons and photographs during his campaigns. Moreover, some of Lincoln's relationships with Jews were not merely superficial; indeed, Abraham Lincoln and Abraham Jonas, a Jew living in Quincy, IL were close both personally and politically.

Perhaps more significant to discussion of Lincoln's relationship to American Jews was Lincoln's personal commitment to the civil rights of American Jews.

In 1861 Congress passed the provisions at the beginning of the Civil War to appoint only Christian ordained ministers as chaplains in the Union Army. In response, Rabbi Arnold Fischel traveled to Washington to lobby Lincoln to change the congressional order. Lincoln was convinced of the troubling effects of the congressional provision and was able to persuade Congress to allow Jews to serve as military chaplains to Jewish soldiers. The first Jewish chaplain of the Union Army was appointed in 1862.

In December 1862, Ulysses S. Grant issued General Order No. 11, which sought to expel the Jews from his military territory, which included parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky. The orders were designed to stop illegal trade in the region, but the language did

not specify peddlers, and the result was that entire Jewish communities had 24 hours to leave the region. According to Zola, this is the only known time in American history that the Jews were banned from a specific area. Once a Jewish immigrant told Lincoln of the order, Lincoln immediately called for the revocation of Grant's order, allowing Jews to return to the area.

The Jewish community was won over by Lincoln's actions and many viewed Lincoln as a hero after his assassination. He became known as "Father Abraham" and his influence continued long after his death.

Zola's lectures were made possible through the generosity of Stanley and Sandra Kutler.

Kesher Israel Film Series

JELLYFISH is the third movie in this series of four sponsored by Temple Beth El.

"JELLYFISH is a richly imaginative portrait of three very different women emotionally adrift in Tel Aviv....The film explores Israeli frames of mind in a unique fashion—remarkably apolitical and boldly atmospheric, buoyed by charming touches of magical realism..."

Kesher Israel Film Series includes:

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.

JELLYFISH is a witty and warm reflection on making connections and confronting destiny in a deconstructed urban landscape." Who, we wonder, is that little child emerging from the sea?

JELLYFISH will be shown Wednesday, December 17th, 2014, at Temple Beth El in the lounge. Our doors open at 7:00pm, and the movie starts at 7:15pm. We have snacks, a variety of hot and cold drinks, and good schmoozing time before the show. Movies are followed by lively and informative discussions.

The film runs 78 minutes, was produced in 2007, was a winner at the Cannes film festival, and while not rated, would be best appreciated by adults.



Three birthday girls at gym class!



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Hebrew spelling with magnets in our K-1 class.



MJCDS in Pictures!

Friends take a break from working on an autobiography project.

Future Directions Group Met with Community Rabbis

The Jewish Federation of Madison is lucky to have so many strong future leaders in our community. Every other year we invite a group of those leaders to participate in Future Directions, a young leadership development group. This year, the group has more than 20 participants who have met several times for Shabbat dinner, to learn about how JFM supports the local community and the Jewish community overseas, and to discuss hot topics in the Jewish community. At the end of October the group had a chance to meet with several of the rabbis in our community. The panel consisted of Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, Rabbi Joshua Ben Gideon, Rabbi Avremel Matusof and Rabbi Andrea Steinberger. They were joined by Dawn Berney, a long-time member and past president of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. The panel answered an assortment of questions about their congregations, communities, philosophies and the Jewish community today. The program wrapped up with an interactive discussion about some of the hot topics for the local Jewish community in Madison. We are fortunate to have a group of strong future leaders who are passionate about the strength and continuity of the Jewish community!

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Oh what a night! The Jewish Federation of Madison organized a team for trivia night at Quaker Steak & Lube in Middleton on Monday, November 10th. It was a blast.

Trivia Night is a free event hosted every Monday night from 7pm to 9pm at

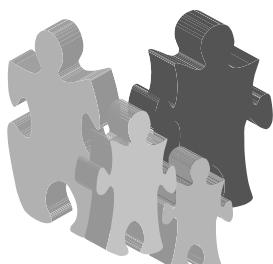


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Quaker Steak & Lube. The trivia categories ranged from sports to movies to pop culture. Our unique team name, "Team 8," was comprised of new and established community members ready to win! The competition was apparent, as the bar was packed. It also appeared that we were competing against teams who weren't novices. While we did not win first, second or even third place, we did win new friendships and connections to our wonderful Jewish community. Practice makes perfect, and "Team 8" needs you.

Trivia Night will be a community event again, so please join us! The more brain power we have, the more likely we are to get the questions right!! For more information, please contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org or (773) 620-4404.



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Happy Hannukah!

Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly An Inspiring Event

We are all still buzzing from the amazing energy we felt at this year's General Assembly last month. From knockout speakers and packed ses-

sions to great sharing of best practices through breakout sessions, we walked away inspired and full of ideas to bring back to our community.



Our group surrounds Natan Sharansky, one of the most famous former Soviet refusniks and an Israeli politician, author and human rights activist. Mr. Sharansky is also the Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel.



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The Jewish Federation of Madison is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with the Foundation for Jewish Camp to bring the One Happy Camper program to Madison. If you have a camper in grades 2nd-12th they may be eligible for a grant to attend Jewish overnight camp for the first time.

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The JFM One Happy Camper Program provides grants to encourage children to attend overnight Jewish camp for the first time. It is not a scholarship fund and is not need-based. Our goal is to engage families who are considering sending their children to Jewish overnight camp and, in effect, to give them up to \$1,000 off their camp fees to try a Jewish one.

The following outlines the eligibility criteria for this program:

- \$1,000 grants awarded to first-time campers attending camp for 19 or more consecutive days, \$700 for campers attending 12-18 consecutive days.
- If camper attended camp in the summer of 2014 for 12-18 days as a first time camper and was NOT eligible for an incentive grant, s/he is still eligible for the grant if attending camp for 19 or more consecutive days.
- First time camper must be entering grades 2-12 (after camp).
- Camper must attend one of the 150+ non-profit, Jewish, overnight camps listed on the Foundation for Jewish Camp's website (www.OneHappyCamper.org/FindaCamp).

Note: This program is an outreach initiative for children who are not currently receiving an immersive, daily Jewish experience. As such, children who attend Jewish day school or Yeshiva are not eligible for this program. If your child is not eligible and/or are interested in learning about financial-needs based grants or other camper funding opportunities please visit www.JewishCamp.org/Scholarships, contact your camp, or the contact person listed at the bottom of this page.

If you need additional assistance, please call Ellen Weismer (608) 278-1808.

ultimate challah extravaganza.

On Thursday evening, October 30th, 180 women from every demographic of the greater Madison Jewish community met for a history-making "Mega Challah Bake." The event, sponsored by Chabad of Madison, was graciously hosted by Jonathan and Susan Lipp at Full Compass Systems.

Mushkie Matusof, one of the event organizers, explained through Kabbalistic teachings how every ingredient used in the making of challah reflects a different foundation of spiritual energy and blessing.

"Sugar represents kindness. We think about adding sweetness to our personal relationships with family and friends. Yeast represents the pride in who we are as Jewish women, with the confidence to stand strong in our beliefs."

In addition to baking challah to be eaten at the Shabbat table, the women separated a small portion of the dough (also called challah) to be burnt in accordance with the mitzvah of tithing (known as "taking" of challah). Taking challah is a reminder that whatever the Jewish people are given is not for their use alone but can be elevated to the service of G-d.

The event was held in memory of Andrea Stein, OBM. Andrea was a good friend to many and an inspiration to all who knew her. She was full of life, joy and

positivity, and we know she would have appreciated the positive energies that filled the halls that night.

Many of the participants noted that the incredibly well organized, elegant evening was also very spiritual. It was simply an amazing experience.

As Suzanne Wolf wrote after the event, "The evening was a beautiful experience bringing together Jewish women from all corners of Andrea's life. I'm sure Andrea was looking down kvelling at all the special people who filled her life, the Jewish community and her family."

And in the words of Lisa Rosenstock, "The Mega Challah Bake was a lovely evening, especially since it brought together the interests and enjoyments of what Andrea cherished, baking challah and building Jewish community. The turnout was magnificent and provided a chance for all those in attendance to meet new people, just as Andrea always enjoyed doing. We all learned new recipes and different ways to braid challah, which was a treat for everyone. What a beautiful event!"

A big thank you to Susan and Jonathan Lipp for hosting, all the dedicated volunteers, Woodman's and Metcalfes' for their donations, all the donors that helped cover the budget, and everyone that participated in this meaningful event! This was a first for Madison, but with such powerful unity, we won't let it be the last.



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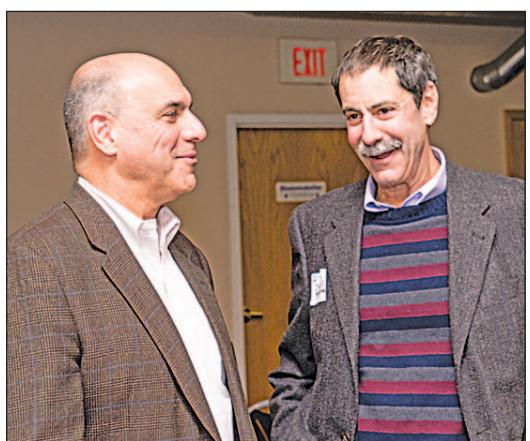
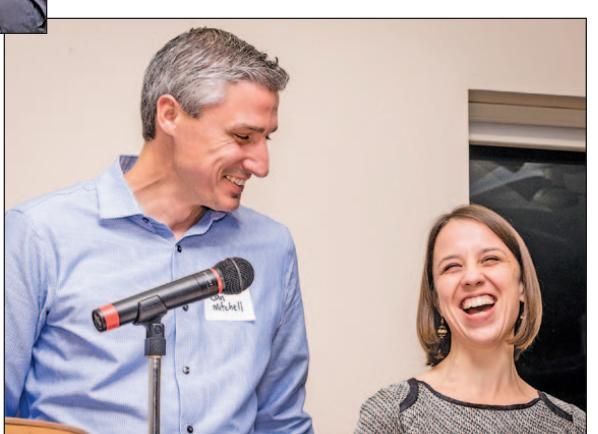
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Scenes from the 2014 Annual Meeting





Annual Meeting

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The General Assembly, the conference of the Jewish Federations of North America, took place this past week in Washington DC. I was so pleased and privileged to attend with five others from Madison and four from Milwaukee. The theme was "The World is our Backyard" and as Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks said, "It's a mess." He was right, it is a mess! However, we believe that *kol Yisrael arevim ze lazeh*, that all Jews are responsible for one another. It may sound like a cliché, it is not. It might sound repetitive, it is. We remind ourselves that there is one Jewish world, that we put our values into action as we work *together* to repair and strengthen our community here and around the world. We are part of something so much bigger than ourselves. There are always problems and what may seem like insurmountable challenges, and there always will be, yet we are part of a collective and our success is based on the ability to act together.

While recognizing our challenges, we can also take time to celebrate our success. During the past year, the Jewish Federation of Madison has accomplished a lot. After a business plan was created in 2013 for the Weinstein Building and Goodman Campus, which was funded by the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation, the **Weinstein Building Headquarters Committee** was established and has been expertly co-chaired by Eric Schwartz and Joe Shumow. The committee has been meeting throughout the year to develop a plan for the future of the building. The **Goodman Campus Committee**, expertly chaired by Joel Minkoff, has been meeting throughout the year to reevaluate the original Master Plan and to update it. Both committees are developing a plan to present to the Board of Directors.

The Goodman Foundation has been a true partner and supporter of many of the projects carried out by the Jewish Federation of Madison. They have our utmost gratitude and appreciation for their consistent and generous ongoing support.

Last spring, Federation President Jim Stein created the **Jewish Congregations Community Leadership Committee**, which includes the Rabbis, Presidents and Executive Directors of the congregations. This committee has helped promote a new era of collaboration along with open and honest communication between all groups.

For the first time, the Madison Jewish community has a **Community Out-**

reach Coordinator funded by designated generous donations. Tiz Goff was hired for this exciting new position. Since she started, she has met with nearly 100 people who are new to Madison or who want to learn more about the Jewish community. Her primary charge is to connect and engage individuals and families with the many opportunities available to live Jewishly in the Madison area. The outreach and education she provides have been wonderful. In addition, she started a **Yad B'Yad** (caregiver/parent & baby) group which now has 41 members, and a New Volunteer Corps with 25 volunteers who are matched with newcomers so they can get to know each other and learn about Jewish life in Madison. As one newcomer said to me, "Every community needs a Tiz."

Launched this past year as well, was the **Passport to Jewish Life** program. Nearly \$20,000 in **Passport Grants** was distributed to members of the Jewish community. Thanks to designated generous private donations, this exciting program was aimed at engaging community members in the wonderful programs the Madison-area Jewish community has to offer if they had not been involved before. Applicants were eligible for up to \$500 to be used for tuition or fees at Madison-area Jewish programs.

Since September of 2013, the Jewish Federation of Madison **Innovation Panel** has distributed \$55,030 for twelve innovative proposals from community groups and organizations. The goal was to inspire our community and challenge ourselves to be creative and forward thinking. The Innovation Panel strives to identify and invest in creative, innovative programs and organizations that have the potential for community impact in the Madison area.

In the spring of 2014, the Jewish Federation of Madison joined Milwaukee, Tulsa and St. Paul in partnering with the Sovev Kinneret region in Israel as part of the **Partnership Together (P2G)** program. P2G is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel and has become the paradigm for successfully partnering 550 global Jewish communities directly with 45 Israeli communities – the majority of which are in national priority areas. Communities share ideas, strengths, challenges and models of success; and empower one another to generate waves of change. But the impact of these projects goes far beyond the community level – each of us has the opportunity to

become directly and personally involved. I hope you can join us this Wednesday for our first program when we welcome the Sovev Kinneret Medical Clown Delegation to Madison.

New this fall, Federation introduced **One Happy Camper**. In partnership with the Foundation for Jewish Camping, the Federation made available up to \$1,000 for children to attend a Jewish resident camp for the first time. Much of the literature on the proven approaches for a powerful impact on Jewish identity point to Jewish resident camp experiences for young people. The Federation is proud to be a part of this program.

JewishMadison.org has a new look. Anne Shlimovitz, our creative and knowledgeable Online Communications Manager, spent months developing and polishing the appearance, accessibility, and content of our website. Anne has extensive skills and experience in social media and has been a great asset in helping us improve our social media presence. We thank our Web sponsors, BMO Harris Bank, Rubin's Furniture, and Madison Computer Works, that supported the website this past year.

A new group of 21 **Future Directions** participants, the leadership program of the Jewish Federation of Madison, started last spring. They are halfway through the program and have already attended sessions on the history of Jewish Madison, Jewish life in Madison with a panel of community Rabbis, and the work of the Jewish Federation of Madison. These participants represent a part of the continuity of this Jewish community and we welcome them.

While I am proud to highlight these nine **new** initiatives for the Federation, it is important to reiterate they are the new initiatives during the past year. Our long standing programs including Gan HaYeled, Midrasha, Camp Shalom, Family Education, the Jewish Business & Professionals Roundtable, *Madison Jewish News*, Community Relations, to name but a few, continue to flourish as well.

We are thrilled to continue our support of five outstanding local agencies: Jewish Social Services, UW Hillel, the Madison Jewish Community Day School, UW Chabad, and the Wisconsin Jewish Conference; four national organizations: the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, HIAS and the Jewish Labor Committee; and two overseas agencies: the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

While only highlighting a small sampling of the work of this amazing organization, we also recognize that it takes time, talent, energy and passion to do our work. We are fortunate to have amazing volunteers and an expert staff. We allocate our resources judiciously. And, yes, sometimes we find that we have to make decisions that we do not want to make for the simple reason that insufficient funding means we cannot do all we need and want to do.

Our 2013 campaign ended at \$1,011,000. This year, the 2014 Campaign started with \$66,000 in known losses. We have six weeks remaining of our campaign to reach our \$1,036,000 goal. Like last year, we have a fabulous, determined group of volunteers, including the Financial Resource Development Committee led by Marc Shovers, with co-Vice Chairs Dan Mitchell and Beth Schreiber, who are committed to helping us reach our goal. We also have a fabulous Financial Resource Development Director, Lynn Kaplan, who brings great energy and creativity to our organization.

Rozan Anderson, our extremely talented Campaign Assistant and Database Manager, keeps us organized and updated throughout the year. And, of most importance, we have a generous and amazing community of donors.

At this point, we are 76% of the way to our goal. If you have already made your pledge to the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign, thank you. If you already made your pledge and would like to increase it – now is the time. If you have not made your pledge yet, today would be great. Thank you.

I am very excited that the Endowment Committee was recently reconstituted with Rob Roquitte chairing the effort. It is a talented committee that is working on a planned giving program for our community. We look forward to sharing more details as they develop.

No report could capture the daily work of the Jewish Federation of Madison and the hundreds of volunteers who comprise it. Jim Stein has served as President for the past year and has excelled above and beyond since the day he began his term. His passion, time and energy that he has devoted to this volunteer position has been both impressive and inspiring. I said last year that Jim is a tireless, dedicated volunteer whose passion for Jewish life and a strong Jewish community is contagious. He continues to exemplify these qualities. His vision, hard work and extraordinary leadership have already shaped the Madison Jewish community during his first year; I join with all of you here today in pledging our support during his second term as our President.

In addition to having an amazing and committed volunteer network, our community is privileged to have an equally wonderful and committed Federation staff. I am fortunate to work with a fabulous professional team. They are smart, hard-working, caring, and supportive.

While I have already mentioned a few staff members, it is important to thank the others who share in the duties of our organization (please stand when I say your name): Lynne Ballesta, Administrative Assistant; Ari Davidson, Director of Camp Shalom; Lisa Friend-Kalupa, Director of Camp Shalom Noar Bogrim; Svetlana Govorukha, Finance Director; Mickey and Rachel Komar Aziz, Community Shlichim; Rachel Sauer, Director of the Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool; Mollie Martin, Ann Wanless, Romy Arenson, Laura Felz, Jerri McCalum-Schwartz, and Tina Schwartz, the teachers at the Gan HaYeled Preschool; Cathy Schrager, Communication Director of Yonim; Stefanie Statz, Manager of the Goodman Aquatic Center; Laura Toso, Editor of the *Madison Jewish News*; Andy Voeltner, Facilities Manager and Caretaker of the Goodman Jewish Community Campus; and Ellen Weimer, Program Director.

I am blessed to work with such an outstanding group of people. All are talented and dedicated individuals whom we are fortunate to have as part of our Jewish Federation. To all my colleagues go my thanks, my respect, and my admiration.

The staff and volunteers are, of course, what make up the Jewish Federation of Madison. Our mission, however, extends us to the wider Jewish community of which we are a part: the congregations, the organizations, the institutions, the groups, and the people. As the Federation enters its 75th diamond anniversary, I look forward to continuing our work as together we seek collaboration to assure continuity through our contributions to build a strong, dynamic and unified Jewish community.

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MIC board members with Avi Jorisch.

UW Chabad Grows Pro-Israel Movement on Campus

By ALEXANDRA ZIMMERN

MIC Founder & President, UW Class of 2015

On campus, Jewish students are regularly faced with egregious accusations, false information, and ridicule for their pro-Israel beliefs. UW Chabad, an organization committed to helping Jewish students on campus, recently gathered together a group of highly motivated students to create a new pro-Israel group to address these challenges. After a summer of planning, they formed the Madison Israel Club (MIC), a Campus Activist Project of CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America), to provide their peers with accurate information about Israel. The Madison Israel Club, through strengthening and growing the pro-Israel movement, has already become an invaluable part of the Jewish community on campus.

Across American universities, anti-Israel forces are rapidly gaining momentum. From “die-in” rallies in which terrorist-sympathizing students paint Israelis as vicious murderers, to divestment campaigns comparing Israel to apartheid South Africa, groups like Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) are more active than ever on campuses. These bigoted activities are not only attacking the State of Israel, but rather are targeting Jewish students altogether.

While these groups attempt to create an environment of fear and intimidation, the Jewish community on the UW campus is working hard to ensure that students feel comfortable expressing their Jewish and pro-Israel beliefs. Specifically, UW Chabad’s work in creating a pro-Israel atmosphere on campus has inspired countless students to learn, discuss, and advocate for what they believe in. Chabad has consistently encouraged students to take pride in their Jewish heritage and connection with the land of Israel, no matter what they are told by their peers and educators in the university.

Rabbi Mendel and Henya Matusof of Chabad on campus, through their tremen-

dous dedication to Judaism and to Israel, inspire many of MIC’s activities. The Chabad action-oriented philosophy motivates MIC members to put energy towards programs that enhance and strengthen the pro-Israel movement. Through bringing in speakers, showing documentaries, and rallying the Jewish community, MIC is reminding students of their connection with the Jewish State and their obligation to advocate on behalf of it.

Most recently, MIC teamed up with Chabad and a few other student groups to bring Avi Jorisch, a prominent counter-terrorism analyst, to speak with students about challenges facing the Middle East today. Close to 50 students from around campus came to hear him share his personal experiences in the intelligence community and his work in national security. At the end of the talk, he left one powerful imparting message to students: each person is capable of making a difference. Together, a few students with a strong message can create a lasting impact on campus for the Jewish community.

The proliferation of anti-Israel and at times anti-Semitic activity necessitates a strong coalition of Jewish students willing to stand up for themselves and for their people. The intolerable rhetoric of anti-Israel groups cannot go unchecked. Now, more than ever before, campuses need a strong grassroots movement focused on engaging and mobilizing Jewish students in support of Israel. These students need an outlet in which they can express their pride in and support of Israel around campus and feel empowered to create positive change. The Madison Israel Club, established only three months ago, has already brought together a powerful group of passionate students that are eager to disseminate truth to their peers. These students are reversing the anti-Israel trend on college campuses, and making UW-Madison a place for Jewish students to feel proud and unashamed of their eternal homeland.

UW Hillel Opens Doors for Jewish Life on Campus

By JENNIFER JENNINGS

On the first floor of Witte, in the Center for Cultural Enrichment, 70 freshmen crowded into the room helping to braid challah, dip apples in honey, try out the shofar and send their friends shana-tova grams. Celebrating holidays at UW Hillel is about more than activities in our own building. In order to reach the maximum amount of students and give students the most opportunities to celebrate their Judaism, our activities happen both in the building and around campus. Interns, student leaders, and staff bring their activities to dorms and common spaces regularly. Interns and staff regularly table in the Statesider, a privately owned dorm nearby, as well as at Gordon Commons and Dejope—large dining spaces on campus.

For Rosh Hashanah, students in the Southeast dorms and in the Statesider enjoyed their very own New Year’s Party. In total, over 120 students celebrated Rosh Hashanah in their dorms. Students were able to bring their non-Jewish roommates and meet other Jewish residents in their hall.

“When I heard Hillel was hosting a Holiday event in my residence hall, I was beyond excited. Having Holiday events in the dorms allowed me to have easy access to fun Hillel events. It is important to have Holiday events in the dorms, especially in the beginning of the year, to give students a taste of what Hillel has to offer, while also encouraging people to meet and connect with other Jews in their residence hall,” said Giselle Blocker, ’18.

Carly Cohen, another freshman, agreed. “Trying to maintain a sense of Judaism in dorm life can be challenging. Having the opportunity to walk downstairs, eat apples and honey and make round challah for Rosh Hashanah brings back that strong Jewish connection, even if just for two hours.”

After students have met other Jewish students in their dorms, the friendly Hillel student interns and staff, they are more likely to join a Hillel organization, join Hillel for Shabbat services and dinner, and hang out in one of Hillel’s lounges.

Hanukkah begins Tuesday, December 16th, and the Hillel interns, student leaders, and staff will be at events in the dorms and around campus. Hanukkah falls during finals this year, which means that the events are simple, fun, and short—allowing students to both celebrate the holiday and feel a little bit of home before hitting the books.

There will be candle lighting at Hillel throughout the week. The Hanukkah celebrations will begin on December 11 with Late Night Latkes in Gordon Commons in preparation for finals. On December 16, Hillel will host its larger Hanukkah event “Lighting and Latkes” for students to enjoy dreidels, songs, latkes, and sufganiyot. Hillel will bring menorahs, latkes, sufganiyot, and fun to the Statesider (on December 16) and Gordon Commons (on December 17) for just 10 minutes of menorah lighting. For more information about Hillel’s Hanukkah celebrations visit www.uwhillel.org.



Scenes from Hillel’s Rosh Hashanah Parties in the Dorms.

Jewish Middle

their children into Jewish life.

Notwithstanding the years of demographic losses, several movements each continue to reach hundreds of thousands of non-Orthodox Jews. In numerically descending order, we are thinking of Jewish community centers, the Reform movement, the Conservative movement and, yes, federations. Any reckoning with the shrinking Jewish middle must resolve to rebuild these legacy movements on a massive scale, even as it nurtures new modes of innovation and repairs relationships with the ever-growing Orthodox world.

The task facing the American Jewish community is immense, requiring bold-

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ness, not Band-Aids. In the past, American Jewry has aided, if not rescued, endangered Jewish communities around the globe. Now the challenge is to marshal the imagination, courage, will and resources to rebuild the endangered Jewish middle at home.

(Steven M. Cohen is research professor at the Hebrew Union College-JIR in New York and Jack Wertheimer is professor of American Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Their jointly written reanalysis of the Pew study is found at <http://mosaicmagazine.com/essay/2014/11/the-pew-survey-reanalyzed/>.)



Avi Jorisch speaks with students about problems facing the Middle East.



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There's Still Time to Sign Up to Deliver Hanukkah Menorahs

Celebrate the Festival of Lights by bringing some light to seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Volunteers deliver and set up electric menorahs, return once or twice to "light" the candles and pick up the menorah at the end of the holiday. Have a little visit and share the holiday! The first candle is December 16. To sign up, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 direct or at louise@jssmadison.org by December 10 or submit a volunteer application at www.jssmadison.org listing the names and ages of all participants.



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



Volunteer application at <http://jssmadison.org/becoming-volunteer>

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

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

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

A la Carte Volunteering

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

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

OddJobbers: The really easy way to be really helpful! Can you change light bulbs and hang a few pictures? Program a remote control? Reach something high?

OddJobbers do these and similar tasks for seniors and people with disabilities. To be an OddJobber, you don't need to be able to do everything; you just have to like being helpful.

Youth Volunteering, Youth Group Projects and B'nai Mitzvah Projects

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

Come talk with us about doing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services. There are also opportunities for older youth and youth groups to volunteer and contribute to the community, develop new skills and have fun. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 for a brochure or to discuss doing a mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services.

Double your Volunteering Mitzvah

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

Deducting Expenses Incurred while Volunteering

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

Katy Polich Joins the JSS Team

As we bid farewell to Barbara Spierer after 32 years of dedicated service to JSS, we welcome Katy Polich, MSSW, CISW. Katy will be joining us December 4th as our new social worker. She comes to us with an in-depth knowledge of Dane County resources and a deep investment in improving access to them. Throughout her career (in Dane County, Washington D.C., Nebraska, Ghana and Malawi) she has been strongly committed to helping a diverse population access support at critical times, improve their quality of life, and gain personal empowerment. Katy has worked largely in crisis-based settings providing program management, advocacy, counseling, and case management. Throughout the past 15 years she has addressed housing security and poverty issues, domestic and family violence, parenting issues, behavioral health and health care access. She has a great passion for working to remove barriers

and provide stability and enrichment for the individuals she serves. Katy feels privileged to share a month with Barbara Spierer in the position, and is looking forward to meeting community partners and supporters in the coming weeks. Please join us in welcoming Katy!



Katy Polich

JSS Joins the National #GivingTuesday Effort

Jewish Social Services of Madison has joined #GivingTuesday, a first of its kind effort that will harness the collective power of a unique blend of partners – charities, families, businesses and individuals – to transform how people think about, talk about and participate in the giving season. Just after Thanksgiving and a couple weeks before Hanukkah, #GivingTuesday will inspire people to take collaborative action to improve our community, give back in better, smarter

ways and help create a better world. Taking place on December 2, 2014 – the Tuesday after Thanksgiving – #GivingTuesday will harness the power of social media to create a national moment around the holidays dedicated to giving, similar to how Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become days that are, today, synonymous with holiday shopping. To donate on #GivingTuesday, please visit jssmadison.org and click on DONATE NOW.

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Jewish Social Services of Madison (JSS), a United Way of Dane County participating agency, seeks an administrative manager with very strong writing and communication/ digital marketing skills to coordinate all activities, events and administrative duties. The Administrative Manager reports directly to the Executive Director.

Availability: January 1, 2015. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday. Flexibility to work occasional evenings and weekends when necessary.

Qualifications:

- Friendly and warm personality
- Excellent interpersonal skills both in person and on the phone
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Proven efficiency and organizational skills
- Working knowledge of business English, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and correspondence formats
- Experience with website content management systems
- Graphic design skills and experience with design software such as InDesign
- Competency in Microsoft Office Suite including Excel and Power Point
- Ability to work in a multi-tasked, fast-paced, environment with precision, thoroughness, and attention to detail
- Experience and working knowledge of databases, donor database management systems such as Raiser's Edge, and a willingness to learn other proprietary databases
- Experience in a nonprofit environment a plus

Responsibilities:

Communication and Digital Marketing:

Devise and implement digital marketing campaigns, update agency website, create monthly electronic newsletter and other electronic media, graphic design of brochures, flyers, invitations, reports, and coordinate/edit agency newsletter.

General Reception and Administrative Duties:

Answer and respond to incoming calls, greet guests in accordance with security protocols. Prepare and record checks for deposit as required per audit controls, process credit card donations/transactions, handle all attendance and registration activities for events, and other duties as assigned.

Salary commensurate with experience. For full job description, visit jssmadison.org. Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and three references (electronic and hard copy) for consideration to:

Terrie Goren, Executive Director, Jewish Social Services of Madison
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719 • tgoren@jssmadison.org

Barbara Spierer's Retirement Party

Photos by Diane Kravetz



Barbara with some of her new Russian friends she resettled.



A crowd of well-wishers attended the retirement party.



Nan Youngerman, Hal Blotner and Barbara



Janice Beers with Barbara



Roman Kaplan



Tamara Kolosovskaya and Barbara dancing with Lily and Evie.



The White Birch Ensemble entertains partygoers during the celebration.



Lily and Evie Spierer dancing.



Barbara shares her thoughts.



Betsy Haimson, Joe and Jeanne Silverberg, Barbara, and Lisa Spierer



Erica Serlin and Tally Moses



Denny Geller, Nan Youngerman, Terrie Goren and Betsy Abramson Spierer

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Jewish Education

What's Been Happening at Midrasha?

Fall semester at Midrasha has flown by! It took some time to settle into the routine because of all of the High Holy Days and it's been filled with lots of learning and fun. Here are a few highlights from this semester:

The eighth graders got to watch The Twilight Zone and the Dick Van Dyke Show; they also explored YouTube to learn more about Jewish humor in their Jewish Image classes. They had a guest speaker who taught about Catholicism and explored Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam in

Comparative Religions

- In Holocaust Studies, the ninth graders looked at propaganda, the role businesses played in World War II and watched the movie Paperclips
- The tenth graders talked about the different names that are used for God in the Torah and literature and also spent time exploring text and talking about Israel
- The 11th and 12th grade Jewish Influence on American Music class took a quiz about Jewish American musicians and looked at playbills from famous composers



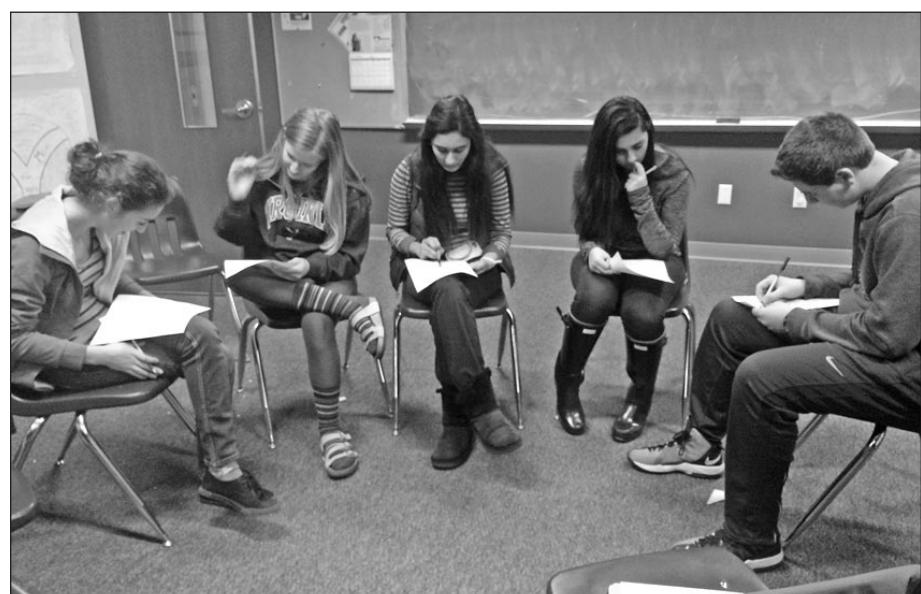
Midrasha 8th graders

like Gershwin

- In OMG: The battle between faith and logic, the students looked for proof that God exists while also discussing the conflicts between science and religion
- In Torah with a Twist, the class looked at how ghosts and demons are represented in the Talmud and Torah

This is just a small sample of the awe-

someness that happens when you combine a fabulous staff with a great group of Jewish teens for learning, exploration and community experiences. There are only two nights of Midrasha remaining this semester but there is still space for new students in our spring semester. For more information, please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.



Midrasha 10th graders



Midrasha 11th and 12th graders

Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun) Time for Hebrew, Time for FUN!

Kindergarten through 2nd graders are invited to join Racheli Komar-Aziz, our community Shlucha (Israel Program Coordinator), on a fun adventure through the Hebrew language. Racheli will lead the students in 18 exciting sessions of exploring the letters of the Aleph Bet and developing reading and writing skills through structured lessons, arts and crafts, movement and more! No Hebrew

language experience is necessary.

Dates: Thursdays, January 8th through May 28th (no class on March 5, April 2, and April 9)

Time: 3:45pm-5:30pm

Price: \$270/ student

Registration is available at www.jewishmadison.org, for more information please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.



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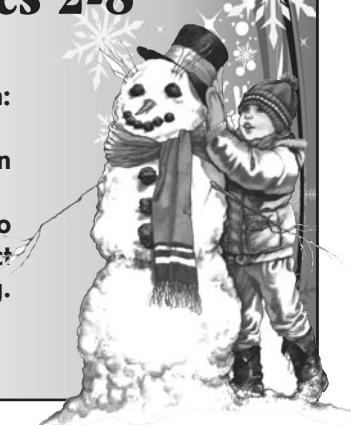
We've got ruach (spirit), yes we do! We've got ruach, how about you?

Monday, December 29th, 9:00am-4:00pm:
Opening Ceremonies, Team vs Team Competitions
and Team Building Activities

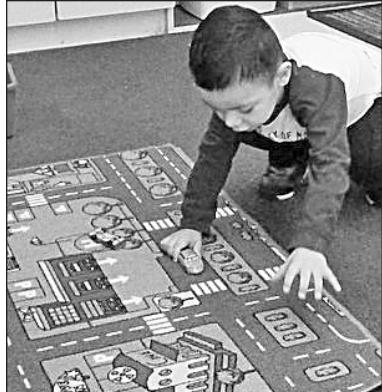
Tuesday, December 30th, 9:00am-4:00pm:
Ruach rallies, Team versus Team Competitions,
Coaches Competitions, Maccabiah Activity
Marathon

Wednesday, December 31st, 9:00am-1:30pm:
Closing Ceremonies and Vegetarian Pizza Party
Fee includes bus, t-shirt and pizza lunch on
Wednesday.

For cost and other information or to register go
to www.JewishMadison.org or you can contact
Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.
Registration is now available online.



Look What's Happening at Gan HaYeled Preschool!



Joey loves to play with cars.



The Bet Class doing yoga with Bri.



Elijah's big sister, Kayla, came to read a story to the Dalet Class with their Daddy, Mark.



Payton, Tova and Orly painting the ark.



Benny lit the candles and Solomon did the "Motzi" for our Shabbat celebration.



Gimel teacher, Romy, builds an ark with Benny and Payton.



Naomi, Sam and Payton are making a rainbow sheet for Shabbat.



Daniel, Maggie, Sophie and Ruby practice "Hopscotch" with Coach Tracy, from KEVA.



MaKaila practices walking on the balance beam.



Gimel teacher Laura shows the giant challah that teacher Mollie made.

Come join us ...

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13

Community Hanukkah Tzedakah Fair at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St.
A light dinner and sufganiyot will be served. Schedule of events:
5:30 p.m. Welcome and registration
5:45 p.m. Havdalah led by the students of Madison Jewish Community Day School
5:55 p.m. Ceremonial lighting of the Hanukkah menorah led by the students of Gan HaYeled Preschool
6:00 p.m. Community Israeli dancing led by Yonim
6:15 p.m. Hanukkah tzedakah and craft activities

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29-31

Winter Maccabiah
Calling all 2-8 graders. Join us for some winter fun and a little healthy competition out at the Goodman Campus. Staff needed, 9th grade and up, please apply. Camper registration and staff applications are both available online at: www.JewishMadison.org

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

Hamantashen Baking Workshop with Susan Roquette.
Our annual Hamantashen bake is always a hit! This year we will be baking in the new Beth Israel Center kitchen!

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Camp Corner

During third session, campers were invited to eat lunch with the Camp Director and write articles about their summer at Camp Shalom. More than 30 kids participated in the activity. We are featuring a few of these articles every month until our 2015 camping season begins.

Camp Shalom by Poppy

Camp Shalom is a very common (typical) day camp. You would be surprised at how long Camp Shalom has been a camp; since 1954! Camp Shalom will keep your children safe and happy. There are people there who can help your children if they have special needs or if they take medicine. Your kids can ride buses to go to Camp Shalom. I am sure your children will love Camp Shalom because you can go swimming and learn words in Hebrew!

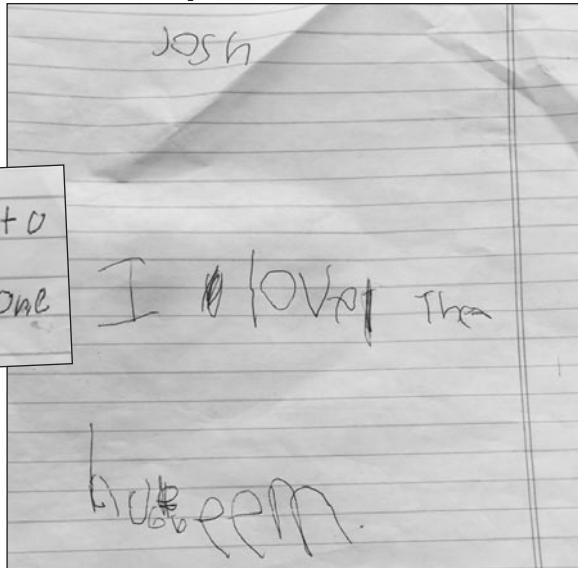
Camp Highlights by Lauren T., Kennedy, Lilly H., Bethany W., Lucy P., Noah L. and Gabriel R.

This summer the campers at Camp Shalom had lots of fun. Some of the highlights were:

- Chugim because the Chugs (choices) are awesome, especially with Micah (Bet Unit Head.)
- Being in nature because I always have to run errands, so summer is a fun time to be in nature.
- Swimming is fun because it is in water, because it is warm outside and it cools us off.
- Teddy (counselor) told us the Neverending story and it was AWESOME!
- Well...art is fun and I love painting and coloring. We made butterflies, caves and hand-painting was the best!
- Leaf printing and leaf shading at Teva (nature) time was fun.
- The counselors are SO NICE!
- We have good rules like use nice hands and be respectful!



**Registration
will be open
on Monday,
March 9**



Yonim Mini-Classes Offered for Ages 3-5

Calling All 3, 4, & 5 Year Olds!

Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe is offering four fun-filled mini-classes for kids ages 3-5 years old. Classes start on January 11, 2015, and will meet once a month through April with the opportunity to perform at the Sharsheret Festival in May. Classes meet at Beth Israel Center located at 1406

Mound Street from 3:30-4PM.

What: K'tantanim- dance classes for 3-5 year olds

Where: Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St

When: Sundays at 3:30 - 4:00pm, Jan. 11, Feb. 15, March 8, and April 19

With an opportunity to perform at the Sharsheret Festival in May.

Come Dance with Yonim at Hanukkah!

Yonim dancers join in the Hanukkah fun at this year's Community Hanukkah Tzedakah Fair on Saturday, December 13. Yonim will lead dancing at this annual party which is

happening at the Goodman Community Center. It's your chance to learn some of the popular Harkada dances people all over the world are dancing to.

Hebrew playgroup

Dear families,
We are interested in starting a play group for Hebrew-speaking families with young children (NB-4). This will be an entirely Hebrew-speaking environment intended to support the language development of our children, giving them exposure to Hebrew in an enriching, semi-structured group setting. In addition to play, our meetings will include Hebrew story time and sing-alongs! We plan to meet on Sunday afternoons from 2-4pm starting at our home and rotating to other locations as desired, including homes of other members, parks, or other public spaces.

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December Lechayim Calendar

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Monday, December 1 Celebrate with Lechayim, sponsored by Sandy Bierman

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| 11:00-12:00 | Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN |
| 11:30-12:00 | Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson |
| 12:00-1:00 | Coconut Curry Squash Stew, Brown Rice, Steamed Green Beans and Grated Carrots, Birthday Cake |
| 1:00-2:00 | Guitarist Steven Waugh, "The Eclectic Classical Guitar" |

Monday, December 8

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| 11:30-12:00 | Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson |
| 12:00-1:00 | Tuna Tetrazzini, Sautéed Italian Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Salad, Neapolitan ice cream |
| 1:00-2:00 | Stuart Levitan, "Madison in the 1920's" |

Monday, December 15 Lechayim celebrates Hanukkah

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| 11:30-12:00 | Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz |
| 12:00-1:00 | Broiled whitefish, Potato Latkes with Sour Cream, Chunky Applesauce, Sufganiyot |
| 1:00-2:00 | Klezmer music with Yid Vicious |

Monday, December 22 Lechayim does not meet
Monday, December 29 Lechayim does not meet

Next month's dates

January 2, 9, 16, 23

Two Ways to Make Your Lechayim Reservation:

- When you come to Lechayim, you can sign up for the following week.
- Call Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808 or 608-442-4083 (direct) or email louise@jssmadison.org **by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding business day.**
- Reservations cannot be taken after noon on Fridays or over the weekend.
- If you didn't make a reservation in time but would like to come, **call Louise on Monday morning before 10:00 a.m. on Monday** to see if there have been cancellations.
- We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins.

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.

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

Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эль (Temple Beth El), по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 608-278-1808, прямой 608-442-4083 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 14:00 часов пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовят *Blue Plate Catering*. Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу. Стоимость обеда - \$7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет \$4.00

Понедельник, 1 декабря Лехайм организован Сэнди Бирманом
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Кокосовое карри сквош рагу, коричневый рис приготовленный на пару зеленая фасоль и тертая морковь, торт ко дню рождения
1:00-2:00 Гитарист Стивен Уо, "Вдохновление классической гитары"

Понедельник, 8 декабря
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Тунец тетразини, жареные овощи по-итальянски, салат из свежих фруктов, неаполитанское мороженое
1:00-2:00 Стюарт Левитан, "Мэдисон 1920-х"

Понедельник, 15 декабря Лехайм празднует Хануку
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Эстер Кац
12:00-1:00 Запеченный сиг, картофельные оладьи со сметаной и яблочным пюре, пончики
1:00-2:00 Музыка Клезмера в исполнении Yid Vicious

22 и 29 декабря: Лехайм не состоится
Даты января: 2, 9, 16, и 23

News for Experienced Drivers

Free Online Training for Experienced Drivers

Are you a member of AAA? AAA has partnered with Posit Science to make available for free the DriveSharp Brain Fitness program. DriveSharp is convenient and simple to use. Each 20-minute online segment features specially designed video games that make training your brain fun! Endorsed by AAA and clinically proven to work, this FREE online program (an \$89 value) will strengthen your brain's visual processing. You'll think faster, react

quicker, see more with your peripheral vision, feel more confident – and lower your crash risk by up to 50%! To get started, visit AAA.com/DriveSharp with your AAA membership number.

AARP Driver Safety

Safe Driver Refresher Classes are held around the area at various locations. Call (877) 846-3299 to locate a class near you, or sign up at www.aarpdriversafety.org/ to take an online course. The cost is \$17.95 for AARP members and \$21.95 for non-members.

Lechayim Snow Day Policy

Lechayim is cancelled when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes schools due to inclement weather. Listen to WIBA, WTSO, WZEE, WMIL, WMAD, WOLX, WMMS or Charlie FM or watch a local channel on TV or the Internet (WKOW, WMTV, WISC or Fox 47) to learn if Madison schools are closed. If Madison schools are open but we think conditions warrant it, we will decide whether to cancel Lechayim. In that case, the decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. and someone will call you and we will post the cancellation on our website.

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

About our Programs

Our program on **Monday, December 1** brings the beautiful sounds of guitar music to Lechayim.

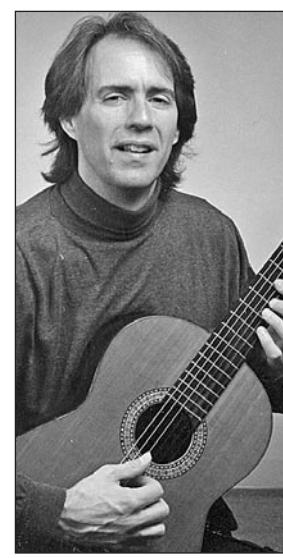
Local guitarist Steve Waugh will play a program of music by Bach, Villa-Lobos, Albeniz, Jobim and other composers. Steve Waugh began playing guitar at the age of thirteen, playing Beatles songs and popular music from the sixties. His own experience in beginning guitar shaped his philosophy about learning to play, which is that students need to start with music that they love and identify with. Steve stud-

ied guitar for three years with Jaime Guiscafre before attending the UW-Madison to study guitar with Javier Calderon. He earned a BA in Guitar Performance in 1991 and his Master of Music in 1996 and, two years later, became certified to teach music in schools. Since that time Steve has been performing, teaching and having lots of fun playing with his daughter, Molly.

On Monday, December 8 award-winning print and broadcast journalist Stu Levitan will show

the exciting story of Madison in the 1920's, with slides drawn from his book *Madison: The Illustrated Sesquicentennial History, Vol. 1* (UW Press 2006). It's quite a story, featuring Frank Lloyd Wright and the Ku Klux Klan, bootleggers and bad judges, the deaths of giants, and much more. It's Boardwalk Empire on Lake Mendota. The decade is personal to Stu, too -- that was when his father's parents, Rabbi Solomon and Anna Levitan, emigrated from Lithuania to Rock Island.

Stu Levitan has been a mainstay of Madison media and government since 1975. Currently host/producer of *Books & Beats* on 92.1 FM The Mic and host of Access: City Hall on the Madison City-Channel, he formerly hosted *Sunday Journal* on WIBA-AM, and *Breakfast Special* and *A Public Affair* on WORT-FM. Stu chairs the city's Landmarks Commission, following similar service since 1989 on the Community Development Authority, Plan Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. As Dane



Steve Waugh



Stu Levitan

County Supervisor in the early 1980's, Stu wrote the Fair Housing and Newspaper Recycling ordinances and the resolution declaring Grateful Dead Day. Since 1987, Stu has been a confidential attorney with the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission. He plans to retire in March, and to do a lot of traveling.

We'll finish the year with our Hanukkah party on **Monday, December 15**. What would Hanukkah be without latkes and sufganiyot? There will be plenty of both on hand, along with some door prizes and a menorah to light. Best of all, we will celebrate with our friends from Yid Vicious, the klezmer band that comes every year to Lechayim. They love playing for Lechayim and we love hearing them and dancing along. All in all, it's a lot of fun and a terrific way to celebrate the Festival of Lights during this dark time of year.



Clarinetist Greg Smith and tuba player David Spies

Photos by Eve Siegel



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Sam Jacobs, Pam Olson, and Karen Shevet Dinah

Spotlight: Stanley Kutler

By PAMELA PHILLIPS OLSON

Stanley Kutler, an eminent American historian, is also an icon in the fight for freedom of information.

The lawsuit he waged against the National Archives forced release of the Richard Nixon tapes. He is a prolific author and editor, serving also as an advisor for films. He has taught internationally and won many prestigious awards.

Stanley grew up in Cleveland, "just 75 yards from the border of Shaker Heights, the classiest neighborhood. At the time Cleveland was the sixth largest city in the USA and filled with educational opportunities." His parents gave him a culturally enriched childhood. His father was a printer, his mother a voracious reader and lover of music and theater.

"The time was right," he says with a smile and shrug. "I was a happy victim of time and place." This relates to many aspects of Kutler's life.

"I was planning to go to UCLA Law School, when my [UW history] political science professor suggested I apply for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Because of the Boomers, there was a need for more college professors." The rest is History!

As the first member of the history department with a degree from a non-Ivy League school, he joined an



Stanley Kutler

(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

elite group. At that time the U.W. was one of the five top schools offering a PhD. in American history. "In those days the professors shared ideas and enriched each other's understanding." He worries that with today's dependency on technology, the department has become fragmented.

Stanley's Zayde, who came to America at 18, was his hero. "He made his way to Buffalo where his older sister lived. They had never met. He discovered her children were older than he was."

His grandfather's life and beliefs offered Stanley vital lessons: "First, he found a marriage broker to get a wife; then he obtained his bakers' union card. The overriding message was work hard and live well. I remember his delicious 'tzibble kuchens' [soft, fragrant onion rolls]. He truly exemplified the idea of 'American gonif,' which idiomatically meant America was a wonderment, where a 'shister' (shoemaker) could become a mister!"

His grandparents had been married for 35 years when his grandma died. Stanley remembers hearing his Grandfather say, "I miss Grandma," twenty-two years after she died. He wonders at the endurance of love.

Stanley wishes to impart to his own grandchildren the lessons he learned from his Grandfather. Love and saychel are never irrelevant.

Need an "Oddjobber"?

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

Transitions

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Welcome to your New Home

Hilary Blue

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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

Attic Angel Place at 2:30 in the Garden Room

8301 Old Sauk Road

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

December 5, March 6

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall

333 West Main Street

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

December 16 (Hanukkah Party, 2:30-3:30), February 3

Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room

6225 Mineral Point Road

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

December 12, January 9

ATTENTION REHAB PATIENTS: If you are going to be in one of these locations during your rehabilitation, you are welcome to attend.

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments



The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, Operation Self-Care (medication labels), will be at Lechayim on February 16, 2015 from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists

are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually

to discuss your medication label questions and concerns.

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This article is about Jewish immigration from the Pale and Ghettos and their adaptation to American society (part 2)

Генрих Бабич

Эмиграция евреев из европейской диаспоры в США и их вживание в американское общество (окончание)

Существенный отпечаток на европейских евреев, эмигрировавших в Америку, наложили гетто. Гетто – это районы крупных городов, где добровольно или принудительно проживали этнические меньшинства (для нас важны именно еврейские гетто). Такие районы были еще в городах Древнего Рима, но термин берет начало в 1516 году от венецианского гетто – изолированного каналами участка земли, где предписывалось жить евреям. В дальнейшем еврейские гетто появились в других крупных городах Европы – Вена, Прага, Париж (район Марэ), Франкфурт, Будапешт, Рим, Вильнюс, Краков. В России роль гетто, только более обширного и зачастую более жестокого, играла Черта Оседлости. В XIX веке гетто в Западной Европе были постепенно ликвидированы. Последним стало римское гетто, стены которого были снесены в 1888 году.

Во время Второй мировой войны нацисты создали новую разветвленную систему гетто с использованием районов концентрированного проживания евреев для насилия и изоляции от местного населения. Всего в Восточной Европе было организовано около тысячи гетто. Евреи большинства из них были затем уничтожены.

Условия проживания в гетто изменялись со временем. Сначала они являли собой просто кварталы сосредоточенного поселения евреев. Окружающая их христианская среда смотрела на жителей гетто как на чужестранцев. Затем, в дополнение к изоляции, гетто использовались местными властями для установления ограничений на образ жизни их обитателей, а также для наложения на них определенной правовой недееспособности. Во многих случаях они превратились в места исключительной бедности и скученности, так как с быстрым ростом населения плотность заселения увеличивалась, а границы гетто не менялись. Для разрешения проблемы скученности дома перестраивались таким образом, что сокращалась их протяженность вдоль улицы, а площадь домаросла вглубь земельного участка. Большая часть гетто была окружена стеной, ворота которой запирались изнутри для защиты от погромов. На период же христианских праздников их запирали снаружи, чтобы евреи своим внешним видом не нарушили процедуру праздника.

Юридически люди гетто жили по законам Талмуда. Здесь действовала даже своя судебная си-

стема в соответствии с положениями этой книги. В судах рассматривались мелкие преступления (например, когда один еврей что-нибудь украл у другого), а также разрешались имущественные споры. Другая сторона условий жизни в гетто состояла в том, что правители городов предоставляли евреям специальные привилегии, так как они смотрели на гетто как на дополнительный источник налоговых поступлений. Еще одну выгоду они извлекали из того, что христианские законы запрещали ростовщичество и эту нишу экономики занимали еврейские банкиры. В добавок банковские операции также облагались налогами, которые платили ростовщики.

Обратимся теперь к вопросу о том, как эмигрировавшие из Европы евреи повлияли на развитие американского общества и какой вклад они внесли в “плавильный котел” этой страны.

Первый еврейступил на американскую землю в 1654 году. Из истории известно, что многие выделявшиеся еврейские личности внесли существенный вклад в американскую жизнь, культуру, науку, экономику и политику США. Но не о них идет здесь речь. Нас интересует роль евреев в социальном развитии, их влияние на становление системы страны в целом.

Иммиграция сложилась так, что за последние два десятилетия XIX века и первые два десятилетия XX века из Европы, главным образом Восточной, в Америку переселились примерно 2,5 миллиона евреев. Это составляло существенную часть населения США, в особенности, если иметь ввиду районы расселения иммигрантов. Условия тогдашней иммиграции и возможности транспорта были таковы, что приезжавшие из Европы селились преимущественно на восточном побережье страны. Все люди, не только евреи, стремятся селиться поближе к своим бывшим соотечественникам. Евреи оседали в таких городах, как Бостон, Филадельфия, Балтимор. Но в особенности “досталось” Нью Йорку, в гавань которого, поблизости от Эллис Айленд, прибывало большинство кораблей. В результате

Нью Йорк в течение нескольких лет превратился в “большое месечко”, в котором почти все говорили на языке идиш. Понадобилось два-три поколения пока эмигранты овладели английским и психологически вышли за пределы привезенной с собой местечковости. При этом проявилось унаследованное евреями от многих поколений стремление к образованию, познанию нового. В результате молодежь хлынула в американские университеты, что вызвало антисемитские настроения и ревность среди других эмигрантов.

Положительным для США оказалась профессиональная ориентация евреев-иммигрантов. Вспомним, что из-за ограничений жизни в Черте Оседлости, многие

евреи были хорошими ремесленниками (сапожниками, портными, ювелирами). За короткое время в местах их интенсивного проживания, в особенности в Нью Йорке, развилось производство обуви и пошив всех видов одежды. Америка, буквально, оделась в одежду и обувь, изготовленные евреями. Сами производители теснились в районах, непосредственно прилегающих к производству, но ведь евреям было не привыкать жить в таких условиях в местечках.

Так прибывающие евреи входили в Америку. Важен вопрос о том, каково было их влияние на эту страну, какой социальный вклад они внесли в “плавильный котел”.

Евреи-иммигранты проявляли особую коммерческую предприимчивость и навыки в торговле. Особое влияние они оказали на преобразование торгового дела, создав новые формы обслуживания покупателей. В пределах Черты Оседлости кочевали еврей-торговцы мелким товаром. Следуя такой традиции, в штаты восточного побережья США и в прилегающие к ним районы хлынули евреи-торговцы вразнос. Это сочеталось с движением фронтъерства, когда во вновь обживаемых районах еще не была развита торговая инфраструктура. В каком-то смысле евреи оказались “тут как тут”. Особое значение имел их вклад в развитие принципиально новых направлений в торговле. Примеры такого рода.

В 1836 году вместе с большим потоком эмиграции в Новый Орлеан приехал Адам Гимбель. Разъезжая вдоль реки Миссисипи, он занялся торговлей вразнос иголками, наперстками, шнурками для обуви и прочими мелкими, но необходимыми товарами. К 1842 году Гимбель стал владельцем стационарного торгового пункта. Он первым во фронтъерской Америке установил принцип возврата товара, если тот не понравился покупателю. На дверях магазина Гимбель повесил табличку с текстом: “Если что-либо сказанное или сделанное в этом магазине окажется или покажется плохим, покупатель может быть уверен, что недостаток будет исправлен, как только мы узнаем об этом”. Идея оказалась революционной и привела к изменению всей торговой системы страны. Обратим внимание на творческий характер предложения ГимBELЯ. В возможность возврата товара заинтересован не только покупатель, которому это удобно, но и продавец, который знает, что это привлечет новых покупателей, так как облегчит принятие ими решения о покупке. Мы к этому привыкли, но ведь даже в Европе такой порядок существует не везде.

Еще одно важнейшее преобразование Гимбеля. Он понял, что фронтъерам, занятым тяжелым трудом, незачем ходить из одного магазина в другой в поисках различных товаров и поставил задачу обеспечить каждого покупателя всем необходимым в одном

месте, у себя в магазине. Так был открыт первый в стране универсальный магазин. Мы привыкли к тому, что универсалы вокруг нас на каждом шагу. В то время предложение Гимбеля ознаменовало новый виток развития торговли, а особую роль это сыграло в период массового переселения американцев из центров больших городов в пригороды.

Таких примеров о влиянии евреев-иммигрантов на социальное развитие США можно привести множество, не говоря уже об их роли в культуре, науке и т.д.

В заключение хочу остановиться на волнующих меня фактах, касающихся того, каким “багажом” сейчас привозят с собой некоторые иммигранты из бывшего Советского Союза в Америку. На родине им надоел “советский образ жизни” и они стремились обрести американскую свободу. Но независимо от их желания, за годы жизни в “стране социализма” они сами восприняли те качества, которые мы объединяем в понятие “советскость”. Сюда входит, в числе прочего, что основные блага человека ожидают от государства. Он привык к тому, что получает квартиру (пусть плохую), гарантированную зарплату (пусть низкую), бесплатное высшее образование (за которое нужно затем принудительно отработать) и многое другое. И с таким пониманием роли государства советский иммигрант прибывает в Америку, где все было другим. Он получил здесь полную свободу, но... За квартиру нужно платить, и не мало. Работу нужно найти в условиях жесткой конкуренции. За высшее образование нужно платить и после этого искать работу самому. В результате, вольно, а чаще всего невольно, от советского иммигранта, больше, чем от иммигрантов из других стран, можно услышать критику, я бы сказал даже критиканство “американского образа жизни”. Сам он не понимает того, что дело здесь не в новых для него условиях жизни, а в его оценках на основе “советской”, привезенной из старой жизни. Он так и не понял, что основное условие успеха в этой стране – активность, деятельность, инициатива. Такая позиция моих бывших соотечественников вызывает сожаление, хотя ее влияние на американский “плавильный котел” незначительно.



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Israel and the World

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

BY RACHELI AND MICKEY AZIZ-KOMAR

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

Last year I was so excited when I saw the first snow. But this year my reaction was just the opposite! I'm not ready for another Wisconsin winter...

This month was full of mixed feelings since Jerusalem, my home town, has been on fire! Protests and riots all around Israel.

With all that's going on in Israel, we had the privilege to have The Israeli

"Dream Doctors" medical delegation come to Madison. The day was amazing! I think we all learned so much from these incredible people! I want to thank the partnership committee who helped plan this great program, our dear friends from the Jewish Federation of Milwaukee that thought of the idea, and to our dear friends in Sovev Kineret who sent us these wonderful people!

There many other opportunities to get involved with our partnership programs.



Lots of fun at Gan HaYeled

Feel free to contact me to get more information.

Highlights from this month:

Gan HaYeled:

We started introducing the Hebrew Alpha Bet letters, we read a book about the lion who loves Tut (strawberry), learned about family and whom we should thank in our family.

Madison Jewish Community Day School:

We learned where Israel is in the world map and how we can get there, we learned about the Negev desert and painted with sand, we went "Shopping in Tel Aviv" and learned about the Israel's declaration of independence.



Gan HaYeled students have fun coloring

Israel Advocacy Program for 9th and 10th Graders:

We shared our feelings about what our relationship with Israel is, we learned some history of Israel politics, and we tried to answer some questions that we might be asked by friends from school, neighbors or when we reach university.

Ivrit Kala:

We have 20 people who are involved in our Hebrew classes for adults. The beginners know all of the Alpha Bet and know how to make simple sentences, the advanced class is enriching their vocabulary and can make full long sentences.

If you are interested to learn Hebrew contact me, it's never too late!



Learning about Israel at MJCDS

The Shrinking Jewish Middle – and How to Expand It

BY STEVEN M. COHEN AND JACK WERTHEIMER

Editor's note: This article is from JTA, Jewish Telegraphic Agency. To learn more about our community, please read Dina Weinbach's speech from the annual meeting which starts on page 1.

NEW YORK (JTA) — As the Jewish Federations of North America holds its annual General Assembly this week, newly emerging evidence from the Pew Research Center's 2013 "Portrait of American Jewry" points to enormous challenges facing federations, Jewish philanthropy and organized Jewish life, more generally. Virtually every Jewish institution is contending with a sharply diminishing base of people who give, join or even care.

Though the Orthodox are expanding numerically and growing in strength, the

number of non-Orthodox Jews who are actively engaged Jews — no matter how engagement is defined — is shrinking rapidly. As we compare non-Orthodox Jews between ages 50 and 69 with Jews of the next-younger generation (between 30 and 49), we find about half as many of the younger cohort who donate to any Jewish causes, belong to synagogues or join Jewish organizations. In addition, only half as many of the younger group feel very attached to Israel, agree that being Jewish is very important to them or have mostly Jewish close friends.

Of particular note to federations and all who care about Jewish philanthropic giving: Just 43 percent of non-Orthodox Jews between 30 and 49 donate to any Jewish cause, sharply down from 60 percent among those just 20 years their senior. And only one quarter of the younger non-Orthodox Jews are members of a

synagogue, even though they are in their peak child-raising years. Indeed, younger non-Orthodox Jews between ages 30 and 49 are substantially and consistently trailing their elders on virtually every measure of Jewish identification.

Two separate processes are driving these declines. First, there simply are far fewer 30- to 49-year-old non-Orthodox Jews than 50- to 69-year-olds (about 1.2 million vs. 1.8 million) because of low birthrates in recent decades. The current fertility rate of non-Orthodox Jews — about 1.7 — has now dropped considerably below replacement level.

Second, compounding this population decline, high rates of intermarriage — now running at about 80 percent among those raised Reform — have resulted in disengagement from Jewish life on the part of most adult children of intermarried parents. In short, in the younger age cohort (30-49), there are both fewer Jews and, among them, lower rates of participation in Jewish life.

Unless these patterns are reversed or at least ameliorated, they portend rough sailing for federations and other Jewish organizations in the years to come. Though federations have done an admirable job of growing their endowments and persuading affluent donors to increase the size of their annual gifts, the federation world already has experienced a precipitous drop in their total number of givers. Since the year 2000 alone, donors to federations have declined by nearly one-third.

Other Jewish organizations have seen similar losses in membership, as have many Reform and Conservative congregations, along with the number of students in non-Orthodox day schools.



A Torah reading at Adas Israel Congregation, a Conservative synagogue in Washington. (Courtesy Adas Israel)

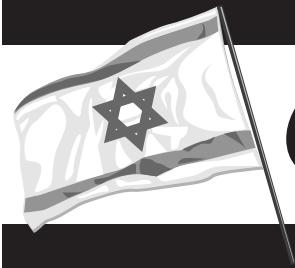
If these patterns are to be reversed, the Jewish middle — Conservative and Reform Jews who are inmarried or intermarried but unambiguously attached to Jewish life — must be nurtured and expanded. It may be gratifying that almost all Jews feel proud to be Jewish, as Pew reported, but it does little for the vitality of Jewish communal endeavors if they fail to participate actively in some form of collective Jewish life.

How are we to counter these alarming trends? Research conducted in recent decades demonstrates that effective Jewish engagement endeavors share three critical features: 1, they expand Jewish social networks, linking Jews to one another; 2, they incorporate Jewish content, so as to demonstrate why rich Jewish engagement is so meaningful; and 3, they bring together peers at the same life stage to address common challenges.

To address the weak Jewish connections among younger Jews, our ideal communal agenda calls for investing massively in immersive forms of Jewish education for youth. Critical are day schools, summer camps (both day camps and overnight) with Jewish content, teen trips to Israel, youth movement activities, Hillels and other campus endeavors, Birthright trips and Masa (longer-term trips to Israel), as well as a variety of programs to involve Jews in their 20s and 30s in ongoing rather than merely episodic Jewish living.

The overall goal is to ensure that young people participate in multiple Jewish venues so that synergies can develop among them. For this to happen, parents must be enlisted as partners in socializing

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Connecting with Israel

Dream Doctors

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Hebrew High School students and families were invited to attend the dinner, meet the clowns and see a short, humorous and very informative presentation about medical clowning.

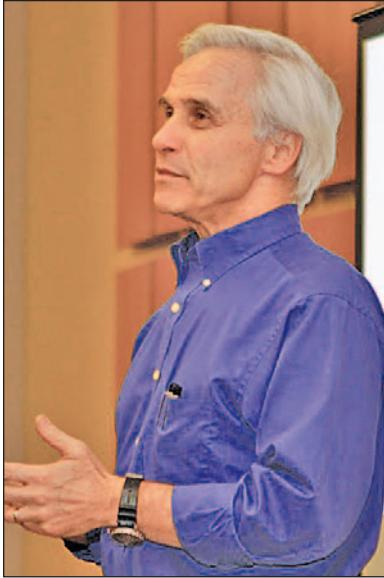
The experience was greatly appreciated by the community. As Marc Shovers said, "Wow, were they engag-

ing! We were all inspired by the clowns' dedication, compassion, and professionalism. We could tell that they truly love their work."

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the programs. We hope to see you at Partnership2Gether programs in the future.



Hagar in a round table discussion about medical clowns helping with post-traumatic stress disorder



Dr. Sondel introducing the Dream Doctors



A special thank you to the Dream Doctors



Shoshi and Hagar making faces before the UW presentation



Shoshi with Leonard Sable

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At left: The Dream Doctors:
Hamutal, Dr. Hertz, Dafna, Hagar and Shoshi



The Dream Doctors with part of the P2G committee



Hamutal found a nurse clown in her Autism session



Hamutal, Hagar and Shoshi



Debbie Minkoff and Hamutal had a blast



Shoshi, Hamutal and Hagar at UW School of Medicine

Hanukkah Tzedakah Craft Fair

Saturday, December 13 • 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St., Madison

Join the Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Gan HaYeled Preschool, Madison Jewish Community Day School, Temple Beth El and the entire Jewish Community for Havdalah, Israeli Dancing and assorted tzedakah and craft activities.

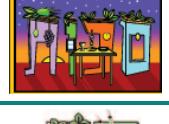
Schedule of events:

5:30pm	Arrival and introductions
5:45pm	Havdalah led by the students from Madison Jewish Community Day School
5:55pm	Ceremonial lighting of the Hanukkah candles by the students from Gan HaYeled Preschool
6:00pm	Israeli dancing with the Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe
6:20pm	Tzedakah and Craft fair
	Dairy dinner and Hanukkah treats

For questions or to volunteer at this event please contact
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Editor's Note: The calendar in the Jewish Madison guide last month was incorrect. Please use this calendar instead. Thank you.

Ten Year Calendar of Jewish Holy Days for School Years 2015-2026 | 5776-5787

 Shabbat (Sabbath) Observance begins every Friday at sunset concluding at nightfall on Saturday.		Shabbat (Sabbath) and all Jewish Holy Days begin at sunset extending to the next nightfall. We request that these Holy Days and Shabbat be respected when scheduling events. For further information or assistance please call the Jewish Federation of Madison at 608-278-1808.										
		2015 5776	2016 5777	2017 5778	2018 5779	2019 5780	2020 5781	2021 5782	2022 5783	2023 5784	2024 5785	2025 5786
	Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year. Begins Ten Days of Penitence.	Sep 13 Sun Eve Sep 14-15 Mon, Tue	Oct 2 Sun Eve Oct 3-4 Mon, Tue	Sep 20 Wed Eve Sep 21-22 Thu, Fri	Sep 9 Sun Eve Sep 10-11 Mon, Tue	Sep 29 Sun Eve Sep 30-Oct 1 Mon, Tue	Sep 18 Fri Eve Sep 19-20 Sat, Sun	Sep 6 Mon Eve Sep 7-8 Tue, Wed	Sep 25 Sun Eve Sep 26-27 Mon, Tue	Sep 15 Fri Eve Sep 16-17 Sat, Sun	Oct 2 Wed Eve Oct 3-4 Thu, Fri	Sep 22 Mon Eve Sep 23-24 Tue, Wed
	Yom Kippur Day of Atonement. The most solemn Holy Day devoted to prayer and fasting.	Sep 22 Tues Eve Sep 23 Wed	Oct 11 Tue Eve Oct 12 Wed	Sep 29 Fri Eve Sep 30 Sat	Sep 18 Tue Eve Sep 19 Wed	Oct 8 Tue Eve Oct 9 Wed	Sep 27 Sun Eve Sep 28 Mon	Sep 15 Wed Eve Sep 16 Thu	Oct 4 Tue Eve Oct 5 Wed	Sep 24 Sun Eve Sep 25 Mon	Oct 11 Fri Eve Oct 12 Sat	Oct 1 Wed Eve Oct 2 Thu
	Sukkot Festival of Booths. Harvest festival of thanksgiving.	Sep 27 Sun Eve Sep 28-29 Mon, Tue	Oct 16 Sun Eve Oct 17-18 Mon, Tue	Oct 4 Wed Eve Oct 5-6 Thu, Fri	Sep 23 Sun Eve Sep 24-25 Mon, Tue	Oct 13 Sun Eve Oct 14-15 Mon, Tue	Oct 2 Fri Eve Oct 3-4 Sat, Sun	Sep 20 Mon Eve Sep 21-22 Tue, Wed	Oct 9 Sun Eve Oct 10-11 Mon, Tue	Sep 29 Fri Eve Sept 30 - Oct 1 Sat, Sun	Oct 16 Wed Eve Oct 17-18 Thu, Fri	Oct 6 Mon Eve Oct 7-8 Tue, Wed
	Shemini Atzeret Conclusion of Sukkot.	Oct 4 Sun Eve Oct 5 Mon	Oct 23 Sun Eve Oct 24 Mon	Oct 11 Wed Eve Oct 12 Thu	Sep 30 Sun Eve Oct 1 Mon	Oct 20 Sun Eve Oct 21 Mon	Oct 9 Fri Eve Oct 10 Sat	Sep 27 Mon Eve Sept 28 Tue	Oct 16 Sun Eve Oct 17 Mon	Oct 6 Fri Eve Oct 7 Sat	Oct 23 Wed Eve Oct 24 Thu	Oct 13 Mon Eve Oct 14 Tue
	Simchat Torah Celebrates the conclusion of the year long cycle of reading of the Torah (Five Books of Moses) and renewing the cycle.	Oct 5 Mon Eve Oct 6 Tue	Oct 24 Mon Eve Oct 25 Tue	Oct 12 Thu Eve Oct 13 Fri	Oct 1 Mon Eve Oct 2 Tue	Oct 21 Mon Eve Oct 22 Tue	Oct 10 Sat Eve Oct 11 Sun	Sep 28 Tue Eve Sept 29 Wed	Oct 17 Mon Eve Oct 18 Tue	Oct 7 Sat Eve Oct 8 Sun	Oct 24 Thu Eve Oct 25 Fri	Oct 14 Tue Eve Oct 15 Wed
		2016 5777	2017 5778	2018 5779	2019 5780	2020 5781	2021 5782	2022 5783	2023 5784	2024 5785	2025 5786	2026 5787
	Pesach (Passover) Festival of Freedom, recounting the deliverance from slavery. This is an 8 day observance and includes special dietary rules. The first two and last two days are observed as Holy Days.	Apr 22 Fri Eve Apr 23-24 Sat, Sun	Apr 10 Mon Eve Apr 11-12 Tue, Wed	Mar 30 Fri Eve Mar 31-Apr 1 Sat, Sun	Apr 19 Fri Eve Apr 20-21 Sat, Sun	Apr 8 Wed Eve Apr 9-10 Thu, Fri	Mar 27 Sat Eve Mar 28-29 Sun, Mon	Apr 15 Fri Eve Apr 16-17 Sat, Sun	Apr 5 Fri Eve Apr 6-7 Thu, Fri	Apr 22 Sat Eve Apr 23-24 Tue, Wed	Apr 12 Sat Eve Apr 13-14 Sun, Mon	Apr 1 Wed Eve Apr 2-3 Thu, Fri
	Shavuot Festival of Weeks. Marks giving of the law (Torah) on Mt. Sinai.	Jun 11 Sat Eve Jun 12-13 Sun, Mon	May 30 Tue Eve May 31-Jun 1 Wed, Thu	May 19 Sat Eve May 20-21 Sun, Mon	Jun 8 Sat Eve Jun 9-10 Sun, Mon	May 28 Thu Eve May 29-30 Fri, Sat	May 16 Sun Eve May 17-18 Mon, Tue	Jun 4 Sat Eve Jun 5-6 Sun, Mon	May 25 Thu Eve May 26-27 Fri, Sat	June 11 Tue Eve June 12-13 Wed, Thu	June 1 Sun Eve June 2-3 Mon, Tue	May 21 Thu Eve May 22-23 Fri, Sat