



# JEWISH NEWS

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## Jewish Federation of Madison Celebrates 75 Years

Happy New Year! The year 2015 marks the 75th anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Madison. This organization has grown and evolved over the years and is so proud of all that we have accomplished and where we are today.

Looking back, the first Jews came to Madison, then a village of 2,300, in the early 1850s. In 1856, seventeen Jewish families formed the city's first synagogue, known as *Shaarei Shamayim*, Gates of Heaven. With the wave of new immigration from Eastern Europe, new congregations and organizations appeared in Madison including Hadassah, the Council of Jewish Women, the Workmen's Circle, and the UW Hillel Foundation, the second in the nation established in 1924. In the 1930s, seeking to bring some unity and cooperation to local synagogues and organizations, volunteers formed the *Jewish Central Committee of Madison*, conducting the committee's business out of their own homes and offices.

By 1940, displaced European Jews clearly needed assistance. Offering such assistance and support required a more formal central structure. On May 10,

1940, the *Madison Jewish Welfare Fund*, the forerunner of today's Jewish Federation of Madison, was created. The Welfare Fund worked in the Jewish community to raise money for Jews overseas and for the growing immigrant population coming to Madison as refugees from Hitler's Europe. In addition, at the request of the federal government, the Fund became the liaison to Jewish members of the United States armed forces stationed at Madison's Truax Field.

On April 14, 1948, the Madison Jewish Welfare Fund formally incorporated under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, citing as its purpose the coordination, consolidation and centralization of charitable, educational and cultural fundraising activities in the Madison Jewish community. In 1950, its first full-time professional, Bert Jahr, came to work for the Welfare Fund. Having at first devoted itself almost exclusively to fundraising, the Madison Jewish Welfare Fund evolved into a broader organization and eventually acknowledged its expanded role in 1974 by taking a new

name, **Madison Jewish Community Council**.

While continuing its fundraising efforts, the Council began to provide services as well – Camp Shalom day camp for children, founded in 1954; social work services to senior adults and their families; a community newspaper, the *Madison Jewish News* (1969); the Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool (1970); and the Midrasha Hebrew High School (1975). In 1978, Jewish Social Services was founded as a separate corporation from the Federation.



In 1995, the Federation moved to its first permanent home, the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, named for one of the founders and past presidents of the Federation. In 1999, the Federation established the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus on a 154-acre site in the Town of Verona.

In 2009, in response to a much more mobile and interconnected American and world-wide Jewish community, the organization changed its name for the third



time and is now the **Jewish Federation of Madison**.

Today, the Madison Jewish community numbers more than 5,000 individuals (not including the estimated 5,000 Jewish students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus). The Madison Jewish community offers a full spectrum of Jewish experiences making Jewish life and living in Jewish Madison vibrant and meaningful.

Our mission remains strong as we continue 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 75th anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Madison is an opportunity for us to celebrate this community and all that we have done, collectively, over the years. Mazel tov on the 75th anniversary!



## Monthly Madison Jewish Dialogue Sessions

**Federation Innovation Panel Grant Funds Collaborative Dialogue About Israel and Its Conflict with the Palestinians**

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

Funded by an innovation grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison, Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, and UW Hillel will host monthly sessions for Jews of all perspectives, denominations and backgrounds to engage in community dialogue where participants will:

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

The dialogue will be useful whether you feel certain, ambivalent, or confused about your views, and whether you have studied these issues in depth or you are just beginning to think about them.

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## Next Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable: February 12, 2015

The Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable will hold its second event of the year on February 12th at Nakoma Country Club from 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. with our guest speaker Zach Brandon.

Mr. Brandon became President of the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce in November 2012. Prior to joining the GMCC, Mr. Brandon was the director of the Wisconsin Angel Network, an early stage investment organization focused on increasing equity investments in Wisconsin's entrepreneurs. He also served as the vice chair of public policy for the national Angel Capital Association.

Previously, Mr. Brandon served as Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and served in the agency's senior policy and external affairs role. He advised the Governor, Commerce Secretary and the Legislature on global trade and business development strategies with a heavy emphasis on expansion, investment and entrepreneurial development.

An experienced entrepreneur and small business owner, Mr. Brandon was part of the leadership team of three startups. He was president and chief

executive officer of Laundry 101, which in 2003 topped USA Today's "Best Places" to do laundry.

Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. followed by a discussion with Mr. Brandon facilitated by Professor Jon Eckhardt of the UW Business School. The cost of the event is \$25. You may register online at [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org) or by sending a check to the Jewish Federation of Madison, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719.



**Zach Brandon**  
President, Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce

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

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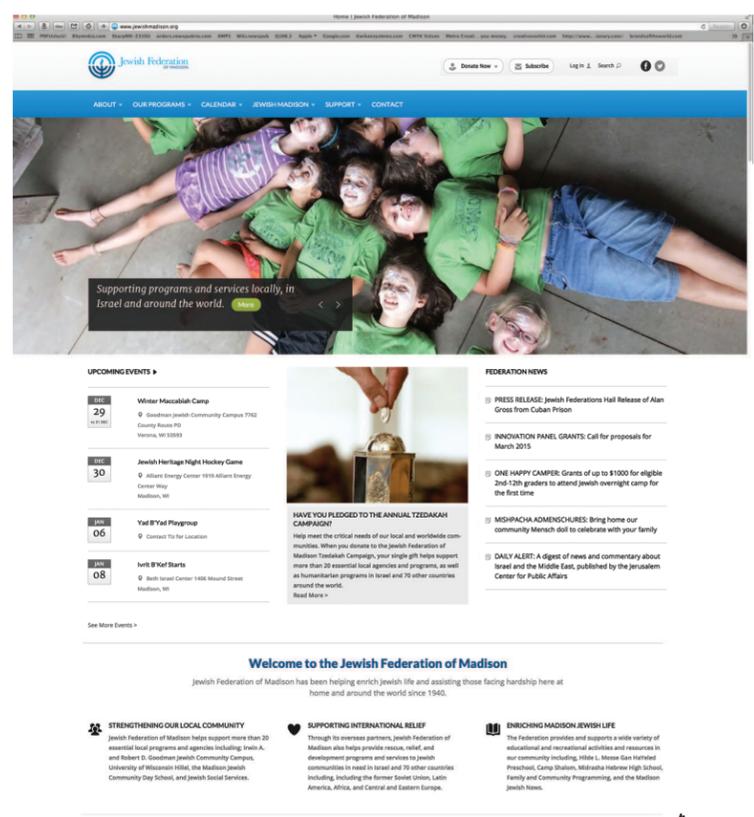
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- You'll be invited as our guest to the Federation Annual Dinner, our November event attended by our community's leaders. You'll also receive complimentary passes for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool.

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

For information about becoming a website sponsor, contact Tiz Goff, Community Outreach Coordinator, 773-620-4404 or outreach@jewishmadison.org



# Looking for a meaningful gift?

Make a quick and secure online tribute donation at [JewishMadison.org](http://JewishMadison.org)

Making a tribute donation to the **Jewish Federation of Madison** is a thoughtful way to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion while helping those in need here and around the world.

Your tribute donation will help support more than 20 essential local agencies and programs that serve both the Jewish community and the community-at-large, as well as humanitarian programs in Israel and 70 other countries worldwide. With one donation you can support:



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# Dialogue Sessions

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## What to Expect

In our dialogue program, trained facilitators will lead intimate conversations in small groups. The facilitators will set up a structure for the conversation and pose specially designed questions that will help each person to speak and listen in a manner that fosters mutual understanding and reflection. You will be encouraged to explore your differences, seeking to understand them more fully, but not to persuade one another or to seek consensus or compromise. **THIS IS NOT A DEBATE.** After a brief introduction, you will set up communication agreements that will be maintained for the duration of the conversation. You will then take turns responding to a series of questions dealing with issues such as:

- how the conflict has affected you, and experiences that have shaped your responses to the conflict;
- what is at heart of the matter for you - how you see and feel about the situation, your hopes and fears, and any commitments or sense of obligation that you feel; and
- questions you wrestle with, and any areas of confusion or uncertainty.

Next, there will be a less-structured discussion in which you can ask each other questions, respond to one another, and build on ideas that have arisen. You will also have an opportunity to talk about your hopes for conversation within the larger

Jewish community regarding these issues. Finally, there will be a brief closing.

All participants are expected to observe the following communication agreements:

- listen attentively;
- speak honestly in ways that promote learning and genuine inquiry;
- seek to understand each other;
- refrain from explicit or implicit attack or persuasion;
- omit language that any participant experiences as disrespectful; and
- treat what others say as confidential.

## About the Jewish Dialogue Group

The Jewish Dialogue Group ([www.jewishdialogue.org](http://www.jewishdialogue.org)) is a grassroots organization working to promote constructive dialogue within Jewish communities about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and other controversial issues. Its board members, staff, and volunteers have many different political perspectives, and as an organization, it does not take positions on any issues. It has led more than 260 dialogue programs in synagogues, schools, and other venues throughout North America.

## 2015 sessions

After piloting 3 successful Jewish Dialogue sessions in 2014, this grant enables the Madison Jewish community to come together each month. Some sessions will be for those who have never participated

in a Jewish Dialogue session and others will deepen the experience for those who have.

The schedule for the entire year is not fully set yet, but the initial sessions are:

- January 28th 7-9 PM @ UW Hillel—focusing on young adults in their 20s & 30s
- February 12th 7-9 PM @ UW Hillel—focusing on UW college students

Keep an eye out for future sessions for interfaith couples, Jewish organizational leadership and Camp Shalom staff, as well

as those who have participated in past Jewish Dialogue sessions.

## Registration required

To ensure meaningful dialogue from all participants, registration is required and each session will have a maximum of 15 participants. There is a small \$5 fee, to defray expenses not covered by the grant, but it can be waived if necessary.

To register for the January or February session or to obtain information about future sessions please e-mail: [office@shamayim.org](mailto:office@shamayim.org)

# New Opportunities to Get Involved in Public Policy

Using funding generously provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Innovation Panel, the Wisconsin Jewish Conference will expand their public policy and advocacy programming in 2015. Since 1987, the Wisconsin Jewish Conference has advocated for the Jewish community's interests and needs in Wisconsin state government. However, we are currently experiencing a time of significant and widespread policy change, and the WJC's voice is only as strong as that of the collective Jewish community. Elected officials on the state and federal level continue to debate many issues of importance for the Jewish community, ranging from voting access to health care. Now, more than ever, it is necessary for the Jewish community to engage in public policy work and make our voice heard both in Madison and Washington, D.C.

Mark your calendars for our kickoff event on Sunday, February 22, 2015. This post-election briefing and overview of the new legislative session will feature UW-Madison Political Science Professor Ken Mayer.

Professor Mayer will be joined by Wisconsin Jewish Conference Executive Director, Michael Blumenfeld, in providing an analysis of the 2014 state and

federal elections as well as an overview of the "hot topics" going into the 2015-16 legislative session. This event is free and open to all members of the Jewish community, but an RSVP is encouraged to [Kspencer@mblumenfeld.com](mailto:Kspencer@mblumenfeld.com).

Keep an eye out for two other upcoming public policy events:

Advocacy Training Seminar, March 2015: Participants will receive advice from experienced advocates on how to effectively communicate with elected officials and bring about real policy change. Participants will receive an overview of the 2015-17 state budget, pending legislation on both the state and federal level and other timely legislative information. This event is free and open to all members of the Jewish community.

2015 Interfaith Advocacy Day, April 29, 2015: The Jewish Federation of Madison and the Wisconsin Jewish Conference are cosponsoring this important biennial event. Please see information in this issue of the *Madison Jewish News*. Those participating in the Advocacy Training Seminar will be able to participate in this day for a reduced fee.

Please contact Michael Blumenfeld with any questions regarding these upcoming events at [mblumenfeld@mblumenfeld.com](mailto:mblumenfeld@mblumenfeld.com) or 608-257-1888.



## SAVE THE DATE: ADVOCACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

# People of Faith United for Justice

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Bethel Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church  
312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison**

People of Faith United for Justice is a day-long gathering to learn, discuss, pray and advocate together for social justice issues of importance to all the people of Wisconsin. As a new legislature starts work on the next state budget, our representatives need to hear our values, priorities, and concerns. Together, we can ensure that our commitment to compassion and justice is reflected in that budget.

## Keynote Speaker:



**Hannah Rosenthal** has spent her career as a change agent and successfully advocating for Jewish causes. Prior to her appointment as CEO/President with the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Hannah served as Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the US State Department. She has also served in the Executive Director role for the Chicago Foundation for Women (CFW), the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), and the Wisconsin Women's Council.

## Keynote Respondent:

**Rev. Everett Mitchell** is Director of Community Relations of UW Madison and Pastor at Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church, Madison. Rev. Mitchell's life focus has been examining the relationship of the church to social issues, such as poverty, war, incarceration and immigration. His favorite quote, "Do not follow the path that has been given, instead go to where there is no path and leave a trail" exemplifies his community leadership and passion for social justice.



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# Upcoming



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# EVENTS



### Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) Playgroup

Free traveling playgroup for children ages 0-2 and their caregivers.  
Tuesday, January 6th, 9:30-11 a.m.

Hand in hand caregivers will explore a new topic with a Jewish twist each month. Lots of time for schmoozing and for the kids to play. Kosher snacks will be provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison. Invite your friends!

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



### Schmooze and Shabbat Class

For children ages 0-3 and their caregivers  
4 FREE Sessions. Sign up for 1 or all 4: Fridays, January 9th, 16th, 30th, and February 6th, 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, Conference Room  
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Meet new and old friends in a welcoming and engaging environment. We are going to move, sing, read, smile and shake the cold off, so join us for the fun.

To register visit [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org)



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

Dates: Thursdays, January 8th - May 28th  
(Note: No class on March 5th, April 2nd, April 9th)  
Time: 3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison  
Cost: \$270 per student (cash or check) / \$275.50 (credit card)

Immerse your child in learning Hebrew in a fun, casual and engaging program! Kindergarten – 2nd graders are invited to join Racheli Komar-Aziz, our Community Shlichah, on an adventure through the Hebrew language in 18 exciting sessions focused on familiar themes. No Hebrew language experience is necessary.

#### Weekly Programming Includes:

- Ochel - a light afterschool snack to refresh everyone for learning together
- Ma'agal - group time for talking about the day of the week, weather, Hebrew month and weekly updates from the children, songs and group games
- Limeedah - lessons of the day focused on the weekly theme involving fun worksheets, card games, vocabulary review, stories and more
- Tachanot - stations for kids to experience learning through various media such as crafts, videos, dance, games and music
- Siyuum - closing activities and review

Registration is available online at: [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org)

For More Information: Contact Ellen Weismer, Program Director at (608) 278-1808 or program@jewishmadison.org.

### Interested in Jewish Education?

Join us for the annual Madison Area Jewish Teacher's Conference on Monday, February 23rd from 4-7 p.m. at Beth Israel Center.

Our programming this year will be focused on Tikshoret – Communication. For more information contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.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](mailto:avivkammay@gmail.com) or Racheli at [israel@jewishmadison.org](mailto: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. Alternate Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the shlichim's house, downtown. Please contact Racheli for more information: [Israel@jewishmadison.org](mailto:Israel@jewishmadison.org)



  
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**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 Shlichah (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](mailto:israel@jewishmadison.org) with questions. Register online at [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org)

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# Spring Event Preview at Center for Jewish Studies

By MELISSA MILLER

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies is pleased to announce an exciting program of lectures and events for the Spring 2015 semester. All events are free and open to the public.

In February, the Center will host a visit from rising author Boris Fishman, whose debut novel *A Replacement Life* has been hailed as “bold, ambitious, and wickedly smart” by the New York Times. Fishman will be giving a talk on “Sickle and Stars: The New Soviet-Jewish Literary Wave” on Friday, February 27 on the UW-Madison campus (check our website for exact time and location).

On Monday, March 9, the Center will co-sponsor the Schrag Lecture on German Jewish History, given by Asher Biemann, of the University of Virginia. His talk, on “The ‘Jewish’ Michelangelo: German Jews, the Renaissance, and the Dream of

Italy,” asks why Michelangelo matters to Jewish writers and explores parallels between the Moses statue speaking to the Jews and Michelangelo’s great works of art coming to life in the eyes of Jewish pilgrims. Biemann’s talk will take place at 4:00 p.m. on the UW-Madison campus (check our website for exact location).

Later in March, the biennial Conney Conference on Jewish Arts will be co-presented by the Center for Jewish Studies and the University of Southern California Initiative for Israeli Arts and Humanities. Scholars and artists from America, Israel and beyond will present their work on the theme “Jewish/American/Israeli: Intertwined Identities in the Contemporary Arts and Humanities.” The conference will also feature keynote lectures by Professor Janice Ross, renowned dance studies scholar at Stanford University, and Israeli artist Andi Arnovitz. This year’s conference, marking the 10th anniversary of The Con-

ney Project on Jewish Arts, will be held on the USC campus in Los Angeles, California, March 24-26.

In April the Center will bring Ami Pedahzur, Professor of Government and Founding Director of the Institute for Israel Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, to the UW to give the Weinstein-Minkoff lecture on contemporary Israel. Pedahzur’s talk, on “Military Entrepreneurs and the Evolution of Israel’s Special Forces,” examines the circumstances that

led to the debut of present-day special forces operations and the mechanisms that have enabled their current prominent status. This talk will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, at Memorial Union (800 Langdon Street; check “Today in the Union” for exact location).

Complete and current information about our events is available on our website at [jewishstudies.wisc.edu](http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu) or by emailing [events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu](mailto:events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu).

## Thank You ...

As the 2014 Tzedakah Campaign comes to an end, I would like to say thank you to all of you that chose to participate and give.

Thank you to those who attended our “rockin” kickoff event with the dueling pianos. Thank you to those who joined us for a lovely evening at the Major Gifts dinner at Nakoma. Thank you to all of the volunteers, athletes, yogis, bakers and Packer fans who came out to do a mitzvah on Tzedakah Sunday. Thank you to the incredible volunteers who made phone calls and wrote letters to our community members encouraging others to give generously to the campaign.

Again, a special thank you to all of you who chose to give! From children emptying their Tzedakah boxes to the thousands and thousands of dollars donated by all of you, we came together as a community to provide for those in need, both locally and around the world.

It is a privilege to live and work in such a passionate, vibrant and committed Jewish community.

Todah Rabah!

~ Lynn Kaplan

Financial Resource Development Director,  
Jewish Federation of Madison



## Hamantaschen Baking Open House

Brought to you by the Jewish Federation of Madison’s Family Education Committee

Join us for an afternoon of baking, filling, folding and fun

When: **Sunday, February 22, 2:00-4:30 p.m.**

Where: **Beth Israel Center**

Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little while to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2:00-2:30 and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging.

Learn to bake Hamentashen. Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim carnival on **Thursday, March 5** at Beth Israel Center.

**\*We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the Hamantashen dough in the mornings on February 18 and 20, if you are interested in helping, please contact Ellen Weismer [program@jewishmadison.org](mailto:program@jewishmadison.org).**

## Simchas & Condolences

*Mazel tov to:*

**Joel and Deborah Minkoff**, on the engagement of their daughter Caren, to Ari Lampear;

**Hilary Gerstein and Marty Lichtman**, on the birth of their daughter;

**David and Jeannette LeZaks**, on the birth of their son, Isadore (Izzy) Hugo LeZaks;

**Joshua Gottlieb-Miller and Lauren Hanon**, on the birth of their son, Owen Moses Gottlieb-Miller;

**Noah and Kate Seligman**, on the birth of their son Asher William Seligman, grandson of David Seligman and Betsy Abramson and great-grandson of Corine Cohn;

**Elliot and Brooke Pike Williams**, on the birth of their son Jacob Gabriel Williams, grandson of Deena and Peter Williams;

**Leah and Nathan Buttchen**, on the birth of their son Kellen William Buttchen, grandson of Steve Heilprin;

**Naomi and Mitch Paschen**, on the birth of their daughter Ava Victoria Paschen, great-grandchild to Mona and Allen Paschen;

**Karina Schoengold and Zachery Kapinus**, on the birth of their daughter Stella Cassidy Kapinus, granddaughter of David and JoAnn Schoengold; and

**Paul and Sherie Sondel**, on the engagement of their daughter Beth Sondel, to Jamie Hanson.

*Condolences to the families of:*

**Cara Hoffert**, mother of David (Aleeza) Hoffert;

**Ezra Heymann**, father of Elisa Heyman, grandfather of David and Ruth;

**Frances Seidman**, mother of Lisa Seidman;

**Bernice Hasden**, mother of Ann Dee (Rabbi Jan) Brahm and grandmother of Steven and Lisa;

**Bernardo Morgenstern**, brother of Clara Lazimy;

**David Markow**, father of Jesse (Teri) Dobbs;

**Florence Karp**, sister of Allyn Bress

**Gwen Rivkin**, sister of Joel (Susan) Winnig;

**Jack Heifetz**, husband of Trudi;

**Anatole Beck**, husband of Eve Siegel Beck, father of Micah and Nina Beck, and step-father of Amy and Pam Novick; and

**Paula Etzkin Fitzer**, sister-in-law of Ginny Graff, aunt of Stacy Graff and Lynne Graff Ballesta and great aunt of Stefie Ballesta.

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A century later, Madison Hadassah is still a source of information and advocacy for members on such issues as women's and family health and welfare as well as social justice in the US, Israel and around the world.

Hadassah's National Action Center helps keep members apprised of legislation on state and national levels, and provides information and access to contact members' Congressional representatives. The Center provides information and support for Hadassah members who want to advocate for issues of concern for women's health and welfare, families, and Israel at the community, state and national level.

This year Hadassah's National Action Center is offering a series of programs on

Zionism.

Hadassah's "Zionism in the 21st Century" is a free monthly online speaker series exploring different perspectives on Zionism. Just as Hadassah embraces members from every stream of Judaism, so we welcome discussion of varying views of US and Israeli politics. Anyone who subscribes to the series can watch any of the past or current programs from their homes.

This Month's Talk on Zionism in the 21st Century, 6:30 CST, on January 22, 2015 featuring Naomi Colton-Max, Foreign Policy Analyst on Middle East and founding member of Ameinu.

To view the series, register beforehand at: [www.Hadassah.org/definingZionism](http://www.Hadassah.org/definingZionism)

To learn when Madison Hadassah holds discussions on the Zionism in the 21st Century series, go to our website, watch for our e-newsletters, or contact us (see below).

To receive online news from the National Action Center, go to [www.Hadassah.org/NationalActionCenter](http://www.Hadassah.org/NationalActionCenter)

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Juniors Caroline Grenis and Maddie Hausberg deliver video messages for the children.

## UW Chabad Students Host Falafel and Philanthropy

By JAMIE ROSENBAUM

UW-Madison Junior from Northbrook, IL

"Chabad is my home away from home. I would not be the person I am or have the opportunities I have without the warm and comforting environment provided by Rabbi Mendel and Henya Matusof," says freshman Rebecca Schwartz.

The Chabad House at the University of Wisconsin-Madison provides a place on campus for students from California to New York to come together in a safe and encouraging environment. Every week emails go out about the numerous events being offered each week, which range from classes to Shabbat dinner. Shabbat at Chabad has become a staple in my college career. Each Friday night, students excitedly congregate at Chabad to enjoy the good conversation, delicious food, and a great homey Jewish experience.

Working together with Rabbi Mendel and Henya to create Jewish opportunities for students is an active group of student volunteers, of which I am privileged to be a part of. The Chabad Student Board is tasked with creating philanthropic and Mitzvah (good deeds) programs and opportunities for students at Chabad.

On November 19th, 2014 we partnered with the Israel Children's Cancer Foundation (ICCF), which is the only non-profit organization that provides in-hospital care in Israel for over 1,400

children with cancer. The ICCF provides aid to six hospitals in the Israeli area including: the Rambam Medical Center, Dana Children's Hospital, Sheba Medical Center, Hadassah University Hospital, Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel and Soroka University Medical Center.

Rather than a typical bake sale or fundraiser, the Chabad Student Board chose to do something unique that will directly help Israeli children with cancer. We decided to do Falafel and Philanthropy. In order to encourage greater participation, we focused on the Israeli theme and served falafel and other Israeli food.

There were three activities at Falafel and Philanthropy. The event involved making paper cards to be sent to the children. Students spent a lot of time creating cards in both English and Hebrew, which had fun sayings and warm wishes on them. The purpose of creating cards was to create a personal connection for the child receiving them. Each student took the time to write something or draw something that they believed a child would enjoy. Over one hundred cards were made and sent to children in Israel.

Students also created fleece tie blankets to send to children in hospitals. The purpose of the blankets was to provide warmth and comfort to children. Students really enjoy tying the blankets and working together. Overall, there were six large fleece blankets produced.

Third, which was also my personal favorite, was creating video messages to be sent to the ICCF and children in Israel. Everyone really got involved and made video messages expressing personal greetings and hopes of recovery soon. This allowed the children to be able to see who is sending the cards and blankets. It allowed for a more personal connection.

Overall, the event was a major success. Seventy students from across campus came to contribute to this important cause and help make cards, blankets and video messages. Katie Cera, a junior at the University of Wisconsin - Madison said, "It was nice to celebrate our Judaism while doing something for a good cause, while also eating good food." It was an honor to plan and take part in this event and we are already planning our next philanthropy event at Chabad.



Sophomore Rebecca Wartels makes a blanket for children in Israeli hospitals.

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

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# Congregation News

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## Beth Israel Center

Come see our newly renovated synagogue at the corner of Mound and Randall! Please be patient with us into 2015, as we complete and equip our new building.

Visit our website, [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org), or call us at (608) 256-7763 for service schedules and other programming information beyond what is listed here.

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.

Upcoming events:

### Melton Class on Raising Jewish Children Begins February 1

Beth Israel Center is bringing the Melton School to Madison, starting with a *Foundations of Jewish Family Living* 10-class series. Classes, taught by Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon, will meet at Beth Israel Center on Sunday mornings starting February 1. Class dates run through the end of May. The cost is \$96, which includes course materials. Developed by the renowned Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a project of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, *Foundations of*

*Jewish Family Living* is a new curriculum designed for parents that acknowledges the important role of learning in adulthood. For more information, see the adjacent article.

### Shabbat Potluck Dinner Friday, January 23

Welcome Shabbat with services beginning at 5:45pm, followed by a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Because Shabbat begins at 4:40 that day, all potluck contributions must be dropped off in advance – on Thursday between 9am and 6pm or Friday between 9am and 4pm. Bringing something home-made? Use kosher ingredients. Bringing something store-bought? Make sure it has a hechsher. For more information, see the Kashrut Policy for Home-Prepared Food, under “About Us” on our website, [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org).

### Yom Rishon

Sunday, February 1, 10 a.m.

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 2015 dates on your calendar: 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](mailto:education@bethisraelcenter.org) or 256-7763.

### Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am every Saturday

Looking for warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services? Come find us in our new sanctuary. Our

worship begins with P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a community kiddush lunch after services every week. Children's services for babies, preschoolers, and elementary school age children begin at 10:30 most weeks. Subscribe to our weekly e-news to receive children's service schedule updates. (Find “Get our E-announcements” on our website or email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) and ask to be added.) Visitors are always welcome!

### Melton School Course Launches in Madison

## New Curriculum for Parents Raising Jewish Children

On Sundays beginning in February, parents will drop children off at Sunday religious schools, grab a coffee, and then sit down for their own date with Jewish learning.

These parents will participate in a ten-session course for adults offered by Beth Israel Center entitled, *Foundations of Jewish Family Living*. *Foundations* is a new curriculum designed for parents that acknowledges the important role of learning in adulthood. Parents really are “learning for two” as they engage in their own study and then bring the conversations and stories home to share with their children.

Developed by the renowned Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a project of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the new *Foundations of Jewish Family Living* curriculum is aimed at parents of school-aged children, including early childhood. Each lesson focuses on one of the great “master stories” from the Bible and the Jewish tradition, and also includes texts and articles that analyze and contemporize the issues. Discussion is lively and the opportunity to share the challenges of parenting provides a great backdrop for the class.

Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon who will teach the course in Madison, is an experienced educator who serves both as an adult educator at Beth Israel Center and as Head of School at Madison Jewish Community Day School, as well as serving as a programmer at Camp Ramah Wisconsin.

“Melton courses bring so much rich content to the table, and when I have taught their materials in the past I have been amazed at how the curriculum generates excitement and give and take in the classroom between students,” says Rabbi Ben-Gideon.

“So often parents ask me how they can help with their child's Jewish education or what steps they can take for-

ward, given that their own formal Jewish editions ended many years ago,” she says.

“This course is the perfect opportunity for parents to both re-engage with their own Jewish learning and to do what might be the single most powerful thing a parent can do for their children's Jewish identity, walking the walk of lifelong Jewish learning and growth. Parents have very little ‘leisure’ time, and when they spend it with the rabbi, it sends a powerful message to kids.”

The *Foundations* course has been piloted nationwide, and participants say they are glad they took the time out of their busy lives to model lifelong Jewish learning and growth. Cassandra Kessner, a student from the Dallas pilot class said, “The class provides a setting where you can learn from each other... My boys would ask me, ‘What did you learn today Mommy?’ Just because you are a parent, it doesn't mean you ever stop learning... you never stop trying to better yourself.”

Dr. Edna Levy, a *Foundations* teacher in Kansas City, says, “I love that the lessons are built around ‘Master Stories’ as vehicles for discussing cornerstone Jewish values. This gave my students concrete take-home texts that they told me they shared with their spouses and kids (of varying ages!) and also gave our class a solid basis for having adult, nuanced conversations about complicated and important ideas.”

The course, a program of Beth Israel Center, is open to both members and non-members. It does require registration and space is limited. To register visit [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org) and click on the Melton *Foundations* link. For more information please contact [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) or call 256-7763.

For more information about *Foundations* or other Melton learning options, visit the website at [www.fmams.org.il](http://www.fmams.org.il)

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Our events listed below are open to the community. Check out our Temple Beth El website at [www.templebethelmadison.org](http://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 [executivedirector@templebethelmadison.org](mailto:executivedirector@templebethelmadison.org) for membership information.

The Temple office will be closed on January 1 and January 19, 2015.

## Singles Creating Community Dinner

Wednesday, January 14 at 6pm  
Imperial Gardens, 2039 Allen Blvd, Middleton

Start the New Year with a relaxing dinner at Imperial Gardens. Choose your

favorite Chinese dish to spice up the dreary winter. Order exactly what you want, or join with others and share a variety of dishes. You can't go wrong. And there will be fortune cookies at the end of dinner, which may tell us about the upcoming year.

## Singles Creating Community Coffee Clutch

Friday, January 16 at 9am  
Barnes and Noble, West Towne Mall, 7433 Mineral Point Road, Madison

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

## Thou Shall Retreat: Temple Beth El Congregational Retreat

Friday evening, January 16 through Sunday morning, January 18 (MLK Weekend) At URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) in Oconomowoc, WI

Join your Temple community for

another awesome Congregational retreat this winter. For information and to register visit <http://www.templebethelmadison.org/congregational-winter-retreat/>

## Kesher Israel Film Series: "Life in Stills"

January 21, Main doors open at 7pm. Films begin at 7:15pm

Snacks provided. Discussion following the film.

## Men's Club Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 23 at 5:30pm—Tailgate Style Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm—Shabbat Service lead by Men's Club.

A Tailgate Style Shabbat Dinner will include burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, veggie burgers, potato Salad and more. \$15 for adults (13+), \$10 for kids ages 5-12, \$5 for tots 4 and younger. Register online by Wednesday, January 14. Contact Aleeza Hoffert [program@templebethelmadison.org](mailto:program@templebethelmadison.org)

## Fiesta Shabbat Recognizing Our New Members

Friday, January 30, 5:30pm

Pre-oneg Nosh including a warm dish. 6pm - Shabbat Service recognizing our new members. 6:45pm - Congregational Fiesta Shabbat Dinner, including tacos and toppings and Mexican brownies along with fun and games to get to know each other and Temple Beth El. Please reserve your space online. The cost is \$15 for adults (13+), \$10 for ages (4-12) and \$5 for ages 3 and younger.

## Roaring 20s Murder at the Juice Joint Speakeasy

Saturday, February 7 at 7pm

Calling all Flappers, Dolls, Mobsters & Gents! Come to our speakeasy in your 20s garb and solve the mystery.

Keep your eyes peeled for details on our website or contact Aleeza 608-238-3123 or [program@templebethelmadison.org](mailto:program@templebethelmadison.org). Advance registration requested to assign characters in advanced (walk-ins also welcome).

# Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

## Havurot Forming!

Shaarei Shamayim is delighted to introduce a new model of programming into our community. We will be creating many new havurot (fellowship groups) based on the interest of our members. Among the groups we're creating are a social justice havurah, a family volunteer havurah, and a Shabbat dinner havurah. Please contact Sara at [office@shamayim.org](mailto:office@shamayim.org) if you'd like to sign up or learn more.

## Shabbat Services

Saturdays, January 10 and 24  
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.

## Intergenerational Winter Retreat

Sunday, January 18  
Goodman Community Center (east side of Madison), 149 Waubesa Street  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Just because it's cold and dreary out-

side doesn't mean we can't get together for a retreat! We will have a panel of people who work in social justice and social service organizations talk about their religious or spiritual connection to the work they do. There will be plenty of workshops for kids of all ages and volun-

teer work at Goodman Community Center's food pantry. Bagels and coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a brown bag lunch. (This is not a potluck!) For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sara at [office@shamayim.org](mailto:office@shamayim.org). Non-members welcome.

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# Challah for Hunger at UW Hillel: Baking a Difference

By Chloé Butler and Jennifer Jennings

At 5 PM nearly every Thursday of the school year, students begin streaming in the doors of Hillel, climbing the stairs to the second floor, ready to help braid and bake challah. Challah for Hunger at UW-Madison is one of Hillel's largest student organizations. Each week, students mix, braid, and bake challah loaves and rolls to sell to students, community members, Adamah Neighborhood Table, and two local stores—Fresh Market and MacTaggart's. The organization also provides the challah served at Hillel's Shabbat dinner each Friday. Money raised from challah sales support two organizations: Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger, an international hunger organization, and Porchlight, the local organization serving Madison's homeless population.

Challah for Hunger at UW-Madison is a branch of the national organization. In Madison, two organizational leaders are Hillel interns, and the rest of the student leadership team is selected through applications. This year's team is led by Jonah Miller Grant, Programming and Communications Intern, and Emma Tolkin, Business and Operations Intern. Through their internships, Jonah and Emma not only learn how to lead an organization, but how to operate a small business. Challah for Hunger has a budget, marketing plan, and clients. By being a Challah for Hunger intern, Jonah is following in the footsteps of his sister, who held the same role three years ago. When asked why he's passionate about Challah for

Hunger, he said: "I love Challah for Hunger because it takes on the huge goal of fighting and educating about hunger



Challah for Hunger Leadership Team.

while still being fun and social. It really represents what it's like to be Jewish, to follow Jewish customs in making challah and then doing a mitzvah by Tikkun Olam."

Starting at the end of last year, Challah for Hunger began adding an educational component to their volunteer braiding and baking program. Student leaders educate their peers about issues of hunger and homelessness. Volunteers may learn more about Mazon or Porchlight, homelessness in Madison, or make cards for Porchlight residents. "I think the best part is knowing that I am part of a national organization that makes the world a better place. It's nice

to know that every week I get to work with people I enjoy spending time with, giving back to my community," said Alexa

Lebowitz, member of the leadership team. Challah for Hunger Leaders Spring 2015 include: Sheri Arnold, Noah Broder, Clara Cole, Rachel Goldbaum, Michelle Gould, Jake Grant, Jonah Grant, Madeline Kalicka, Phoebe Kiekhofer, Alexa Lebowitz, Talia Malkin, Emma Tolkin, and Jacy Weissburg.

Each week, the Challah team posts on Facebook, advertising a "flavor of the week." Some of the most popular flavors include chocolate chip, spicy cheesy, garlic rosemary, and Nutella. Other flavors this year included blueberry, sweet potato, candy, sundried tomato basil, and apple cinnamon. Challah for Hunger hosts two large events during the school year where they sell hundreds of rolls to challah-loving students. In the fall, Challahween, and in the spring, Challahpalooza. For these events, students bake for two days, selling between five and seven flavors. At each event, they make over \$1,000 to donate to Mazon and Porchlight. Last year, Challah for Hunger sold 3,600 challah rolls and loaves, bringing in over \$3,000.

Fresh Market and MacTaggart's have been longtime supporters of Challah for Hunger. Both stores are on campus, bringing in both student and community business. "We sell about 15-20 loaves a week. People really seem to love the challah and its cause," said Kim at Fresh. Rick at MacTaggart's began selling challah a few years ago. He agreed with Kim, noting that it's a great cause and that the challah regularly sells out, indicating its popularity.

Hillel brings challah to its monthly volunteer opportunity at Capitol Lakes Retirement Community where residents kvell over the student-made challah. Steve Schwartz attends the monthly Shabbat services led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger and UW students. "I was so impressed with it that we put in an order for High Holiday services when they were selling it," said Steve. Steve delivered the challah to the residents in their rooms. "People were very grateful to have the ability to buy homemade challah instead of having to make it themselves."

Challah for Hunger bakes throughout the school year and fills orders for students and community members. Pre-ordered challah is available for pick-up on Friday mornings at UW Hillel. To learn more about Challah for Hunger and to place an order visit [www.uwhillel.org/challah](http://www.uwhillel.org/challah).

## Discover Day School Information Night

Parents interested in learning more about Madison Jewish Community Day School are invited to join us for an Information Night on Monday, January 12, at 7 pm.

The program will feature the perspectives of faculty, parents and alumni on what makes an MJCDS education unique and outstanding.

The program will be held at MJCDS, which is now housed at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. Please enter through the doors off of the parking lot.

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"The bilingual curriculum, along with great science, math, and arts instruction are major assets. I don't think there is a better school in Madison. The faculty is fully and enthusiastically committed to helping each child grow and learn, and the small class sizes allows a unique level of creativity and

spontaneity," she says.

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### Discover Day School – Weekday Tours

Weekday tours are held regularly throughout the year on weekday mornings, 9:15-10:30 am. On these mornings, adults are invited to tour the school, view classes in session, and learn more through a Q&A session with the Head of School.

Upcoming dates include Wed. January 14 and Thursday, February 5. To RSVP for one of these dates or to schedule an individual tour, contact Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon, Head of School, at [rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com](mailto:rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com) or 204-9900.



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Fourth grader Baila reads a Hebrew book to K-1 students.

# Heifetz BBYO Wins Spirit Trophy at Winter Regional Convention

By TALIA RESNICK

Madison's very own Heifetz BBYO traveled to Milwaukee to attend the region's annual Winter Regional Convention (WRC). With an outstanding fifteen members on board, we were more than ready to win the spirit-themed convention!

WRC, which is held in a hotel, constitutes multiple sets of contests that everybody can participate in. The contests range from intense Jenga to messy Twister to real life Apples to Apples! The entire region gears up chapter by chapter to win while also having the time of their lives. A high-level panel of judges watches these contests and judges them based on performance, spirit, and creativity. After a contest is finished, a first, second, and third place is awarded secretly and revealed during the closing ceremonies. Each contest and placement is worth a certain number of points and the chapter with the most points at the end is the overall winner and receives a beautiful red and gold trophy with a cow on top!

Last year, during Heifetz's first time attending WRC, we showed an immense amount of spirit but ended up humbly receiving last place. This year, before we arrived, we knew there was a change in the atmosphere. Not only did we have more members attending, but we felt a stronger sense of pride for our outstanding chapter and we knew we had the spirit to win.

After an insane rap battle went down with our very own Jake Stein and Quinn Frankel against the region, along with an extraordinary cake that was shaped and decorated like a piece of cheese, and a nail biting, sweaty palm Jenga game ex-

ecuted by Jordyn Schreiber, Heifetz BBYO felt hope. Although the other amazing chapters in the Wisconsin Region had tons of spirit and pride, our beloved Madison chapter was at a different level of energy.

Besides all of the contests, WRC also consists of a spirit-wear day, a chapter song, and a chapter dance. While dressed up as rocking jocks and cheerleaders, we performed a creative new version of the National Anthem and God Bless America with lyrics about Heifetz, the Wisconsin Region and BBYO overall. As "Heifetz America, Madison pride, stand beside 'Fetz, and you bet, you'll have tons of great fun on the ride!" echoed throughout the hotel, our intuitive fruit salad chapter dance had the whole region laughing! We knew we had a chance!

As the closing ceremonies began, Heifetz BBYO walked into the crowded room wearing our awesome new apparel and excitedly sat down, for we knew the WRC Spirit Convention trophy could be ours! As our name was announced multiple times for winning many contests such as the rap battle, Jenga, cake decorating, our banner, and more, the energy amongst our chapter grew. As the overall winner was about to be revealed, we all held hands as the entire region jumped up on chairs and chanted our catchy phrase, "Heifetz is Lifetz!" over and over again. The energy in the room grew and a drum roll was set to motion. The second we heard the word Heifetz come out of WRC coordinator Hannah Sprung's mouth, we sprinted up to the stage and cheered and danced along with the whole region, which was rooting for us!! Heifetz had just won the WRC Spirit trophy! Tears were shed and the whole chapter felt such pride and honor. It was easily one of the best days Heifetz BBYO had ever seen!



Taking the majestic trophy home to Madison was nothing less than an honor; however, the overall experience at WRC was just as fun. Not only do you get to take part in crazy contests and compete with the other chapters, you're also able to meet and bond with so many other members. Due to the fact we are the only BBYO chapter in Madison, we don't have many opportunities to see all of the fantastic Milwaukee chapters. WRC gives Heifetz BBYO the ability to truly connect with the other phenomenal chapters in the amazing Wisconsin Region. Not only will you laugh harder than you

have ever laughed before, but you can truly have an exceptional experience.

As Hilary Miller, president of all B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG) in our region stated in her mid-states speech this past weekend, "Wisconsin Region is like no other." This weekend for Heifetz BBYO it was like no other and every member in our chapter hopes all Jewish teens have the opportunity to experience the BBYO experience.

~Talia Resnick  
Co-founder and proud member of  
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## Hanukkah Tzedakah Craft Fair 2014

The excitement was in the air as people arrived at the Goodman Center Loft for the Hanukkah Tzedakah Craft Fair. The night started out with a community Havdalah that was so crowded it took up two levels of space as everyone circled around the students of the Madison Jewish Community Day School who led us together as we sang goodbye to Shabbat. The giggly students from Gan HaYeled spun like Dreidels as they performed *Hanukkah, Holiday So Fair*. And everyone worked up an appetite dancing Turkish Kiss and Yesh Lanu Tayish led by the dancers from Yonim

Israeli Dance Troupe. Hanukkah music played as everyone participated in crafts, mitzvah projects and games while eating bagels, sufganiyot, gelt and latkes. Thank you to Laila Borokhim for providing the delicious latkes for everyone to enjoy!

We had so many new and creative booths this year and appreciate the hard work of all of the individuals who contributed to leading our projects:

Beth Israel Center – Books for Emerson Elementary school

Chabad – Decorating Hanukkah Cookies

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim – Beaded stars and snowflakes to donate to a shelter

Gan HaYeled Preschool – Dreidel art

Madison Jewish Community Day School – Hanukkah Trivia Game

Mickey, Racheli and Ofek Aziz-Komar (JFM Shlichim) – Hanukkah Snow Globes

Temple Beth El MATTY Youth Group – No-sew fleece blankets to donate to a shelter

Tiz Goff, JFM Community Outreach Coordinator – Lego Menorahs

Yonim – Hanukkah Nail Art

We received so many food donations for the Goodman Center Food Pantry and the kids had fun working together to create a menorah out of the canned goods at the end of the night.

The annual Hanukkah Tzedakah fair is sponsored by the Family Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this night of music, dancing, art and mitzvot such a community-wide success!



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# Camp Corner

**Summer, Friendship, Laughter, Fun...**

**Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on Monday, March 9th**

It does NOT matter what time of day you register. Registration policies will be available online. We will accept registrations based on a first-come first-served basis according to the date people register, starting with March 9th.

Updates about special programs and exciting new additions to our programs coming soon!  
We look forward to a great summer of 2015!

**Camp Shalom 2015 Dates**

- Session I: June 22-July 10
- Session II: July 14- July 31
- Session III: August 4-14 (Camp Shalom only)

**Late-night/Overnight Dates**

- Session 1: Wednesday, July 8th
- Session 2: Wednesday, July 29th
- Session 3: Wednesday, August 12th (no overnight)

The Camp Shalom late-night is a fun evening for Camp families to get to see the Goodman Campus, meet the Camp Shalom staff and see first hand what their campers have been enjoying throughout the summer. There is no bus service in the afternoons on the days listed below. The campers stay at camp for an afternoon of special programming and the families are invited to bring a blanket and a picnic dinner to share with their campers. The 4th and 5th grade campers are then invited to a fun sleepover experience. The Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (middle school campers) leave in the morning on the dates listed above for a unique off-site overnight camping adventure.

## Camp Shalom is Hiring!

Rewarding and fun...come work at Camp Shalom or Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim! Applications for summer 2015 will be available online on January 15th.

We are looking for enthusiastic, caring, responsible, creative leaders with innovative ideas and a love for being outdoors!

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# Jewish Social Services

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## Thank You for Delivering Menorahs!

JSS would like to thank the volunteers who delivered menorahs for Hanukkah recently. Thirty-three seniors living in assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing facilities received menorahs and visits from Sammy and Tamara Angelina, Dawn Berney, the DiTullio family, Leslie Eisenberg, Barb Esser, Barry Gidal, the Fleischmann family, Jerry Goodman, the Gorman family, Stacy Graff, Ronnie Hess, Dory Kalish-Huza, the King family, Racheli Komar-Aziz, Renata Laxova, Doug Olson, the Pinkesz family, Linda Reivitz, Gillian Sender, Jeanne Silverberg, the Sulman-McGrath family, the Weismer family, Meg Wise and David Tenenbaum, and Fima Zaltsman.

## Dane County Board Approves Grant for Immigration Services

Leviticus 19:33-34 commands: "When strangers sojourn with you in your land, you shall not do them wrong. The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

On November 19th, the Dane County Board approved a new budget which includes \$25,000 for the JSS Immigration Services Program. The current program, launched in 2005, served thirty-two émigrés. The program now serves close to two hundred individuals from over sixty countries and has reached its capacity. Director of Immigrant and Refugee Services, Janice Beers, remains the only Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Accredited Representative in Dane County and Jewish Social Services remains the only BIA Recognized Agency in Dane County.

In addition to providing low cost immigration services to those who cannot afford an immigration attorney, Janice assists her clients with social service issues including: housing, food insufficiency, domestic violence, access to mental health services and medical advocacy.

In an effort to explain her program to the county, Janice, together with her Gambian client Fatou Sanyang, testified at a public hearing. Janice explained that in 2009, Fatou's mother, Rohey, was the victim of a crime in New York City. Rohey testified against her attacker, and then felt compelled to flee because he threatened to kill her upon his release from jail. Rohey

knew a family in Madison and came here, but was unable to find housing. When Janice met Rohey, she was homeless. Janice was able to help Rohey obtain the survival services she needed, and ultimately, was able to have Rohey approved for permanent residency. After she became a US citizen, Rohey was able to bring Fatou here, a reunion that was nearly a decade in the making. Today, Rohey and Fatou are employed, self-sufficient, and thrilled to be together.

With the Executive Order recently issued by President Obama, it is likely that many additional émigrés, residing in Dane County will be seeking services from JSS. This grant will allow the agency to hire a part-time Immigration Services Assistant, run workshops, and provide more scholarship funds for individuals who cannot afford even the nominal fees for agency immigration services.

JSS would like to extend its gratitude to Dane County Board Supervisor Jeremy Levin, for authoring the budget amendment that will fund this new initiative in the JSS Immigration Program, as well as the following supervisors who co-sponsored it: Supervisor Carousel Bayrd, Supervisor Jenni Dye and Supervisor Chuck Erickson. And a special thanks to Michael Blumenfeld who has always been a friend to the agency.

With the help of the citizens of Dane County, we look forward to growing our program and helping our neighbors build a new life in our community.

## Volunteer for Jewish Social Services!



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

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

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## Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture and Brunch

Temple Beth El and Jewish Social Services are pleased to announce Jill Karofsky will be the honored speaker at the 2015 Liesl M. Blockstein Annual Memorial Lecture on Sunday, February 15 at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison. The program will start at 9:30 a.m. with brunch, and the speaker will begin around 10:15 a.m. Jill is the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Crime Victim Services. She was appointed to the position by Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen on January 3, 2011. Prior to her appointment, Jill was an Assistant Attorney General – Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. In that role, she provided training and support to Wisconsin prosecutors to enhance their prosecutions of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and related offenses. From 2001-2010 Jill was an attorney for the National Conference of Bar Examiners where she served as the Director of Human Resources and Counsel, and the Director of Education. Jill started her career in the Dane County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney and then Deputy District Attorney. Since 2005 Jill has been an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She has taught Trial Advocacy and is currently teaching a course she developed called Victims in the Legal System. Jill is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D.) and the LaFollette School of Public Affairs (M.A.) Her undergraduate degree is from Duke University.

The Liesl M. Blockstein Fund was established by her family as a memorial fund

after her untimely death in 1986. The Fund supports two purposes: a scholarship for a Wisconsin woman who chooses to study at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in the fields of rabbinical studies, cantorial studies or education, and presenting an annual lecture at Temple Beth El. The Liesl Blockstein Memorial Lecture series annually honors a Wisconsin woman involved in politics, academics, the arts and/or cultural affairs to address our community. This lecture is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and Jewish Social Services of Madison, in which Liesl was actively involved.

The program and brunch are free and open to all, but we ask that you register by emailing [program@templebethelmadison.org](mailto:program@templebethelmadison.org) or calling Aleeza Hoffert at 608-238-3123 with the number of people attending.



Jill Karofsky

### ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER POSITION DESCRIPTION

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.
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- Working knowledge of business English, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and correspondence formats
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Communication and Digital Marketing:  
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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](http://jssmadison.org). Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and three references (electronic and hard copy) for consideration to:

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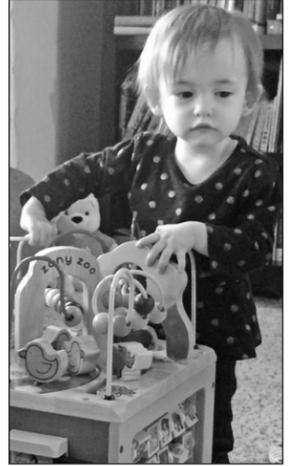


# Jewish Education

## Yad B'Yad – Fun for Moms and Babies!

Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) playgroup for 0-2 years of age is growing and thriving! In November and December, we welcomed a couple of new moms and babies to the group. The kiddos are interacting more with each other, and the moms are getting to know one another better. We planned to do crafts in November and December, but the kids were having so much fun playing (and the moms were having an amazing time socializing with other adults), so we stuck to playtime and snack time and everyone was happy.

These words say it all: friends, fun, food, free, and more! Please come join us if you have a child between 0 to 2 years of age. Our next playgroup is Tuesday, January 6th at 9:30am. You can find out the location by emailing or calling Tiz Goff, the Outreach Coordinator at: outreach@jewishmadison.org; or call 773-620-4404.



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

Kindergarten through 2nd graders are invited to join Racheli Komar-Aziz, our community Shlichah (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](http://www.JewishMadison.org), for more information please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.

## School Tour Set for Yonim in January

Yonim kicks off 2015 with its annual School Tour. This year dancers will visit three schools, Franklin Elementary, Van Hise Elementary, and Wingra School, on Friday, January 30. This is an exciting day for the 31 Yonim dancers. It's a chance to share their love of Israel and dancing with the community.

This year all the dances are centered on the theme "Eretz Israel," The Land of Israel.

"We hope that by sharing our hard work, we can impart a bit of history and knowledge for those who may be less familiar or who may have preconceptions regarding Israel and the Middle East," says Janelle Bentley, Yonim's Artistic Director. "Dance and the arts are a wonderful and gentle means of generating dialogue concerning Jewish and Israeli culture, and both the audience and dancers have much to gain from the experience!"

### Calling All 3, 4, & 5 Year Olds!

Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe is offering 4 fun-filled mini-classes for kids ages 3-5 years old. Classes start 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. \$5 per session or \$20 if you sign up for the whole series and pay in advance. For more information, contact Cathy at [yonim@jewishmadison.org](mailto:yonim@jewishmadison.org).

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

**Where:** Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street

**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.

## Midrasha Students Share Poetry

This semester Laurel Hefty taught a Holocaust Studies class for the ninth graders. The students finished the semester by writing poetry inspired by what they learned over the semester.

Beauty from Nightmares – Poetry Inspired by our studies:

### CLASS CREATED HAIKUS

Victims were endless  
Twelve million gone forever  
Memories remain

Risked their lives for us  
Those that helped were forgotten  
We remember you

### CLASS CREATED 6 WORD POEMS/STORIES

Study past. Appreciate present.  
Change future.

Pray for justice. Hope will come.  
Atoned for wrongdoings, yet still blamed.

### SIX WORD STORIES AND POEMS CREATED BY STUDENTS

She lived, he lived, they loved  
She died, he died, they hoped

~By Sophia

Hopeful survival, escape in peaceful memory

~Anonymous

Without hope, survival is impossible

~By Noah

Hiding from me, these haunting memories

Lost you. Where did you run?  
Afraid to speak. Seals my fate.

~By Alana

Inhumane genocide. Still survivors.  
Memories forever.

~Anonymous

Despair. Injustice. Imprisonment.  
Escape. Survival. Hope.

~Anonymous

Inhumane injustice. Ignorance  
innocence. Survival hope.

~Anonymous

Anti-Semitism camp  
Innocence pain  
Death remembrance

~By Jonah

Inhumane ignorance without  
compassion nor peace.

~By Riley

From suffering, to survival, to  
strength

~By Aaron

At peace on my bike  
Concrete jungles await me  
Dreams forever ridden  
Inspire change, if not you, who?  
Never forgetting tragedy creates  
new ones

~By Noah

# Look What's Happening at Gan HaYeled Preschool!

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



Sammy is making Hanukkah cookies.



Nathan is building with gears.



Malia loves putting puzzles together.



Maggie spins the Dreidel.



Makaila is practicing spinning the Dreidel.



Eve is ready to decorate the Dreidels.



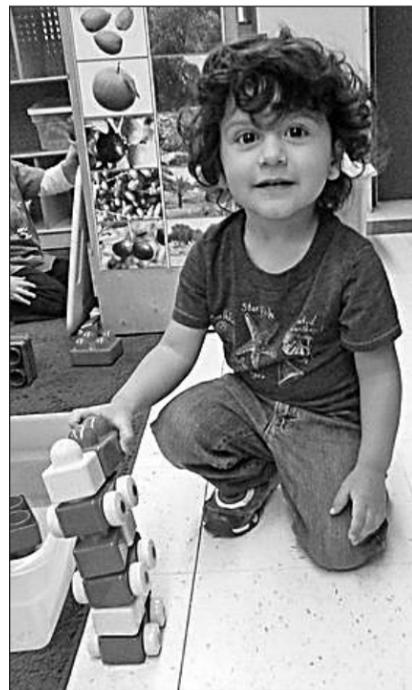
Roger spins the Dreidel.



Elijah loves building with blocks.



The Gimel class is learning about Hanukkah.



Gabriel likes to build cars.



Blanka and Ruby did the puzzle!



Elijah, Nolan, Makaila, Olive and Malia are putting on a Thanksgiving puppet show.

## This article is about Holocaust museums and memorials around the world.

### Генрих Бабич О мемориалах и музеях, посвященных Холокосту

Холокост (Катастрофа) – трагедия, постигшая еврейский народ в тридцатые-сороковые годы прошлого века, является событием, не имеющим равных в современной, да и пожалуй, во всей мировой истории человечества. Масштабы такого огромного злодеяния видны хотя бы из того, что для его осуществления в Германии и на оккупированных нацистами территориях были построены 42.500 концлагерей и других сооружений, в чем непосредственно участвовали от 100 до 500 тыс. человек. Это была целая индустрия уничтожения людей. По сей день трагедия занимает умы человечества. Поэтому неудивительно, что в память о ней по всему миру сооружены тысячи мемориалов и созданы музеи, хранящие свидетельства Холокоста. Среди стран, где они построены, выделяются Франция (53 мемориала), Соединенные Штаты Америки (42 мемориала) и небольшой по площади Израиль (10 мемориалов). Расскажем лишь о малой доле этих печальных памятников.

Пальма первенства в создании музеев Холокоста принадлежит Израилю, что не удивительно. В 1953 году по решению Кнессета был создан музейный комплекс **Яд Вашем** (Yad Vashem, что на иврите означает Память и Имя). Комплекс включает музей Истории Холокоста, а также Зал Памяти. Непередаваемое впечатление оставляет Детский Мемориал, в котором мерцают огоньки-звездочки и произносятся имена погибших детей.

Все залы проводят огромную работу по регистрации сведений о шести миллионах погибших евреев. В них хранятся 2,2 миллиона страниц с данными об этих жертвах. Предусмотрены ячейки, которые предстоит заполнить неизвестными сегодня именами. Собраны 110 тысяч аудио и видео записей и других свидетельств евреев, выживших в Холокосте. Вся эта информация содержится в компьютеризированных базах данных, из которых каждый посетитель может получить сведения о близком ему человеке. В комплекс входят также Музей Искусства Холокоста, синагога, исследовательский институт с огромной библиотекой и архивами, а также Международный Образовательный Центр и издательство, ориентированные на распространение знаний по Холокосту. Особенностью работы, проводимой Яд Вашем, является поиск имен и историй тех неевреев, которые, с риском для жизни, спасали евреев от нацистского геноцида. Для их увековечивания создан Сад Праведников Наций. Каждого Праведника награждают Сертификатом Почета. К настоящему времени удалось выявить и отметить 24.300 Праведников.

Примечательно, что за время существования музея Яд Вашем его посетили 38 глав государств со всех континентов. Среди посетителей были Римские Папы Джон Пол II (2000 год), Бенедикт XVI (2009 год) и Франциск (2014 год), а также Джустин Вэлби – Архиепископ Кантерберийский. Такого уровня признательности не знает ни один музей мира.

Мемориальный Музей Холокоста в Вашингтоне является правительственной организацией США по проблеме Холокоста. Его основная цель состоит в изучении и интерпретации истории этой трагедии и в хранении соответствующей документации. В этой связи Музей оказывает большую помощь политическим лидерам и гражданам стран мира в борьбе против проявлений ненависти, по предотвращению геноцида, поддержанию человеческого достоинства и укреплению демократии. О масштабах деятельности Музея говорят следующие данные. Его бюджет составляет около 80 миллионов долларов. Штат Музея включает 400 сотрудников. К работе привлекаются 650 волонтеров. В розыске сведений о Холокосте оказали большую помощь 91 человек, переживших эту трагедию. Массовости распространения информации о Холокосте способствует деятельность 175 тысяч членов Музея. В своей работе Музей поддерживает связь со 125 организациями. Филиалы Музея имеются в Нью Йорке, Бостоне, Чикаго, Лос Анджелесе, Далласе.

Со времени открытия Музея в апреле 1993 года его посетили 30 миллионов человек, включая 8 миллионов школьников. Среди официальных посетителей были главы 91 государств и более 3,5 тысяч политических представителей 132 стран. Музей посещают люди со всего мира, это один из самых посещаемых музеев страны. По Интернету Музей ежегодно получает 25 миллионов запросов из 100 стран мира, причем, 35% этих запросов поступают из-за рубежа, в т.ч. 238 тысяч запросов приходится на страны с мусульманским большинством населения.

Об объеме информации, которой располагает Музей, говорят следующие цифры. Музей насчитывает 12.750 вещественных единиц хранения, 49 миллионов страниц архивных документов, 80.000 исторических фотографий, 9.000 часов звукозаписей архивных интервью, 84.000 единиц хранения библиотеки, а также данные о 200 тысячах людей, выживших в Холокосте. Исследователи Музея собрали документацию, касающуюся 42.500 гетто и нацистских концентрационных лагерей, действовавших в 1933-45 годы.

На немцах лежит главная вина за Холокост, поэтому важно, что в Берлине, в непосредственной близости от Бранденбургских Ворот (рядом с бункером, в котором Гитлер распрощался с жизнью), в мае 2005 года, в связи с

60-й годовщиной победы над фашизмом, был открыт мемориал погибшим в Холокосте. Построение мемориала символично. Он состоит из 2711 монолитов из серого камня разной формы и размеров. Между ними оставлены проходы произвольной формы и направленности. На монолитах нет ни имен, ни дат. Авторы мемориала стремились создать у посетителей чувство бессмысленности и нестабильности, ощущение дезориентации. Если вдуматься в существо Холокоста и попытаться оценить его в целом (в какой-то мере даже в философском смысле), то идея мемориала станет понятна.



Мемориал Холокоста в Берлине

В 1984 году небольшая группа евреев, переживших Холокост, объединилась с идеей создать мемориал в Майами, штат Флорида. Такое место было выбрано потому, что на юге штата проживало около 25 тыс. бывших узников нацистских лагерей. Были люди, которые возражали против выбранного места, так как, говорили они, нельзя омрачать курортный район трагическим сооружением. Не обошлось без возражений, которые имели под собой религиозную основу. Тем не менее, мемориал был построен и официально открыт в 1990 году. Он имеет форму руки, устремленной к небу, а вокруг нее простерлись сотни человеческих фигур, включая детских, которые как бы ищут защиту у этой всемогущей руки (находят ли?).



Мемориал Холокоста в Майами, штат Флорида

Мемориал Холокоста в Сан Франциско, так же как и в Майами, полон символизма. Скульптурная группа состоит из нескольких распростертых бронзовых тел, окрашенных в белый цвет. Одно из тел напоминает Христа, другое – женщина, которая держит в руке яблоко. Это символизирует взаимосвязь между евреями и христианами. Единственная стоящая фигура изображает человека из известной всему миру фотографии, опубликованной в 1945 году в связи с освобождением узников Бухенвальда. Возможно, в силу большого эмоционального и религиозного напряжения, которое вызывает мемориал, он несколько раз подвергался вандалистскому осквернению. На мемориал наносились граффити в виде свастики, его заливали красной краской.

В Змиевской балке под Ростовом на Дону в 1942 году было расстреляно 27 тыс. человек, в том числе 13-15 тыс. евреев. В связи с сооружением мемориала на месте расстрела, именно такое соотношение национальностей жертв вызвало со стороны руководящих организаций России много противоречивых высказываний и действий, в том числе по существу самого мемориала. Отдадим должное тому, что в нем нашел отражение факт безвинной гибели евреев.

В статье рассказано лишь о нескольких Мемориалах и Музеях Холокоста. На самом деле, их очень много по всему миру. Мемориал есть и в нашем Медисоне. Все они, большие и малые, служат предостережением – такое никогда не должно повториться!



Мемориал в Змиевской балке близ Ростова на Дону



Мемориал Холокоста в Сан Франциско

# Lechayim Lights

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## January Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at **Lechayim Lunchtime Plus** at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, direct 608-442-4083 or [louise@jssmadison.org](mailto:louise@jssmadison.org) by noon on the preceding business day, usually a Friday. The kosher-style meals are catered by Blue Plate Catering and a **vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation**. If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of \$4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what you can afford. The cost of the meal is \$7.50 for those under age 60.

### Monday, January 5

11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson  
12:00-1:00 Hearty Fish Chowder, Steamed Green Beans, Sliced French Bread, Red Grape Cluster, Petit Fours  
1:00-2:00 Betsy Abramson, "Healthy Aging is not an Oxymoron: How Societal (and our own) Ageism is Bad for Everyone's Health."

### Monday, January 12

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 Vegetable Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad with Parmesan Cheese & Croutons, Carrot Cake  
1:00-2:00 Jeremy Maissel, "The Secret Life of Kibbutznikim"

### Monday, January 19 – Lechayim does not meet

### Monday, January 26 – Lechayim commemorates Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson  
12:00-1:00 Oven Fried Chicken, Roasted Root Vegetables (potatoes, carrots & parsnips), Warm Cinnamon Apples, Chocolate Cake  
1:00-2:00 Barbara McKinney, "Can We Still Dream?"

### Next month's dates:

February 2, 9, 16, 23

Присоединяйтесь к нашему столу, увлекательной беседе и интересным программам на встречах «Лехаим. 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](mailto:louise@jssmadison.org) до 14:00 часов пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовит *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, 5 Января

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон  
12:00-1:00 Рыбная похлебка, тушеные зеленые бобы, французский хлеб, красный виноград и птифуры (миниатюрные кондитерские изделия).  
1:00-2:00 Бетси Абрамсон, "Здоровое старение не абсурд: как общественное (и наше собственное) представление о старении негативно влияет на наше здоровье".

### Понедельник, 12 Января

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 Овощная лазанья, чесночный хлеб, салат "Цезарь" с сыром пармезан и гренками, морковный торт  
1:00-2:00 Джереми Маиссел, "Тайная жизнь киббуцев (сельскохозяйственные сообщества в Израиле)"

**Понедельник, 19 Января** День рождения Мартина Лютера Кинга. Лехаим не состоится.

**Понедельник, 26 Января** Лехаим празднует день рождения Мартина Лютера Кинга.

11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн  
12:00-1:00 Запеченная в духовке курица, жареные корнеплоды (картофель, морковь и пастернак), запеченные яблоки с корицей, шоколадный торт  
1:00-2:00 Барбара Мак-Кинни, "Можем ли мы по-прежнему мечтать?"

Даты февраля 2, 9, 16 и 23

## Two Ways to Make Your Lechayim Reservation:

- When you check in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
- Call Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808 or 608-442-4083 (direct) or email [louise@jssmadison.org](mailto:louise@jssmadison.org) by 12:00 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](mailto: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.

## Lechayim Snow Day Policy

Lechayim is cancelled when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes schools due to inclement weather. Listen to WIBA, WTSO, WZEE, WMLI, WMAD, WOLX, WMMM 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., we will send an email or 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](http://www.jssmadison.org)

# About our Programs

Let's start 2015 with some new and intriguing information that just might influence how we look at getting older. On **Monday, January 5** Betsy Abramson will present "Healthy Aging is not an Oxymoron: How Societal (and our own) Ageism is Bad for Everyone's Health." She will share the research of Professor Becca Levy, a professor of Public Health at Yale, proving the harmful effects of ageism on individuals of all ages, and will give specific examples of how it negatively impacts older adults' health. She'll share her own commitment to combatting ageism – and give you some ideas to think about pursuing as well.



Betsy Abramson

Betsy Abramson is the Deputy Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging, a Wisconsin non-profit devoted to bringing evidence-based health promotion practices in

healthy aging into practice. Betsy has a long history in Wisconsin in advocacy and public interest law for the elderly, working in areas of long-term care, advance directives, guardianship and adult protective services, elder abuse, economic security and disability rights. She has held leadership roles in several legal services, aging and disability non-profit organizations, taught Elder Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School and developed and operated a law school practicum in elder law. She is an experienced presenter and author for consumers and professionals in a variety of elder law and aging areas.

We have a special treat on **Monday, January 12** when Jeremy Maisel of Israel Seminars, an independent educational initiative with no political agenda, will present "The Secret Life of Kib-



Jeremy Maisel

butznikim." The kibbutz is a unique Israeli invention indivisibly intertwined in the history of modern Zionism and the State of Israel, and the kibbutz movement is celebrating over 100 years of history. This program will take a brief look at the contribution of the kibbutz to Israel in its formative years, consider its ideology, and examine some of the fundamental changes that are taking place in the kibbutz movement. Using innovative interactive techniques, Maisel will explore some of the questions that face kibbutzim in the 21st century, discuss their special approach to different aspects of life and society, and reveal the secret life of Kibbutznikim!

Lechayim does not meet on **Monday, January 19**, as we will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. We will resume on **Monday, January 26** with Barbara McKinney addressing the question, "Can We Still Dream?" Barbara's son was Michael McKinney, the beloved newscaster from WMTV who died at a tragically young age. Years ago, in a speech to honor Dr. King, Mike declared "We Can Still Dream." Mike challenged the audience to continue the dream and reminded them that the responsibility for making equality a reality rested in their hands. He said that it was the ordinary people who will change the world by changing their own community. As we fast-forward to today, we find ourselves faced with demonstrations and rallies as a response to the growing racial divide between the police and those they have sworn to protect. In

Barbara McKinney's presentation, she will explore the question, "Can We Still Dream?"

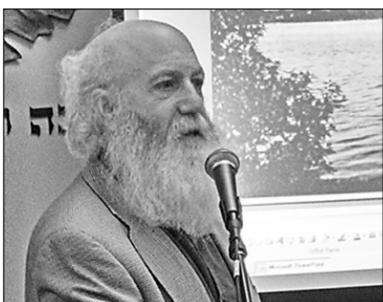
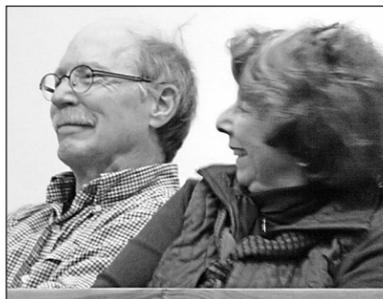
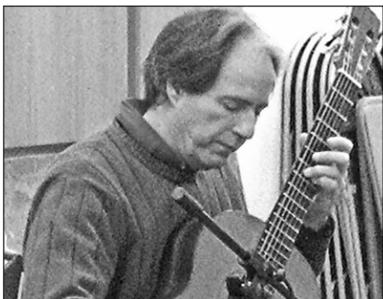
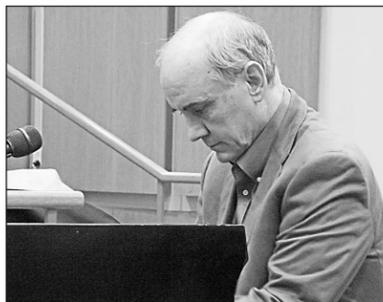


Barbara McKinney

Barbara McKinney is Associate Director of Madison Urban Ministry, which supervises re-entry programs supporting successful reintegration of adults returning to the community following incarceration. She holds a BS in Special Education from the University of Missouri, an MS in Urban Planning & Public Policy Analysis from the University of Illinois and an MBA from Fontbonne University, St. Louis. She teaches "Community Building: Introduction to Restorative Justice" at Edgewood College, is involved in curriculum development on Restorative Justice Circles for UW Extension, is a consultant, trainer/facilitator in Non-Violent Communication for Rent Smart Education and is the owner of The Imago Dei Group, LLC. McKinney is deeply engaged in community building and program development with a focus on the intersections of race, poverty and racial disparities through the YWCA, Second Harvest Food Bank, Dane County Area Agency on Aging, Dane County Human Services Board, Housing Consortium Board, A Fund for Women Advisory Committee and is a member of Dane County Delegation on Poverty, to name a few.

## Scenes from Lechayim

Photos by Eve Siegel, Dorit Bergen, and Louise Goldstein



### Transitions

#### Happy January Birthday

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Abe Landsman    | Fran Culbertson   | Lucille Lapin        |
| Anita Parks     | Ginny Graff       | Milt Leidner         |
| Betsy Haimson   | Hilary Blue       | Rob Greenberg        |
| Bezalel Haimson | Ike Lewis         | Rosalind Levin       |
| Bobbie Kunin    | Jeff C. Levy      | Sally Jamison        |
| Evelyn Cantor   | Judy Nelson-Stern | Violetta Bartashchuk |

#### Mazel Tov

To Diane Nestle, on the birth of her grandson Cooper Bradley Curran, son of Adam and Sarah Curran

#### Best Wishes for your Wellness

Karen Sielaff

#### Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Anita Parks, Virginia

Fay Nager, Miami

Lorna Kniaz, Grand Cayman

#### Condolences

To Janis (Jim) Wrich, on the death of her mother-in-law, Catherine Benkert;

To the family of Florence Karp, sister of Allyn Bress;

To the family of Anatole (Eve Siegel) Beck

#### Welcome to your New Home

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# Spotlight: Lois Stoler

By PAMELA PHILLIPS OLSON

"I met my husband in Abnormal Psychology class."

Lois laughs. Nort was working on his PhD. He came to Madison to study with the renowned psychologist Carl Rogers. Lois's field was Speech and Language therapy.

They were not looking for a cause to champion when they were raising their sons David and Bob. They were busy enough! But when Nort heard that a little building on West Washington was to be demolished, he became a man with a mission.

Lois also became devoted to saving this gem, which was the third oldest synagogue in America. They decided to do everything possible to preserve the historic building.

Lois kept a book documenting their efforts. There are news articles and notices of gatherings and fundraisers. I'm guessing it's the only scrapbook in existence containing a letter of support from Gaylor Nelson followed by a letter from the manager of Burger King promising to give 50% of the restaurant's profits for one day to the Gates of Heaven preservation fund!

It also records the growth of Lois's chutzpah: "It became an obsession! I'd go to different groups asking for funds and support."

Although Lois grew up in Milwaukee, her family roots go back to Iron Mountain, Michigan, where

her mother's family had a clothing business supplying lumberjacks. Great Uncle Mose was the town sheriff. As the lumber business waned, they moved to Milwaukee. Her father came from Russia at age four. His mother, who never learned English, welcomed the family into her home for wonderful Shabbos dinners.



Lois Stoler  
(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

Lois's dad was in the scrap metal business. When Lois was eight they had a conversation. "I asked him how to be a friend. He told me to be a diplomat." He said, "Be kind to other children." She also learned the importance of connections. "I had a grumpy high school history teacher. I felt uncomfortable in

class. My father came to open school night wearing a Masonic pin in his lapel. The next day, my teacher, also a Mason, announced I got the highest grades on a history test!" Both lessons stuck. As a member of Hadassah and Temple Beth El, Lois practices the art of diplomacy and has a wide circle of wonderful friends.

She, Nort, and others managed to save the synagogue. To benefit all Madisonians, local psychologist Sol Levin arranged for it to be moved to James Madison Park!

Every year, during High Holy Days, Lois remembers her fear. "Would the temple fall apart as it moved down Fairchild Street?" But remarkably, the bottle of champagne Nort had placed in the entryway before it started was still standing when it came to rest!



Moving the synagogue. Photo courtesy of the Capitol Times.



Gates of Heaven Synagogue. Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson.

## Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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

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

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

March 6, May 1

### 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.

February 13, March 13

### 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.

January 9, February 6, March 20

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 (reading



medication labels) will be at Lechayim on February 16 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-related questions and concerns. The next Health Assessment will be a MedDrop on March 2, when you will be able to safely dispose of unused or expired medications.

## Avoid Identity Theft

To avoid Identify Theft, we're told to protect our Social Security number (SSN) by not carrying it around or using it, but it is used as your Medicare ID number. A suggestion was made at the annual RSVP-sponsored Triad conference (crime prevention, safety and community issues) last year: to protect your SSN, photocopy your

Medicare card, use a Sharpie to black out all but the last four numbers of your SSN and carry this around this instead of the original card.

Another idea: to protect your credit card from online data breaches, consider using a pre-paid debit card for online shopping instead.



from Jewish Social Services!

Do you know a senior who is new to Madison, or are you yourself a newcomer? JSS volunteers will visit and bring you a gift bag with information about programs for seniors and JSS' services, treats and a few surprises. Just contact us at 608-278-1808, ext. 227.

Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for their donations to this program.

## 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 Odd-Jobber contact you.

# Israel and the World

## From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By RACHELI AND MICKEY AZIZ-KOMAR

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

Feels like we have been here forever!! So many experiences with all of the wonderful people we've spent time with this month. So much happiness and light wherever we went. Maybe because it was Hanukkah and it's the best holiday in the Jewish year! I must admit, Hanukkah in Israel is not as big as it is here. Don't get me wrong, it's still the best, most fun holiday, but here in the States it's sooo much cooler. Maybe because it snows and it's really cold and the lights of Hanukkah bring a feeling of warmth. I love all of the million kinds

of decorations, menorahs, dreidles and activities you have here! It's really fun! I know by the time you read this that Hanukkah will be over, but I wish you a year full of light and happiness...

Spotlight from this month:

### Gan HaYeled:

This year we are learning the Aleph Bet through games, art and dance! Every week we learn a new letter starting with Aleph till Tav. We learned about an Aryea (lion) who liked to eat Tut (strawberry), about Yael's Bait (house), we made a play about the Gezer (carrot), waved the Degel, we got an Hafta'a! (surprise), colored Vered

(rose flower) with Varod (pink), and we will continue with our letters each month!

### Ivrit B'Kef (fun Hebrew):

I am so excited to begin this after school Hebrew club and to meet some new kids. We will be taking a journey through the Aleph Bet through familiar themes while also learning about Israeli culture. There is still space in this program for kids in K-2. Registration is available online at [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org)

### Hanukkah:

We had many different celebrations with different audiences and they all had an Israeli twist!

Community Hanukkah Tzedakah Fair – we made snow globes with dreidels inside! What's the connection to Hanukkah?! On Hanukkah we can wish for things we want... so we wish Israel would get some snow too!!!

Ivrit Kala (adult Hebrew) – we used the holiday as an opportunity to learn Hanukkah themed words in Hebrew!

Hebrew Playgroup – we sang Hanukkah songs, read a Hanukkah story, played the dreidel and spoke nonstop in Hebrew!!!

Israeli Hanukkah Party – Ken and Laura Felz hosted this festive night. Delicious latkes made by Ken, Hebrew Taboo



and Hanukkah trivia made this night special!

You can see why we needed a nice long rest after all of this celebrating!

Now let's plan Tu Bishvat!!! The Birthday of the trees!!! Check your emails for more information to come about how we are going to celebrate this holiday throughout the community.



## Track The Map

*In which museum is this Apple from?*



Email your answer to: [Israel@jewishmadison.org](mailto:Israel@jewishmadison.org)  
And you might get some Israeli goodies!

Last month's winner is Michelle Bright and the answer was Mt. Hermon! The only ski resort in the country!



# Connecting with Israel

## A Weekend of Conversations about Israel

Brought to us by the Jewish Federation of Madison, Jewish Social Services, Temple Beth El – Keshet Israel Committee, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Beth Israel Center

Featuring guest presenter, Jeremy Maisel, Director of Israel Seminars.

### Israel Seminars Musical History Tour Saturday January 10, 7:30pm Beth Israel Center

Explore Israel's history through Israeli popular music.

Map out how Israeli society has changed over the years.

Discuss Israel's history and get to know some important examples of Israeli music.

### A Conversation about Israel and Gaza Sunday, January 11, 2:00pm Temple Beth El

A conversation about IDF Operation Protective Edge in Gaza in the summer of 2014. Learn about the context & background, discuss how events were portrayed outside & inside Israel. Jeremy will facilitate informed discussions

### The Secret Life of Kibbutznikim Monday January 12, 1:00-2:00pm Temple Beth El

Lechayim Program (see pages 19-20 for more information)

This program takes a brief look at the contribution of the kibbutz to Israel, considers its ideology, and explores some of the challenges facing the collective community in the 21st century.

For more information visit: [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org) or [www.israelseminars.org](http://www.israelseminars.org)

### Jeremy Maisel

Jeremy Maisel, originally from London, England, came to live in Israel in

1984. In his youth Jeremy was active in the Bnei Akiva Movement. He worked as Bnei Akiva National Educational Director before making aliyah to Kibbutz Alumim, in Southern Israel, where he is a member to this day, with his wife, Debbie and four children.

Over the years Jeremy coordinated activities, educational seminars and year schemes for Israeli and overseas youth groups. He worked for "The Michael Method," a unique Israeli educational project that enables individuals to fulfill their potential, in many roles, eventually rising to become National Meetings Director and International Programs Director.

Jeremy spent several years as Senior Educator in the Overseas Department of Melitz – Centers for Jewish-Zionist Education. Jeremy currently runs the website of the religious kibbutz movement (HaKibbutz HaDati) and is a member of the movement's executive forum.

Jeremy has a B.A. honors degree in Philosophy from the University of Manchester, UK and an M.A. in Jewish Education from the Touro College Graduate School of Jewish Studies. He is currently working on his doctorate in the field of Israel Education at the University of Haifa.

Jeremy has presented hundreds of programs in Israel, North America and the UK and writes on a wide range of topics, including numerous articles for the Op-Ed pages of *The Jerusalem Post*.

As an informal educator, Jeremy is passionately dedicated to Jewish and Israel education.



Jeremy Maisel

## Valuable Connections Made with iEngage!

Are you Engaged?

For the past three months, a great group of people met every Thursday to learn, discuss and argue about things that strongly matter to us! Connections! Connections between Jews in Israel, Jews in the United States, the Israel land and Jewish values. We came week after week, sometimes left so confused or angry but yet came back the week after! We went through a journey together, a journey of discovering how we personally engage with ourselves, Israel and the Jewish people.

I want to thank the Jewish Federation of Madison and Temple Beth El for making this program happen and most of all to Rabbi Biatch, who led us week after week with openness, understanding and respect!

If you want to better understand the iEngage program and the journey we went through, read the following piece by Rabbi Hartman followed by a reflection from Jim Youngerman.

### iEngage

By RABBI HARTMAN

President of the Shalom Hartman Institute and Director of its iEngage Project

Sixty-five years after the founding of the State of Israel, two vibrant, powerful Jewish communities have emerged—one in Israel and the other outside of Israel. Each community contributes to and defines the content and future of Jewish life in different ways. In Israel, this life is developing within the context of a sovereign Jewish state that boasts a Jewish majority, while the community that is cultivating Jewish life outside of Israel is an established, successful minority in open dialogue with the larger world. An ever-increasing faction within the Jewish community outside of Israel continues to question the significance of Israel and even the legitimacy of and importance of Jewish sovereignty—a rift that threatens the quality and vitality of Jewish life. While a Jewish state without world Jewry would be an impoverished one, so too would Jewish identity without Israel. Collaboration between these two communities has the power to stimulate a renaissance in Jewish life, based on mutual learning, adaptation challenges, and even criticism that may ensue from the cross-fertilization of two distinct ideologies.

Jews and non-Jewish minorities do not necessarily coincide with the values that are central to the lives of Jews around the world today. Some people even feel forced to choose between support for Israel and loyalty to their Jewish or democratic values—a choice that leaves their relationship with Israel in a precarious position. The crisis narrative, which continues to demand unquestioning support and a rallying around the flag to protect Israel from its enemies, is inadequate to curb or contain these new and increasingly predominant sentiments of discomfort.

The time has come to move forward—to construct a foundational narrative that will redefine the relationship between Is-

rael and world Jewry. Free to select their identity affiliations, and loyalties, Jews will choose to relate to Israel only if it generates vitality and meaning in their lives. If Israel is to succeed in reclaiming a central place in the lives of Jews worldwide, it must lay claim to its role as a standard of morality, spirituality, and intellectual excellence.

A new covenant between Israel and world Jewry must be based on a narrative that encourages Jews to reflect on what Israel means to them "Jewishly" and to act on their vision of what they believe can and should shape the modern Jewish nation and its policies. Thus, a relationship with Israel must be placed within a larger conversation of Jewish values, a conversation that will challenge Jews around the world to think about the meaning that Israel and Jewish national sovereignty can have in their lives.

Led by a team of internationally renowned scholars in the fields of Jewish studies, Middle East politics, and history, the iEngage Project is committed to addressing core questions pertaining to the necessity and significance of the Jewish national enterprise; how a Jewish state should exercise power; why a Jew who lives outside of Israel should care about Israel; and what the State of Israel can offer the world.

### My iEngage

By JIM YOUNGERMAN

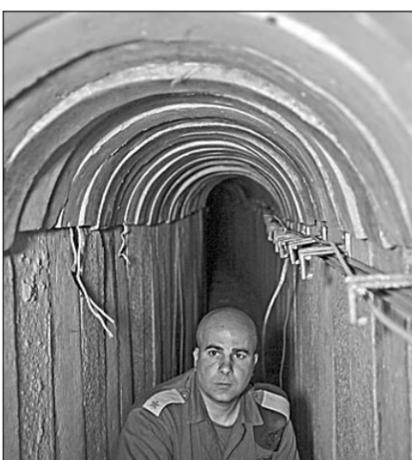
iEngage Participant

I recently completed the Engaging Israel course offered at Temple Beth El, led by Rabbi Biatch and our community Shlichah, Racheli Komar. The course is part of the Shalom Hartman Institute lecture series. There were approximately 15-20 participants in the course, most of whom were able to attend all, or nearly all, of the nine sessions. We met on Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM in the Beth El lounge. On many levels I found both the readings and the class discussions to be an enjoyable, engaging, and enriching experience. I would certainly recommend this course to others who are seeking new ways to enhance and clarify their thoughts about Israel, its identity, and its place in the world as a sovereign nation.

The participants were a diverse group, several of whom I had previously known only casually or not at all. While it was clear from the outset that all of us cared deeply about Israel, there were significant divergent views expressed within the group on a broad spectrum of important issues. Rabbi and Racheli did a superb job leading and facilitating discussions covering a wide range of important topics, such that all participants felt comfortable speaking up freely and expressing their individual views. Everyone attending contributed ideas, opinions and questions. The discussions, while always respectful, were often passionate and provocative. As the course progressed a bonding took place within the group as we learned from each other. I will miss not seeing my new friends on Thursday evenings.



Some of the topics to be discussed during the Israel and Gaza program.





# Federation Helps to Build a Strong and Unified Jewish Community

The successful 2014 *Tzedakah* Campaign will help the JFM meet its critical mission of 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 process of raising and allocating these funds to over 20 programs and services is a critical community-building activity. With each gift, we address so many causes that are important to our community: from feeding the hungry to funding Jewish education and elder care to supporting breakthrough initiatives like Taglit-Birthright Israel.

The Jewish Federation also has a long track record for carrying out big and bold initiatives and mobilizing great resources during times of crisis. This year, our community contributed more than \$34 thousand to the Stop the Sirens Campaign. In addition the Federation provided humanitarian aid to Jews in the Ukraine as they endured troubling times as well as providing assistance in our own community through support of programs like Jewish Social Services and the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

The impact of the Jewish Federation of Madison here, in Israel and around the world is extraordinary, but not a surprise. Together, we ensure that the programs, institutions and values that enrich the fabric of our Jewish community remain vibrant and strong. The strength of our people is in the power of community.

Thank you for donating to the 2014 Annual *Tzedakah* Campaign.

***Tzedakah* means "righteous giving" in Hebrew. Performing the mitzvah of *tzedakah* is one of the central pillars of Jewish tradition. In Judaism, *tzedakah* is much more than an act of generosity; it's an obligation and is part of seeking a just world.**

**Your contribution helps support more than 20 essential local agencies and programs, as well as rescue, relief, and development programs in Israel and 70 other countries, including the Former Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe, Latin America, and Africa.**

#### For our children

Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool  
Camp Shalom  
Chug Ivrit/After-School Hebrew Club  
The Madison Jewish Community Day School  
Midrasha Hebrew High School

#### For our college students

Hillel at the University of Wisconsin  
Taglit-Birthright Israel  
Chabad at the University of Wisconsin

#### For our individuals & families

Jewish Social Services  
Jewish Education Teacher Training  
Jewish family educational & social programs

#### For our worldwide community

Jewish Agency for Israel  
America Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
World ORT

#### For our local community

The Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus  
The Goodman Aquatic Center  
The Minkoff Center  
Madison Jewish News monthly newspaper  
Community Shaliach/Israel Program Specialist  
Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe  
Yom Hashoah Annual Holocaust Memorial Program  
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israel Independence Day Annual Celebration  
Hava Nagila Annual Community Picnic  
Community Relations Committee  
Partnership Together (P2G)  
Community Outreach  
One Happy Camper  
Passport Grants

## Gan HaYeled Registration Begins February 2 for 2015-16 School Year

Gan HaYeled will begin enrolling students for the 2015-2016 school year starting February 2nd. If you would like to take a tour of our school or have any questions, please contact Rachel Sauer at [gan@jewishmadison.org](mailto:gan@jewishmadison.org) or call 608-278-1808. Registration information will be posted at [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org) on February 2, 2015.



## Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on March 9th

Dreaming of sunny days filled with swimming, laughter, friends, music, art, sports and more? Camp Shalom is for children entering kindergarten through ninth grade. Registration will begin on Monday, March 9, 2015. It does NOT matter what time of day you register. Registration policies will be available online. We will accept registrations based on a first come first served basis according to the date people register, starting with March 9th.

Please visit [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org) and follow the directions for on-line registration. If you have questions before registration begins, please contact [campshalom@jewishmadison.org](mailto:campshalom@jewishmadison.org).

If you will not be able to register online, please contact the Jewish Federation of Madison IN ADVANCE to request the registration materials.

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