

# JEWISH NEWS

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## Mitzvahthon: Celebrating the Spirit of Giving

The latkes were frying, kids were dancing, and the spirit of giving was in the air at the 2015 Community Mitzvahthon. The Minkoff Center was transformed into a colorful festival of Mitzvot and Hanukkah activities. Community members, young and old, came out and donated canned goods, schools supplies, winter coats and socks. They traded in their donations for turns spinning an inflatable dreidel for a small prize, decorating sufganiyot, designing fleece mittens, and helping to tie fleece blankets. Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe entertained with a fun flash mob and the

Madison Jewish Community Day School Maccabee March was a HUGE hit for kids who just needed a chance to RUN! They did laps around the Oolam and donated enough money to help MJCDS collect a total of \$300 to purchase gifts for a family in need. Thanks to Gan HaYeled Preschool, MOUSY, MATTY, BBYO, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Madison Jewish Community Day School, Max Roquette and the Jewish Federation of Madison Family Education Committee for sponsoring tables and helping our community shine this Hanukkah!



## A Thank You From Everywhere

### HOME

Thank you from Madison where you help provide immigrant and refugee services, elder and family support programs, and help to victims of domestic abuse through Jewish Social Services. Thank you for helping to provide social

events for seniors and meals through Lechayim. Thank you for helping to fund and sustain Gan HaYeled Preschool, Midrasha Hebrew High School, Madison Jewish Community Day School, and providing scholarships for Camp Shalom.

### ISRAEL

Thank you from those in Israel. Federation funds training and educational programs that work to break the cycle of poverty, provide mentoring and enrichment programs for children at risk, and programs to help new immigrants integrate successfully.

### AROUND THE WORLD

Thank you from those who are farthest away. The Federation is active in over 70 countries. In Russia, the Ukraine and other Eastern European countries, home to the world's poorest Jews, Federation-funded programs offer relief to 168,000 Jewish elderly while helping over 10,000 children attend Jewish day schools. In Latin America, we help over 50,000 Jews with financial assistance and identity and renewal programs.

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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.

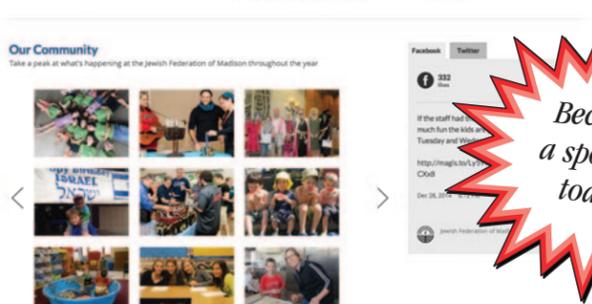
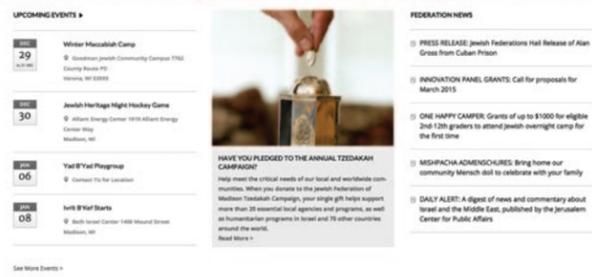
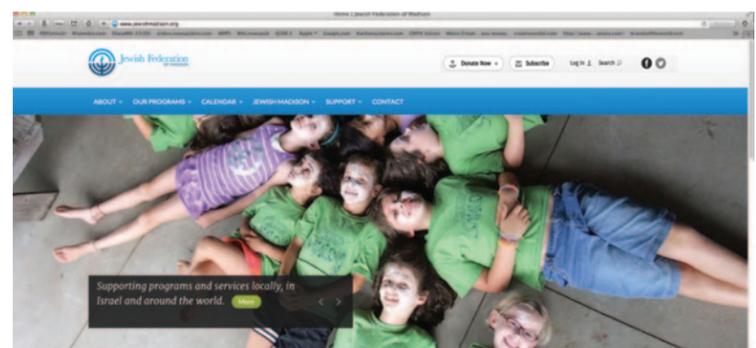
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- You'll be invited as our guest to the Federation Annual Dinner, our November event attended by our community's leaders. You'll also receive complimentary passes for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool.

### Extra benefits for Platinum and Gold sponsors:

At the platinum level, your business will receive exclusive sponsorship rights for the entire website within your business category. Therefore, your organization will be the only website sponsor within your area of business.  
At the platinum and gold levels, your business will receive larger logo displays on the website homepage and larger newspaper recognition announcements.

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



# The Spirit of Hanukkah



The Jewish Federation of Madison kicked off the Hanukkah season in style at Vom Fass on University Avenue with 17 young adults who enjoyed an evening of delicious twists on traditional Hanukkah foods paired with tastings of liquors, oils and vinegars from the extensive collection the store has to offer. Everyone snacked, schmoozed and competed in a fun online Hanukkah trivia game created by Daniel Gil, community Shaliach. This was a joint program made possible by Jewish Federation of Madison Future Directions, Jews Next Dor and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim's Young Adult Chavura.



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# Community.

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# Join Us for the Next Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable with Paul Jardin of MadRep

Paul Jardin joined MadREP as President in November 2012. Prior to that, Paul served as both the Secretary of Commerce and Secretary/CEO of the new Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation since January 2011. He was charged with transitioning from a state agency that had responsibility for economic

development and regulatory activities to a public/private authority that is 100% focused on economic development. That reorganization has brought an expanded emphasis on international activities, with networks being developed in over a dozen countries; it has fostered a significant investment in en-

trepreneurship and innovation; and it has enabled the state to better understand and support its key industry sectors.

We hope you can join us. Stay tuned for details including the date, time and location!



Paul Jardin

# The Wisconsin Council of Churches Promotes 'Loving Our Neighbors'

In early December, Dina Weinbach, the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, attended the Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) Annual Meeting. The theme was "Loving our Neighbors: Our Christian Response to Interfaith Relations." The theme, and the conference were based on "Loving our Neighbors, A Statement of the Wisconsin Council of Churches on Interfaith Relations," which was approved by the Wisconsin Council of Churches in November of 2014.

This statement conveyed the importance of being good neighbors with everyone and accepting them, regardless of their beliefs. Here are two important excerpts from the statement:

*Interfaith dialogue and understanding have become more important to our common civil discourse than ever before. Attitudes toward other religions that are uninformed and disengaged are simply inadequate to our setting.*

*...the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves presupposes a community of equals engaged in open*

*dialogue. The commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves informs all aspects of human life together. In today's religiously diverse society, where religious disagreement is a given, unreserved respect for those of different religious traditions also needs to be a given. Treating neighbors who have differing religious outlooks as equal partners in a common human calling to promote the common good is a basic principle for governing interfaith relationships that is not only consistent with, but also commensurate with Christian belief.*

Dr. Paul Knitter gave the keynote address at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Knitter is Emeritus Professor of Theology at Xavier University, in Cincinnati, Ohio and Professor Emeritus of Theology, World Religions and Culture, Union Theological Seminary, New York. Most of his research and publications have dealt with religious pluralism and inter-religious dialogue. He shared, with the group of 100 clergy in attendance, that

one can be both a Christian and a pluralist at the same time and provided the language, terminology and definitions to help defend this thesis. He said, "...my suggestion to you today is that if we are going to be able to truly love our neighbors in other faiths, we will have to adopt some form of what today is called a "pluralistic (mutualistic) theology of religions." This is somewhat controversial. Many Christians would argue that one cannot be a Christian and a pluralist at the same time. I'd like to suggest to you today, that one can. And in order truly to love our other-religious neighbors, one must."

Following Dr. Knitter's talk, there was a Respondent Panel which included four individuals representing different faith traditions who offered their own

response to Dr. Knitter's keynote address and the Wisconsin Council of Churches' policy statement on interfaith relationships. The panelists included:

- Tonen O'Connor, Resident Priest Emerita, Milwaukee Zen Center
- Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Religious Director, Islamic Society of Milwaukee
- Rabbi Joshua Ben Gideon, Beth Israel Center, Madison
- Father James Massart Ph.D. Ecumenical Officer, Catholic Diocese of Green Bay

Each respondent shared how "Loving our Neighbors" is supported within their own religion. The message was clear that we can all embrace these values and those in attendance were charged with going back to their own congregations to pass on the message.



Dr. Paul Knitter (left) and members of the panel including Madison's own Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon (far right) at the Wisconsin Council of Churches Annual Meeting.

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# Upcoming


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# EVENTS



## Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun) After-School Program

18 exciting sessions for Kindergarten-2nd Graders led by our Community Shaliach, Daniel Gill

Tuesdays, January 19th - May 24th, 2016

3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison

Kindergarten – 2nd graders are invited to join Daniel Gill, our Community Shliach, on a fun adventure through the Hebrew language. Daniel 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, all levels welcome.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 19th - May 24th (no class on March 22nd)

Time: 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison, WI

Cost: \$320 for your first student / \$300 for each additional child (cost includes a \$20 non-refundable processing fee per student)

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

Register online or contact Ellen Weismer, Program Director at (608) 278-1808 or [program@jewishmadison.org](mailto:program@jewishmadison.org)

## Schmooze & Tunes Winter 2016 Program

Fridays, January 22 through March 11, 2016

9:15 am - 10:15 am

Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building  
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

### Schmooze...

Meet, socialize and network with other parents and their children in the Jewish community. Find out about other great programs in the Gan HaYeled Preschool. Get to know other families with children who are between the ages of 3 months – 3 years (older child welcome with younger sibling).



### Tunes...

The Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with Liron Weiss, who has a background in early childhood education. Liron will be offering music classes for families in the Jewish community on Friday mornings in the conference room of the Jewish Federation of Madison. The sessions involve informal singing, moving, and instrument-playing activities that are appropriate for very young children and their caregivers.

Each week, following the music portion of class, we have schmoozing time and a delicious, homemade challah snack. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

For more information, contact Rachel at [gan@jewishmadison.org](mailto:gan@jewishmadison.org) or call (608) 278-1808.



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

Jewish Community Playgroup for Caregivers and Children ages 0-2. Join us twice a month on Wednesdays for this free traveling playgroup. Hand in Hand caregivers will explore and discuss a new topic with a Jewish twist each month.

There is always plenty of time for schmoozing and for the kids to play. Kosher snacks will be provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison.

To RSVP or host one of the upcoming dates, contact Tiz Goff at [outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org)

## Gan HaYeled Open House

Sunday, January 24, 2016

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building  
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Learn about Gan and all our school has to offer.

Chat with teachers from all of the classrooms.

Have a little nosh.

Contact Rachel Sauer at [gan@jewishmadison.org](mailto:gan@jewishmadison.org) or (608) 278-1808.



## Tu B'Shvat Seder and Slides

Sunday, January 24, 2016, 3:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Crawdaddy Waterpark in Holiday Inn

1109 Fourier Drive, Madison

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Arrival Activities

4:00 p.m. Tu B'Shvat Seder

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet and Waterpark

\$18/person, \$54 max./family

Price includes Tu B'Shvat Seder, dairy dinner (allergy friendly options available, please note on your registration), and waterpark passes

Celebrate the Jewish Arbor Day! Join our Community Shaliach Daniel Gill for an engaging Tu B'Shvat Seder followed by waterpark fun at the tree-themed Crawdaddy Cove Water Park.

Contact Ellen Weismer at [program@jewishmadison.org](mailto:program@jewishmadison.org) or (608) 278-1808.

# Chabad Illuminates Campus with the Lights of Chanukah

Chanukah oh Chanukah, come light the Menorahs, let's have MANY parties...

For eight crazy days and nights the UW Chabad House was unusually abuzz with activity.

- 150 pounds of potatoes were fried.
- And, over one thousand doughnuts, all-homemade, were made for the students.

Rabbi Mendel & Henya Matusof, their children, and two visiting rabbinical students went about bringing Chanukah joy to hundreds of students in so many different places on campus:

- 600 Menorahs were distributed at apartment buildings.
- Four parties were hosted at the university dorms.
- Celebrations were held at seven fraternity and sorority houses.

The light of Chanukah traveled all the way down the Lakeshore path, to Langdon Street, and so many places in between. A group of students even went with Rabbi Mendel for Menorah lighting at a Milwaukee Bucks game!

Chabad also hosted a "glow in the dark" Chanukah dinner party with glowing dreidel glasses and a bright menorah! Even Shabbat dinner had extra Chanukah flair, when 130 students came to eat



latkes in addition to the weekly challah and matzah ball soup.

Chanukah is a treasured Jewish holiday often associated with family get-togethers and celebrations. Recognizing that being away from home for the holi-

days is one of the challenging aspects of college life for Jewish students, Chabad made sure that all the students felt cared for and joyous this holiday.

At Chabad, all Jews are part of an ever-growing family.

Twenty-six thousand candles and 150 lbs of potatoes later, this Chanukah was truly a celebration of Jewish warmth, pride and many shining lights at the University of Wisconsin.

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## Simchas & Condolences

*Mazel Tov on the birth of:*

*Audrey Quinn Beucler, daughter of Leah and Johan Beucler and granddaughter of Marcia and Marc Fink*

*Jack Keslin, son of Michelle and Jonathan Keslin and grandson of Brian and Jeanne Lisse*

*Condolences to the families of:*

*Norman B. Esser, Uncle of Dan (Barb) Esser*

*Emanuel "Muni" Mark, father of Laurel Mark*

*June Schlossberg, mother of Terri (Henry) Jasen, grandmother of Emily (Ankur) Desai and Kyle Jasen, great-grandmother of Maya, Lela and Sarita Desai*

*Philip Frank Keleny, son of Amy and Art Keleny; brother of Eric (Michelle), Ben (Jen), Logan, and Garrett Keleny; nephew of Russel (Ruth) Frank and Andrew Frank; cousin of Aaron (Dawn) Frank (whose children are Caitlin and Megan) and Melissa Frank (whose child is Zoe Barmore)*

*James Louis Rissman, husband of Estelle Katz, father of Anna, Ben and Didi*



# Hadassah Hospital A Special Place

News about random, brutal acts of terrorism across Jerusalem is frightening. Some are lightly wounded, like the elderly woman stabbed in the shoulder on a bus. Many more are severely hurt and need immediate surgery and critical care. One of the bus passengers arrived by ambulance with a knife in his bladder and severe wounds in his skull and liver.

Hadassah's Hospitals at Ein Kerem and Mount Scopus have been working around the clock to heal the wounded. The most difficult cases are rushed to Hadassah's hospitals – world renowned in emergency, trauma, and terror medicine – the only A1 trauma center in Jerusalem.

### Hadassah Hospitals treat both Victims and Attackers

Hadassah Hospital's reputation as a bridge to peace is well deserved. Hadassah

Hospitals pride themselves on checking politics at the door and treating attackers and victims alike. Hadassah's doctors are required to take an oath to treat everyone equally.

"What happens in the country also affects us, but it doesn't influence our medicine," says Eid, an Israel Arab surgeon. "Hadassah is a very special place." On the same day that Eid operated on and saved the life of a 13-year-old Jewish boy stabbed in East Jerusalem, nearby an Israeli Jewish doctor was saving the life of a perpetrator.

For more information contact:  
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Michael Sussman*

*In memory of Jimmy Rissman, always with a mischievous twinkle in his eye  
Ron Rosner*

*In honor of Mrs. Cathy Rosen's special birthday  
Dee and Ken Stein*

# Kesher Israel Film Series Presents 'Salt of This Sea'

The Kesher Israel film series will recommence on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 with the movie, 'Salt of This Sea.'

The film deals with a young woman, raised in Brooklyn by grandparents who had been exiled from Jaffa 60 years previously. The young woman, Soraya, decides to leave home for her homeland of Palestine. She lands in Israel and begins a journey which unfolds the many levels of frustration she must deal with, not the

least of which is her grandfather's frozen bank account.

The first feature film from Palestine by a female director (Annamarie Jacir); it is an intimate, urgent and rousing piece of political filmmaking.

While unrated, due to extreme political bias and some sexual content, the Kesher Israel Committee recommends 'Salt of This Sea' for adult audiences only.



**Save the Date for our Upcoming Films:**

**Salt of This Sea .....Wednesday, February 17**

**Dancing in Jaffa .....Wednesday, March 16**

**Broken Wings .....Wednesday, April 13**

**James' Journey .....Wednesday, May 18**

# Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies Seeking Entries for Work of Art

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is soliciting designs for a work of art to honor the Center's donors.

Entrants must be enrolled students at UW-Madison and submissions should be appropriate for a Center for Jewish Studies. The finished piece, in any medium, needs to be transportable. The finished piece should not exceed 50 x 100 x 12 inches. Entrants may want to somehow incorporate donor names into the design.

To enter the design competition, please include:

- A one-page description of the proposed artwork and how it relates to Jewish Studies
- An approximate budget to create the

artwork

- A rendering of the proposed artwork
- A sample portfolio via weblink or preferred medium

First Prize winner will receive \$1,080 plus the costs associated with construction. A prize of \$360 will be given as Honorable Mention. Winners will be announced before May 15, 2016.

Submissions should be emailed to [jsone@wisc.edu](mailto:jsone@wisc.edu) with the subject link: CJS Artwork Proposal. The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2016.

Entrants must be able to produce the proposed work. The finished work will be displayed at the Center for Jewish Studies.

## Looking for a meaningful gift?

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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.

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## Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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### Shabbat Evening Potluck: Get to Know Midwest Environmental Advocates

Friday, January 15, 6:00 p.m.  
Please call the office for location.

Join together for Shabbat evening and meet a representative from Midwest Environmental Advocates. All are welcome.

### Shabbat Morning Services – MLK Service

Saturday, January 23  
First Unitarian Society  
900 University Bay Drive

Join together for a special morning where we will honor the legacy of Martin

Luther King, Jr. Torah study begins at 9:30 am, followed by services at 10:30 am, and Kiddush at 12:30pm.

### Get to Know Us Havdalah

Saturday, January 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Please call the office for location.

Want to learn about Shaarei Shamayim? Here's your opportunity! The Shaarei Shamayim Membership Committee welcomes new and prospective members for cookies, cocoa, and havdalah. They will discuss the congregation and be available to answer questions. Please RSVP to Joy: [office@shamayim.org](mailto:office@shamayim.org).

### Mindfulness Seder for Tu B'shevat

Sunday, January 24  
Please call the office for location and time.

We will celebrate Tu B'shevat mindfully through singing, chanting, and meditation in the framework of a seder of fruits, nuts, wines, and juices. If you would like to attend, please RSVP at [office@shamayim.org](mailto:office@shamayim.org).

## Beth Israel Center

Come see what our traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Please contact Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon ([rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org)), Executive Director Elissa Pollack ([elissa@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:elissa@bethisraelcenter.org)), or Education Director Beth Copelovitch ([education@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:education@bethisraelcenter.org)) with questions about upcoming events, membership, education for children and adults, or anything else you might like to know about our synagogue. You may also call (608) 256-7763 or visit our website, [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org), for more information.

Here are some highlights from our January calendar:

### Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Dinner

Friday, January 8  
5:45pm

Welcome Shabbat with friends at Beth Israel Center. The evening begins with happy hour at 5:00 pm, followed by our song-filled services at 5:45 pm. At 6:30 pm we'll sing Yigdal and enjoy a communal kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Because Shabbat begins early this time of year, please bring potluck contributions in advance. You can drop them off any time the office is open up until 4:00 pm Friday. Wondering what's kosher? If it's store-bought, it needs a hechsher. Making something at home? Use kosher ingredients. Read our kashrut policy for home cooked food at [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org) or contact Rabbi Ben-Gideon ([rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org)) with questions.

### Rosh Hodesh Shevat

Rosh Hodesh Shevat  
Monday, January 11  
7:00am

Celebrate the new month during morning minyan at Beth Israel Center. A light breakfast will be served after services.

### Kolot Kehilla

Sunday, January 17  
9:30am-11:00am

Our Sunday morning speaker series, featuring the voices of our community (kolot kehilla), continues on January 17, with "A Nuclear Engineer's Analysis of the 'Iran Deal,'" by Paul Wilson, Professor of Nuclear Engineering at University of Wisconsin-Madison. The United States, Russia, and European Union recently reached an agreement with Iran to rein in its nuclear program and limit its ability to pursue a nuclear weapons program. This talk will explore the technology aspects of this deal to better understand the effectiveness from a technical point of view with an eye to the political implications. Please consider a \$5 donation to offset the cost of this program, which includes a light breakfast.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Children & Youth Service Day

Monday, January 18  
9:00am-2:00pm

Beth Israel Center is joining with First Congregational UCC, Madison Christian Community, and Middleton Community UCC to gather as a faith community in

honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Children in grades 1-5 will spend the day at First Congregational rotating through various stations designed to help better understand the importance of the day, and the life and work of Dr. King. Youth in grades 6-12 will work at service projects around the community. Buses will be provided from FCC to the work sites. The cost is \$10/person or \$20/family. Participants should bring a bag lunch. Snacks and water will be provided. For more information, contact Beth Copelovitch ([education@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:education@bethisraelcenter.org)).

### Board Game Shabbat

Saturday, January 23  
1:00ish

After lunch, we'll bring out the board games, puzzles and cards and play all afternoon. Feel free to drop off a favorite Shabbat-appropriate game earlier in the week. (Shabbat-appropriate games do not involve writing, timers, or electronics.) Kosher snacks and beverages to share are also welcome.

### Supper Quiz

Saturday, January 30  
7:00pm

Our 8th Supper Quiz will be on Saturday, January 30. This year's theme is the elegance of the Mad Men era. Register for this fun Saturday night event as an individual, couple, or team of up to eight people. The cost is \$85 per person until January 15. Reservations made after January 15 will be \$100 per person.

### Yom Rishon

Sunday, January 31  
10:00am-11:15am

Come experience family education for preschoolers at its finest! Each session includes art, movement, music, stories and snacks as well as age-appropriate learning on a Jewish theme for preschoolers and their grown-ups. Yom Rishon meets about once a month during the school year. Put all of our 5776 sessions on your calendar: January 31, February 21, March 13, April 10, May 1.

### Torah & Mindfulness

Thursdays  
7:00pm

Come for an hour of meditation and discussion of Jewish texts related to mindfulness. All are welcome. Contact Matt Banks ([mibanks@tds.net](mailto:mibanks@tds.net)) with questions.

### Adult Education Programs

#### Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, 7pm in the Mercas at Beth Israel Center

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

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## Indulge and Enjoy at Beth Israel Center's 8th

# SUPPERQUIZ

Saturday, January 30

7:00pm

Beth Israel Center  
1406 Mound Street

This year's theme is

**MADMEN**

the classy side of the 1960s.

### What's this Supper Quiz all About?

\* Socializing \* Elegant Dining \* Fun \*

*Between courses of a delicious supper, participants match wits, knowledge, and ingenuity. Past Supper Quiz contestants have solved word and number puzzles, identified spices and fabrics, located cities on maps, built structures out of random materials, spotted Jewish actors in movie clips, and much more.*

*The Supper Quiz is a fundraiser supporting Beth Israel Center.*

Cost: \$85 per person until Jan. 15, \$100 after Jan. 15

To reserve your spot, email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) or call (608) 256-7763.

Reservations can be made individually or in groups of up to 8. Teams of up to 8 will be formed.

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# Temple Beth El

Visit us online at [www.templebethel-madison.org](http://www.templebethel-madison.org). All events are open to the community and 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 David Hoffert, Executive Director, at 608-238-3123 or [executive@tbemadison.org](mailto:executive@tbemadison.org) for membership information.

Office Hours: 9am-5pm M-TH; 9am-3pm Friday.

Our office will be closed: January 1 and January 18, 2016.

## Shabbat Starts Here! Weekly Welcoming of Shabbat

Every Friday!

5:30pm Family Friday's Shabbat activities for kids

5:45pm Family Friday's Shabbat service w/songs & stories

6:15pm Informal family-friendly buffet dinner provided\* or bring your own

7:15pm Shabbat greeting and gathering before the evening service

7:30pm Shabbat evening service approx. 8:45pm Oneg Shabbat following the service

\*pay what you can, suggested donation \$5/person

Everyone is welcome! Come for all or part of the evening.

Learn more at [www.templebethel-madison.org](http://www.templebethel-madison.org)

## Jewish Congregations for Social Justice Racial Justice Speaker Series

"The Education Gap and Boys and Girls Club Solutions"

Thursday, January 14th, 2016, from 7:00-9:00pm at Temple Beth El

As part of its ongoing Racial Justice Speaker Series, Madison Congregations for Social Justice will be hosting Michael Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, as our guest speaker on Thursday, January 14th, 2016, from 7:00-9:00pm at Temple Beth El. Mr. Johnson will speak to the Jewish community about the education gap in Dane County and the BGC's initiatives to address it.

Madison Congregations for Social Justice is a joint effort of Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and

Temple Beth El to bring key Madison-area social justice issues in front of the broader Jewish community. All are welcome to take part in its events and programs.

## A Special Shabbat Celebration to Welcome Our New Members

Friday, January 29, 2016

6:30pm Wine & Cheese Reception

7:30pm Shabbat Evening Service

Please join us for a Special Shabbat on Friday, January 29, 2016, as we welcome our new members to Temple Beth El. Our welcome will include a special wine and cheese reception at 6:30pm. We also hope you will join us for the 7:30pm Shabbat service where we will formally recognize and welcome all of our newest members. The Temple Beth El Membership Committee is sponsoring the reception and service. Please RSVP to Aleaza Hoffert if you will be joining us for the reception and/or the service at [engage@tbemadison.org](mailto:engage@tbemadison.org).

## Tots and Tunes

2016 Sundays - Feb. 7, Feb. 28,

Mar. 13 & Apr. 3

9:30 am-10:30 am in the Adult Lounge

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

There will be singing, crafts, challah & juice. Come hang out with our lay leaders as they teach the tots about Shabbat and Jewish holidays through songs and crafts!

## Grades 9-12

For questions about MaTTY, our High School Youth Group, please contact Naomi, at [matty@tbemadison.org](mailto:matty@tbemadison.org)

## Interfaith Service Project

January 23, 12pm-5:30pm

MaTTY is teaming up with teens from Midvale Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian, and the Islamic Center to support the Madison community at the Second Harvest Food Bank. After Second Harvest, everyone will return to Temple Beth El for an interfaith dialogue and a light meal.

This event is open to all 8th-12th graders and is free, but we may only have ten spots available for teens. Please RSVP by January 17 to Naomi Segal, the MaTTY advisor, at [matty@tbemadison.org](mailto:matty@tbemadison.org). The sooner you RSVP the better! Drop off and pick up will be at Temple Beth El.

# Beth Israel Center

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## Talmud

Wednesdays, 9am in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center

Study Talmud in Hebrew and Aramaic with Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. New students are welcome any time. Contact either Rabbi Ben-Gideon or subscribe to our e-newsletter for information about this year's topic.

## Hebrew Reading Level II

Thursdays, 7pm, at Anna's home

This class is designed for those interested in reading Biblical Hebrew through study of the weekly Torah portion. Whether beginner or intermediate readers, all levels of knowledge are welcomed. Led by Anna Heifetz. Contact the office to confirm the schedule and location.

## Shabbat Services

Every Friday at 5:45pm

Every Saturday at 9:30am

Looking for warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services?

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

Our Shabbat morning worship begins with P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. Children's services for babies, preschoolers, and elementary school age children begin at 10:30am most weeks. Visitors are always welcome!

Special Shabbat morning highlights in January:

\*Mirra Bleherth will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on January 16.

\*Kiddush will have a Tu B'Shevat theme on January 23.

To receive schedule updates and other information, subscribe to our e-newsletter or "Like" us on Facebook. For the e-news, find "Get our E-announcements" on our website or email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) and ask to be added.

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Every Friday 5:30-7:00 pm

Welcome Shabbat together with other families in a casual, joyful and song-filled weekly gathering. Everyone is welcome! Perfect for ages 0 to 10.



Questions? [engage@TBEemadison.org](mailto:engage@TBEemadison.org)  
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2nd Annual Maccabee March

# Hanukkah Project Benefits The Road Home

This past Hanukkah, students at the Madison Jewish Community Day School held the second annual Maccabee March – a tzedakah project benefiting children in need. Local partner, The Road Home, paired day school students with children who needed holiday gifts.

**Maccabee March**

Students ran laps for 18 minutes, spurred on by festive Hanukkah music. Families donated money to sponsor their children's marching/running, and volunteers kept track of the laps and refreshed

students with water and oranges at a "pit stop" station.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of Federation's Ellen Weisner, this year students marched not only at school, but also at the Federation's Community Mitzvahthon, where community members of all ages could also march and donate support for the project.

**Making Tzedakah Personal**

Students took the money earned (which totaled over \$300) to Target, where they purchased gifts for children

in need.

The Road Home sent specific holiday gift wish lists and ages of those children. Students knew they were making a gift to a real and individual person.

Students also wrapped the gifts and created cards with personal holiday notes to the recipients.

"I wanted them to experience the whole process of giving and to understand that there are kids that don't have what they are accustomed to having," says teacher Marla Becker, who designed and led the project.

"We wanted them to experience

everything from earning the money (they ran laps) to going out and actually visiting a store; picking something out with the money they earned; and bringing it back and wrapping it up so that it's a very personal gift," she says.

To learn more about Madison Jewish Community Day School, visit [www.mjcds.com](http://www.mjcds.com) or call (608) 204-9900. Madison Jewish Community Day School is an independent, private K-5 school, offering a challenging and inspiring dual curriculum in both general and Jewish studies, including daily instruction in Hebrew language.



## CAMP CORNER



Summer, Friendship, Laughter, Fun... Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on Monday, March 7th! 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 7th. Scholarship application deadline will be Friday, March 18th; you must be registered for camp before applying for a scholarship!

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



**Camp Shalom 2016 Dates**

- Session I: Monday, June 20-July 8, no camp on July 4
- Session II: Tuesday, July 11- July 29
- Session III: Tuesday, August 2-12 (Camp Shalom only)

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 below for a unique off-site overnight camping adventure.

- Session 1: Wednesday, July 6th
- Session 2: Wednesday, July 27th
- Session 3: Wednesday, August 10th (no overnight)

**Late-night/ Overnight Dates**

The Camp Shalom (K-5) late-night is a fun evening for Camp families to get to see the Goodman Campus, meet the Camp Shalom staff, and see firsthand what their campers have been enjoying throughout the summer.

Updates about special programs and exciting new additions to our programs coming soon!

We look forward to making every day a great day at Camp Shalom 2016!

## Join the AWESOME Camp Shalom Staff!

Camp Shalom is hiring!

Rewarding and fun...come work at Camp Shalom or Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim! Applications for summer 2016 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!

**Positions available include:**

**Counselors in Training** - This is a volunteer position for those going into 10th grade. Fulfill your volunteer requirements in one summer while learning a lot and working with awesome mentors!

**Junior Counselors** - under 18 years old

**Senior Counselors** - over 18 years old

**Senior Counselors with life-guarding certification**

**Specialists** - flexible hours or full-time positions available for those with experience facilitating sessions in yoga, pottery, fine-arts, performance arts, dance, graphic design, personal training, improv and comedy, martial arts and more

For more information about any of the positions above or to apply please visit our website, [www.jewishmadison.org/camp-shalom](http://www.jewishmadison.org/camp-shalom)



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# Hillel Celebrates the Festival of Lights with Chanukah Fest

By SADIE DORF

Starting sundown on December 6, Hillel at the University of Wisconsin-Madison was illuminated with the joy and excitement of Chanukah Fest. The eight-day celebration brought together the wonders of Chanukah to the UW campus through good food, laughter, light, and fun. The festivities ranged from candle lighting each night, to late night latkes, giving the entire campus remarkable opportunities to celebrate the festival of lights.

What made Chanukah Fest unique were all of the opportunities to celebrate in the Hillel building, as well as outside of the typical Hillel setting. Chanukah Fest included events like Late Night Latkes in Gordon Commons, where students were offered a free latke meal; Witte Chanukah Experience that brought Chanukah to the dorms; and the Statesider Chanukah Party, where students were able to celebrate the holiday with their friends, no matter if they were on or off campus.

Hillel's Chanukah Fest began with candle lighting on Sunday evening. UW students and Madison community members gathered together to kick off the holiday by lighting the menorah and eating delicious latkes and sufganiyot. It was great seeing so many people under Hillel's beautiful roof welcoming the festival of lights.

Naomi Segal, a University of Wisconsin-Madison senior and a student member of Hillel's board of directors from Oak Park, IL, played an active role in planning December's Chanukah Fest. Segal focused on incorporating important Jewish traditions, such as light-

ing candles and saying the blessings, with creative and engaging ideas for this year's Chanukah celebration.

"It is important to celebrate Jewish holidays with the large UW community because it reminds students that they are not alone in their observance of a holiday," Segal said.

Hillel was thrilled to welcome students like Naomi and the larger UW community to celebrate and participate in Chanukah Fest all week long.

Segal explained that when she was a freshman, "there were only two Jews on my floor and I remember during Chanukah feeling somewhat isolated and homesick. Looking back, I wish I had gone to Hillel for Chanukah that year because I know that I would have felt much more at home in Madison. Celebrating the holidays with a community helps you feel like a part of something that wants to support you and your beliefs."

Chanukah Fest gave students the opportunity to expand on their Jewish experiences at UW-Madison and catered to all students, regardless of location or religion. Students lit candles, sang songs, played dreidel, and of course, ate their weight in gelt, latkes and sufganiyot. Hillel was so proud to bring Judaism, celebration, and light to all UW-Madison students in such a meaningful way.

Emmy Saxon, a UW junior from Mendota Heights, MN, loved being able to celebrate one of her favorite holidays with so many of her friends and fellow Jewish Badgers.

"Hillel makes it easy to have a community to celebrate with; you can be as festive as you want but there is no pressure to attend everything. My favorite part of Chanukah was lighting the menorah with so many of

my friends," Saxon said. "I'm so happy Hillel gave me an opportunity to celebrate one of my favorite holidays."



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# Tu B'Shuat Seder and Slides

Sunday, January 24, 2016

3:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Crawdaddy Waterpark in Holiday Inn  
1109 Fourier Drive, Madison**

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Arrival Activities

4:00 p.m. Tu B'Shuat Seder

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet and Waterpark

\$18/person, \$54 max./family

Price includes Tu B'Shuat Seder, dairy dinner (allergy friendly options available, please note on your registration), and waterpark passes

Celebrate the Jewish Arbor Day! Join our Community Shaliach Daniel Gill for an engaging Tu B'Shuat Seder followed by waterpark fun at the tree-themed Crawdaddy Cove Water Park.

Contact Ellen Weismer at program@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808.



## Get Ready for the Hamantashen Workshop!

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, March 13th 2-4:30PM**

**Where: Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive**

Come for the whole time or just drop by. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2-2:30pm and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging. Learn to bake Hamantashen. Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim carnival on Sunday, March 20th at Beth Israel Center.



Come join us ...



**SUNDAY JANUARY 24**  
Seders and Slides, 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
3:30-4:00 p.m. Arrival Activities  
4:00 p.m. Tu B'Shuat Seder  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet and Water Park  
Join Daniel Gill, Community Shaliach and the Family Ed Committee for a Tu B'Shuat Seder, buffet dinner and waterslide fun at Crawdaddy Cove in the Holiday Inn, Madison West.

**SUNDAY MARCH 13**  
Hamantashen Baking Workshop with Susan Roquette.  
Our annual Hamantashen bake is always a hit, and this year we will be filling, folding and baking at Temple Beth El.

**SUNDAY MARCH 20**  
Community Purim Carnival at Temple Beth El  
Watch for details coming soon.



# UPCOMING FAMILY EDUCATION EVENTS

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

# Yonim takes part in Mitzvahthon

Yonim was delighted to participate in the Jewish Federation of Madison's Mitzvahthon Hanukkah kick-off. Yonim families decorated doves ("Yonim" in Hebrew) to beautify the community and danced in a flash mob! This impromptu expression of joy exemplified the Jewish celebration of lights by animating the audience. Dancers also participated in the wide range of mitzvah stations available; they created snack bags for those in need; sewed quilts; and helped run a dreidl game station for children of all ages. Look for us in your local elementary schools in February 2016 at our school tour! Contact Ilana Seidman, yonim@jewishmadison.org for more information.

**Purim Carnival**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

Purim Carnival is taking place during Spring Break!!  
Staycationing in town? Join us for the fun!

**Sunday, March 20th, 2016**  
**Temple Beth El**

Stay tuned for more details, volunteers will be needed, please mark your calendars now and check your emails for volunteer sign-up information!



## Declaration of Intent to Create Your Jewish Legacy

### Be one of the first 75

*in honor of the Jewish Federation of Madison's 75th Anniversary! The Jewish Federation of Madison is currently on a campaign to enroll 75 or more members of the community to indicate their intent to leave a part of their estate to the Federation. A non-binding statement of intent is now available – you can find a link to it at [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org) or please use the form below. Please consider filling out and submitting the form. Although not binding, it displays your best intentions. Thanks for helping us reach our goal of 75 in honor of our 75th Anniversary!*

**During your Open Enrollment period at work, please consider making a tax-advantaged gift to the Jewish Federation of Madison by completing your Declaration of Intent to Create a Jewish Legacy and naming the Jewish Federation of Madison as a beneficiary of your 401(k) or IRA.**

It is with deep satisfaction and an abiding commitment to my community that I sign this declaration so that my intended contribution can provide for future generations and ensure continuity of services and programs in the Jewish community.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I have already included the Jewish Federation of Madison in my estate plan.

I will provide the Jewish Federation of Madison with documentation of my commitment.

I prefer to convey my commitment verbally.

**My charitable plan includes:**

Bequest in my will

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Designation from my retirement plan

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Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to include the Jewish Federation of Madison in my estate plan and will make this provision during the next \_\_\_\_\_ months.

**Privacy Statement**

I prefer to remain anonymous and do not want recognition.

To encourage others to make commitments that will ensure a vibrant future community, I permit my name to be recognized and listed in printed materials. My name should appear as follows:

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# Jewish Social Services

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## Welcome Ingrid Reis-Glass, Our New Volunteer Engagement/Events & Programs Coordinator

### Greetings from Ingrid

Back in the mid-70s, Jewish Social Services in the Chicago area resettled my family from Ukraine. JSS was instrumental in helping my family to fulfill the American dream. Today, I am absolutely thrilled and excited to join the Jewish Social Services family and its mission of providing compassionate social services and help for individuals and families. I am likewise thrilled to be working with the Jewish community. What I love about Madison is the sense of unity, community and inclusion, both within the Jewish community and the broader Madison community.

Though up to this point I have worked in the Information Technology field, being of service and supporting others has always been my purpose. I sought out opportunities during my years in the corporate world where I enjoyed being of service to others by leading and managing software development projects, facilitating a "Women in Technology" group, plus involvement and commitment in efforts to promote diversity & inclusion. I have also enjoyed and appreciated volunteering with a variety of organizations over the years and am really excited to be working with the wonderful volunteers at JSS.



Ingrid Reis-Glass

## A Big "Thank You" To Menorah-Delivery Volunteers

JSS would like to thank the 47 volunteers, including ten families, who delivered menorahs for Hanukkah recently. Thirty-five seniors received menorahs and visits. Our gratitude goes to David Barsky, the Berney-Angelina family, The DiTullio family, Leslie Eisenberg, the Fleischmann family, the Goldman family, Steve Goldstein, Jerry Goodman, Stacy Graff, Ronnie Hess, Dori Kalish-Huza, the King family, Judy Knupp, the Kobylarz family, Marilyn Kupferberg, Doug Olson, Linda Reivitz, the Robbins family, the Schiff family, Eve Siegel, Jeanne Silverberg, the Sulman-McGrath family, Jennifer Ullman, Jean Weissburg and the Wise-Tennenbaum family.



## The Jewish Social Services Resource Library

Jewish Social Services has a wonderful resource library available to you. There are a wide variety of books on the broad topics of aging, care giving, end-of-life, self-help and mental health. Here are a couple of examples:

*Kitchen Table Wisdom: Stories that Heal*, by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., "...addresses the spiritual issues of suffering, meaning, love, faith and miracles in the language and absolute authority of our own life experience."

*How to Care for Aging Parents*, by

Virginia Morris, "...a one-stop resource on the medical, emotional, legal, and financial issues involved in caring for an elderly parent."

*Fifty Essential Things to Do when the Doctor Says it's Cancer*, by Greg Anderson, "...an invaluable roadmap to recovery filled with practical, healing 'action steps' that have been used by thousands of cancer survivors."

To see what's available or to borrow a book, contact JSS at (608) 278-1808.

## Remarks From Linda Reivitz At The JSS Annual Meeting

On November 30th Jewish Social Services held its annual meeting. The remarks made by Board President Linda Reivitz follow:

Welcome everyone to this, our annual meeting in 2015. As many of you know, I did have the honor of spending time here this summer. I saw a bevy of activity every day as we had a Levy luncheon; letters for our Friends campaign went out, on time; there were discussions, and more discussions, on space and the future of this building; we introduced a new bookkeeper; we began the process of filling our volunteer coordinator/programs development position; and, of course, Dawn Berney began to get her toes wet as our JSS Executive Director. I am delighted with her appointment as our agency's leader.

Beyond all that, what I learned most this summer is just how vibrant this organization is. Staff is often on the phone or have clients in an office. Or, staff is coming back from meeting with clients, or on the way out to see them. Maybe it is helping a family with a disabled child. Maybe it is helping someone who is in need of Ensure. Maybe it is accompanying a client to a ceremony in which he becomes a US citizen! Mazel Tov to him, and to us. (I am not sure there is anything, which quite measures up to such an event, if you have not experienced it.)

We do good stuff here! Now that is a

rather poor, certainly unsophisticated, way of measuring or evaluating what we do. I am sure we will all be hearing more at our next annual meeting, and undoubtedly earlier than that, about how we can improve our metrics.

I have been giving additional thought about our future agenda. It was put in greater focus for me about a month ago when I read the following headline:

### 'Refugee Task Looming as Enormous Problem'

The first paragraph of the story read as follows:

"Where can a million persecuted [people] and others go now from countries which seek to get rid of them? And where can perhaps another million find refuge from lands, which in the future may try to get rid of them?"

I read that headline in the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Illinois. It was from the NY Times, dated July 10, 1938.

And, I lied a bit— I'll call it dramatic license. The first line of the story actually says: "Where can a million persecuted JEWS go now from countries which seek to get rid of them."

The story was about the Evian (France) Intergovernmental Conference, which met in 1938. 1938 was a time when Americans and most others were reluctant to welcome Jewish refugees from Germany. During that conference, so I've learned from scanning the Web,

delegate after delegate rose to express sympathy for the refugees. But, most countries, including the US and Britain, offered various excuses for not letting in more refugees. Even efforts in Congress, to admit 20,000 Jewish children into the US, were not supported in 1939 and 1940. All this was after the world knew about Kristallnacht.

Americans believed refugees would compete with them for jobs. They believed refugees would become a burden to the state and overwhelm programs that then existed to aid the poor and needy. Sound familiar? The article did not say, of course, that these refugees were members of ISIS or presented a security risk—but I am sure you see where I am going.

Our reaction, and the reaction of the

delegates from the 32 countries which attended the Evian conference in 1938, allowed the world to turn its back on millions of Jews whose future was bleak, to say the least.

So I think part of our agenda for the next "I-don't-know-how-many-years" is to make sure we continue to do what we are doing. That we continue to give attention to what is part of the DNA of JSS.

We have been there.

We are obligated to serve refugees, from anywhere in the world. Not, as others have said before me, because these refugees are Jewish - but, because we are. Stay tuned. We have work to do.

Thank you.

## Liesel Blockstein Memorial Lecture With Senator Tammy Baldwin

The annual Liesel Blockstein Memorial Lecture, co-sponsored by Jewish Social Services and Temple Beth El, will be held on Sunday, February 14. The event honors the memory of a woman who was well-known for her work in both the Jewish and wider community, and features, as a speaker, a Wisconsin woman who embodies Liesel's commitment to social justice and Jewish life. Throughout Senator Baldwin's career in public service

she has fought for fairness, equality and opportunity. In Congress she has been a strong advocate on the issues of bullying and suicide among LGBT youth, and helped lead efforts on hate crimes legislation, marriage equality, "Don't Ask Don't Tell," and the Employee Non Discrimination Act.

Please look for more information on the JSS website at <http://www.jssmadison.org/>.

# Volunteer For Jewish Social Services!



**Add something special to your life – Volunteer for Jewish Social Services. Volunteer application at [www.jssmadison.org/becoming-volunteer](http://www.jssmadison.org/becoming-volunteer) or call (608) 442-4083 for information**

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

**Current Volunteer Opportunities**

More information at [www.jssmadison.org](http://www.jssmadison.org)

**Designated Shopper** – to take a friendly older woman to do errands once

or twice a month; Hilldale area.

**Designated Shopper** – to take a Russian woman shopping monthly; Hilldale area.

**Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick)** – Opportunities to make brief drop-in visits with several elderly women in memory care; Verona, Middleton and southwest Madison. These visits can be made when convenient for you.

**Hang out with a Disabled Bears Fan** – A middle-aged man with disabilities living in an east-side nursing home is a huge Bears fan (sorry, Packers fans!) and enjoys watching other sports and TV shows. We are looking for the right guy to hang out with him a couple of times a month, watch a Bears game or

other show, and share the experience.

**Driver Connection** – Provide rides to clients for appointments and other destinations on an as-needed and as-available basis. Requires copies proof of insurance and driver's license plus a driver's record check, done at our expense.

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

Come talk with us about doing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services. There are also opportunities for older youth and youth groups to volunteer and contribute to the community, develop new skills and have fun. Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808 or (608) 442-4083 direct for a brochure or to discuss doing a mitzvah

project with Jewish Social Services.

**Double your Volunteering Mitzvah**

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

**Deducting Expenses Incurred while Volunteering**

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

## Louise Goldstein Honored For Her Tenure At Jewish Social Services

More than 130 people gathered at Beth Israel Center on Sunday, December 15, to honor Louise Goldstein for her long tenure at Jewish Social Services. While Louise has spent the past 13 years as volunteer coordinator, previously she was also a Jewish Social Services volunteer and provided medical social work services during the Soviet Union refugee resettlement. Louise was serenaded by the JSS Board of Directors and live music by the White Birch Ensemble. Thank you, Louise, for all that you've done for our community.





# Jewish Education

## Midrasha Winter Wrap-Up

When 8th-12th grade students sign-up to participate in Midrasha Hebrew High School they get more than just a Jewish Education! The Midrasha committee works to bring special programs and workshops to help high schoolers and their families navigate the 5 busy years they spend in our program. This fall Zach Galin from Galin Education came to Midrasha to talk with families about

getting ready to apply to college, Jewish life on campus, financial aid and the application process. It was two hours packed with important and valuable information!

Midrasha Hebrew High School wrapped up this semester with a fun celebration. Each of the Jewish Studies classes did a short presentation to show the rest of the student body what they

learned over the semester. There were tri-fold displays, short videos, lip-dubs and oral presentations. One of the classes even sent around a petition they are planning to submit to request for the city of Madison to recognize April as Genocide Awareness month. Following the presentations the students celebrated Hanukkah by decorating donuts, taking photos and eating latkes.

Spring semester will begin on Wednesday, January 27th at Temple Beth El. Sunday Hebrew classes will begin on January 31st and will be at Beth Israel Center. It's not too late to join Midrasha, for more information please contact Ellen Weismer, [program@jewishmadison.org](mailto:program@jewishmadison.org).



Zach Galin, from Galin Education, talks with Midrasha parents about preparing students to apply to college.



# Look What's Happening at Gan HaYeled Preschool!



The Bet Class loves playing with the new Play-Doh and toys.



The Bet class went for a walk in the woods.



Rachel Pinkesz plays a game with the Gimel class.

Working hard in Dalet.



Introducing the King and Queen of Latkes, Benny and Orly.



Gimel is searching for Dreidels in the shredded potatoes.



Thank you to our Latke Makers, Dorothy, Rinat and Shanee.



Cora, Hephzi, Talya, Sydney and Avner are having fun during Late Care.



Adam, Nitzan, Solly and Hephzi love building with the new blocks.

## GAN HAYELED OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

Please stop by between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and chat with teachers from all of the classrooms; have a little nosh and learn about our school.

Learn more about all that Gan has to offer!

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



## Time to Register for Gan HaYeled Preschool!!

It's time to register for Gan HaYeled Preschool!! Registration for the 2016-2017 school year begins Monday, February 1, 2016.

Gan HaYeled provides:

- Dedicated, highly qualified teachers
- Play-based educational learning opportunities
- An emphasis on building positive Jewish identities and strong connections to the Jewish community
- Enrichment programs emphasizing music, creative movement, and gross motor skills
- Flexible scheduling including extended care options from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
- A strong internal community and chances for the entire family to get involved through committees, potluck dinners, parenting workshops and

more

Stop by between 9:30 and 11 a.m. on January 24 for our open house or schedule a tour today, to see for yourself why so many families choose Gan HaYeled! Registration information and forms can be found on our website: <http://www.jewishmadison.org/hilde-l-mosse-gan-hayeled-preschool>.

Contact Rachel for more information at gan@jewishmadison.org, or 608-278-1808 extension 4075.



## Schmooze & Tunes

### Learn and Grow with Schmooze & Tunes

The Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with experienced teacher Liron Weiss. Liron has a B.Ed. in physical education and brings in her rich experiences as a Reggio Emilia preschool teacher and her love for movement and music! Come experience 'The Shabbat Feeling' with your child every Friday!

This one-of-a-kind program is designed to ignite children's passion for music and movement while looking at the world around them and experiencing Jewish values and traditions. Repetition of familiar tunes, dances, and books will stimulate children's musical ability. Through engaging activities we will learn each other's names and watch as children's language skills increase through singing and vocal play. Through favorite finger plays and lap bouncing or jumping, we will laugh together and explore new ways to interact with our children. We will always use instruments and props during class and discover old and new ways to utilize those props, encouraging hand-eye coordination and boosting our children's creative minds! We will end the class with some favorite Shabbat songs and enjoy a delicious homemade challah provided by Gan HaYeled.

This great class will enhance bonding between the child and caregiver while encouraging the discovery of sounds, movement and textures, all in a full hour of pure growing, learning and joy!

#### Program Details:

Fridays, 9:15 to 10:15 am

**Dates:** January 22 through March 11 (Winter Session); April 1 through May 27 (Spring Session). No class April 29.

**Cost:** \$150 for both sessions or \$80 for Winter Session (additional fee of \$40 for participating siblings); \$80 for Spring Session (additional fee for participating siblings). \*Price includes an age-appropriate musical instrument.

For more information, contact Rachel at gan@jewishmadison.org, or register online at JewishMadison.org.



זמן לילדים ללמוד עברית באופן מהנה ומוזמין



## Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun)

### Time for Hebrew, time for FUN!!!

Kindergarten – 2nd graders are invited to join Daniel Gill, our community Shliach, on a fun adventure through the Hebrew language. Daniel 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, all levels welcome.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, January 19 – May 24

(no class on March 22nd)

**Time:** 3:45 pm – 5:30 pm

\$320 for your first student, \$300 for any additional children

Please register by January 10

Registration is available at [www.jewishmadison.org](http://www.jewishmadison.org). For more information please contact Ellen Weisner, program@jewishmadison.org



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# The Published Story About Escape From The Soviet Gulag: True or False?

## Генрих Бабич Феноменальный побег из Гулага: правда или вымысел?

Некоторое время тому назад ко мне в руки попала книга Slavomir Rawicz *The Long Walk. 1956* (Славомир Равич. Долгий поход). Книгу составил со слов С. Равича английский журналист Ronald Downing (Рональд Доунинг). В ней рассказано о дерзком побеге группы заключенных из советского лагеря в Якутии в начале 1941 года. После первой публикации в 1956 году она была переведена на 25 языков и распространена в количестве 500 тыс. экземпляров. По материалам книги в Голливуде был снят фильм *The Way Back*, который имел большой успех в США и Великобритании.

С первых страниц чтения книги ситуация, описанная в ней, буквально захватила меня своей уникальностью. Как говорится, «одним залпом» прочел половину книги и на минутку остановился. Почему-то отдельные факты прочитанного начали вызывать некоторое недоверие. Обратился к Интернету и набрал поисковую фразу «Якутск лагерь 303». Моему взору предстал десяток сайтов, в которых в течение десятилетий с разных сторон обсуждаются события, описанные в книге. Мнения высказываются в самом широком диапазоне — от анализа отдельных фактов до полного неприятия всего написанного. Дочитал книгу, заинтересовался проблемой и решил написать настоящую статью.

Итак, кратко о существовании описанного в книге.

Славомир Равич родился в 1915 году в Пинске (ранее Польша, а теперь Беларусь). Его отец был польским крестьянином, а мать русская. Поэтому Славомир свободно говорил по-русски. В 1937 году вступил в польскую армию. В 1939 году, за два дня до захвата Польши немцами, он женился и прожил со своей женой несколько дней. После аннексии Советским Союзом Западной Белоруссии Равич переехал в свой Пинск и вскоре был арестован НКВД по обвинению в шпионаже в пользу Польши (которой, кстати, к тому времени уже не существовало). Его пересылали по тюрьмам: Минск, Харьков и в завершение Москва, Лубянка. Повсюду Равич подвергался жестоким пыткам — от него требовали, не читая, подписать признание в шпионаже. Признательную бумагу Равич не подписал. Суд на Лубянке приговорил его к 25 годам лагерей.

Затем Равича погрузили в товарный вагон, в котором находились 60 заключенных. Люди не могли лежать, только сидели. В таких условиях они через три недели прибыли в Иркутск. Отсюда сибирской зимой предстояло пешком путь в 2000 километров по долине замерзшей реки Лена на север в лагерь 303, расположенный в 200 км от Якутска. Колонну из нескольких тысяч заключенных сопровождали газогенераторные грузовики, работав-

шие на дровах. Между грузовиками были протянуты цепи, к которым людей во время движения пристегивали наручниками. Ночевали просто на снегу, никаких жилищ не было. Все питание составляло 500 г. хлеба в день.

По прибытию в лагерь Равич начал готовить побег. Если верить книге, он неожиданно получил в этом поддержку от жены начальника лагеря, в квартиру которого его привели для устранения неисправности в радиоприемнике. От нее он получил несколько важных советов по организации побега и она попросила сделать это в отсутствие мужа с целью уменьшения его ответственности перед вышестоящим начальством. Для побега Равич собрал группу из семи человек, куда вошли несколько поляков, латыш, литовец и американский инженер Mr. Smith (загадочный мистер Смит), до ареста работавший на строительстве московского метро. Договорились о маршруте, который следовал строго на юг вдоль восточного побережья Байкала до границы с Монголией. Хотелось как можно раньше пересечь границу России.

Побег состоялся ночью 9 апреля 1941 года. Как беглецы и рассчитывали, погоня не было. Вероятно, чекисты были уверены в бесперспективности такого мероприятия. Сначала питались сухарями, которые удалось сберечь из скудного пайка до побега. Через девять дней достигли реки Лена и их рацион расширился за счет рыбы, вылавливаемой из под льда.

Через три месяца группа достигла южной оконечности Байкала, предстояло пересечь государственную границу. В тайге они встретили восемнадцатилетнюю польскую девушку Кристину. Ее родители, польские крестьяне-единоличники, после присоединения Западной Украины не вписались в колхозную систему, были убиты в процессе социальной чистки, а их дом сожжен. Кристину угнали в сибирский колхоз как дочь врагов народа. Она присоединилась к группе, с ней поделились мокасинами, сшитыми из шкуры погибшего в тайге оленя. Вместе они пересекли транссибирскую железную дорогу и вошли в Монголию. Впервые встретились с людьми из местного населения, которые отнеслись к ним доброжелательно.

Затем, когда беглецы пересекли пустыню Гоби, Равич описывает подробности борьбы с жаждой. Питались чем попало, включая змей. Змеи прятались в песке от жары, беглецы отсекали головы и извлекали тела из песка. В книге описано как они разделяли змей и готовили до съедобного состояния. Не все выдержали эту борьбу, трое погибли в пустыне, включая Кристину.

На юге перед выходом из пустыни они опять встретились с монголами. Их накормили и показали путь к столице Тибета, Лхасе. В октябре 1942 года группа вышла к Тибету. По пути через эту страну местные жители предоставляли им еду и убежище. Гималаи пересекли в середине

зимы. Через 11 месяцев после побега в марте 1942 года беглецы встретились с индийским патрулем. Их доставили в госпиталь в Калькутте, где накормили и оказали необходимую помощь. Покинув госпиталь, они расстались и никогда больше не виделись. Равич вступил в британскую армию, служил в Ираке, а затем в Палестине. По рекомендации польского генерала Андерса он был направлен в Англию и прошел подготовку в качестве пилота Польской Освободительной Армии. После войны остался в Англии, работал сначала учителем в обычной школе, а затем преподавал прикладное искусство. Умер Равич в 2004 году.

Что же из рассказанного выше вызвало недоумение у меня? Мы много знаем о зверствах и жестокостях в сталинских застенках. Но есть мера в вещах, которая должна была определяться простой целесообразностью со стороны тех, кто это делал. Арестованные люди представляли собой дармовую рабочую силу. Зачем нужно было буквально упаковывать их в товарных вагонах, что вызывало огромную смертность в рабочей силе? От Иркутска заключенных гнали пешком по целинной зимней тайге. Бог с ними, с заключенными, но, пусть немного меньше, тяготы ложились и на своих — охрану. Зачем? Известно, что в сталинских лагерях действовала строгая система нормирования, которая ставила в зависимость рацион питания заключенного от результатов его труда. А здесь, согласно Равичу, такое растрачивание человеческого ресурса. Невероятно! Вызывает сомнение описанное Равичем отношение к его побегу со стороны жены начальника лагеря. Непонятна ее мотивация. В момент побега ей было 40 лет, следовательно, во время публикации книги — 55 лет. Советское КГБ в тот момент было в полной силе. Зачем Равич рассказал об ее отношении к побегу, тем самым подвергая опасности? И наконец, после пересечения советской границы беглецы оказались за границей, т.е. в значительной мере в безопасности. Зачем нужно было идти по огромному пространству пустыни Гоби, а затем преодолевать без всякого снаряжения высокогорные Гималаи? Неудивительно, что четверо из них погибли. Разве обратиться к местным властям в те времена было не безопаснее?

Дополню это другими данными. Альпинисты, знакомые с условиями восхождений в Гималаях, обратили внимание на существенные неточности при описании расстояний, а некоторые из них просто считали эти описания фальшивкой. Сразу после публикации книги Равич выступил в 1956 году в Лондоне с лекцией перед своими польскими однополчанами. Многие слушатели утверждали, что знали его во время и после войны и говорили, что описанная им история не более, чем ложь. Равич никогда более не встречался с соотечественниками и утверждал, что его критики являются коммунистическими агентами. При других об-

суждениях он говорил, что позабыл некоторые детали и в предъявляемых ему ошибках обвинял Р. Доунинга, действительного автора текста.

В 2006 году в передаче по радио BBC, основанной на советских архивах и заявлениях самого Равича, сообщалось о недостоверных фактах в книге Равича. Оказывается, Равич подписал документ, где говорится о том, что он был освобожден в Советском Союзе, доставлен в Иран и никогда не был в Индии. По другим свидетельствам и по ссылкам на архивы КГБ он был освобожден в 1942 году на основе соглашения об общей амнистии поляков между советским правительством и польским генералом Андерсом. Через Каспийское море Равич был доставлен в лагерь польских беженцев в Иране. Следовательно, его побега в Индию не было.

В мае 2009 года Witold Gliński (Витольд Глинский), польский ветеран Второй мировой войны, живший в Англии, заявил, что история Равича правдива, но описанное в книге произошло не с Равичем, а с ним, Глинским. В интервью журналистам он сказал, что молчал 50 лет, так как боялся мести со стороны одного из участников побега, который совершил зверское убийство. По словам Глинского этот убийца был тесно связан с Равичем. Журналисты полагали, что, хотя Глинский не располагал доказательством достоверности рассказа, его воспоминания выглядели убедительно.

Офицер британской разведки Rupert Mauney (Руперт Мэйн), служивший во время войны в Индии, вскоре после этого рассказывал своему сыну, что в Калькутте в 1942 году он допрашивал трех истощенных людей, которые говорили, что сбежали из Сибири и описывали это так же, как опубликовано в книге Равича. По прошествии лет сын не помнил детали истории и имени беглецов.

В 2010 году в США была опубликована книга Linda Willis *Looking for Mr. Smith* (Линда Виллис *В поисках мистера Смита*). Автор в течение 10 лет собирала информацию, связанную с побегом, общалась с Глинским и безуспешно искала американского «мистера Смита». Она пришла к выводу, что Равич никогда не совершал описанного им побега.

Годы сталинских репрессий были величайшей трагедией советских людей. Историки до сих пор занимаются описанием и анализом событий тех лет. В сталинские времена архивы КГБ были закрыты. Затем произошли некоторые послабления, но до полного доступа к ним еще далеко. По мере того как снимаются ограничения на публикации, каждый человек может стать источником любой информации, как достоверной, так и ложной. В результате, снизилась ответственность за публикации. По этим причинам возникают ситуации типа тех, которые описаны в настоящей статье. Независимо от того, в чем состоит правда или вымысел книги Равича, она отражает важную сторону жизни в советской системе.

Harry J. and Belle Goodman, parents of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman

# Lechayim Lights

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A Senior Adult Program of Jewish Social Services

## 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 Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808, (608) 442-4083 (direct) or [ingrid@jssmadison.org](mailto:ingrid@jssmadison.org) no later than 12:00 pm the preceding Friday. 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.

**MANY THANKS TO BLUE PLATE CATERING FOR PROVIDING OUR KOSHER-STYLE MEALS!**

### Monday, January 4

11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson  
12:00-1:00 Hearty Fish Chowder with French Bread Crostini, Steamed Green Beans, Grape Cluster, Belgian Mini-Pastries  
1:00-2:00 Donald Folberg, "Jews in American Military Service"

### Monday, January 11

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 Mongolian Beef & Broccoli, Brown Rice, Melon Slice, Almond Cookie  
1:00-2:00 Prof. Tal Elmaliach, "The American-Jewish Dream of Progressive Israel: An Historical Overview"

### Monday, January 18, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day *Lechayim does not meet*

### Monday, January 25, Lechayim commemorates the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson  
12:00-1:00 Oven-Fried Chicken Breasts, Roasted Root Vegetables, Orange Slices, Fruit Turnover  
1:00-2:00 Bill Baldon, "Restorative Justice"

### Next month's dates

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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 Ингрид Рейс-Гласс по тел. 608-278-1808, прямой 608-442-4083 или по электронному адресу: [ingrid@jssmadison.org](mailto:ingrid@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

Большое спасибо *Blue Plate Catering* за наше КОШЕРНОЕ МЕНЮ!

### Понедельник, 4 января

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон  
12:00-1:00 Наваристая рыбная похлебка с французскими гренками, паровая зеленая фасоль, виноград и бельгийские мини-пирожные  
1:00-2:00 Дональд Фолберг, "Революционные евреи"

### Понедельник, 11 января

11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн  
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон  
12:00-1:00 Говядина с брокколи по-монгольски, коричневый рис, дыня и миндальное печенье  
1:00-2:00 Проф. Таль Элмалиач, "Американско-еврейская мечта прогрессивного Израиля: исторический обзор"

### Понедельник, 18 января День рождения преподобного Мартина Лютера Кинга-младшего - Лехаим не состоится

### Понедельник, 25 января Лехаим в память преподобного Мартина Лютера Кинга-младшего

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон  
12:00-1:00 Запеченные куриные грудки, жареные овощи, апельсиновые дольки, пирожные из слоеного теста с фруктами  
1:00-2:00 Бил Балдон, "Восстановительное правосудие"

### Даты февраля

1, 8, 15, 22, 29

## Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can help! Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808, (608) 442-4083 (direct) or email [ingrid@jssmadison.org](mailto:ingrid@jssmadison.org).

**For changes, updates or new information about any Jewish Social Services program, check our website at**

**[www.jssmadison.org](http://www.jssmadison.org)**

## Making Lechayim Reservations

- When you check in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
- Call Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808 or (608) 442-4083 (direct) or email [ingrid@jssmadison.org](mailto:ingrid@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 but would like to come, call Ingrid 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 Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808, (608) 442-4083 (direct) or [ingrid@jssmadison.org](mailto:ingrid@jssmadison.org) by 2:00 pm the preceding Friday. 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 the radio, check a local TV channel or the Internet for school closings. If Madison schools are open but we think Lechayim should be cancelled, we'll decide by 8:00 a.m., contact those with reservations for Lechayim and post the cancellation on our website.

## Important Phone Numbers

AARP .....	866-448-3611
Access to Independence .....	608-242-8484
ADRC .....	608-240-7400
Alzheimers' & Dementia Alliance .....	608-232-3400
Area Agency on Aging .....	608-261-9930
Dane County Veteran's Service .....	608-266-4158
Domestic Abuse Intervention Service .....	608-251-4445
Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline .....	608-261-9933
Independent Living .....	608-274-7900
Jewish Social Services .....	608-278-1808
Madison Senior Center .....	608-266-6581
MSCR .....	608-204-3000
Metro Paratransit Reservations .....	608-266-4466
PLATO .....	608-262-5823
RSVP Driver Escort .....	608-238-7787
Safe Communities .....	608-441-3060
SAIL .....	608-230-4321
Social Security Administration.....	866-770-2262
Transit Solutions.....	608-294-8747
West Madison Senior Coalition.....	608-238-7368
West Madison Senior Center .....	608-238-0196

# About our Programs

We'll start 2016 on **Monday, January 4**, by hearing from one of our own, Lechayim participant Donald Folberg, when he presents "Jews in American Military Service." Jewish Americans have served in the United States armed forces dating back to before the colonial era, when Jews served in militias of the Thirteen Colonies. Jewish military personnel have served in all branches of the armed forces and in every major armed conflict to which the United States has been involved. The Jewish Chaplains Council estimated that there are currently 10,000 known Jewish servicemen and servicewomen on active duty. A number of Jewish American servicemen have gained fame due to their military



Donald Folberg

service, and many have received awards and decorations for distinguished service, valor or heroism. More than twenty Jewish servicemen have been awarded the military's highest award, the Medal of Honor.

Born in Milwaukee a year or so before World War II, Donald's family moved to Detroit in 1949. After several moves he came to Madison in 1978 with his wife Suzanne. As the father of seven children, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, he sometimes refers to himself as an accidental patriarch. He has been in sales and marketing, and is currently retired but not idle. As a hobby he has studied Jewish history and will share some of his interests.

On **Monday, January 11**, we will hear from Tal Elmaliach, a Post-Doctoral fellow of the Israel Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He will discuss

"The American-Jewish Dream of Progressive Israel: An Historical Overview," a look at how progressive American Jewish organizations of the mid-twentieth century tried to influence the development of Israeli society. Tal Elmaliach wrote his doctoral thesis, which deals with the kibbutz movement of *HaShomer Hatzair* and the MAPAM political party during the years 1956-1977, at Haifa University, Israel. He has published a book and a number of articles on this subject.

Jewish Social Services is closed on **Monday, January 18**, in commemoration of the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Lechayim will not meet.

The YWCA in Madison is "dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all." The goal of their Restorative Justice program is to keep "... students of color engaged in their school communities by reducing suspensions and ex-

pulsions." Bill Baldon, an attorney who is now a Restorative Justice Manager at the YWCA, coordinates restorative justice programs in local middle schools, community centers and with the city. On **Monday, January 25**, Bill will describe what Restorative Justice is, how it's being used in Madison, and its connections to Jewish traditions. This should be a very informative and interesting way to commemorate the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Bill Baldon

Bill Baldon describes himself as "...a husband, and a father of two." He coaches youth baseball and soccer, enjoys hunting morels, fishing for trout and baking. He is passionate about the YWCA's mission to eliminate racism and empower women.

## Hanukkah at Lechayim

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Don Folberg, First Candle



Myrna Williamson, Second Candle



Milt Rosenberg, Third Candle



Bezalel Haimson and Louise Goldstein, Fourth Candle



Ingrid Reis-Glass and Dolores Salganick, Fifth Candle



Mindy and Alene Wiseman, Sixth Candle



Stacy Graff, Seventh Candle



Julie Swedarsky, Eighth Candle

## Scenes from Lechayim

Photos by Eve Siegel



## Spotlight: Francie Smith Saposnik

By PAMELA PHILLIPS OLSON

Her work habits are legendary, as is the strength of her compassion. Her workday was rarely from 9 to 5, as one would expect. There were many times when she sat through the night rather than leave the bedside of a person in need. The fabric of Francie Smith Saposnik's career is interwoven with generations of Madisonians and the UW social work students she taught.

Years ago I heard her tell a story which she heard as a child and which gives insight into her powerful calling. In a recent interview I asked her to retell the story. Sometimes a story heard as a child rests in the mind and heart and can influence the direction a life takes.

The story begins with Francie's maternal grandparents: her grandfather was the first to leave the poverty and pogroms of Romania for America. When he earned enough for tickets, his wife, Francie's namesake, Bubba Fruma, followed with their three children. "One was my mother, who was about seven and remembered the trip vividly."

"They traveled by ship on a turbulent sea. Fruma befriended a woman who was traveling with her little boy. When she became ill with extreme seasickness, Fruma took the frightened child under her wing and cared for him along with her own. The mother died before reach-

ing America."

Without a sponsor on the ship, the child was destined to be sent back to Europe. When they came to Ellis Island, Fruma gazed into the welcoming crowd below and spotted her husband on the dock. He was approaching the officer who questioned each person as to the number of children in their arriving family. "She ran to the railing and called out, "Zugt fier (say four)." His eyes widened in shock, and his mouth fell open, but he dutifully turned to



Francie Smith Saposnik

(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

the officer and said, "Four." One can only imagine what he thought since he knew he had left his wife *several years before* with only **three** children! After they were all allowed in, Fruma was able to locate the boy's family and deliver him into their arms.

What enables a person to find such a depth of caring?

Looking back into family history often sheds light on the source. Francie grew up hearing this story, and the seeds of her devotion to others took root. Knowing it was a risk; Fruma committed a quiet act of civil disobedience to help others! Francie grew up knowing that it was obligatory to help others each day of one's life.

Long hours and selfless generosity are the hallmarks of her service at JSS, and our community has been the beneficiary.



## Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors

Our monthly Shabbat gatherings, with wine donated by Frank Liquor, includes candle lighting, 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 with the assistance of Angel Volunteers.

March 4, May 6

### Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall 333 West Main Street

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

February 12, March 11

### 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 Paul Grossberg

January 15, February 5, March 18

**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 will be at Lechayim in February, from 11:00-12:00, with the date and topic to be announced. The



student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your questions and concerns.



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**Jewish Social Services!**

JSS volunteers visit seniors who are new to Madison, bringing a gift bag with information, treats and a few surprises. Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at 608-442-4083 or [ingrid@jssmadison.org](mailto:ingrid@jssmadison.org) to request a visit. Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for supporting this program.

## Older Drivers – Get Tips for Safety on the Road

From the 2015 White House Conference on Aging

Are you worried about your driving skills? Are you uncomfortable when a friend or family member gets behind the wheel to drive? The National Institute of Aging's "Older Drivers Age Page" describes common concerns and offers safety tips and resources:

- Read about the effect of stiff joints and muscles, vision and hearing changes, and slower reaction times on driving safety.
- Find out about dementia and

driving ability.

- Learn what to do if you have concerns about an older driver, and get tips for "the talk" about giving up driving.

Read online or order free copies of Older Drivers and get more information from [www.NIHSeniorHealth.gov/](http://www.NIHSeniorHealth.gov/)

- Worried about an older driver? Get tips for safety & learn when to have "the talk." <http://go.usa.gov/3h8PY>

- Get tips to keep you safe behind the wheel at <http://go.usa.gov/3h8PY>

## Transitions

### Happy January Birthday

Abe Landsman	Hilary Blue	Rob Greenberg
Anita Parks	Ike Lewis	Rosalind Levin
Betsy Haimson	Jeff C. Levy	Sally Jamison
Bezalel Haimson	Judy Nelson-Stern	Violetta Bartashchuk
Fran Culbertson	Julie Swedarsky	
Ginny Graff	Lucille Lapin	

### Mazel Tov

To Fay Nager, on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Shoshana Nager

### Best Wishes for your Wellness

Roberto Gonzales

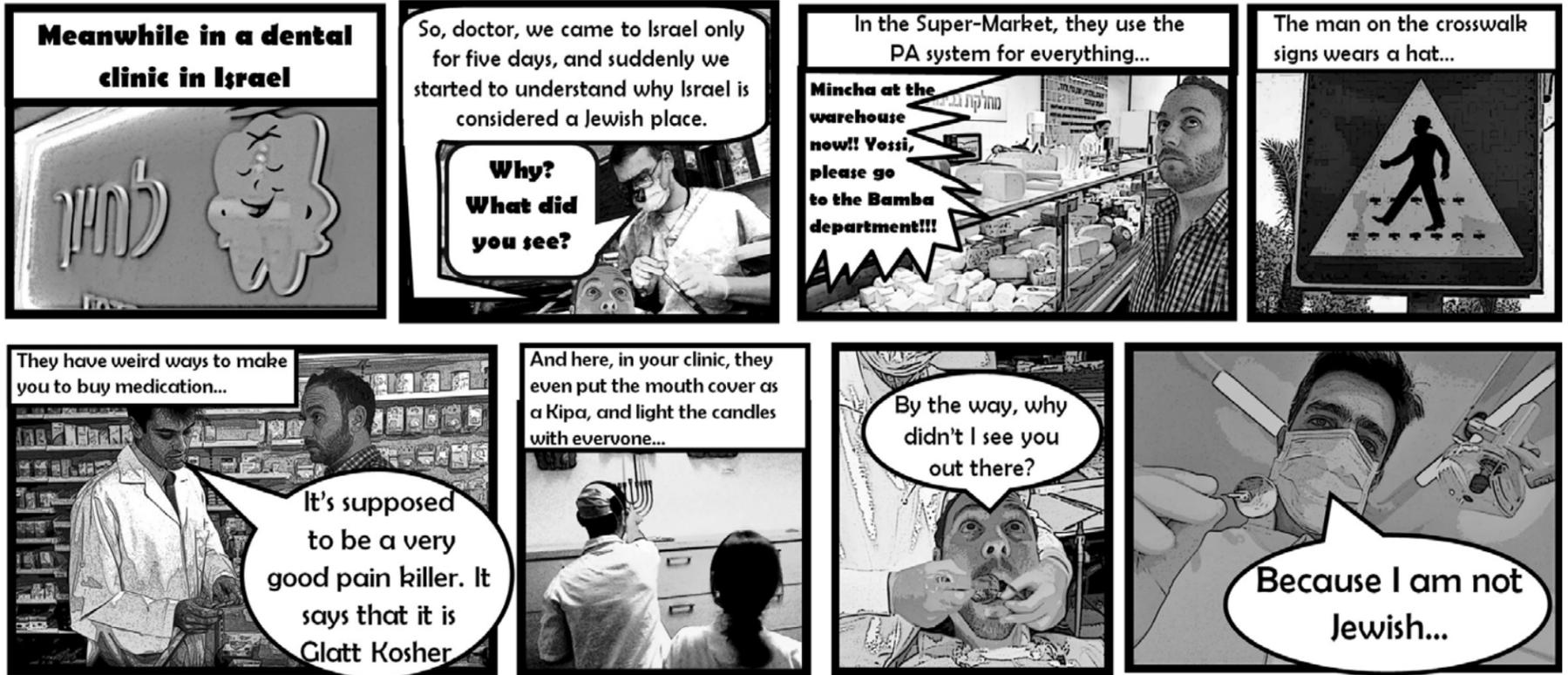
### Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Ginny Graff, Florida  
Marilyn Kupferberg, Florida  
Barb Swerin, Florida and Dallas  
Lorna Kniaz, Galapagos

### Condolences

To the family of Jules Newman  
To the family of Jim (Estelle Katz) Rissman

# Israel and the World



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

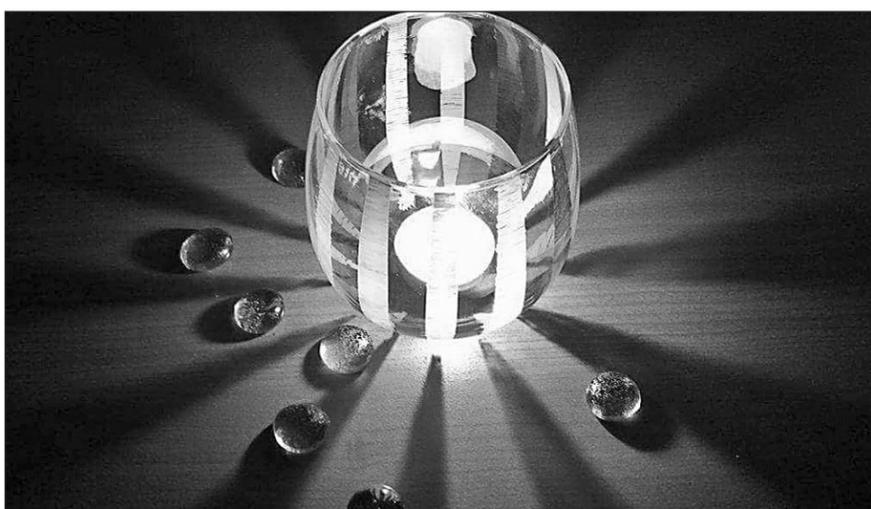
By DANIEL GILL AND SHIRLY RAIZ  
Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

Happy New Year everyone!  
This is time of the year when we celebrate the Gregorian New Year.  
January is named after Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions. According to Roman mythology, he had two faces, one turns to the past and the other to the future. It's a good time to end a year and start a new one. As a community, we also like to reflect on what we did in the previous month. This is the purpose of the monthly newspaper, right?  
The month of December started with Hanukkah. We had the Community Hanukkah Mitzvahthon where children and parents wrote notes for the Western Wall (these notes arrived at the Kotel in just two days, a Hanukkah miracle!!). We helped our Midrasha students plan final projects for the semester. And the Project Tzeva participants (a P2G arts initiative), prepared beautiful mosaic candleholders.  
For Shirly and me, it is a first to start a New Year in the middle of winter. However, we looked a little deeper into the history of the calendar's creation and learned that it was created based on agriculture. It may be surprising to learn, but the original Roman calendar did not include the months of January

and February. At that time, their lifestyle was so focused on agriculture that it seemed unnecessary to include the barren months of winter.  
It was only around 713 BC, when, King Numa Pompilius, added the months of January and February. However, the Gezer calendar, found 20 miles from Jerusalem, dated to the 10th-century BCE and written in Hebrew, has January and February listed as the late sowing months of the agricultural season.  
Therefore, the Land of Israel, in a much earlier period, was already referencing agricultural activity during the winter months. Maybe it was important for the people to connect the whole year to the land..  
Judaism has always connected the land of Israel with agriculture. The land of Israel was blessed with seven species, "a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees and honey dates)" (Deuteronomy 8:6-8). In Hebrew they are: Katzir: harvest of wheat and barley; Batzir: grapes; Aria: figs; Asif: pomegranate; Gadid: dates; Masik: olives.  
This month we will be preparing to celebrate the harvest and agricultural months in Israel when we celebrate Tu B'Shevat. Israel is the only country that ended the 20th century with more trees

then when it started! Moreover, Israel is leading the way on the use of technology in agriculture, and is one of the world's major advisors on agricultural growth in desert conditions.  
We know that many of you will be travelling to Israel this year and we created a list of places you should visit to learn more about the agriculture in Israel. Cut and save for your next trip to Israel@!  
1. If you are in the South, visit the Central and Northern-Arava Research and Development Center, established in 1986. Here you will learn that the desert creates 65% of Israel's exports of veg-

etables and about 10% of the cut flower exports.  
2. If you are near Jerusalem visit Ein Yael to see an idyllic mix of nature and history. The museum is located outdoor across the valley from the Biblical Zoo. As you enter you can visit an ancient Roman Street and enjoy fun workshops like fresco, basket weaving and instrument making.  
3. If you are up north and interested in organic farming, try one of the tours given by Guy Organic or Eco Israel Tours. Learn how organic farming is emerging in Israel and impacting modern Israeli agriculture.



Making beautiful mosaic candle holders at the Project Tzeva Event.





# Connecting with Israel



## Building Community in Jewish China

For the fourth year in a row, the Chinese Jewish community met to discuss a vast selection of educational topics -- ranging from Jews living in occupied Shanghai to "Gematria for Dummies" -- at the Limmud conference in Beijing.

Organized by Kehillat Beijing and

sponsored by JDC, the event featured 25 workshops focused on learning and strengthening Jewish communal bonds in China, which is estimated to have about 2,500 Jews, largely expatriates.

"I love what Limmud has done to the identity of Asia's Jews," said Stacy

Palestrant, an entrepreneur and mother of three. "It's really nice to see how bonded we have become."

Plans are already underway for Limmud's 2016 edition.

"The JDC (Joint Distribution Committee, a partner agency of the Jewish

Federation of Madison and the Jewish Federations of North America), helped Jewish refugees in China during World War II and is now helping to building the Jewish expatriate community in China," said Danny Pins, JDC's chief financial officer for Africa and Asia.

## JDC Responds to the South Asia Earthquake

In the wake of a powerful 7.5 magnitude earthquake in South Asia -- impacting Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan -- JDC has made two emergency grants to partners who will provide medical and emergency aid in India, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

In addition to the grants to the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute and International Blue Crescent, experts from our Disaster Relief and India teams are consulting with local and global partners to assess damage as the situation unfolds and ensure survivors' immediate needs are addressed. Donations can be made at [www.jdc.org/southasiaearthquake](http://www.jdc.org/southasiaearthquake).

"As we anxiously await details on the tragic loss of life and extent of the damage in South Asia, we are drawing on our

vast experience, network of partners, and standing presence in the region to deploy a speedy Jewish response that ensures relief to survivors at their time of need," CEO Alan H. Gill said.

The earthquake hit northeastern Afghanistan near the Pakistani border and caused large tremors in India, Pakistan, and Kyrgyzstan. News reports suggest widespread damage and a growing death toll.

JDC provides immediate relief and long-term assistance to victims of natural and manmade disasters around the globe, including Nepal, the Philippines, Haiti, Japan, and South Asia after the Indian Ocean Tsunami, and continues to rebuild infrastructure and community life in disaster-stricken regions.

JDC's disaster relief programs are funded by special appeals of the Jewish Federations of North America and tens of thousands of individual donors to JDC.

JDC coordinates its relief activities with the U.S. Department of State, USAID, Interaction, and the United Nations.

### Go to the Source: Websites about Israel

For questions on how to support Israel and information about what is happening, please contact our Israeli Shlichim: Daniel, Jewish Federation of Madison Shlich at [Israel@JewishMadison.org](mailto:Israel@JewishMadison.org) and Shirly, UW Hillel Israel Fellow at [IsraelFellow@UWHillel.org](mailto:IsraelFellow@UWHillel.org)

To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:  
<http://www.JewishMadison.org>  
<http://www.timesofisrael.com>  
<http://www.ynetnews.com>  
<http://www.haaretz.com>  
<http://www.jpost.com>  
<http://www.iba.org.il/world>

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# Your Gift to the Jewish Federation of Madison Made A Difference!

*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  
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#### 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  
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Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israel Independence Day Annual Celebration  
Hava Nagila Annual Community Picnic  
Community Relations Committee  
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Passport Grants

## Gan HaYeled Registration Begins February 1 for 2016-17 School Year

Gan HaYeled will begin enrolling students for the 2016-2017 school year starting February 1st. 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 1, 2016.



## Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on Monday, March 7

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 7, 2016. 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 7th.

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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