

JEWISH NEWS

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Jewish Federation of Madison's 2013 Tzedakah Campaign is a Huge Success!

We are so happy to report that, thanks to the generosity of 701 donors to the Jewish Federation of Madison's 2013 Tzedakah Campaign, our community will continue to support all of the essential agencies and wonderful programs that we have here in Madison and the hundreds of humanitarian programs in Israel and 70 other countries around the world. These donors, recognized on pages 14 and 15, contributed a total of \$1,011,058 to the 2013 Tzedakah campaign.

This exciting result is because of the hundreds of donors who gave with incredible generosity as well as the hard work and dedication of the Federation board and committee members, campaign solicitors and the entire professional staff.

The campaign was expertly led by Marc Shovers with the help of his vice-chairpersons, Elizabeth Schreiber and Dan Mitchell. In addition, members of the Financial Resource Development Committee, Shanee Ellison, Jeff Levy, Rob Roquette, Alicia Schiff, James Stein, Judy Schreiber, Orly Vardi and Jim Youngerman, provided endless help and enthusiasm for the campaign.

Federation leadership and committees have already begun the important responsibility of determining how to al-



locate these funds within our local community and to those in need worldwide. We hope that each of you has the opportunity to take part in one of our local programs and encourage you to learn more about what we do worldwide.

We express our sincere appreciation to the community members who contributed to the 2013 Tzedakah Campaign. The *Madison Jewish News* will continue to keep you updated throughout the year about the needs being met through your generosity.



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Please email, call, fax or write to:

Camp Shalom

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Website sponsorship offers you the opportunity to promote your business among our community's 6,000 members. In addition to a good business opportunity, you'll be supporting vital services that serve both the Jewish and general community.

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

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

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

Extra benefits for Platinum and Gold sponsors

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

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



For information about becoming a website sponsor, contact the
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Our community expresses its sincere appreciation to these dedicated volunteers who made the 2013 Tzedakah Campaign a success

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Andrea J. Stein Community Outreach Fund Established

Andrea J. Stein, z"l, a beloved former Jewish Federation of Madison staff member and Madison Jewish community member passed away in October of 2013. To honor her memory, the Stein family and the Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM) have created the "Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Outreach Fund." This fund will support outreach to new Jewish individuals in Madison, with special emphasis on new families and programming for young families/adults. It will support the JFM Community Outreach Coordinator and community programming for these purposes. Thanks to the generosity of many people who made a tribute in memory of Andrea, the JFM will begin to use the funds this year.

The Stein family and the JFM have also established the "Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award" to be awarded annually to a Jewish community professional that promotes Jewish community outreach, engagement, and action that best serves *K'lal Yisrael*. The award comes with \$250 a year stipend from the fund to be used by the awardee



Andrea J. Stein, z"l

for career development. The award will be made yearly by the JFM Executive Committee, with input from the JFM staff and the Stein family.

If you would like to make a donation to the Andrea J. Stein Community Outreach Fund, please contact the JFM at 608-278-1808 or email office@jewishmadison.org.

JFM Innovation Panel Pleased to Announce Grants

The Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel was created by the JFM Board of Directors to identify and invest in creative, innovative programs and organizations that have the potential for community impact in the Madison area.

After the first round of proposals this fall, the JFM Innovation Panel is thrilled to announce three grants (in no specific order).

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies has organized a Semester for the Arts this semester. The Innovation Panel will provide a grant to help fund the Fusion Concerts in April. The concerts will be free and open to the community.

A grant will be provided for the advancement of the Jewish Federation of Madison Website. The primary focus will be on research and expansion in order to make the website the hub of

Jewish Madison communication.

A new program for teens with an emphasis on Jewish Service Learning experiences, organized by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and generously funded by the JFM Innovation Panel, will be open to all 9th – 12th grade teens in the community. Teens will have the opportunity to volunteer with a local Milwaukee organization devoted to issues of urban poverty. They will also study Jewish texts and stories and think about how they relate to their experiences in the program. The trip will take place on August 17th – 23rd. More information is available in this edition of the *Madison Jewish News*.

The next round of grants will be due on March 3, 2014. The Innovation Panel is looking forward to reading innovative, new ideas for projects in our community.

The Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel Request for Proposals 2014

Calling all Jewish Social Entrepreneurs!

The Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel (JFMIP) is pleased to announce that we are accepting proposals for new, **innovative** Jewish community projects by March 3, 2014. Supported by a board designated endowment fund as a result of an anonymous bequest, JFMIP will award up to \$28,000 annually to deserving, creative initiatives for Madison's Jewish community. This fund will be available for three years, 2013-2016, before it may be re-directed by JFM Board of Directors. Grants will be made on a semi-annual basis. The second proposal and deadline cycle is March 3, 2014. Submissions are due by 5:00 pm CST on Monday, March 3, 2014 and should be submitted electronically to dina@jewishmadison.org. A third

round of submissions will be accepted on September 3, 2014.

The JFMIP is chaired by Deborah Minkoff, with members appointed to serve on an annual basis. The panel will read all applications, evaluate and rate each one according to the established criteria, then prioritize for approval by the Executive Committee of JFM. Recipients will be presented to the Board of Directors prior to a public announcement.

JFMIP is charged with identifying and investing in creative, **innovative**, new programs and organizations that have the potential for community impact. JFMIP supports programs based in the greater Madison area.

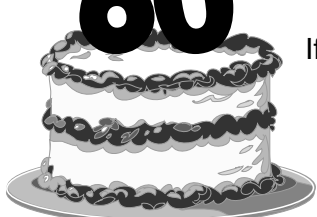
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If you would like to be involved in helping to plan the 60th summer celebration, please contact Ellen Weisner, program@jewishmadison.org



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Upcoming



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EVENTS

Schmooze and Tunes

Fridays through March 14

Two Sessions Offered: 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building

6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison



Music Together® curriculum involves singing, moving and instrument playing, all developmentally appropriate for very young children and their caregivers. Schmooze and Tunes is taught by our own special music teacher, Susan Valko. Classes are for families with children 3 months to 5 years old. Each class has schmoozing time and a challah snack.

Cost: \$160 (Additional fee of \$60 for participating siblings)

Questions? Contact Missy Sosman at 608-278-1808 or gan@jewishmadison.org

It's Time to Think About Preschool!

Gan HaYeled Registration Begins February 3

Gan HaYeled will begin enrolling students for the 2014-2015 school year starting February 3. Schedule a time to come visit and see for yourself why so many families choose to send their children to Gan HaYeled! Contact Missy at gan@jewishmadison.org or call 608-278-1808. Registration information will be posted at Jewishmadison.org on February 3, 2014.



NEW! Yad B'Yad (Hand In Hand)

Jewish Community Playgroup for Caregivers and Children ages 0-2

Starting Tuesday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Contact Tiz Goff for location at outreach@jewishmadison.org

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for this free traveling playgroup. Hand In Hand caregivers will explore and discuss a new topic with a Jewish twist each month. Topics will include: yoga with baby, self-awareness healthy eating, music, safety and more. Plenty of time for schmoozing and for the kids to play. Kosher snacks will be provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Israeli Film Festival

Starting Tuesday, February 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison

(2/15 movie will be at Fluno Center. All other dates at Hillel.)

A series of six films tackling the complexity of love, immigration and relationships in the Middle East and abroad. For details, see the complete ad on page 16 of this issue of *Madison Jewish News*.

Schedule:

Tuesday, February 4th: Zaytun

Tuesday, February 11th: Lola

Saturday, February 15th: Waltz With Bashir

Monday, February 17th: Numbered

Wednesday, February 19th: Bottle in Gaza

Sunday, February 23rd: Foreign Letters

Save the Date:

Volunteer Trip for Jewish Teens

August 17th-23rd

Milwaukee

Service Learning Experience sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and generously funded by the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel. This trip is open to all Jewish teens in the community going into 9th – 12th grades. Experience an unforgettable week where teens will volunteer with a local organization devoted to issues of urban poverty.

Applications will be available in mid-February. Please contact program coordinator Parthy Schachter at civilhands@yahoo.com. Priority will be given to 10th through 12th graders, but interested 9th graders should also apply.

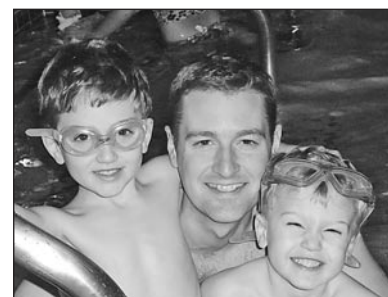
Mishpacha and Me at the Waterpark on Thursday, February 20

Thursday, February 20

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Crawdaddy Cove at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 1109 Fourier Drive, Madison

Fee is \$13 per person/\$15 at the door



Includes use of the facility and a buffet dinner (cheese pizza, mac and cheese, fruit salad, juice and milk). The waterpark is open until 9 p.m. and participants are allowed to stay until close.

Please register by February 13 by filling out the registration form online at www.JewishMadison.org. If you have any questions, please call 278-1808 or email program@jewishmadison.org

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Hamantashen Baking Open House

Sunday, March 9

2:00-6:00 p.m.

Temple Beth El Kitchen and Social Hall

Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2:00-2:30, and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging. Join us to learn to bake Hamantashen. Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim Carnival on March 16.

Contact Ellen Weismer at program@jewishmadison.org, or 278-1808 x232 to register.



Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 16

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Temple Beth El

2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

See the full page ad on page 28 for details on this fun community event.



Cafe Ivrit is Back!

Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Michaelangelo's Coffee House

114 State Street, Madison

Cafe Ivrit is a great place to chat in Hebrew about Israel or Jewish issues. It will be run by Mickey and Racheli, our new Israeli Shlichim.

To participate or for more information contact:

Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org or Mickey at israelfellow@uwhillel.org

UW Hillel Birthright: A Magical 10 Days in Israel

On January 6, 2014, 27 UW-Madison students and two UW Hillel staff members, Mickey Aziz Komar and Jennifer Jennings, left for a whirlwind 10-day bus tour of Israel with UW Hillel. This year's Taglit Birthright Israel trip participants were thrilled to set out on their first trip to Israel—and just before the record low temperatures set in!

"Taglit" means "discovery" in Hebrew, and the goal of

the Birthright trip for each participant is discovery of his or her personal connection to Jewish values and tradition, of Israel and its people, and of some of the many ways of being part of the larger Jewish community. Taglit Birthright Israel is an educational program. Students toured, hiked, rode camels, and more, while expanding their understanding and appreciation of Israel's history and contemporary Israeli life.



Overlooking Jerusalem: R to L – Back: Lee Gordon, Ben Whol, David Whol, Greg Meltzer, Andrew Haffner. Front: Alex Young, Sapir Ben Simchon, Marrisa Baldari, Sara Broverman.

They also took part in wide-ranging discussions about Jewish identity, politics, religion, and living.

This year's tour began in Tzfat, the center of Jewish mysticism and an artists' colony. Students next headed north for a short hike in the Tel Dan Nature Reserve, which is fed by the Jordan River. During their second full day in Israel—the busiest—students spent time at the Kinneret cemetery where they learned about the early Zionist pioneers. They then met their new friends, Israeli soldiers who are part of the *mifgash* program. Grace Schneck, a student from Madison, described meeting her Israeli peers, "When I heard that soldiers would be joining us on our trip, I thought it would be difficult to integrate them into the group. Instead I met an amazing group of Israelis and made connections I will have for the rest of my life."

Students and soldiers visited the Dead Sea, climbed Masada, and engaged in an energetic conversation about what they would each sacrifice for freedom. After a guided meditation in the desert, everyone bedded down for the night in Bedouin tents. When asked about their whirlwind day, Ilana Katz said, "Masada was a very special place to visit. Not only is there a lot of historical significance, but it is where I became a Bat Mitzvah along with my Israeli cousin—who also joined us on this trip. I felt proud to climb the mountain to stand where my ancestors took their lives rather than become slaves to the Romans."

A highlight of the trip was meeting Avraham Infeld, president emeritus of Hillel: The Foundation of Jewish Campus Life, in Jerusalem, where students also visited the *kotel*, the Old City, the *shuk*, and more. "Entering into Jerusalem and looking over the first time is a moment I'll never forget. Birthright has been a wonderful experience," said Lanni Sotocheck.

On the second to last day, everyone had the wonderful opportunity of helping Leket, an Israeli volunteer organization that provides food to those in need, collect produce from a farm. The last day in Tel Aviv provided a glimpse of a big modern city in Israel and to experience its culture and energy.

Since its inception in December 1999, Taglit-Birthright Israel



Birthright participants climbing Masada.

has sent more than 350,000 Jewish young adults from nearly 1,000 North American colleges and universities and 64 countries to Israel. These first trips to Israel cost nothing for participants thanks to generous gifts from many sources, including parents of trip participants, alumni of the program, the program's founders and other philanthropists, the State of Israel, the Jewish Federation system, and Keren Hayesod, the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Registration for UW Hillel's Summer Birthright Trip opens on February 19th. For more information, visit www.uwhillel.org.



In the Bedouin tent: R to L - Sara Braverman, David Oliver, Greg Meltzer, Jessica Levinger, and Peggah Saadi.



The Toso's (who grew up in the Madison area) and Mickey: L to R – Sam Toso, Mickey Aziz, Max Toso, and Mitch Toso.

Where is the Outrage: Women's Healthcare in 2014

Madison Hadassah presents Hannah Rosenthal on Sunday, Feb. 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Yorktown Estates Community Room, 251 S. Yellowstone Drive (at the corner of Mineral Point Road and Yellowstone Drive). Those attending are asked to make a suggested donation of \$12.

How do you "choose how to make your impact on the world" given the thousands of educational, medical, healthcare, human rights, environmental, political and other causes? And how do you decide when to donate, volunteer or speak out? Do you give to the same groups year after year or do you respond to everyone who asks? Or are you like many who find the vast calls

for help overwhelming?

Over the next two months, Madison Hadassah is holding two programs on thoughtful ways to choose causes and the forms of contribution. Our first program focuses on a prime example of a cause that many of care about, but do not know how we can help.

On February 23rd, Hannah Rosenthal will present "Where is the Outrage: Women's Healthcare in 2014." Rosenthal will speak about the urgency of protecting women's access to healthcare and family planning.

Hadassah's stance is that limiting access to important women's health and family planning services deprives women of their right to make health care decisions privately, in consultation with medical advice, and in accordance with their own religious, moral and ethical values. According to Rosenthal, "Hadassah is one of the only voices in our country advocating for comprehensive health care for women, and for reproductive freedom."

Rosenthal is a nationally recognized leader who has served under two U.S. presidents. Under the Clinton Administration, she served as Midwest Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She also served as U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, is the former founding Executive Director of the Wisconsin Women's Council, Director of the Chicago Foundation for Women, and Head

of the Jewish Council. She is on the board for Americans for Peace Now. In 2005, she was named one of the Forward 50, a list of the most influential Jews selected by *The Forward* newspaper. Rosenthal is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

On March 15th, Hadassah Shabbat Tea from 1:00-3:00 p.m. will explore ways to "Choose How to Make Your Impact on the World" with an impressive panel of

women who have devoted much of their lives to philanthropy and volunteerism. Join us at the home of Diane Seder, 4525 Fox Bluff Lane, Middleton, WI 53562.

For more information call (608) 770-6521, Email: Madison.Chapter@Hadassah.org or go to:

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Where's the Outrage: Women's Healthcare in 2014

Sunday February 23, 2014 1 to 3 pm
Yorktown Clubhouse



Diane Seder & Debbie Minkoff
Shabbat Tea

Saturday March 15, 2014 1 to 3:30 pm
Diane Seder's home

For detailed information about these events go to
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Scenes from the January Program of the Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable Event

Thank you to Murphy Desmond for sponsoring the January Roundtable program.



David Lubar shares his company’s philosophy with lunch guests.



Ron Luskin asks a question of Mr. Lubar.



Steve Mintz, Dan Kaplan, Eliot Butler, David Gordon, Zach Blumenfeld and Stav Shtekel



Dan Lipman, David Lubar and Jon Eckhardt

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:
Abigail, daughter of Lesley and Brian Steffin; and
Aviad Shumel, son of Sarah Wobick and Ran Segev.

Mazel Tov on the engagement of:
Lee Bernfeld, son of Lauri Roman and Jack Bernfeld and grandson of Sarah Bernfeld, to Darcy Foreman; and
David Semo Scharfman, son of Vicky Semo Scharfman and Paul Scharfman, to Connie Li.

Condolences to the family of:
Belle Friedman, mother of Susan (Gregory Hill) Friedman-Hill and David (Pam Robbins) Friedman;
Portia Paradise, mother of Laurie, Leslie and Arnold Paradise;
Lois Lashley, mother of Rick Ezell (Kristen Bernard);
Bernard Feder, father of Liz Feder;
Sherman Dutch, father of Greg (Sandra Estep) Dutch, Shelly (Chuck Callender) Dutch and David (Nancy Gilbertson) Dutch; and
Natalie Mintz, wife of Stan Mintz.

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

In memory of Andrea Stein
Lori Zechman-Salinsky
Jennifer Oppenheimer and Zach
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In memory of Sherman Dutch
James Stein

In memory of Charlotte Esther Izenman
Susie Hobart and Billy Feitlinger

In memory of Natalie Mintz
Judy Schreiber

In memory of Rachel Goodman
Ronnie Hess

In honor of James Stein’s election as President of the Jewish Federation of Madison
Stephan and Linda Kailin

In honor of Jim Youngerman receiving the Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award
Stephan and Linda Kailin

In honor of Karen and Harry Roth receiving the Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award
Stephan and Linda Kailin

In honor of Kevin Kranzusch and Lynne Bosworth
Dean Yeazel

In honor of Dina Weinbach, Steve Morrison, James Stein, Diane Seder and Lester Pines for their support of the Madison Jewish Community Day School
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In honor of Andrea Stein’s honorary doctorate from HUC – JIR
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Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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Shabbat Services
Saturdays, February 1 and 22
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

9:30 am Torah Study; 10:30 am Services; 12:30 pm Kiddush

Erev Shabbat Vegetarian Potluck
Friday, February 7
6:00 p.m., in a private home – please call the office for location

Celebrate Shabbat in community and join us for our monthly potluck in a member’s home. Children are welcome to attend. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Shabbat with Special Guest Rabbi Rochelle Robins
Saturday, February 8
First Unitarian Society,
900 University Bay Drive
Special guest Rabbi Robins will lead

services at 9:30 a.m., utilizing the liturgy to explore symbols, metaphor, and meaning as healing tools. There will be a vegetarian potluck following the service; please bring a dish to share. Following lunch, from 1:30-3:00 p.m., please join us in the Gaebler Living Room for a discussion with Rabbi Robins, sharing thoughts, feelings, and reflections that arose during the Shacharit service. In the evening, we will gather in a member’s home for Havdalah.

Rabbi Rochelle Robins currently serves as the Dean of the Chaplaincy School, as well as Director of Clinical Pastoral Education, at the Academy for Jewish Religion/California, the Los Angeles-based interdenominational institu-

tion dedicated to the training of rabbis, cantors, and chaplains.

Evening of Jewish Folktales with Storyteller Susan Stone
Friday, March 14, 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.
First Unitarian Society
(Gaebler Living Room)
900 University Bay Drive

Join award-winning professional storyteller Susan Stone as she shares funny, enlightening, and poignant Chasidic and Jewish folktales, as well as personal narratives. We will gather for a vegetarian potluck at 6:15 p.m. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Susan Stone’s storytelling will follow the potluck dinner. This event is suitable for adults and older children; non-members are welcome to attend.

Beth Israel Center

Searching for lively social events, dynamic educational programming and ruach-filled services? Looking for a warm community that is informed by tradition and actively and meaningfully engaged with the broader community and world? Try Beth Israel Center! All of our events are open to our membership and anyone who wants to see what we’re all about. We sponsor and host a variety of workshops, study groups, classes and social events each month.

Special in February:

Vart, Vart, Zog Mir Nisht!
Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me—Parsha Edition
Saturday, Feb. 8

Some parshiot are full of mystery, others are full of...trivia. Come to Beth Israel Center on Shabbat morning, February 8, as we explore Parshat Tetzaveh through the format of the popular NPR weekly news quiz show, “Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me.” Do you have a mind for the details of the Torah? Is deeper exploration of Torah’s spiritual themes your thing? Are mystical or fanciful midrashim your speed? All facets of relating to Torah will be tested during this insightful and perhaps irreverent take on the parsha hosted by Jonathan Pollack, Jordan Rosenblum, and Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon during Shabbat morning services. Services begin at 9:30am and are followed by a kiddush lunch. Childcare is available for toddlers and preschoolers.

Yom Rishon
Sunday, Feb. 9, 10:00-11:15am

Held approximately once a month on Sunday mornings, Yom Rishon is a theme-based program for preschoolers, including art, movement, music, stories, and projects as well as further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It is family education at its finest.

Shacharit 101
Sundays, Feb. 16 & 23, 9:30am

Rabbi Ben-Gideon will lead a two-part “Introduction to Shacharit” class with Bill Schwab, chair of our Ritual Committee. Shacharit comes from the

word *shachar*, which means morning and is the name of our morning services every day of the week. This experience will focus on helping participants find their place in Shacharit and understand the differences between Shacharit on Shabbat and weekdays. This program is for anyone who wants to begin or enhance their familiarity with the traditional morning Shacharit service. Parents of pre-teens who may be interested in leading this service on the occasion of their b’nai mitzvah may be especially interested at this time.

Fiction With Friends
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:00-8:30pm

Combat winter in Madison with a good book. Our initial read for 2014 will be *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker. Find a copy to read and join us for a lively discussion.

Ongoing:

Shabbat Celebration
Come to Beth Israel any Saturday morning for traditional, egalitarian services starting at 9:30am. Childcare is available beginning at 10:00am, and children’s services for toddlers through elementary schoolers begin at 10:30am. All are welcome to stay for lunch.

Yiddish Class
Mondays, 7-8:30pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights at Beth Israel Center. 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.

Beit Midrash
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

Using the model of the traditional Beit Midrash (House of Study), participants will spend an evening studying Jewish text and engaging in meaningful discussion. We will explore the world of hevruta (partner) learning and dive into both traditional texts and modern Jewish writings. Come every week, or just drop by when you can! Topics include the weekly parsha, social justice, God, rela-

tionships, biomedical ethics, Shabbat, halakha, and many more! Contact Interim Education Director Lily Nagy-Deak (education@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763) with questions.

Talmud Class
Thursdays, 9:15am

Come study Talmud in its original Hebrew and Aramaic. The group will be studying *Masechet Berachot*. New students are always welcome. Contact Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon (rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org) with questions.

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice

Madison’s joint synagogue social action organization, now known as Jewish Congregations for Social Justice (JCSJ), continues successfully to recruit and place new volunteers through Friends of Emerson School.

Math Mentors
The Emerson School math mentor program has been launched with many mentors beginning to meet with students. Currently, 18 mentors are working with 25 students in grades 2-5. Lisa Stein, math specialist at Emerson, has found it delightful to meet the volunteers and partner them with the students. Both adults and students are excited about the one-on-one meeting times--even looking forward to the math practice.

The volunteers have a wide range of experiences/ability with math students, but all are earnest and sincere in their desire to build a relationship with the students. Emerson’s principal, math specialist, and teachers are very excited about the math mentor program. Teachers (even new teachers) are confident with the content and activities to support mentors.

One important aspect of the program at Emerson is the method they have created to evaluate the success of math mentoring. The goal of partnering volunteers with students is to improve skills in understanding of math facts. The teachers are currently re-assessing students in the area of fact understanding for mid-year measures/report cards. Teachers and students will then set goals for facts based on this new evaluation. Appropriate rou-

center.org or 256-7763) with questions.

Hebrew II
Thursdays, 7pm

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. Call or email the office (office@bethisraelcenter.org or 256-7763) to confirm the schedule and location.

times and activities are already developed to enhance students’ skills, and volunteers were trained on these activities. Many students will need extra one-to-one practice to "break the code". Others are working on becoming more fluent with composing and decomposing numbers within 10 or 20 (addition and subtraction) and yet others are working on skip counting to become fluent with multiplication. In the spring, students will be evaluated again to determine the outcome of the math mentoring program.

There are still several slots available, so if you are interested in serving as a math mentor, contact Sherie Sondel, member Temple Beth El.

Family nights – Tuesday Night Lights

“I love ‘Tuesday Night Lights’ at Emerson. It’s fun getting to know the kids and parents of this fantastic close-knit community and providing another few set of hands to add something special to their programs.”

—Temple Beth El volunteer

Every Tuesday evening, Emerson School holds an open house for students and their families, with about 150 people attending each week. Our volunteers arrive at the school at 5:15 pm and are finished by 7:15. Volunteers welcome the parents and kids, help check out books, hand out snacks, and do whatever the school needs that night. Simple and fun! Programs include concerts, jugglers, scientists, and hands-on projects. Recently, an evening of Math Games was a huge

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Temple Beth El

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

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

Shabbat Morning Celebration Together with Shabbat B'yachad

Saturday, February 1
10:15am – 12:30 PM
10:15am – Pre-service Oneg Shabbat
10:30am – Festive Shabbat Morning Service for ALL AGES featuring our T'filah Band (at 10:55, children age 3 through Grade 2 will leave the sanctuary and have their own special Shabbat activity)
12:15pm – Post-service Nosh and Socializing

Shabbat Morning on February 1 at Temple Beth El will be exciting and special. We hope you can be there!

Our all-volunteer T'filah Band joins with Shabbat B'yachad, our monthly Religious School family Shabbat morning program, for a Shabbat service of spirit and substance, of T'filah [worship] and fun! There will be a Shabbat B'yachad program for our Religious School students and parents, special arts-and-crafts and educational activities for our younger worshipers, worship and Torah study for everyone from Grade 3 and above, a snack as we arrive and good food as we depart.

RSVP's are very helpful for letting us know how much food to prepare. Contact Lesa Budd at 238-3123 or school@templebethelmadison.org to let us know how many will attend.

Tots & Tunes
Sundays: Feb 2, March 2, April 27
9:30am -10:30am
Temple Beth El Lounge

For all children ages Newborn to 5 years! Join other Jewish kids and parents for a fun way to learn about Shabbat and the Jewish holidays! Hang out with leaders Dana Prager and Kenny Lyons and sing songs, do a craft project, and enjoy challah & juice. Come and get to know other parents and kids from around the community. Questions? Call Educator Larry Kohn, 238-3123.

Social Justice

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success!
If you are available to volunteer on a Tuesday evening, contact Betsy Abramson, member Temple Beth El.

Featured Volunteer: Larry Bensky, Emerson Chess Club

Last fall, Beth Israel's Larry Bensky started volunteering with Emerson School Chess Club. Every other week, he attends the meeting of the after-school club which attracts 20 to 30 students.

Typically, Ron, the chess instructor, gives the students several chess problems to discuss and solve, talks about principles of chess, and, then, the kids play

Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook-Off!

Sunday, February 2, 5:00pm
Join us and watch the Super Bowl on our big screen TV in the Youth Lounge downstairs at Temple! Temple will provide chips and small noshes, you bring yourselves, your friends and family, your beverage of choice, and, if you are interested, some chili to share! We'll do chili tasting, have fun, watch the game, and have a great time. Per the Temple Beth El food policy, pork and shellfish are not allowed. We also ask that you please refrain from mixing meat and dairy in your shared dishes. You may bring them in separate containers. Please label your dishes for common allergies or dietary restrictions (ex. dairy, gluten, meat, mixed meat and dairy, nuts, vegan, vegetarian). RSVPs appreciated to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org or online at www.templebethelmadison.org/events. Brought to you by the Temple Beth El Programming Committee and Men's Club.

Fiesta Shabbat
Friday, February 7
5pm-6pm Taco Bar Dinner
6pm Shabbat Service
7pm Oneg Shabbat

Welcome and honor our new members at Fiesta Shabbat. We'll also welcome each other and Shabbat with a community taco dinner, the tacos and toppings will be open until 6pm so come when you can! Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Membership Committee in honor of our new members. Taco bar is \$8/person, rsvp at www.templebethelmadison.org/events/#fiesta or contact program@templebethelmadison.org. Please RSVP by Friday, January 31.

Pizza & Game Night Havdalah
Saturday, February 8, 6:30pm

Temple will provide the pizza, you bring the side dishes, desserts & your favorite board games! RSVPs appreciated to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org or online at www.templebethelmadison.org/events.

Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture
Karen Kepler, Principal Emerson Elementary
Sunday, February 16
9:45am Brunch & Talk "Community Engagement in Public Education"

Karen Kepler, Principal of Emerson Elementary School on Madison's East Side, will be our Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecturer with a no-charge brunch* sponsored by Temple Beth El and Jewish Social Services. Ms. Kepler has been the principal at Emerson since 2005, and during this period she has developed a staff that is sensitive, and can respond, to the needs of her

games of chess. Larry helps the students with the games, answers questions, or makes sure that the moves are legal. Larry loves to see the Emerson kids learning chess.

Larry learned to play chess as a young boy, then, was inspired to play seriously after the 1972 World Chess Championship match between challenger Bobby Fischer of the United States and defending champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union. Now, Larry loves playing chess with his 8 year old grandson.

For more information go to: www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org

diverse student body, and does so with the goal of preparing students for the future.

**While there is no charge for the brunch, we ask that if you plan on attending, that you RSVP at www.templebethelmadison.org/events/#blockstein no later than Friday, Feb. 7 to assure space.*

Singles Creating Community
Tuesday, February 18
6:30pm – Drinks, 7pm - Dinner
Imperial Garden, 2039 Allen Blvd, Middleton (at University)

Come seek your fortune (cookies!) with Singles Creating Community. We'll start with drinks at 6:30pm followed by a Chinese food dinner at 7pm. Bring a friend and join us to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty family-style meal. Dinner will be \$20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or menu preferences www.imperialgarden.com/. In keeping with Temple Beth El's Kashrut policy, there will be no shell fish or pork. Drinks will be a cash bar. Whether we order foo, goo, gi, or wonton...it will be one very pleasant (golden!) evening for those who attend. If for any reason you are single, this group and dinner are for you. Please let us know if you need a ride or would be willing to give a ride to others, and we'll do our best to coordinate that. RSVPs are appreciated to Aleeza at 608.238.3123 or program@templebethelmadison.org or online at www.templebethelmadison.org/events/#sccdinner.

Singles Creating Community Coffee & Conversation
Friday, February 28, 9am
Barriques, 1901 Cayuga St, Middleton
— across from the Middleton Post Office.

You asked for it at our first Singles Creating Community event. Now come chat and socialize around a table with a good cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, especially nice during these winter months. Please join us. We have chosen the places and times, you provide the conversation! We can use this time to catch up with each other and think of future events and activities. If for any reason you are single, this group is for you.

Personalizing Passover: The Festival of Freedom
Sunday, March 9, 12pm

Passover is almost here! The first Seder is on April 14. Getting Ready for Passover? Wanting to Breathe New Life into Your Passover Seder? Wanting to Try Something New for Your Seder this Year? Wanting Ideas for Preparing a Passover Seder for the First Time?

If these are questions stewing in your head, please join our Outreach Committee on March 9, 2014 to get a variety of answers to your questions and many good ideas and options for your Passover Seder celebration this year. For more information and to RSVP visit www.templebethelmadison.org/events/#passover

We're Celebrating 75 Years! Mark Your Calendar to Celebrate with Us!
Opening Event
Friday, March 14

Featuring Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism with a Chocolate Oneg Shabbat

Religious School Israel Program
Sunday, May 4

Confirmation of the 2014 Class
Friday, May 30
All Temple confirmands invited and

dinner.

Dan Nichols & E18hteen Concert
Saturday, August 2

Gala Dinner
Saturday, November 15

Heritage Shabbats
Friday, March 28

The First Heritage Shabbat is a marvelous opportunity for congregants of all ages to experience the Reform Judaism our parents and grandparents observed. It will be a chance to relive the Swarsensky era, 1940-70 in prayers and music of the times. Rabbi Manfred Swarsensky was our founding rabbi and many people remember his spiritual leadership, intellect and warmth. During the service we will fondly remember that era by using the Union Prayer Book and the Union Hymnal. There will be excerpts from some of Rabbi Swarsensky's most notable sermons and a video including interviews with Rabbi Swarsensky, a very young Hannah Rosenthal and others. Please join us for a memorable journey back into the history of our Temple and our Reform Movement so we can learn together where we started and how much we have changed.

Friday, May 2, 2014
Rabbi Ken & Phyllis Roseman will be joining us for this service that will use the blue Gates of Prayer.

Friday, July 25, 2014
Rabbi Jan & Ann Dee Brahms will be joining us for this service that will use the gray Gates of Prayer.

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

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner
Thursday, February 20, 7-9pm
Location TBD

Join Madison's Jews' Next Dor for the next installment of our third Thursday Meet & Greet Dinner! Bring a friend and join with us to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty family-style meal. RSVPs to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated. Dinner will be \$20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Hungry and ready to mingle? See you there! Our Meet & Greet dinners take place on the third Thursday of each month at a different restaurant each time.

MaTTY (Grades 9-12)
For questions about MaTTY our High School Youth Group please contact Naomi, at matty@templebethelmadison.org

Bagel Schmooze
February 9, March 2, April 6, May 4
11:30am-12:15pm
Join us after Religious School in the MaTTY Lounge for bagels and juice.

MaTTY Lock-in
Friday-Saturday, February 15-16
in the MaTTY Lounge
\$10/person. RSVP by February 9th.

MaTTY Volunteering at Sisterhood Shabbat
Friday, February 28, 2014
5:30pm at Temple Beth El



Discover Day School Information Night at MJCDS is Feb. 10

Parents interested in learning more about Madison Jewish Community Day School are invited to join us for an Information Night on Monday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The program will feature the perspectives of faculty, parents and alumni on the many benefits of giving children the gift of Jewish day school education.

The program will be held at MJCDS, which is housed at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. To attend, please enter through the Randall Street doors.

Curious Minds, Jewish Hearts

An elementary school serving families from all branches of Jewish life, MJCDS students build both a love of learning and a profound connection to Jewish life and heritage. A challenging and inspiring dual curriculum in general and Jewish studies includes hands-on learning and daily instruction in Hebrew language.

Individual attention for each student, talented teachers and a warm community of families are hallmarks of the MJCDS experience.

"MJCDS is a special place, where each child's individuality is recognized and prized, and where parents and teachers are all part of a community dedicated to helping our children blossom," says Dr. Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk, whose daughter is an alumna of the school.

"The bilingual curriculum, along with great science, math, and arts instruction are major assets. I don't think there is a better school in Madison. The teachers and head of school are

fully and enthusiastically committed to helping each child grow and learn, and the very small class sizes allows a unique level of creativity and spontaneity," she says.

From hands-on science experiments to student-led book discussions to explorations of Jewish texts and modern Hebrew language studies, students pursue subjects in ways that challenge their intellect and feed their curiosity.

In the academic environment at MJCDS – where students are encouraged to ask questions and to become critical thinkers – the desire to learn is an innate result of a many-layered curriculum. Academic topics are explored in depth, while connections between subjects are emphasized, leading to a rich understanding of materials and concepts.

Discover Day School – Tuesday Tours

Another way to get to know MJCDS is to visit during the school day. Tours are held regularly throughout the year on Tuesday mornings, 9:15-10:30 am. Tours are also available by individual appointment.

Upcoming dates for Discover Day School Tuesday Tours include February 4, March 4, April 8 and May 13, all at 9:15 am.

On these mornings, adults are invited to tour the school, view classes in session, and learn more about MJCDS through a question and answer session with the Head of School.

RSVP via email to rabbi@madison-jewishdayschool.com or by calling 204-9900.

Center for Jewish Studies Celebrates Semester of the Arts

By LAURIE SILVERBERG

For more than two decades, the Center for Jewish Studies has enriched the community with a range of academic programming and outreach events, including seminars, lectures, symposia, film screenings, and multi-day events such as the Greenfield Summer Institute and the biennial Conney Conference on Jewish Arts. Yet with the notable exception of the Conney Project, little of the Center's programming has been in the arts. Thanks to generous grants from the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel, the University of Wisconsin Anonymus Fund, and more than a dozen additional campus and community partners, the Center for Jewish Studies will offer a series of artistic programs over the course of the Spring 2014 semester: an art exhibition, a theatrical performance, and three concerts.

The Semester of the Arts kicks off on February 6 with an art exhibition at UW Hillel. *Chernobyl: Behind the Back of Time* explores the region around Chernobyl from a Jewish perspective. Throughout the exhibition, Dresden-based artist Marion Kahnemann asks questions of history, both before and after Chernobyl, of our use of language, and of our approach to diversity and ideology. The opening reception—with remarks from the artist—will take place on Thursday, February 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; the artwork will remain up for viewing at Hillel (611 Langdon Street) through April 6.

In March, the series turns from visual art to theatre in a production of Andrei Malaev-Babel's one-man show *Babel: How it was Done in Odessa*. Isaac Babel was recognized during his life as one of the greatest prose writers of the twentieth century, and his works have influenced the

writings of American authors such as Saul Bellow, Philip Roth, and Grace Paley. In 1939, at the peak of his career, on Stalin's orders, Babel was arrested by the KGB on charges of espionage, tortured, tried and finally, in 1940, executed in the Lubyanka prison in Moscow. His unpublished manuscripts were confiscated and are still missing. *Babel: How It Was Done In Odessa* is a tribute to Isaac Babel by his grandson, actor-artist Andrei Malaev-Babel, performing five of Babel's stories in this solo performance. The performance will take place on Sunday, March 2, at 2:00 p.m., in Lathrop Hall, H'Doubler Performance Space (1050 University Avenue).

The series concludes with three concerts – two in Madison, one in Milwaukee – by Fusions, a trio featuring UW-Madison professor of cello Uri Vardi, and Israeli musicians Taiseer Elias (oud) and Menachem Wiesenberg (piano). The internationally acclaimed artists of Fusions aim to highlight the connections and commonalities between Arab and Israeli folk and art music, which are rarely heard together. The program includes works by Masut Jamil Bey, Max Bruch, Jan Radzynski, and Menachem Wiesenberg. The concerts will take place on April 5 at 8:00 p.m. in Mills Recital Hall (455 N. Park Street); April 6 at noon at the Chazen Museum (750 University Avenue); and April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rubenstein Pavilion in Milwaukee (1400 N. Prospect Avenue). The Madison Fusions Concerts are presented by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and the Jewish Federation of Madison.

All events are free and open to the public. For additional information and program updates, please visit our website at jewishstudies.wisc.edu/arts.

Taglit-Birthright Israel Expanding Program

NEW YORK — Taglit-Birthright Israel said recently that it was expanding its program eligibility to now include those young adults who had previously visited Israel as part of a peer trip when they were younger. The organization said the reason for the change in policy was based on an educational assessment that those who may have visited as a teenager would gain a significantly greater understanding and attachment to Israel through the Taglit-Birthright experience as a young adult.

Beginning with the Summer 2014 registration that opens on Feb. 19th, applicants between the ages of 18-26 who had made a prior visit to Israel on an organized peer trip before they reached the age of 18 years old may now apply. The organization estimates that the expansion will allow thousands more to benefit from the Taglit-Birthright Israel's program. To register, visit www.BirthrightIsrael.com.

"I am delighted that the Taglit-Birthright Israel steering committee supports the decision that every young Jew is entitled to an educational tour of Israel," said Taglit-Birthright Israel CEO Gidi Mark. "I believe that the decision will strengthen the ties between Israel and the Diaspora and will provide tens of thousands of young Jews the knowledge needed in their efforts to present a positive image of Israel to the world."

Taglit-Birthright Israel offers the gift of a free, 10-day trip to Israel for Jewish adults between the ages of 18 to 26. The trip aims to strengthen each participant's identity as a Jew, to build an understanding, friendship and lasting bond with the land and people of Israel, and to reinforce the solidarity of the Jewish people worldwide.

Taglit-Birthright Israel has sent more than 350,000 young Jewish adults to Israel from more than 64 countries and from all 50 U.S. states, including students from nearly 1,000 North American college campuses. Attendees are immersed in an active educational experience that includes visits to Jewish historical sites, history museums, Holocaust remembrance sites, the Western Wall, arts and culture programs as well as touring, hiking, discussions, social events, camel and jeep rides in the desert, and more. The trip focuses on three main areas: the narratives of the Jewish people, contemporary Israel, and the formative values of Judaism.

Taglit-Birthright Israel has a unique, historical and innovative partnership with the Government of Israel, thousands of individual donors and private philanthropists, and Jewish communities around the world through Jewish Federations of North America, Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency of Israel. Visit www.BirthrightIsrael.com.

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Federation Helps to Build a Strong and Unified Jewish Community

The successful 2013 *Tzedakah* Campaign will help the JFM meet its critical mission of building a strong and unified Jewish community in order to ensure the survival, well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in this area, in Israel and throughout the world. The process of raising and allocating these funds to over 20 programs and services is a critical community-building activity. With each gift, we address so many causes that are important to our community: from feeding the hungry to funding Jewish education and elder care to supporting breakthrough initiatives like Taglit-Birthright Israel. The Jewish Federation also has a long track record for carrying out big and bold initiatives and mobilizing great resources during times of crisis. We helped airlift thousands of Ethiopian Jews to safety in Israel. We helped rescue and resettle more than one million Soviet Jews and we provided lifesaving humanitarian relief during the recent natural disasters in Oklahoma and Colorado. In fact, the impact of the Jewish Federation of Madison here, in Israel, and around the world is extraordinary, but not a surprise. Together, we ensure that the programs, institutions, and values that enrich the fabric of our Jewish community remain vibrant and strong. The strength of our people is the power of community. Thank you for donating to the 2013 Annual *Tzedakah* Campaign.

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

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

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Petty's *American Girl* to a duet performance of *Lo Yisa Goy El Goy* and the performers were as young as 3 years old.

The night began with Havdalah led by our community Shlichim Mickey and Racheli Komar-Aziz.

Everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner, snacks and desserts. The Goodman Community Center Loft provided an awesome space for everyone to play pool, ping-pong, video games, card games and of course dance to the live music. How did we fit all of

that fun into one evening? You'll have to join us at future Family Education events to find out! For more information about the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education programs please see the box on page 19.



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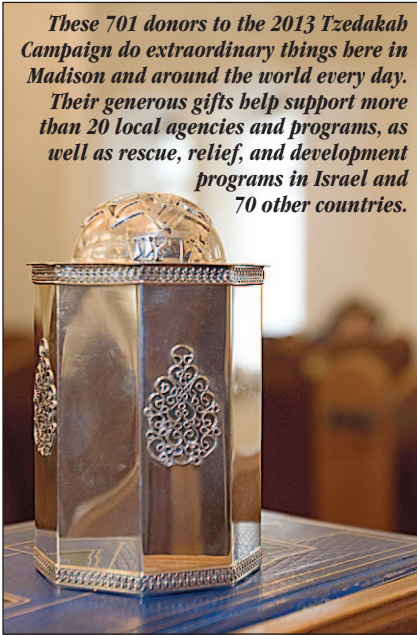
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Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hillel

LOLA: A look at contemporary life in a small Israeli town following the story of an average mother who abandons her flower stand to open a sex shop. This funny flick examines the tension between religiosity vs. secularity in Israel today.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fluno Center

WALTZ WITH BASHIR: Former Israeli soldier Ari is shocked to realize that he doesn't remember anything about his time during the First Lebanon War. Intrigued by this riddle, he decides to meet and interview old friends.

Monday, Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hillel

NUMBERED: During the dark years of WWII, Holocaust camps branded their prisoners by tattooing numbers on their forearms. This film follows the evolving significance of these numbers and how their meaning changed both during the war and the years following.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:00 p.m.

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A BOTTLE IN THE GAZA SEA: About the daughter of French immigrants who corresponds via letter in a bottle/email during a time of unrest to a young man who lives in Gaza. Some of the main themes include war, coming of age, and overcoming stereotypes.

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2:00 p.m.

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To Be a Jew in the Free World

By EILEEN BRUSKEWITZ

Since getting to know Chabad, I can't seem to get enough learning about Judaism. Growing up in a secular home where Friday night and Saturday started the weekend, I had no idea of what Shabbat really meant and certainly no idea of how to observe it. Meeting the Matusof family changed that. The first Shabbat meal I was invited to was amazing. This is what my Bubby did as a girl in Russia before escaping the pogroms! As a young child I faintly remember her lighting candles and hearing the bruchas over the wine and bread, but there was so much more; this was my ancestral identity. The taste of that Shabbat meal whet my appetite for more.

I had the good fortune of going to the National Jewish Retreat which is an immersion learning experience for Jews of all backgrounds—from people like me with little knowledge to the fully observant. From morning until night Judaism came alive in a way I had never known. The teachers were Chabad Rabbis and Rebbetzins from around the world. They opened the door to the depth and richness of Judaism whether the class was about setting a Shabbat table, questions of medical ethics according to Torah, dissecting tracts of Talmud, or the impact of Jewish comic book writers on culture in the late

1930's, the topics were endless and they captivated me. This was my religion and these were my people.

When Rabbi Avremel Matusof brought the Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) classes to Madison, I was delighted. JLI is the sponsor of the National Jewish Retreat, so having retreat caliber classes here in Madison gives us the opportunity for exceptionally enriching learning year round. The classes include a professional PowerPoint and video, textbooks and engaging, interactive presentations. Classes begin on Feb. 3, and are on six consecutive Mondays. Not only is it enjoyable to be with others in the community who like to learn about who we are as Jews, Rabbi Avremel knows

how to tell a good joke!
"To be a Jew in the Free World" is the title of the next series of classes. The focus will be on overcoming perceived incom-

patibilities between Judaism and modern society. This timely topic comes on the heels of the recent Pew Study which will surely generate stimulating discussion. You can read about it for yourself at www.myjli.com.
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Jewish Education



Cassie Frankel, one of the 2012 Midrasha graduates.

How I Used My Midrasha Incentive Award

Below is an article by Cassie Frankel, a 2012 Midrasha graduate and recipient of the Lawrence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award. Cassie is currently a sophomore at McGill University. The Midrasha Incentive Award is given to graduating seniors who have completed all of the Midrasha requirements. The recipients receive [up to] \$2000 to use in furthering their Jewish education.

This year, I used my Midrasha Incentive Award to enroll in two Jewish Studies classes at McGill University, further fulfilling my Jewish Studies minor. I took Intermediate Hebrew, a follow-up to the Beginner Hebrew class I used my Midrasha Incentive Award for last year. I also took a class that focused more on Modern Jewish Studies called Political Expression in Israeli Song. I found the class extremely interesting, especially considering my history as a Yonim dancer in elementary school. I learned a lot about the rich history of Israeli music, as well as the background behind many of the songs I danced to in Yonim, like Ofra Haza's "Chai." These Jewish Studies classes have been a great experience as they have allowed me to improve my Hebrew, broaden my knowledge of Jewish and Israeli culture, and connect with Jewish peers at school. I am very thankful that I have had the opportunity to take these classes with the funding from my Midrasha Incentive Award.

Yonim Season Opener Feb. 9

The Yonim dancers are keeping warm during this cold winter with a lot of Israeli dancing! On January 25th, the Bet (middle school) and Gimel (high school) dancers performed at the Mayer Kaplan JCC in Skokie, IL.

The next show will be Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 pm at the Friends of the Waisman Center Auditorium, 1500 Highland Avenue, Madison. Yonim is so pleased to be the entertainment of the month in the Waisman Center Children's

Theatre Series. It is our official "Season Opener" and please come out to support the dancers and see our magical new choreography!

A call out to preschoolers who like to move and groove to fun Israeli music! The next K'tantanin Israeli Dance class for 3 to 5 year old boys and girls is Sunday, February 16 at 3:30-4:00pm. All are welcome!

Please contact Laura at yonim@jewishmadison.org for further information.



Yonim dancers having fun on their overnight retreat after performing at the JCC in Skokie.

News and Notes from Midrasha

The Midrasha semester has just gotten underway. Classes will be meeting on Wednesday nights at Temple Beth El and on Sundays for Hebrew only at Beth Israel Center. This semester we are thrilled to have so many teachers returning and to be able to welcome some new staff members as well.

This semester the students will participate in the following courses:

8th grade: Jewish Ethics and Law, and Survey of Jewish History

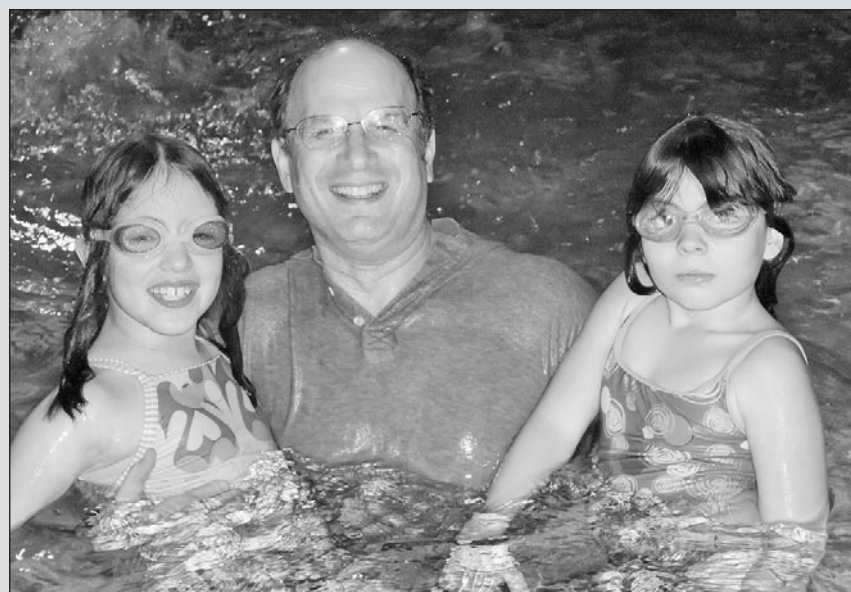
9th grade: Arab-Israeli Relations, and Moral Dilemmas in the Torah

10th grade: iJew: Judaism and My Decisions, and Comparative Judaism

11th/12thgrade: Holocaust Curriculum Project, Jewish Cooking, Torah Talk, and True Stories of Jewish Lives

On Wednesday, February 19th the Midrasha students will be going on a field trip to UW Hillel to see one of the movies from the 2014 Israeli Film Festival. On Wednesday, March 5th we will have a Midrasha student dinner, where students can join together for a meal before classes begin.

It's not too late to join Midrasha! For more information please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org



The Jewish Federation of Madison Family Education Committee Presents **Mishpacha and Me at the Waterpark**

When: Thursday, February 20

There is no school on Friday, Feb. 21 for many districts.

Where: Crawdaddy Cove at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites
1109 Fourier Drive, Madison, 53717

Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The waterpark is open until 9PM and participants are allowed to stay until close

Fee: \$13 per person (\$15 at the door). Includes use of the facility and a buffet dinner (cheese pizza, mac and cheese, fruit salad, juice and milk).

Please register by February 13 by filling out the registration form online at www.JewishMadison.org. If you have any questions, please call 278-1808 or email program@jewishmadison.org.

Camp Shalom Registration is ONLINE again this year beginning on Thursday, March 6, 2014. Visit www.JewishMadison.org for more information, registration policies and enrollment policies. We hope to see you at Camp Shalom for the summer of 2014!



Look What's Happening at Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool!



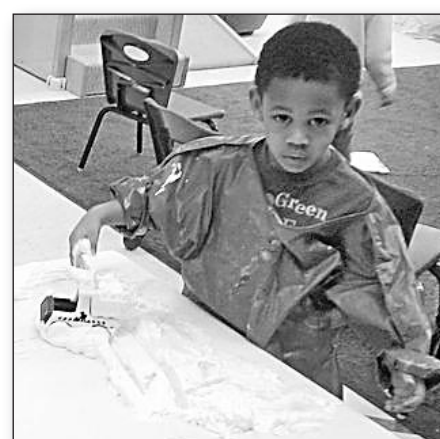
Maor from the Dalet class made this happy face out of play dough.



Maya from the Gimel class loves to color.



Shira from the Bet class is eating Challah and a blue jello "aquarium" on Shabbat.



Gabe from the Bet class is moving shaving cream "snow" with a snow plow.



Racheli is teaching Hebrew to the Dalet class.



Ellie, Blanka and Maya from the Gimel class are having fun building with "Noodles".



Lilly from the Dalet class is finger painting with shaving cream.

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

UPCOMING Family Education Events

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

SAVE THE DATE!

**Mishpacha and Me at the Waterpark:
Thursday, February 20, 5-8 p.m. at
Crawdaddy Cove (in the Holiday Inn Hotel
and Suites, Madison West)**

Escape the cold and join us at Crawdaddy Cove for swimming, dinner and fun!

**Hamantaschen Workshop:
Sunday, March 9, 2-5 p.m. at Temple Beth El**

Join us for this annual event. Susan Roquitte will lead a short session on how to make Hamantaschen! Then we will work together to make the tasty treats that will be sold at the Community Purim Carnival.

Other events to look forward to:

- ✓ Challah Baking Workshop
- ✓ Passover Craft Activity

Look for more details in future editions of the *Madison Jewish News* or check online at www.JewishMadison.org.

We hope to see you at all the Family Ed events!

Join us for **Schmooze** **Tunes** on Fridays

Sponsored by the Hilde L. Mosse
Gan HaYeled Preschool

SCHMOOZE...

Meet, socialize, and network with other parents and their children in the Jewish community. Find out about other programs in the Gan HaYeled Preschool. Meet other children who are between the ages of 3 months – 5 years.

TUNES...

The Hilde Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with our own music teacher, Susan Valko. Susan will be teaching *Music Together®* classes for families in the Jewish community on Friday mornings in the conference room of the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building. *Music Together®* classes involve informal singing, chanting, moving, listening, and instrument playing activities that are developmentally appropriate for very young children and their caregivers. Each week we'll have a little SCHMOOZING in the conference room with a challah snack and also enjoy the TUNES part of the program with a music class. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

Program – Fridays • Cost: \$160

Class 1 – 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m. (schmoozing until 10:15 a.m.)

Class 2 – 10:15 a.m.-11 a.m. (schmoozing until 11:15 a.m.)

Dates: January 10 – March 14

For more information, contact us at gan@jewishmadison.org or download the registration form at www.jewishmadison.org
Minimum enrollment of 8 children is required.



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Camp Shalom 60th Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest!

Calling all artists...in honor of the 60th anniversary of Camp Shalom we are holding a t-shirt design contest. The theme for the contest is **Sixty Years of Shalom**. Design guidelines are below:

HOW TO ENTER

- (1) Submissions will only be accepted through April 15, 2014, 11:59 PM (CST). Design submissions can be sent to Ellen Weisner, program@jewishmadison.org or Jewish Federation of Madison, Camp Shalom T-shirt Contest, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719.
- (2) All entry emails should have the subject line "T-shirt Design Contest Submission – First Name, Last Name."
- (3) Submit up to two designs per person. If you submit more than two, only your first two submissions in order of date and time will be considered.
- (4) Submit only original designs. These designs must not contain copyrighted material and they cannot have previously won any awards.
- (5) Submit front t-shirt designs only. There should be no text or visuals on the back of the shirt.
- (6) Attach entries as medium resolution .jpeg or .pdf files.
- (7) Any artwork and writing submitted will not be returned, and become property of Jewish Federation of Madison. **NO ADDITIONAL MATERIALS (VIDEOS, SAMPLES, ETC.) WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH YOUR SUBMISSION.**

REVIEW & SELECTION

- (1) Entries will be reviewed by the Camp Shalom Committee
- (2) Judging criteria is based on: creativity, originality, and content related to the theme of **Sixty Years of Shalom**.
- (3) The panel of judges will select 2 honorable mention designs and 1 winning design to be printed on the 2014 Camp Shalom T-shirts
- (4) Winners will be notified before or by May 1, 2014.

Camp Shalom is Hiring!



Spend summer 2014 outside at the beautiful Goodman Campus in Verona working with kids, swimming in the refreshing salt-water pool, leading activities, singing songs and engaging in 60 years of tradition at Shalom.

We are looking for caring, motivated, engaging, open-minded staff members who can be role models to the campers and who exemplify the spirit of Shalom.

Applications are available online at www.jewishmadison.org/campshalom



Save the Dates: Volunteer Trip for Jewish Teens

A Jewish Service Learning Experience sponsored by
Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and generously funded by the
Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel

Who: Jewish teens going into 9th-12th grades. This is open to all teens in the community; everyone is welcome to join!

What: An unforgettable week where teens will volunteer with a local organization devoted to issues of urban poverty.

Where: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

When: August 17-23, 2014

Why: Because this is an awesome group-building, fun, and educational experience!

How it's Jewish: Teens will start the day with morning prayers, end the day with an evening service, study Jewish texts and stories and integrate them into their experiences, and celebrate Shabbat together camping at a state park.

What does it cost: \$250 per student, which includes lodging, meals, and transportation.

How do I apply? Applications will be available in mid-February. If you have questions, please contact our program coordinator, Parthy Schachter, at civilhands@yahoo.com. Priority will be given to 10th-12th graders, but interested 9th graders should also apply.



HAMANTASCHEN BAKING OPEN HOUSE

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

All ages are invited to join us for an afternoon of baking, filling, folding and fun!

When: SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2-6 P.M.

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

Where: TEMPLE BETH EL KITCHEN AND SOCIAL HALL

What: LEARN TO BAKE HAMANTASCHEN!

Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim Carnival on March 16.

Contact Ellen Weisner, program@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808 x232 to register.



Jewish Social Services

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



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

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

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Friendly Visitor: We are looking for a fluent Vietnamese speaker to visit with a Vietnamese woman weekly for about an hour, for conversation and other low-key activities.

Designated Shopper (requires using your own car): For a Vietnamese woman (Isthmus); must speak Vietnamese.

Designated Shopper: For a woman with chemical sensitivities (near east side)

Volunteer Opportunities at this year's Passover Seders

Jewish Social Services will hold two Passover Seders at retirement communities, for which there are volunteer opportunities. On Thursday, April 17 we will be at Capitol Lakes and on Friday, April 18 we will be at Oakwood West. Volunteers will help set-up, escort and seat guests, pour wine, water and grape juice, participate in the Seder, assist dining room staff with serving and clearing, and other duties as they come up. Ten volunteers are needed at Capitol Lakes and five at Oakwood; volunteers will receive a complementary meal at both locations. The work involved is fast-paced and not a suitable volunteer activity for children; however, families are always welcome to attend as guests. Contact Louise at 608-278-1808 or louise@jssmadison.org if you're interested in volunteering at a seder. Registration information for the seders themselves will be available in the April issue of "Lechayim Lights."

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

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

A la Carte Volunteering

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

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

OddJobbers: The really easy way to be really helpful! Can you change light bulbs and hang a few pictures? Program a remote control? Reach something high? OddJobbers do these and similar tasks for seniors and people with disabilities. To be an OddJobber, you don't need to be able to do everything; you just have to like being helpful.

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

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

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

Double Your Volunteering Mitzvah

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

Deducting Expenses Incurred While Volunteering

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



HAPPY 36TH ANNIVERSARY JSS!

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The time has arrived! In 2014 we celebrate the double chai (36th) anniversary of Jewish Social Services of Madison. Founded in 1978, JSS has a long tradition of providing quality services and programs for the Madison community. As we celebrate our 36 years of service we also recognize those that had the vision to create an agency that remains strong and rooted in Jewish tradition.

In celebration of this milestone, we have three programs scheduled in 2014 to commemorate our Double Chai anniversary.

Sunday, May 18: An Evening of Jazz with Ben Sidran
Tuesday, July 8: An Evening of Comedy with Rabbi Bob Alper
Sunday, August 10: Founder's Brunch at Temple Beth El

Please be sure to read the *Madison Jewish News*, the *JSS E-Connect* and watch your email announcements as our plans unfold. Mark your calendars and celebrate with us at one, two or all three of our events.

Congratulations to all founders, funders, donors, and all board members, volunteers and staff, past and present, who played a part in helping us reach this milestone!

Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your



house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext 227 or louise@jssmadison.org.

If it's something we can help you with, we'll have a volunteer OddJobber contact you.



This article is about the history of Prohibition from colonial times to the 1930s (Part 3)

Генрих Бабиц О борьбе против употребления спиртных напитков и Сухом Законе в США (окончание)

Обратимся, теперь, к **ситуации в стране**, которая сложилась во время действия Сухого Закона.

Пока богатейший бутлегер Ремус выискивал слабости в положениях Сухого Закона и на этом строил свою подпольную империю, многие другие преступно предприимчивые люди становились контрабандистами, зачастую популярными в народе. Сама история США подталкивала их к поискам легитимности таких действий. Юристы постоянно напоминали в судах, что Джон Хенкок (John Hancock), чья подпись, среди других, стоит под Декларацией о Независимости, сам мог считаться контрабандистом, так как он призывал к нарушению ненавистного британского закона о печатях (Stamp Act), который препятствовал контрабандному ввозу товаров в британские колонии. Известно, что борьба против закона о печатях привела к Революционной Войне и затем — к созданию независимого американского государства.

Пресечение ввоза спиртных напитков в Америку во время Сухого Закона представляло собой сложную задачу не просто в связи с незаконностью их транспортировки через континенты, но и с необходимостью вовлечения для этого огромного числа людей. Так же как в современной наркоторговле, бутлегерство охватывало фермеров, посредников и систему отмывания денег. Предшественники современных наркобаронов были не подпольными фигурами, а уважаемыми коммерческими банками и маклерскими домами в Париже, Лондоне, Гамбурге с не менее респектабельными агентами в Африке, Канаде, Латинской Америке и на Багамских островах. Пограничные с США страны черпали выгоду от Сухого Закона. Европейские поставщики джина, виски и шампанского, вместо того, чтобы транспортировать этот товар прямо в США, везли эти напитки в Мексику, Канаду и на Багамские острова, что было им исключительно выгодно.

В войну против бутлегеров в полной мере были вовлечены американские дипломаты. В Вашингтон шел постоянный поток информации от американских консульств, который содержал детали об отправке подозрительных судов и грузов и об их возможных пунктах назначения.

Некоторые положительные результаты действия Сухого Закона. В первые годы Закон работал исключительно успешно. В 1921 и 1922 годах бюджеты штатов по всей стране почувствовали положительные результаты его действия. Так, существенно снизилось количество преступлений, совершенных под

влиянием алкоголя, резко упало количество заключенных в тюрьмах. Статистические данные того времени зафиксировали значительное снижение заболеваемости, связанной с чрезмерным употреблением алкоголя. За несколько лет до Первой мировой войны смертность в результате алкоголизма была 4,4-5,8 на 100 тыс. населения. В 1917-18 годах эта цифра упала до 2,7, а в 1920 году этот показатель смертности составил 1,0. Сторонники Сухого Закона считали, что Америка находится на пороге радикальных изменений к лучшему.

Затем, однако, **в связи с Сухим Законом возникли не только медицинские, но и экономические и политические проблемы, связанные с бутлегерством.** Уже в 1921-23 годах смертность от алкоголизма увеличилась до 3,2 и в последующие годы продолжала расти. Отмечено большое число смертельных случаев отравления некачественными спиртными напитками. Оценивается, что к 1927 году количество таких жертв по стране составило 50 тыс. человек.

Установившийся размер взятки для подкупа агентов специально созданного государственного подразделения борьбы с бутлегерством, а также полисменов был огромен. Бутлегеры смотрели на жетон агента как на лицензию на незаконное добывание денег. За период с 1920 по 1930 годы 11.926 агентов из общего числа 17.816 были отстранены от работы за взятки. С бутлегерами были связаны не только рядовые, но и руководящие агенты.

Говоря о более масштабных проблемах, приведем мнение Заместителя Генерального прокурора по делам Сухого Закона Виллебрандт (Willebrandt), которая работала на этой должности в 1920-28 годы. В своих воспоминаниях она утверждает, что за неудачи Сухого Закона следует возложить меньше ответственности на бутлегеров и перевозчиков запрещенных спиртных напитков, чем на коррумпированную и лицемерную государственную систему, которая вскормила их. Виллебрандт пишет: “Никакая политическая, экономическая или моральная проблема, кроме рабства, так не завладела умами и не разделила всю американскую нацию как проблема Сухого Закона”. В американской политической системе за алкогольными интересами стояло финансирование городских и штатных политических кампаний, а также контроль городских советов и штатного законодательства. С этими же интересами была связана дислокация питейных заведений, их работа в вечерние часы и в выходные. Поэтому алкогольные дельцы влияли на избрание нужных районных прокуроров и региональных законодателей и стремились установить связи с ответственными работниками федерального правительства и даже Белого Дома. Особенно преуспел в приобретении такого влияния король бутлегеров Ремус, о котором сказано выше.

Было широко известно, что многие сенаторы и конгрессмены поднимались на трибуны “в состоянии подпития”. Бутлегеры наводнили залы и коридоры Конгресса и ничего не делалось для их устранения оттуда. Они складировали огромные запасы спиртного в подвалах Сената и Палаты Представителей, в результате чего заказы на питье исполнялись незамедлительно. По первому требованию спиртное доставлялось на дом.

Из всех крупных американских городов по части нарушений Сухого Закона выделялся **Чикаго**, где в течение многих лет **политическая деятельность сращивалась с организованной преступностью.** Задолго до 1920 года чикагские гангстеры отличались различного рода подпольной активностью — азартные игры, проституция, “протезирование” (по-русски “крышевание”), провокации в забастовках. С принятием Сухого Закона произошла реструктуризация гангстерской деятельности. Были созданы подпольные клубы, бары, торговывавшие спиртным, а спиртные дилеры были вынуждены обратиться к бутлегерам. В результате развернулась вооруженная война гангстеров. За период с 1920 по 1933 годы в этой войне около 800 гангстеров были убиты. Возникла новая разновидность гангстеров, вся деятельность которых происходила в тесной связи с политиками, вплоть до мэра Чикаго Томпсона (Thompson), и государственными служащими, включая полицию и чиновников судебной системы. Правоохранительная система стала коррумпированной и неэффективной. Из 136 гангстерских убийств, произошедших в первые пять лет Сухого Закона, только 6 были доведены до суда, причем, 5 исполнителей преступлений были оправданы.

До Сухого Закона многие пивовары и производители спиртного покупали салуны и “выжимали” из них дополнительную прибыль. С принятием Закона проникшие в систему салунов гангстеры стали применять оружие. Распространялись слухи, которые позже подтвердились, что методы подкупа проникли во все сферы городской жизни — строительство школ и госпиталей, проведение общественных работ, трамвайный и автобусный транспорт.

По размеру вреда, который был нанесен репутации Чикаго, трудно сделать различие между мэром Томпсоном и гангстером Эль Капоне (Al Capone). Будучи негласным главарем чикагского гангстерства, Эль Капоне отличался особым чутьем в деле преступных взаимоотношений между людьми в политике. Он проник во все департаменты городской власти. У него были также тесные связи со средствами печати, которые обеспечивали ему создание необходимого образа в обществе. Томпсон отличался авторитарными склонностями и полагался на конспиративные связи с людьми. Во всем этом он соперничал с Эль Капоне. Только в условиях Сухого Закона такие

люди как Томпсон и Эль Капоне смогли доминировать во втором по величине городе Америки.

В заключение можно подвести итоги развития Америки в связи с Сухим Законом.

К 1926 году сложилось много лоббирующих групп, которые ратовали за возврат к алкогольным законам, предшествовавшим 1920 году, и даже за отмену Сухого Закона. Спонсорами таких групп было множество пивоварен по стране. Большое число адвокатских ассоциаций штатов привлекали внимание общественности к возросшему уровню насилия в стране. Американская Федерация Труда всегда выступала за разрешение производства пива с содержанием алкоголя в 2,5%, что соответствовало интересам немецких пивоваров. Поскольку пивовары были противниками Сухого Закона, имело значение, что с окончанием Первой мировой войны антинемецкие настроения существенно утихли и миллионы ветеранов призывали к отмене Закона.

Президентская кампания 1932 года (Гувер против Рузвельт) показала, что американский избиратель поставил на первое место проблемы, которые до этого не имели широкого значения. Во главе угла этой президентской кампании стала продолжавшаяся с 1929 года Великая Депрессия. Сухой Закон больше не был центром политических дебатов. По всей сельской Америке фермеры все больше положительно откликались на требование отмены Сухого Закона. Рузвельт был избран президентом в ноябре 1932 года, и уже 6 декабря того же года в Конгресс была внесена резолюция об отмене 18-й поправки к Конституции, которая в 1920 году установила Сухой Закон. В декабре 1933 года была принята 21-я поправка, отменившая этот Закон. Наступило похмелье после 13 лет Сухого Закона.

Американцы как бы выбросили его из ума как только Закон был отменен, но для Америки этот период оказался большим уроком истории, а слово Prohibition (запрещение продажи спиртных напитков) в американском политическом лексиконе приобрело оттенок насмешки.



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Lechayim

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February

Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at **Lechayim Lunchtime Plus** at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org by **10:00 A.M. on the preceding business day, usually a Friday morning**. The kosher meals are catered by Café O Catering and **a vegetarian option is available with a reservation**. If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of \$4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what you can afford. The cost of the meal is \$7.50 for those under age 60.

Monday, February 3 – *Sponsored by Betsy Haimson in honor of her shared birthday with Clara Sweet*
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Broccoli-cheese strudel, green salad, stewed tomatoes, baked apples
1:00-2:00 Joy Schmidt, “*Maintaining Brain Health*”

Monday, February 10
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 Baked breaded fish, Greek salad, lemon roasted potatoes, carrot cake
1:00-2:00 Franklynn Peterson, “*What Would Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Say today?*”

Monday, February 17
11:00-12:00 *Falls Prevention, Over-the-Counter Medication Screening* with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Sweet & sour chicken, rice pilaf, oriental veggies, spiced pears, almond cookie
1:00-2:00 Prof. Beth Martin, “*Are Your Medicines Putting You at Risk for Falling?*”

Monday, February 24
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Roast beef, savory kugel, baked squash, cauliflower with snow peas
1:00-2:00 Performance by members of the UW Marching Band

March Dates
March 3
March 10 – Purim
March 24
March 31

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

Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эль (the Temple Beth), по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 278-1808, ext. 227 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 10:00 утра пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовят Шарон Лангер и Али Стриклер из "Café O Catering" Вегетарианское меню по предварительному заказу. Стоимость обеда - \$7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет - \$ 4.00.

Понедельник, 3 февраля
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Штрудель с брокколи и сыром, зеленый салат, тушеные помидоры, запеченные яблоки
1:00-2:00 Джой Шмидт, «Регулирование здоровья мозга»

Понедельник, 10 февраля
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное изм ерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Запеченный в сухарях рыба, греческий салат, жареный картофель с лимоном, морковный пирог
1:00-2:0 0 *Франклин Петерсон, «Что бы сказал сегодня преподобный Мартин Лютер Кинг?»*

Понедельник, 17 февраль
11:00-12:00 Профилактика падений: обзор препаратов без рецепта с обществом студентов-фармацевтов штата Висконсин.
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Профессор Дэйв Мотт / Профессор Бэс Мартин, «Приводит ли прием ваших медицинских препаратов к увеличению риска падений?»
1:00-2:00 Цыпленок в сладко-кислом соусе, плов с овощами по-восточному, пряные груши, миндальное печенье

Понедельник, 24 Февраля
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Ростбиф, пикантная запеканка, запеченные кабачки, цветная капуста с зеленым горошком
1:00-2:00 Выступление членов Марширующего Духового Оркестра UW Мадисон

Lechayim Snow Day Policy

Lechayim is cancelled when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes schools due to inclement weather. Listen to WIBA, WTSO, WZEE, WMLI, WMAD, WOLX, WMMM or

Charlie FM to hear if Madison schools are closed. Otherwise, we will cancel Lechayim if we think conditions warrant it. In that case, the decision will be made by 9:00 a.m. and someone will call or email you.

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, *Operation Falls Risk Assessment* will be at Lechayim on February 17, from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your falls-related questions and concerns.

On March 31, the Health Assessment will be *Operation Immunizations*; immunizations will not be provided.



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

On the home page, click on the date of the program in question

About our Programs

Every year we ask people what kind of programs they'd like to see at Lechayim. One topic that many people mentioned was how to maintain a healthy brain while growing older. We will address that interest on **Monday, February 3** when Joy Schmidt, Community Education Specialist of the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin, will talk about "Maintaining Brain Health." We know that age and family history are risk factors in the development of dementia, but research is now showing that there are other factors, such as diet and exercise, can be influential. This interactive presentation will keep us engaged as we learn, and Joy promises we'll have fun.



Franklynn Peterson

We were meant to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 27, but the extreme cold prompted us to cancel that day. We are pleased that we were able to reschedule this

program to **Monday, February 10** when Franklynn Peterson will address the question, "What Would Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Say Today?" Frank is a photo-journalist who spent many years documenting the civil rights movement and was present at the 1963 March on Washington. He has received numerous awards throughout his career and has shown his photographs in many exhibits. His work has appeared in magazines such as Popular Science, Parade, Sepia, Family Circle, McCall's, travel magazines and social journals. He recently published his memoir, "Whitey Joins the Revolution: My Time in the Movement."

We are all too aware that falling can impact one's ability to live independently, and that many medicines are associated with falling. Professor Dave Mott of the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy has been conducting research to see if modifying medicine use can prevent falling. On **Monday, February 17** Professor Beth Martin will present Dr. Mott's research in her presentation, "Are Your Medicines Putting You at Risk for Falling?" She will address why older adults are at risk for medicine-related problems and what steps to take to reduce fall risk.

Dr. Martin is cur-



Beth Martin

rently the coordinator of the Introductory Professional Practice Experience for the UW-Madison Doctor of Pharmacy program. From 1998 – 2005 she directed the Pharmacotherapy Labs for the entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy degree program. She has served as Director of Educational Affairs for the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin. Her research interests include pharmacy services implementation and sustained provision, as well as the evaluation and assessment of educational programs. Dr. Martin earned her BS in Pharmacy, and her MS and Ph.D. in Social and Administrative Sciences from the UW-Madison. She has received many honors in the field of Pharmacy education, including the 1998-99 Teaching Excellence Award and the 1995 Young Pharmacist of the Year Award. She works closely with the Pharmacy students involved in the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment held monthly at Lechayim.

We have another musical treat on **Monday, February 24**, something out of the ordinary: members of the UW-Madison Marching Band will perform for us! Lechayim member Euna Staniforth's grandson Tony is a member of the band, and we have Tony and Euna to thank for making this concert possible. Being in the band is a huge commitment; students rehearse several times a week, with a new routine for each game and sometimes only four days to learn it. The band is known for its lively "Fifth Quarter" at football games, and when traveling to away-games, always impresses the other schools' fans. The Marching Band and the Varsity Band are part of the School of Music, though only a few of their members are music majors. Funds for new instruments and uniforms do not come out of the School of Music's budget, but must be raised privately. While as of this writing the exact program is not known, it will certainly be lively and a lot of fun!



from Jewish Social Services!

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

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

Share the celebration of a loved one's or your own special day with friends at Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus.

Celebrate with Lechayim!

Celebrate and Support Jewish Social Services!

1. Party Package – \$200

- Recognition in the Lechayim calendar, Lechayim Lights and JSS E-Connect
- Includes balloon, token gift for honoree and special cake for all attendees
- Recognition during Lechayim program
- Recognition at our registration table

2. Holiday or Commemorative Package – \$150

- Recognition in the Lechayim calendar, Lechayim Lights and JSS E-Connect
- Recognition during Lechayim program
- Recognition at our registration table

3. Sponsor a Week – \$100

- Sponsor in honor of volunteers, a loved one or even yourself
- Recognition in the Lechayim calendar, Lechayim Lights and JSS E-Connect
- Recognition during Lechayim program
- Recognition at our registration table

Lechayim Dates:

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| ~ February 3, 2014 | ~ April 7, 2014 |
| ~ February 10, 2014 | ~ April 28, 2014 – Yom Hashoah |
| ~ February 17, 2014 | ~ May 5, 2014 – Yam HaAtzmaut |
| ~ February 24, 2014 | ~ May 12, 2014 |
| ~ March 3, 2014 | ~ May 19, 2014 – Volunteer Recognition |
| ~ March 10, 2014 – Purim | |
| ~ March 17, 2014 | |
| ~ March 24, 2014 | |
| ~ March 31, 2014 | |

For more information or to reserve a date, please call 608-278-1808 or visit www.jssmadison.org

Avoiding Investment Fraud Resource Available

A recent Lechayim speaker from the Better Business Bureau, Kimberly Hazen, donated a DVD to JSS, "Trick\$ of the Trade: Outsmarting Investment Fraud" which we now have in our resource library. This documentary gives advice on how to recognize fraud, tactics used by fraudsters, some real life stories, and ways to protect yourself. The BBB also recom-

mends the website, www.saveandinvest.com as an excellent source of information and education. Our library also includes an AARP DVD, "The Lure of Money, Save it, Invest it, Protect it." Both of these DVD's are available for members of the community to borrow, along with many other materials related to aging, grief, caregiving, self-help and mental health.

Transitions

Happy February Birthday

Linda Boger
Arlene Rotter
Janice Beers

Louise Goldstein
Ruth Calden
Lee Applebaum

Best Wishes for your wellness

Norman Dachman
Milt Leidner

Condolences

To the family of Belle Friedman

Spotlight: Lori Edelstein

By PAMELA PHILLIPS OLSON

Sitting down with Lori Edelstein, you know you are in good hands. Literally! You have her total attention. She holds your arm, watches and listens with great concentration. She then talks to you about your blood pressure. For almost ten years Lori has volunteered to perform this service at Lechayim.

She comes from a family where a strong commitment to helping others was the eleventh commandment. In fact, during WWII, when her dad was rejected from army service due to his poor eyesight, he went to Britain. Not only was he able to join the army, he was assigned to drive an ambulance. He became a pharmacist on returning.

Her mother, who was a Navy nurse, continued her career and also became an avid cook. She was such an enthusiastic cook that she volunteered to cook for agencies in Bayside and Milwaukee, where they resided.

Lechayim is a perfect place for Lori to volunteer. As an orthopedic nurse Lori developed a great

love of caring for her elderly patients, and healthy cooking is her passion. In addition, Lori carries on the volunteer legacy by preparing meals for Porchlight, the Road Home and of course, Food-a-Rama.

Her husband Gary is an engineer; her daughters are Kara, who earned her BA in art and is now studying animation, and Rene,

who is an undergrad at the UW-M. They are the main beneficiaries of Lori's passion for food. When Lori considers her good luck at meeting Gary by answering an ad in *Isthmus* and reeling him in with a delicious chicken dinner, she remains a firm believer in the power of a good meal.

Lori's love for art and music make her a regular at museums and concerts. When

she sees you, she has a ready smile and kind word. "I believe in practicing kindness, it begets more kindness! Crabbiness begets more crabbiness and who wants that?"

Lori is now studying Hebrew for her Bat Mitzvah. No doubt, her kindness will come through in her D'var Torah.



Lori Edelstein

(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions provides door-to-door service for \$1 round trip, payable to the driver. Contact Louise Goldstein (608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org) by 10:00 a.m. the Friday before Lechayim to make a reservation. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Please contact us if you need to cancel a ride.

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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

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

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

March 7, May 2

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 7, March 7

Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room 6225 Mineral Point Road

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

February 21, March 28

ATTENTION REHAB PATIENTS: *If you are going to be in one of these locations during your rehabilitation, please let Jewish Social Services know; we'd like to invite you and make sure you are able to attend if you'd like.*

Fun at Lechayim...and Shabbat Gatherings



Ginny Graff's daughter Lynn Ballesta and her sisters sponsored "Celebrate with Lechayim" for Ginny's 90th birthday.

Photos by Louise Goldstein



Ginny Graff blows out her birthday candle.



Abe Landsman and JoAnn Salin at the Oakwood Shabbat.



Abe Landsman's 100th birthday celebration was sponsored by his family, Howard & Judy Landsman. Lee Applebaum shared in Abe's delight.



Volunteer Debbie Spear folds a tablecloth.



Betty Shovers & volunteer Lauren Mazur at the Oakwood Shabbat.

Israel World

Global Service Fellow Leading Recovery in the Philippines

For Adam Steinberg — the 28-year-old doctor and Melbourne native who is one of the Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) two 2014 Ralph I. Goldman Fellows in International Service — his yearlong tour of JDC's work around the globe is a bona fide game-changer.



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"It is making me try to be a better Jew, a better person, a better doctor, a better humanitarian, a better global citizen, and a better leader," Steinberg said of the fellowship, which is run through JDC Entwine. "All those elements really speak to the essence of what the fellowship is."

The Goldman Fellowship (shared with Steinberg this year by Sara Reef) is Entwine's premier leadership opportunity — a paid, professional opportunity to live and work in several overseas locations where JDC is active.

Though he intended to begin his time abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia, Steinberg's plans changed when the devastating Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines and JDC mobilized to respond.

Steinberg was part of JDC's initial crisis evaluation team, which also included Danny Pins, a development and employment expert; and Mike Attison, an emergency field medic and disaster relief expert who has been part of JDC's work in Haiti and Japan.

Steinberg said he's proud of the partnerships for sustainable development

he's been able to help cement while working with JDC in the most devastated parts of the Philippines. JDC's work in the country is focused on education, psychosocial support, livelihood recovery, public health, and disaster preparedness. He plans to stay in the Philippines at

least into the spring.

"What this has taught me about playing an active role in the JDC world and the Jewish world and the world I want to be a part of, is that there is something important about responding immediately," he said. "For me, there's always been this want to be part of something very hands-on very quickly."

Steinberg said the responses he's received from Filipinos have been heartwarming and moving.

"People are amazed here that people outside of the Philippines care about the Philippines," he said. "I'm proud to be that face for them, to show them that the world and the Jewish people care about places that are vulnerable and sometimes forgotten."

JDC Entwine Managing Director Naomi Sage said Steinberg embodies the selflessness, passion, and can-do spirit that are key components of any successful Goldman Fellow.

"Adam has devoted countless hours of energy as a volunteer leader within Australia's Jewish youth movements, and now brings his passion for Jewish

life and professional expertise as a physician to the global arena," she said. "He is a rising star who will no doubt make a difference in the Jewish world."

The Goldman Fellowship and the broader engagement work of JDC Entwine is critical to defining JDC's second century.

"It is a very unique way of engaging our generation, and there's no doubt these kinds of experiences cultivate

something special our generation connects to," he said. "The challenge is to continue to create meaningful opportunities and continue to translate them into meaningful leadership and advocacy experiences."

The Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is one of the beneficiaries of the Jewish Federation of Madison Tzedakah campaign.



Adam Steinberg, one of JDC's two 2014 Ralph I. Goldman Fellows in International Services, distributes supplies to children in an area of the Philippines devastated by Typhoon Haiyan.

The Good News Corner ...

By **RACHELI AZIZ KOMAR**

In the heart of Jerusalem, marked by a symbol of the U.S., lies a beautiful shiny building with a shiny black entrance. I always wondered what was behind those doors! Years later I was dating Mickey, the man who would later become my husband, and he opened this mystery door for me. His mother worked in this very building. Imagine my surprise when he led me toward the massive black shiny entrance, past the strict security to this heavy no entrance door... we rang the bell and I saw myself walking inside the American Center!! So, for this month's good news corner I thought it would be nice to share some information about how the American government invests in media, culture, education and Israeli-Palestinian co-existence programs.

So here is something from Mickey's mom:

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and the American Center in Jerusalem work to increase bilateral understanding of the United States among the Israeli public and among Israeli government, academic, ngo, university and high school strata. A growing public awareness of the extensive cultural, business, military and social ties between Israel and the U.S. is a key goal of the Embassy. Many Israelis feel they know about the U.S. but most have only traveled to New York or L.A. and really have little understanding of what makes the U.S. "tick." In Israel, Public Affairs has three main components — **Media Affairs** — the press office provides information about U.S. policy and programs to members of the media and the general public; **Cultural and Education Programs** with the Embassy supporting rich variety of cultural and educational programs in Israel and exchange study programs to the U.S. in order to provide best U.S. practices and models. The Cultural section also provides support for women's empowerment, environmental concerns, English language programs for Haredim and other minority sectors, workplace inclusion programs, inter-communal problem solving, promoting the two-state solution and Israeli-Palestinian co-existence programs; and **The American Center** in Jerusalem. The Center is an information resource as well as an educational and cultural center with a range of activities (and my mother-in-law works there).

<http://israel.usembassy.gov/ac/about2.html>

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General Information

<http://www.israelemb.org/>

State of Israel Embassy in Washington, DC

<http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Israel+Ministry+of+Foreign+Affairs.htm>

State of Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs

<http://www.mapsofworld.com/country-profile/israel1.html>

Maps of Israel

<http://www.aboutisrael.co.il/eng/>

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From the Mid-east to the Mid-west: A Shaliach's Exploration in America's Dairyland

By MICKEY & RACHEL AZIZ-KOMAR



Ariel Sharon

Ariel Sharon, one of the most important and controversial figures in Israel's history, died on Saturday (1.11.14) afternoon at the age of 85. Sharon, who fought terrorists in his military career and rivals in politics, lost the final battle for his health more than eight years after the stroke that ended his six decades of public service.

US President Barack Obama called Sharon a leader who "dedicated his life to the State of Israel." According to the Jerusalem Post, Sharon was one of Israel's most iconic and controversial figures. As one of Israel's most famous generals, he was known for bold tactics and an occasional refusal to obey orders. As a politician he became known as "The Bulldozer," a man contemptuous of his critics while also capable of getting things done.

When we were growing up in Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, Ariel

Sharon was always on the news so we knew he was an important person. We heard many controversial things about him and knew that he was the subject of a lot of debate. He was like a commander in front of the battle. He truly believed in his way, although not all agreed with him. You grow up fast when you are living in terror like we did in the 2000s and Sharon gave us the confidence that things would calm down. We were personally affected in 2005 during the evacuation from the Gaza Strip. Although upon reflection we have gained some understanding about what happened, many people felt stabbed in the back by Sharon's actions at the time. We have mixed feelings about Sharon as a politician but great respect for all he did to influence the future and for how he dedicated his life for our country! His whole life he fought in wars, he lived his ideas and his dreams. In this time of mourning and reflection I call on us all to look inside and think about what we are doing for the sake of our people, Israel or our community. What more can we do? May he rest in peace and may we all learn from every person who dies - their qualities and willingness to be a bit better!

Some of the Highlights This Month:

The 2014 Israeli Film Festival is coming up!! In an effort to make the films

available on a variety of days and times we have decided to spread the festival over the entire month of February. We worked really hard to find new, thought-provoking Israeli movies based on the themes of friendship and conflict. Each movie will include a discussion or guest speakers to make the experience more meaningful. Mark your calendar and gather your friends - we can't wait to see you at the Israeli Film Festival! Please see the flyer on page 16 in this edition of the *Madison Jewish News*.

Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, is the Jewish Arbor Day. The holiday is observed on the 15th (tu) of the Hebrew month of Shevat. Scholars believe that originally Tu B'Shevat was an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. In the 17th century, Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu B'Shevat that is similar to a Passover Seder. Today, many Jews hold a modern version of the Tu B'Shevat Seder each year. The holiday also has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, when Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends.

The Jewish Federation of Madison and Madison Minyan joined forces on a slippery Friday night in January for a Tu B'Shevat Seder. More than twenty people braved the weather to celebrate at this terrific event.

We had Tu B'shvat activities at Beth Israel Talmud Torah, Bait Midrash, the Madison Jewish Community Day School, Chug Ivrit, Ivrit Kala and Gan HaYeled.

Birthright- UW Hillel went to Israel as part of Birthright free trip to Israel. If you know someone between the ages of 18-26 that hasn't been to Israel on an organized program, tell them they can have an amaz-

ing 10 days free trip to Israel!! You don't have to be a UW student to go!! For any questions don't hesitate to ask us! Please see the article about Birthright in this edition of the *Madison Jewish News*.

Movie of the month:

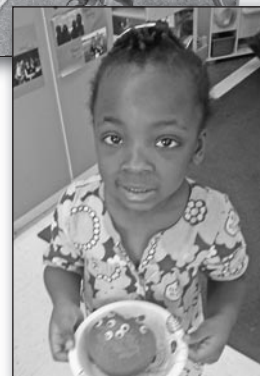
Strangers No More – In the heart of Tel Aviv, there is an exceptional school where children from forty-eight different countries and diverse backgrounds come together to learn. Many of the students arrive at Bialik-Rogozin School fleeing poverty, political adversity and even genocide. Here, no child is a stranger.



Strangers No More follows several students' struggle to acclimate to life in a new land while slowly opening up to share their stories of hardship and tragedy.

With tremendous effort and dedication, the school provides the support these children need to recover from their past. Together, the bond between teacher and student, and amongst the students themselves, enables them to create new lives in this exceptional community. (<http://www.strangersnomoremovie.com/>)

Following the film we will have a discussion about how is it to be foreign, the struggle and what Israel does that matters.





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