



A Message from the Machar President

A great big thank you goes to Joyce Rosenthal for organizing our first Machar Coffee House!

Joyce, like many of us, had a great idea for a Machar activity, but rather than stop at voicing that idea, she found the venue, put together a wonderful program, and coordinated every last detail.

Special thanks also go to all the amazing talents who shared their words and music with us! The event was attended by nearly 80 people and we raised \$1,195.00 to help cover the Machar deficit.

I hope we all become inspired by Joyce and find ways to make Machar an even more vibrant community.



Julia Seidenstein and friends perform at the first Machar Coffee House on January 30.

At the beginning of the year we set the goal of raising \$16,000 to reduce our deficit. Thanks to our generous donors and our fundraiser Coffee House, we have so far raised \$13,949.00.

Our Tu B'Shvat celebration was spoiled by snow covering the trees but we are back in full swing with our regular scheduled

Sunday school and adult education program.

We will be announcing a T-shirt design competition very soon so all the artists out there — start sharpening your pencils ...

Stay safe and warm,

Rahel Hanadari
President@machar.org

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Talia Appelman played ukulele at the first Machar Coffee House on January 30.

One Crowded Coffee House!

Joyce Rosenthal

It was a full house on Saturday, January 30, for Machar's first-ever coffee house fundraiser! More than 70 Macharniks and friends filled a room at the Wisconsin Place Community Recreation Center in Chevy Chase to hear an amazing lineup of singers, instrumentalists, comedians and poets.

The crowd sang along with Machar choir member Gregg Grisa as he sang Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." They laughed at Vicki Wallshein's jokes, clapped along to the music of Julia Seidenstein and friends, and listened to Renee Weitzner share her words in poetry about her father and aunt.

In addition to the 10-act lineup, audience members enjoyed conversation, delicious snacks, tea, and, of course, coffee! All in all, a fun and convivial evening. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make it all possible!

Barry Lynn of Americans United to Appear at Machar

Joyce Rosenthal

Want to learn more about separation of church and state from someone who has been at the forefront of the battle? Then come to Machar's adult education session at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Jewish Primary Day School to hear a talk by Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Americans United defines itself as "a nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to preserving the constitutional principle of church-state separation as the only way to ensure religious freedom for all Americans."

The organization's work includes fighting against taxpayer subsidies for religious schools, opposing the teaching of creationism in public schools and fighting the White House's "faith-based initiative" started by former president George W. Bush.

On Feb. 7 — "Darwin Day" — Lynn will discuss partisan politicking by religious organizations, taxpayer funded religious ministries and missions, religious claims seeking to trump civil rights laws and public duties, and presidential campaigning that often treats the role of president as a national preacher. He will also talk about the role millennials can play in the fight.

Lynn, who has both a law degree from Georgetown University and a theology degree from Boston University, starting out working at the national office of the United Church of Christ, and also served as legislative counsel for the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union.

He has also authored a number of books — including his latest: *God & Government: Twenty-Five Years of Fighting for Equality, Secularism, and Freedom Of Conscience*. And, he is the winner of many national awards, including the Freedom of Worship Award from the Roosevelt Institute and the American Humanist Association's Religious Liberty Award.

Don't miss your chance to hear Barry Lynn! See you on Sunday, Feb. 7.



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Whaddaya Talkin'?

Marlene Cohen

In which Machar's newsletter will provide you with your monthly word in Yiddish — use it ten times this month and you won't forget it!

As I write this Yiddish entry, 16" of snow is clearly not nearly enough! So we need a word for the occasion: Farkatk(e) (pronounced fa kak' ta) English spellings are different for this word.

It's an adjective meaning lousy, ridiculous, even like excrement, if you want to use it in a vulgar context (according to kehillatisrael.net).

It also means something that isn't working well Urban Dictionary provides a quote from Curb Your Enthusiasm; Jeff: "What's with your fakakta shoes?"

Today I can only think, "Enough already with the farkatke snow; we understand the power of nature (and what humans have also contributed to nature)!"

WITs

Renée Weitzner

The women of Machar, Wimmin' in Transition (WITs), meet monthly to provide support for one another as we face life's challenges and joys. What we discuss in our meetings is confidential. Guidelines for our meetings can be found on the Machar website.

We will be meeting at one of our favorite restaurants, Mandalay in Silver Spring, Maryland on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 at 7 p.m. Please let me know that you are coming by

Feb. 15, so that I may let the restaurant know our numbers.

On Friday, March 25, 2016, we will be meeting at the home of Judith Wiesberg in downtown D.C. at 7 p.m. Please let me know that you are coming and what you are bringing by March 23, so that I may let our host know our numbers and our menu.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings! You may reach me at [rwcats at aol.com](mailto:rwcats@aol.com).

Updates From Our JCS Classrooms

Kindergarten/1st Grade – Rachel Norman

The K-1 class learned about *tzedakah* (charity/justice) and doing a *mitzvah* (good deed). The students played “follow the leader” and read *Golda’s First Crusade* about the true story of former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir’s childhood in the U.S. and her efforts to raise money to buy books for her needy classmates.

We discussed what makes someone a good leader and each child made their own *tzedakah* box. Then the class read *It’s a Mitzvah*, Grover and watched a clip from Shalom Sesame. Students shared their opinion on whether they thought it was better to give *tzedakah* or to do a *mitzvah*.

The class will be learning about Tu Bishvat and some green inventions from Israel. They will read *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* and do a project with recycled materials. The class will also participate in Machar’s community service project, and Machar will hold a Tu Bishvat seder.

2nd Grade – Rebecca Bauer

The second graders began discussing Tu Bishvat, which we will be celebrating during our next class. To begin, we talked about the phrase *Bal Tashchit*, which means “don’t waste or destroy.”

The class connected the sentiment to Tu Bishvat by noting that we shouldn’t waste or destroy trees. Next we read, *Sammy Spider’s first Tu B’shevat*, which introduces the idea of eating fruits in honor of the holiday. We watched a fun song about fruits that come from Israel, and then everyone broke into pairs to participate in a contest to think of as many fruits as they could, followed by rounds of brainstorming vegetables, trees/flowers and animals.

After thinking of all of the wonderful things we get from nature, we transitioned to discussing how we can better protect it. We watched this video on Tu Bishvat, which offers ideas for helping the environment and then we read *The Lorax*. I offered the class a few ideas for how we can share this knowledge with the community next time at the community Seder, and they were excited by the idea of making posters that offer suggestions on protecting the environment.

Please plan to stay a bit after 11:30 to join us at the Tu Bishvat Seder and view the posters they will be creating during class!

Machar is in need of a new JCS Director for the 2016-17 school year.

We are currently opening this opportunity to members who may be interested, or for recommendations from members for possible candidates. Please forward all inquiries to administrator@machar.org for detailed information.

3rd Grade –Freilich

The third graders have been delving deeper into Jewish history, learning about the historical events behind Hannukah and covering major Jewish thinkers like Maimonides and his impact on western culture at large.

We have spent quite a bit of time covering forced Hellenization and learning about the difference between holding an identity and complete assimilation.

Going forward we will continue with Jewish history and what it means to be Jewish.

4th Grade – Noa Banayan

Today in class, we reviewed all of the Hebrew letters that the students already know and did a few exercises with them. We also learned the letters *vav* and *tet* and a new vowel.

After Hebrew, we read the story *Zvuvi’s Israel*, about a fly who travels all over Israel. They were all really engaged and interested in the story and in talking about Israel, and all expressed an interest in wanting to learn more about the country. I asked them for homework to talk to their parents about Israel and come back to class with three things they did not know about Israel and would like to share with the class. I also told them they should feel free to look things up online or in books if they wanted to.

After that discussion, we read a little on Tu Bishvat and talked about what this holiday means and what we can do to celebrate it. I told them I would come up with a Tu Bishvat activity for next class as it falls on the holiday. If I have your permission, next class I would like to use their 10 minutes of outdoor time to clean up the playground for



Updates From Our JCS Classrooms (continued)

Tu Bishvat. I'll bring trash bags and gloves so they won't have to actually touch any trash. If you have any issues with this, please write me and we can definitely work around it or without it! Another part of their homework is to come to class with three facts about Tu Bishvat or three ideas on how to celebrate it/clean up the environment.

Next class I'm going to assign them the book *Dreams in the Golden Country: The Diary of Zipporah Feldman* and we are going to discuss Jewish immigration more in depth, back on the same kind of themes as with the last book they read, *Letters from Rifka*.

5th Grade – Heather Gale

The fifth grade class is learning about Israel. Some of the students already knew quite a bit about Israel, and some knew very little. The class saw a map of the country and they searched for different cities and talked about the different parts of the country. Heather brought in some photos from the last time she was there and shared them with the class.

After our Israel discussion, the students tried writing Hebrew. The students looked through some books with Hebrew words and wrote them down in script. They were asked to create a story based on some of the words they were able to find in their books. As always, they came up with some very creative stories!

At the end of class they sang the song "Salaam," which they said they sing at all synagogue events ... yet no one knew the words! We went over the lyrics and attempted to sing, but I think we'll be learning this song again next time to get some more practice in. For those who are not familiar with the song, there are only a few lines and it's in English, Hebrew and Arabic, and is a song about peace.

6th Grade – Sarah Jill Bashein

The sixth graders talked about the first three chapters of *The Devil's Arithmetic* and had some good discussions about it. Henry talked about his current events topic, which was the earthquake/North Korea event. We finished reviewing Christianity, and ended by practicing Hebrew.

During next week's class we'll be discussing Islam, chapters 4 and 5 from *The Devil's Arithmetic*, reviewing Hebrew, and Anika will be talking about her current events topic.

B'nei Mitzvah Class – Shel Lyons

Some students had mentioned feeling disconnected from Judaism, so the class had a chance to discuss what they love about Jewish values and how Jewish values help them become the humanitarian that they want to be as they grow older.

We discussed *tzedakah* (charity), environmentalism, community, rituals (*shiva*), Jewish food, etc. AND they had a chance to discuss the issues with Judaism (whether it was sexism in history or organized religion in general or lack of racial diversity or laws surrounding *kashrut*) and how to resolve those issues (continuing to push progress in Judaism, avoiding downfalls of organized religion, encouraging more diversity, making amends with *kashrut*, etc).

Then, the class had a chance to learn about an alternative — Pastaforianism & the Flying Spaghetti Monster — every student got to try out Pastaforianism with a colander on the head. In the end, I think everyone agreed that you can have a wry sense of humor and still prefer Judaism over Pastaforianism. Each student should have taken home a sheet with their loves for Judaism on one side and their issues with Judaism on the other.

Next week, we'll focus a lot more on the Environmentalism value of Judaism as we celebrate the "New Year for the Trees" (also known as Tu Bishvat). Also, we are arranging a local J Street youth speaker (current college student) to come and share more about their experiences on campus so our students know about their options after high school.

The 411 on Machar 911

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

In the event of a personal emergency, please contact:

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Administrator@machar.org / 202.686.1881

President@machar.org

Due to the fact that we are a volunteer organization and our staff members are employed part-time, please contact more than one person in the event of an immediate need or concern. This will help ensure that all requests are responded to in a timely manner.

Machar Adult Education and Community Sundays

Adult Education Sessions are Sundays from 10–11:30 a.m. Sessions are open to all. All sessions are held in the gymnasium of the Jewish Primary Day School, 6045 16th St. NW, DC 20012. Community Sundays follow unless noted. For details see www.machar.org.

There is parking on 16th Street and in the back. (If you have trouble climbing stairs, use the rear entrance.)

February 7

Barry Lynn – Separation Anxiety: Are We Really Winning the Struggle to Preserve Separation of Church and State?

The battle to guarantee real religious freedom, which requires a strict separation between institutions of government and religion, has resolved some controversies. But partisan politicking by religious organizations, taxpayer funded religious ministries and missions, religious claims seeking to trump civil rights laws and public duties, and presidential campaigning that often treats the role of president as a national preacher continue to challenge that separation. In honor of Darwin day, Executive Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State Barry Lynn will discuss these issues, as well as the role millennials can play.

February 21

Ari Roth – The Voice Behind the “Voices from a Changing Middle East” Theater Festival

Ari Roth is the Founding Artistic Director of the Mosaic Theater Company of DC at Atlas Performing Arts Center. The abrupt end of his tenure at Theater J in December 2014 led to his founding this new DC company. He will discuss his commitment to theater’s role in peace and reconciliation, and talk of the personal costs of the Arab-Israeli conflict and of the wars in South Sudan impinging on the lives of many, including those of us in the American Jewish community.

Community Sunday: Community Service/Good Deeds Day

March 6

Mary Alexander – Eco-peace in the Middle East: Share the Water, Build the Peace

EcoPeace Middle East is an organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists to promote cooperative efforts to protect their shared environmental heritage. EcoPeace U.S. representative and International Advisory Committee Chair Mary Alexander will discuss how this organization is working to advance both sustainable regional development

and the conditions necessary for lasting peace in the region. EcoPeace has offices in Amman, Bethlehem and Tel Aviv.

April 3

Rabbi Frank Tamburello – The Hidden Jews of Southern Italy

Rabbi Tamburello is a secular humanistic rabbi who serves in New York City and Westchester, NY. He will share his own family story of rediscovery as well as the film *The Secret Jews of Calabria* produced by Rabbi Barbara Aiello. The presentation will teach us about the Sephardic Anusim, whose coerced conversions to Christianity in the 15th century masked their Jewish ancestry to their descendants. Recent Internet connections have led many families to their Jewish roots.

Community Sunday: Acknowledging Yom Ha Shoah and other genocides

April 17

Annual Membership Meeting

Community Sunday: Israeli Education Day to acknowledge Yom Haatzma’ut

May 1

Krista Hegburg – “Unknown Holocaust”: Roma and Survivor Testimony

In her talk, Krista Hegburg will discuss how Romani Holocaust survivors have testified to their persecution in war crimes trials, reparations claims, and traditional song, and how their accounts challenge our conventional understanding of the dynamics of testimony and witness. Dr. Hegburg is a program officer and staff scholar in the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Dr. Hegburg has taught at Rutgers University and the University of Lower Silesia, and holds a Ph.D in anthropology from Columbia University.

Community Sunday: Labor Rights/May Day



Adult Education

May 15

Rabbi Nehama Benmosche – Wonder, Humor and Inspiration: The Sunday Assembly Movement

Rabbi Nehama will lead a discussion about Sunday Assembly, a quickly growing secular and inclusive movement founded by two comedians in 2013. Might Sunday Assembly appeal to secular Humanistic Jews like ourselves? Should Machar connect with this new

community in DC? As we continue to imagine our community in the post-Sherwin Wine era, and as our leadership considers new models for synagogue affiliation and member retention, let us open our minds to what we can learn from other groups who seem to be thriving.

Community Sunday: End-of-year picnic at Rock Creek Park picnic shelter #24

Scenes from the Adult Ed Sessions

1) Jeremy Ben-Ami spoke on the topic, Who Speaks for American Jews on Issues about Israel? to a Machar-record 81 audience members! His presentation was extremely informative and his perceptions astute.

Photo by Myrna Frank

2) Stephen Cohen, Machar member, spoke on the topic, Why Are Jews Often Both Victims and Perpetrators of Securities Fraud? Stephen, who works in this area at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, helped us understand both the financial and interpersonal relationships aspects of successful con artists.

Photo by Marlene Cohen



The Machar Family

Birthdays

February 2: [Paul Eliot](#)
February 4: [Shifra Lyons](#)
February 7: [Emanuel Pastreich](#)
February 10: [Julie Lewis](#)
February 11: [Alessandro Topa](#)
February 11: [Mark Lewis](#)
February 15: [Michal Freedman](#)
February 16: [Amanda Nothaft](#)
February 17: [Leah Kaplan](#)
February 18: [Teo Topa](#)
February 25: [Marina Cooper](#)
February 26: [Evan Williamson](#)

March 2: [Lev Tomashevsky](#)
March 4: [Ava Figuero](#)
March 7: [Michael Kidwell](#)
March 12: [Shawn Rubin](#)
March 14: [Kira Appelman](#)
March 15: [Zach Williamson](#)
March 21: [Joshua Castellano](#)
March 22: [Susan Ogden](#)
March 23: [Will David](#)
March 27: [Yael Hanadari-Levy](#)
March 29: [Helena Dinerman](#)
March 31: [Dan Tobocman](#)
March 31: [Martha Mednick](#)
March 31: [Rebecca Guilfoyle](#)

Anniversaries

March 1: [Anita Willens & Jules Abrams](#)
March 18: [Helena Dinerman & Kenneth Lederman](#)
March 27: [Marina Broitman & Tibor Roberts](#)
March 28: [Mimi Brody & Harry Appelman](#)

Yahrzeits: We remember...

February 14: [Peter Smith, father of Abigail Smith](#)
February 16: [Frances Wiesberg, mother of Judith Weisberg](#)
February 19: [Robert Arthur Kahn, father of Peter Kahn](#)
February 19: [Thelma Baron, mother of David Baron](#)
February 29: [Joyce Waldman Kahn, mother of Peter Kahn](#)
February: [Nicholas Dopulos, stepfather of Harriet/Gary Peck](#)

March 3: [Tome Kurtzman, sister of Michal Freedman](#)
March 5: [Wilfred Williams, grandfather of Dan Tobocman](#)
March 10: [Sidney Levine, father of Rose Levine](#)
March 13: [Nancy Tebelman, sister of Linda Tebelman](#)
March 22: [Joseph Mauer, father of Marc Mauer](#)
March 24: [Rhoda Zwicker, mother of Sue Zwicker](#)
March 27: [Dorothy Bassin, mother of Donna Bassin](#)
March 28: [Ronald Bassin, brother of Donna Bassin](#)
March 31: [Rose Slater, grandmother of Leah Kaplan](#)
March: [Gloria Salazar, abuela of Marco Gonzalez and Kara Blank-Gonzalez](#)

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Susan Macy

In Memory of Phyllis Hodes
Marlene Cohen
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“Cedar Lane” events are held at Cedar Lane UU Church. 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD.

From DC, go north on Wisconsin Ave. (Rt. 355), pass the Naval Hospital, right on Cedar Lane, cross Beach Dr., 2nd entrance on right. From 495, Rockville, etc., take Rockville Pike (Rt. 355) S to left on Cedar to 9601. Metro: Red Line to Medical Center. Walk ½ mile north on 355, right on Cedar, 0.7 miles, or Ride-On Bus #34 (ask the driver).

“JPDS” is the site of our Jewish Cultural School (JCS). 6045 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Metro: Red Line to Silver Spring. S-2 or S-4 bus to Federal Triangle to Military Road and cross 16th Street. JCS and Adult Ed begin promptly at 10 a.m.; please arrive early.

For meetings in private homes, contact hosts for directions.

Machar E-mail Lists for Members and Nonmembers

Michael Prival

There are two different e-mail lists that Machar members can join. The first, the “Machar” list, enables members to receive the monthly Newsletter, event reminders by email and announcements of program changes that may occur

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between printed newsletters. Almost all Machar members are already on this list. The second list is “MacharCommunity.” Members of this list can share information about local, non-Machar cultural, educational, social action or community service events and activities. Any list member can post a note to the “Machar Community” list at any time.

If you would like to be added to either list, or if we are not using your preferred e-mail addresses for them, please send a note to [Email at machar.org](mailto:Email@machar.org). Of course you can get off these lists at any time.

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Larry Lawrence

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