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# MJCDS Maggid/Teller

the weekly newsletter of  
Madison Jewish Community Day  
School

Dear Rokker,

In this issue of the Maggid: first and second grade students learn about the solar system, students discuss the meaning of the Shema, and students get ready for SMART night (Sandwiches Music and ART), which will take place this Tuesday evening.

Other highlights of the week:

\* Rabbi Biatch playing the accordion through dismissal time.

\* A whole school hora-



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style circle dance!

Shabbat Shalom!



## Announcements

### Parent Meeting with Teaching Candidate

Sunday, Jan. 29 at 12:30 pm

Beth Israel Center, Third fl. meeting room

Parents, please join us this Sunday at 12:30 pm for an informal conversation with a candidate for the maternity leave teaching position. In order to create an environment conducive to meaningful conversation, we ask that only adults join us for the meeting. Thank you for your help as we search for an excellent educator to join our team this spring.

### SMART\* Night

\*Sandwiches, Music & ART

Tuesday, Jan, 31 at 6 pm

Join us for a light dinner at 6. Music and art presentations by our students begin at 6:30 pm!

### [Community Announcements](#)

#### Ktantanim

Sunday, January 29 3:30-4:00pm

Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St.

Yonim Israeli Dance troupe is offering a series of mini-classes for dancers ages 4-5 years old. The first in the series is Jan. 29. Classes will be held in the Beth Israel multi-purpose room (lower level). Cost is \$5 per session or \$18 if you sign up for all four classes and pay in advance. Future dates are Feb. 19, March 25 and April 22. Write to Ellen at [yonim@jewishmadison.org](mailto:yonim@jewishmadison.org) with questions or to RSVP.

### Yonim Season Opener

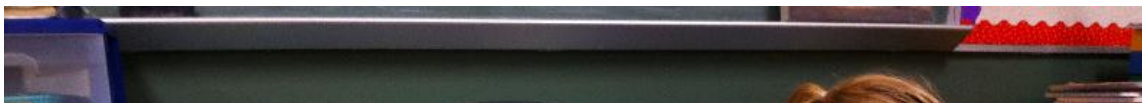
Sunday, February 12 1:00pm  
Waisman Center Theater

Come see the Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe perform their new dances for the first time this season. Expect exciting choreography, colorful costumes and toe-tapping tunes.

## Pictures of the Week



First and second graders play xylophone blocks in music class





Noam and Sara share a laugh and a book



Amelia and Jonathan discuss the meaning of the first paragraph of the Shema

## The Solar System

The first and second grade classes recently decided to study the solar system. They chose this topic from a few options, and then began their learning with enthusiasm.

They are learning about the parts of the solar system, the sun, planets, moons, comets, meteoroids, and asteroids.

Students for generations have used mnemonic devices to help remember the planets and their order. You may remember a phrase such as, "My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Nine

Pizzas" that helped you remember Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

But now that Pluto is no longer considered a planet, our students got creative and came up with their own phrases to help them remember the planets and their positions in the solar system. Here they are:

My Very Excellent Mom Just Saved Unusual Necklaces (Josephine)

Many Violent Elephants March Joyfully South Until Nightfall (Lila)

Mother Vampires Eat Many Jellybeans Softly Until Night (Jane)

Meir's Very Excellent Mommy Jumps Seriously Until Nine (Jonathan)

*-Ms. Goldman*

## Upcoming Events

Sun. Jan 29: Parents meet with Teaching Candidate, 12:30 pm.  
Beth Israel Center, 3rd floor meeting room.

Tues. Jan 31: SMART night (Sandwiches, Music and ART) Sandwiches at 6 pm, Art and Music Presentations at 6:30.

Wed. Feb. 1: 3rd Quarter begins

Fri. Feb. 3: Kabbalat Shabbat Together, 1:25 pm

Let's stay in touch! Keep the lines of communication flowing with your child's teachers by calling school at 608-204-9900 or by emailing them at:

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