



Greetings from Ecuador from U.S. Ambassador Adam Namm

My wife Mei and I have been in Ecuador since May 2012. It's a beautiful place with wonderful people, a rich and vibrant culture, and historic diplomatic and economic ties with the United States. I'm honored to represent the United States as ambassador to Ecuador, building on our shared history, promoting U.S. policies and values, and seeking to strengthen the bonds between the Ecuadorian and American peoples.

Mei and I have traveled extensively throughout the country. Mainland Ecuador boasts three distinct regions: the central highlands, where the capital, Quito, is located; the Pacific coast, featuring Guayaquil, which is Ecuador's largest city; and the Amazon basin to the east that is one of the most bio-diverse environments on Earth. Finally, Ecuador has the Galapagos Islands, some 600 miles off the coast of South America and the site of Charles Darwin's famous visit in 1832 that helped Darwin pen his theory of evolution. (Humanism has deep roots in Ecuador!) Mei and I have been to all of these regions and, as ambassador, I've had the privilege of meeting with people from every level of Ecuadorian society – including government officials, community leaders, and ordinary citizens – as well

as visiting a number of U.S.-sponsored programs across the country.

I am proud of the good work the U.S. government is doing in Ecuador, from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) helping to conserve mountain watersheds and coastal mangroves; Peace Corps volunteers running programs for deaf children and providing sanitary services for small towns; and our military and other national security agencies assisting Ecuador in its fight against drug and human trafficking, money laundering, and other organized crime. As ambassador, I constantly seek to advance U.S. policies and values and to find areas for constructive cooperation, even when we disagree at times with the Ecuadorian government.

Fun fact: The United States has consulates general in only four Western Hemisphere countries: Canada, Mexico, Brazil, and Ecuador. Why is Ecuador, a country of only 15 million people, in the company of our two neighbors and the largest country in Latin America? For one, our diplomatic presence in Guayaquil, site of our consulate general, dates from 1825, five years before Ecuador gained its independence from Gran Colombia. Guaya-

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quil is the largest and major commercial city of Ecuador – and the United States is Ecuador’s largest trading partner, with annual two-way trade surpassing \$17 billion. Our Consulate General in Guayaquil granted more than 56,000 non-immigrant visas and nearly 7,000 immigrant visas to U.S.-bound travelers in Fiscal Year 2013. When you factor in the nearly 55,000 non-immigrant visas Embassy Quito issued in Fiscal Year 2013, this adds up to more than 118,000 visas facilitating travel, study abroad, business and trade, and family unification in the United States. I am especially pleased that we are about to open a new Consulate General building in Guayaquil, and we are in a relatively new facility in Quito. Poetic justice for an ambassador who used to run the Department of State’s Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations!

More than anything, my job is about making connections with people. I have conducted several town hall meetings with U.S. citizens residing in Ecuador, a number that continues to rise. Many U.S. citizens, mostly retirees taking advantage of Ecuador’s low cost of living, moderate climate, and proximity to the United States, have made a home in Cuenca, a beautiful colonial city in southern Ecuador. I have also had the chance to meet a number of U.S. citizens who are studying, teaching, or enjoying Ecuador as tourists.

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, there are more than 600,000 people of Ecuadorian descent living in the United States, and many more continue to visit and study in the United States each year. Our Public Diplomacy offices in Quito and Guayaquil run a number of programs that help Ecuadorians learn English and prepare for study in the United

States – in support of President Obama’s “100,000 Strong in the Americas” initiative, which seeks to increase the number of students from Latin America studying in the United States, and the number of U.S. citizens studying in Latin America, to 100,000 in each direction.

Nothing gives me greater job satisfaction than meeting with U.S. citizens studying or volunteering in Ecuador, or presenting diplomas to underprivileged Ecuadorian high school students who have completed an English language course funded by our embassy. I’ve also had the pleasure of playing music with a variety of Ecuadorian musicians, a wonderful way to make cultural connections.

We miss Machar, but are enjoying our tour in Ecuador. Happy Hanukkah to all!

The Machar Family: October 2013

photo by Holly Campbell-Rosen



JCS News

Debby Brennan

We hope to see all Macharniks and all children at our Hanukkah party!!! See you there for dreidels, games and latkes!

On November 17 all of our students were together building menorahs and dreidels with our art teacher, Lisa, and learning new songs with our music teacher, Naomi.

Highlights from some of our classes:

Kindergarten:

The kindergartners learned about Hanukkah on November 17. We started off the day with the art teacher, and made pictures of menorahs by tracing our fingers—though I think Mischa Blue and Sadie may have been more excited about the glitter.

Then, we went back to the classroom and talked about what Hanukkah is about and how we celebrate it. We learned all about the ancient Jews - the Maccabees - who won back the Temple so Jews could keep practicing their religion. As the story goes, oil that should have lasted only one night lasted eight nights. So while Hanukkah traditionally celebrates a military victory, Jews have also attached symbolic meaning to it.

We read a story about various festivals of light in other cultures around the world, and then headed upstairs to sing some Hanukkah songs with our music teacher Naomi. After singing a couple classics, learning a new song, and spinning around like dreidels, we went outside briefly to run off some restlessness. But it was

quickly back to the classroom for us, as we had a game of dreidel to play!

We learned that the four letters on the dreidel - nun, gimmel, hay, and shin, stand for Hebrew words that mean "a great miracle happened there" and indicate how many items (in this case, Hershey's Kisses) you win (or lose) with each spin. I assured the students it is a game of luck and not skill, but just to assuage any hard feelings, I ultimately had all the students compile their earnings and take five Kisses to keep - I told them I was a benevolent socialist dictator but I think that one went over their heads!

I hope you'll be able to attend Machar's Hanukkah party on 12/8 - unfortunately I'll be out of town, but I'll see you the following weekend for class on 12/15.
—Ben Lauing

Fifth/Sixth Grade:

We had a busy JCS class on November 17. We began by talking about our families' Hanukkah traditions and why Hanukkah is an important Jewish holiday, and not, as some people claim, an unimportant holiday. I used curriculum provided by the American Jewish World Service's Where Do You Give initiative and lead a thoughtful conversation on charitable giving during the holiday season. We also had a joyous song session with the B'Nai mitzvah group as well as the 4th grade class. Hopefully, nobody forgot their home made driedels that we made with our special craft teacher, Lisa.

According to the Machar calendar, our last JCS class of this calendar

year is on December 15th. We'll be continuing our unit on world religions.

—Izzy Parillis

B'nei Mitzvah class:

On November 17, the b'nei mitzvah class focused on Hanukkah. We reviewed the story of Hanukkah by watching a short 5 minute video from the History Channel and talked about how the lessons learned from the story apply to our lives today. We then focused on Tzedakah and played a game of "would you rather" where students stood on either side of the room depending on how they'd answer the question of which charity they'd rather donate money to. Some examples included would you rather donate money to a soup kitchen, or to an organization that teaches job skills to those in need. After students chose their side, they had to defend their point and try to convince students who had not chosen yet to come to their side. As a result, we had many interesting discussions about Tzedakah including whether we should donate and help people with immediate needs, or if its better to work toward future solutions. Students were very passionate and everyone had a point to make. It was very exciting to see them interact and engage this way and they all made very strong arguments. They were disappointed when we had to end the game because of time constraints and probably would've been happy to keep debating all morning!

We then joined the other classes in an arts and crafts project making driedels, and in a song session singing Hanukkah songs.

—Hadas Gold

Machar Adult Education and Community Sundays

Sundays 10–11:45 a.m. Sessions are open to all. There is parking on 16th Street and in the back. All sessions are held in the Jewish Primary Day School, 6045 16th St. NW, DC 20012

December 8

Hanukkah Party at Schweinhaut Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD, 10 a.m. to noon
Join us for a wonderful celebration planned by Machar's Teen Group!

December 15

Abigail Smith – Education Reform at the National, Local, and Classroom Levels: Ideals, Data, and Practical Realities of Closing the Gaps in Educational Achievement.
District of Columbia Deputy Mayor for Education and Machar member Abby Smith will draw on her extensive work with school administration under both Superintendent Michelle Rhee and Mayor Vincent Gray and as

an independent consultant. She will discuss how DC fits into the broader picture of education reform in the United States.

Community Sunday: Book Sale and Community Music

January

January 12: JCS & Adult Education

January 26: JCS & Adult Education (celebrate Tu B'Shvat)

February

February 9: JCS & Adult Education

February 23: JCS & Adult Education

From Previous Adult Education Events:



Tamara Wittes

The Future of the U.S. in the Middle East
Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy,
The Brookings Institution



Nadine Bloch taught us about the use of the arts for cultural resistance & public protest then engaged adults and students in making a menorah for our Hanukkah party in which people will act as each candle

WITs

Renée Weitzner

We women of WITs enjoyed a terrific time at the home of Darlene Basch with our largest turnout to date: 15 people!!! We enjoyed lively conversation and wonderful food. We even had some latkes from Marlene due to the rare combination of Thanksgiving and Chanukah occurring this year....

Next month we will be at our annual Chanukah get-together on December 18, 2013 at 7 pm, where we will exchange small (\$5 approx) gifts. Gifts are placed in a grab bag at Harriet's and are, therefore, not addressed to any one person. We really enjoy this holiday and our celebration of it. I hope you will be able to join us. Please let me know if you are coming and what you are bringing by Monday December 16, 2013. You may email me at [rwcats at aol.com](mailto:rwcats@aol.com) or by phone.

Book Club

Renée Weitzner and Darlene Basch

The members of Machar's Book Club met at the lovely home of Judith Wiesberg for our first meeting of the school year. We enjoyed a vibrant conversation about the book we had just read, *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. The next book on our list to read is *The Swerve-How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt. This analysis of modern culture promises to be a great and fascinating read. I hope you will be able to join us when we meet at the home of Phyllis Hodes on January 19, 2014 at 3 pm. Please let me know that you are coming by January 17, 2013 so that I may let our host know how many people to expect.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting of the Book Club of Machar.

Evening Study Group

Michael Prival

The Machar Study Group on Jewish religious texts continues to meet every other Monday evening at my home. We are reading and discussing texts from the Bible, the Talmud, and other rabbinic sources. In this way we are learning not only about the Hebrew Bible but also many fascinating and surprising things about traditional Judaism as it existed before the Jewish Enlightenment began in the 18th century. All Machar members, at any level of prior knowledge, are invited to join us. If you'd like more information about this study group, please send me a note: [mprival at aol.com](mailto:mprival@aol.com).

Young Adult Havurah

Danielle Leff

Join our listserve at groups.google.com/group/macharyah or join our group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/macharyah to get the details. YAH events are open to all regardless of membership status in Machar, and participants are encouraged to bring friends who may be curious about our movement.

J Street

Harry Appelman

2campaign

J Street, the "political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans", has launched a new effort: The 2 Campaign, to respond to Secretary of State John Kerry's challenge to rally a "great constituency for peace" behind the administration's initiative to achieve a two-state solution.

Kerry is trying in particular to enlist support in the Jewish community, because he recognizes "no one has a stronger voice" when it comes to Israel. Most in the organized Jewish community are now on record supporting a two-state solution and have applauded Secretary Kerry's efforts. However, too many are then quick to list the reasons why an agreement isn't possible.

The campaign's website, <http://2campaign.org/> features a great set of graphic and succinct educational materials on the key issues: Borders, Jerusalem, Refugees and Security, designed to counter this charge. There is also a petition to sign to voice your support of the peace initiative.

The 2 Campaign is a concerted effort across the country to convey to Secretary Kerry that he has the support of the American Jewish community and beyond in pushing negotiations forward, especially in the most difficult moments. Achieving a two-state solution is in the American, Israeli and Palestinian national interest.

For more information, contact Harry Appelman at [ha.jazz at verizon.net](mailto:ha.jazz@verizon.net).



Machar is a member of SHJ, the Society for Humanistic Judaism.

Society for Humanistic Judaism Passes Resolution on Physician-Assisted Death

At its October 25–27 Board Meeting, the Society for Humanistic Judaism approved the following resolution on physician-assisted death. The resolution was drafted by the Society’s Ethical Concerns Committee, of which I am a member. The Committee recognized the importance of supporting those who are fighting for progress on this sensitive issue. In approving the resolution, the SHJ Board is adding the voice of Secular Humanistic Judaism to the struggle for dignity at this final stage of life.

—Rick Gold

Society for Humanistic Judaism

Supports Physician-Assisted Death (referred to as Physician Assisted Suicide in Canada and elsewhere)

As Humanistic Jews, we believe that:

- Each human being should have control over his or her own body and autonomy in matters of personal concern.
- A competent adult diagnosed with a fatal disease that will cause unbearable pain and suffering has the right to die in a dignified and peaceful manner.
- Government has no substantial, legitimate interest in prolonging the lingering, painful death of a terminally ill person who wants to die.
- Physician-assisted death (PAD), in which a physician, at the request of a terminally ill patient, provides the patient with a lethal dose of medication that the patient can take when he/she is ready, promotes dignity and autonomy.
- Carefully constructed PAD laws—such as those adopted by Oregon, Vermont, and Washington and abroad by Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Switzerland—can protect human dignity and autonomy while preventing abuse and upholding the value of human life. Such laws may require two or more physician approvals, witnesses, waiting periods, multiple oral and written requests by the patient, a psychological examination, and/or consultation with family. Safeguards such as these can prevent abuse of PAD, which opponents claim could become a slippery slope leading to the indiscriminate killing of the ill, weak, and disabled.
- Without reasonable PAD laws, individuals may commit suicide in a violent way or needlessly suffer in an undignified manner.
- Opposition to suicide on religious grounds cannot justify prohibition of PAD, failure to permit it, or penalties on physicians who participate in it. Separation of church and state is a cornerstone of our democracy.
- Persons requesting PAD should be fully informed of alternatives, such as unconventional modes of treatment and palliative care. However, some such persons may view palliative treatment as prolonging the anguish of dying rather than enhancing life.
- Physicians who consider PAD to be inconsistent with the Hippocratic Oath and with their role as healers should have the right to refuse to engage in PAD.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Society for Humanistic Judaism:

- Affirms that mentally competent adults with irreversible, terminal medical conditions accompanied by intense suffering should have the right to physician assistance in dying.
- Applauds states and nations that have adopted PAD laws and urges other states and countries to adopt similar legislation. Such laws should contain reasonable safeguards to prevent abuse and to ensure that a decision to request PAD is informed, voluntary, and free of undue influence and that physicians who are conscientiously opposed to PAD are free not to participate in it.

Bring Alan Home 4th Anniversary Vigil

Tuesday, December 3rd
12:00 pm

Lafayette Square Park (in front of the White House)
H Street, NW; between 15th and 17th Streets, NW
Metro: McPherson Square Stop on the Orange and Blue lines



Join us as Elected Officials and Community Leaders stand in solidarity with the Jewish community and the Gross family on the fourth anniversary of Alan's unjust incarceration in Cuba and call on the Obama Administration bring to Alan home.

For more information visit:
<http://www.jcouncil.org/bringalanhome>

If your organization would like to be a vigil co-sponsor, please contact Julie Greenwald at jgreenwald@jcouncil.org or 301-770-0881.

Co-Sponsors: Hevrat Shalom of King Farm; Congregation Beit Chaverim; Sha'are Shalom; Machar, The Washington Congregation for Secular Humanistic Judaism; Rabbi Arnold Saltzman, Aish DC

The Machar Family

Birthdays

December 2: Patti Maslinoff
December 2: Bert Shankman
December 4: Rigby Zentner
December 6: David Wittenberg
December 9: Jasper Delicath
December 12: Alberto Grosmark
December 12: Renee Weitzner
December 13: Brett Grosko
December 17: Melissa Bianchi
December 18: Sam Pastreich
December 23: Elaine Dancis
December 26: Amy Williamson
December 27: Luke Cohen
December 28: Jacob Baron
December 28: Miriam Gitler
December 29: Mia Grace Kirkell

Anniversaries

December 21: Miriam Gitler and Pedro Rodriguez
December 28: David and Deb Godden

Yarhzeits: We remember...

December: Lavinia Topa, sister of Guiseppa Topa
December 4 : Solly Frank, family member of Myrna Frank
December 7: Suzanne Royle, mother of Andy Royle
December 15: Martin Goldberg, father of David Goldberg
December 18: Carmen Rodriguez, sister of Pedro Rodriguez
December 18: Edward Frieden father of Joyce Rosenthal
December 18: Sophy Frank, family member of Myrna Frank
December 23: Robert Baron, father of David Baron
December 23: Radomir Perica, husband of Mary Perica
December 25: Eve Zwicker, sister of Sue Zwicker
December 27: Hal Hartogensis, brother of Deb Godden

Machar is so fortunate to have a community of people willing to share their expertise. Three of our members are therapists or social workers and are willing to be contacted by any members who may need someone to talk to about any personal trauma or other issues that come up. These volunteers will plan to have an initial discussion with the member and/or family, to listen and to help direct them to more support or services in the area. Please contact Renee Weitzner, rwcats at aol.com, for information. All discussions are entirely confidential.

Whaddaya Talkin'?

Marlene Cohen

Holiday time? It's really for the **Kinderlach!**

Kinder means "children," and clearly that word relates to German term—that's where "kindergarten" comes from. "Kindergarten" meant "children's garden," with the idea that children should be "nurtured and nourished like plants in a garden," says Wikipedia.

"Kinderlach" is a diminutive, affectionate term, states Kahillat Israel Glossary of Yiddish Words and Phrases. "Ach" indicates the plural, more than one child.

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!

Many of you remember hearing the Yiddish lullaby, "Ofyn Pripetchik," often sung at Machar occasions by Machar cofounder Mary Perica, now living in Israel. It has a line which say, "Un der rebbe lernt kleyne kinderlach, dem alpha beyz." It means, "And the rabbi/teacher taught little children their (Hebrew) alphabet." My father remembered his mother from Poland singing that song when he was a child.

So here's to holiday fun in December!

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Join us at the HuJews Conclave 2014!



Are you or is someone
you know a Humanistic
Jew between the ages of
13 and 21?

Are you interested in
meeting other HuJews
from around North
America?

**Then the SHJ Conclave
is the event for you!**

Highlights:

- Make new friends!
- Work to develop your Humanistic Jewish Identity!
- Participate in Community Service Projects!
- Explore a new city!



When: March 28th-30th, 2014

Where: Boston, Massachusetts

How to Register: Online Registration coming soon.

Registration Deadline: January 31st, 2014

Member Fee: \$230 **Non-Member Fee:** \$255 **Chaperones:** \$290

Late Registration Fee: \$25

*Scholarships available for those who qualify. Please contact Miriam Rubín for details.

Questions: Contact Miriam Rubín, hujews@shj.org, 857-472-0525, or SHJ, info@shj.org, 248-478-7610

Columbia Jewish Congregation's 22nd Annual Jewish Film Series!

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Four evenings of thought-provoking, varied, entertaining films, including refreshments & optional discussion

Showings: Saturdays, 8:00pm, Room 200, The Meeting House in Oakland Mills, Columbia, MD 21045
\$32 for 4-film series, \$27 for 3-film series, \$19 for 2-film series. (\$10.00 for single ticket: Sold at door only)
(Choice of films is yours and you need not choose in advance.)

TICKET SALES WILL BEGIN AND DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7:30pm

(If a movie is cancelled because of snow, that movie will be shown at the end of the season – May or early June. Date will be announced later if needed.)

Each of the films being presented has been shown, or will be shown, at multiple Jewish film festivals around the country.

All films are subject to change based upon availability.

www.columbiajewish.org/film_series

January 18, 2014

David

2011 – USA – English/Arabic – 80 min. Eleven-year-old David, the son of a religious imam in Brooklyn, NY, is mistaken for a Jewish boy. He becomes conflicted after befriendng Jewish kids his age, and the longer he plays out his double life, the more he risks driving a wedge within his family. Ultimately, David's honesty and accessibility trigger a response of tolerance and compassion.

February 22, 2014

The Matchmaker

2012 – Israel – Hebrew with English subtitles – 118 min. Arik, a teenage boy growing up in Haifa in 1968, gets a job working for Yankele Bride, a matchmaker. Yankele, a mysterious Holocaust survivor, has an office in back of a movie theater, situated in the seedy area of the port. The theater, run by a family of seven Romanian dwarves, shows only love stories. Yankele introduces Arik to a new world built on the ruins of the old one. Arik learns the mysteries of the human heart when he falls in love with Tamara, who has just returned from America with different views of life.

March 29, 2014

Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray

2011 – USA – English – 86 min. This film reveals the little known struggles facing American Jews, both in battle and on the home front, during the Civil War. The film presents unknown chapters in American history, when allegiances during the war deeply split the Jewish community. Approximately 10,000 Jewish soldiers fought on both sides. They were, at times, honored, but also criticized by the anti-semitic policies of the time.

April 26, 2014

Mahler on the Couch

2010 – Germany – German with English subtitles – 98 min. Gustav Mahler snatched Alma from under the noses of Vienna's artistic elite, but ten years of marriage and the death of one child have exacerbated the strains caused by both the nineteen-year gap in their ages and Mahler's refusal to allow Alma to write music. "I need a wife, not a colleague," he said. While staying at a spa resort, Alma falls in love with Walter Gropius, five years her junior. Tormented, Mahler seeks advice from Sigmund Freud. The encounter of the two giants in their respective fields of music and psychoanalysis is bumpy, temperamental, and not without humor.

Have any questions? Call (410) 997-0694, Tom Laufer. Preferred closing signup: December 10, 2013

Please return this form by **December 10**, together with your check (made payable to CJC)

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Directions to Machar

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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, plus announcements of program changes that may

occur 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 on the “Machar Community” list at any time.

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

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Larry Lawrence

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