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We have a goal of raising \$16,000 this year. We are thrilled that Machar's leadership has created a challenge fund of \$8,000, and they will match every contribution dollar-for-dollar up to that amount between now and December 31, 2014.

We appreciate your generosity and value contributions of any amount. Together, we can meet or exceed our fundraising goals! We are not going to pester you with phone calls this year, so we hope you will take this opportunity to donate to Machar and keep our community sustainable.

Please contribute online using this link: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=e38cb9>. You can also click the DONATE NOW link on the home page of www.machar.org or mail a check to Machar at P.O. Box 42014, Washington, DC 20015.

\$25 pays for Hebrew workbooks for 2 JCS students

\$50 pays for bagels and challah for 1 JCS/Adult Ed Sunday

\$115 pays for 1 half-scholarship for SHJ's Teen Conclave

\$250 pays for rental for 1 Hanukkah or Purim celebration

\$625 pays for rental for 1 JCS/Adult Ed Sunday

\$1100 pays for 1 Shabbat dinner event at Cedar Lane

\$2400 pays for 1 year's High Holidays rental at Cedar Lane

We welcome your gift of any amount!

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From the Rabbi

I wanted to let everyone in the community know that I plan to be in the DC metro area in the afternoons after JCS and on Mondays throughout the year. Please consider these my "office hours" and make an appointment to see me if you'd like to get together to talk about Machar or anything else!

Also, if you use Facebook, please friend Machar and me on Facebook so you don't miss out on events that we plan.

Thanks, **Nehama**

Secular Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy that combines rational thinking with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity.

We affirm the power and responsibility of human beings to shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority.

Machar is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

Scenes from Machar



Far above: Machar group Shabbat on November 21 2014.

Above: Rabbi Nehama leads the Shabbat service.

Right: On November 16, Oliver and Jonah sold cookies to raise money for SOME.

Scenes from Machar



Rabbi Mindy Portnoy spoke about Theodor Herzl at Adult Education on November 16.



Bennett Muraskin spoke about Jewish Folklore at Adult Education on November 23.

Join us for an All-Machar Field Trip

All Machar members are invited to attend a tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia on Sunday, January 11, 2015. The address is 101 South Independence Mall SE, and there is parking on the street and in nearby parking garages.

Rabbi Nehama will be joining us. Our tour begins at 10 AM, but admission is valid for the full day. Special group ticket rates will be: \$16 for adults; \$15 for youths 13-21; and \$11 for children under 13.

There is a nearby food court, the Bourse, where members may wish to have lunch. For those who wish to spend a night or two in Philadelphia, discounted hotel offers are available on the museum's website at: [http://www.nmajh.org/uploadedFiles/Visit/NMAJH%20Hotel%20Accommodations\(2\).pdf](http://www.nmajh.org/uploadedFiles/Visit/NMAJH%20Hotel%20Accommodations(2).pdf)

Register at www.machar.org now so we can give the museum our final numbers by December 28.

IN OUR CLASSES:

Kindergarten/First Grade:

Next time we will start reading a book called "Israel: a Scavenger Hunt" and we will explore Jewish Secular-Humanistic perspectives on Thanksgiving.

I plan on having our class participate in Machar's Hanukkah party which is on Sunday December 14th (in Silver Spring). I know a lot of your children play instruments and like to perform so I think the class would enjoy performing in a brief Channukah play. I will provide you and the kids with more details to follow, but please let me know if you are available **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.**

—Rachel

Second Grade: The class enjoyed making menorahs. The menorahs are wooden shapes made of the initial letter of each child's name and we'll build on that theme going forward with other art projects.

This weekend we also delved into the story of Adam and Eve. Everyone is enjoying learning about why the writers of the Torah wrote these foundation stories in their attempt to explain our world. Each of the boys have been very attentive and responsive within our discussions about Genesis. Cain and Abel are up next and I can't wait to hear their responses! —Jessica

Third Grade: Ava, Avi, and Maddie are all excelling in their Hebrew studies. Not only are they taking to the letters and vowels, but they are also picking up some words. We have now gone through almost half of the Hebrew alphabet and all of the vowels. We also completed our class creation myth and read it aloud as a group. The story turned out so well. And we ended with a discussion of various values in Humanistic Judaism.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday, December 7th for our seventh class. We will continue with our Hebrew learning, delve further into our exploration of Humanistic Judaism with a hands-on activity, and discuss Chanukah. —Joshua

Fifth Grade: This week at MACHAR we learned the letters "Daled" and "Aleph." We also covered a history unit on medieval Jewry and mysticism. At community hour, the class helped make soup kits for Martha's Table.

Next week we will talk about the holiday of chanukah and have a chanukah themed arts and crafts project. —Aviva

Sixth/Seventh Grade: Barry Dancis was the guest speaker for the sixth and seventh graders. He generously gave his time to present an interactive view of Jewish history that was accessible to the sixth and seventh graders. Thank you, Barry!

—Stefanie



Pajama Drive

Machar will be participating in the Sweet Dreams Children's Pajama Drive from November 9 to December 14 for children ages 0–17 (most are from 0–13) living in DC General Homeless Shelter. Please bring brand new pajamas to our next JCS/Adult Ed session at JPDS on December 7 or bring them to our Hanukkah party at Schweinhaut Senior Center on December 14.

JCS students are invited to wear pajamas to JCS on Sunday, December 7. On that day, we will be celebrating International Human Rights Day, so it's a good opportunity to remember that the right to clothing and shelter are basic human rights.

Whaddaya Talkin'?

Marlene Cohen

Yontif! – pronounced YUN' tiff

It's a holiday – or a celebration – from the Hebrew yom tov, literally, a "good day." Often we say, "Good yontif," though literally that repeats the word "good."

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!

The Hebrew equivalent is chag sameyach, "happy holiday."

So when you gather to enjoy latkes and dreidrels, wish others a "Good yontif!"

Adult Education and Community Sundays

Sundays 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.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 7

Jocelyn Samuels—The Federal Role in Protecting Civil Rights: Opportunities and Limitations

The executive branch of the federal government enforces numerous laws to protect civil rights, including with regard to voting, police misconduct, equal educational and employment opportunity, and hate crimes. This program will discuss the government's work in these and other areas, addressing both advances in and obstacles to civil rights.

Samuels is Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, she was Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice and the Vice President for Education and Employment at the National Women's Law Center. She is a former President of Machar.

The views to be expressed are her own and not those of the US government.

Community Sunday: International Human Rights Fair

December 14: 10:00 am–Noon

Hanukkah Party at Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring, 20901

Brought to you by the Teen Group

Register at www.machar.org or use this link:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=c1c9fa>

January 25

Myrna Frank with Eva Shankman, Miriam Gitler, and Ester Rozenblum—Longing for Home: Attachments to Spaces and Places Past

The community together with the panelists—all Machar members who were born outside of the US—will discuss notions of home and belonging. What is home to us? How do we think or feel about our earliest homes? For what do we long? What kinds of attachments do we have to places, spaces, and tastes of the past, and how relevant is this for our present lives? Does having come from another land or culture make us yearn for home differently from someone who has not? What does being Jewish have to do with all of this?

Community Sunday: Tu B'Shvat celebration

February 8

Daniel Spiro—Baruch Spinoza: How Relevant are his Teachings Today?

Baruch Spinoza, a 17th century philosopher excommunicated by his Amsterdam Sephardic community, is one of history's most controversial Jewish thinkers. Called both an "atheist" and a "God-intoxicated man," secular humanists consider him a forebear. Within the Jewish community, he is both widely beloved for his early advocacy of democratic and religious freedom principles and reviled for being critical of the Torah and charitable to the New Testament. Spiro, who has coordinated the Washington Spinoza Society since its inception in 2001, will discuss Spinoza's life and teachings and explain why he remains as relevant today as any contemporary thinker. Spiro is also the Jewish-Islamic Dialogue Society Coordinator and has authored three books, including *Liberating the Holy Name: A Free-Thinker Grapples with the Meaning of Divinity*.

Community Sunday: TBA

February 22

Steve Stoltenberg—Polish-Jewish Relations: Overcoming Difficult Historical Legacies

Polish-Jewish relations span nearly a thousand years and encompass periods when the Jewish community flourished and periods when it suffered the effects of prejudice and anti-Semitism. Steven Stoltenberg will discuss Poland's often painful self-examination of this history today and its "difficult legacies," which are exemplified in the recent opening of the new Museum of the History of Polish Jews, arguably the most ambitious museum of its kind in the world. Dr. Stoltenberg is the State Department's senior foreign affairs analyst for Poland and the three Baltic states. He co-translated the personal memoir of Polish Professor Maria Jarosz, a Holocaust survivor, entitled *May You Live in Interesting Times* to be published in early 2015.

Community Sunday: International Women's Day celebration

Clubs and Activities

WITs

Renée Weitzner

The members of WITs (Wimmin in Transition), the women's group of Machar, will hold its annual Hanukkah meeting at 7 pm on December 17, 2014 at the home of Harriet Peck. We have a great time together, supporting each other through life's challenges and joys. I hope many of you will be able to attend. In addition to your dish to share, please bring a wrapped present (\$5 or less in value) to be given as part of a grab-bag which we will share.

Please let me know that you are coming and what food you are bringing by December 15, 2014, so I can let our host know our numbers and our menu. You may reach me at [rwcats at aol.com](mailto:rwcats@aol.com) or by phone.

If you need a ride, please let me know so that I may arrange that for you.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Book Club

Renée Weitzner and Darlene Basch

The Book Club of Machar will have its second meeting of 2014- 2015 on December 7, 2014 at the home of Elizabeth Hodes to discuss Chapters V, VI and VII. Peter Wolfe and Michael Prival will lead a discussion of these chapters. Both Mike and Pete distributed study questions ahead of time for the purposes of this discussion. If you did not receive these questions and would like a copy, please let me know and I will send them to you.

Please let me know by December 5, 2014 if you plan to attend, so I may let our host know our numbers. You may reach me by phone or by email at [rwcats at aol.com](mailto:rwcats@aol.com). Thank you. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Young Adult Havurah

Danielle Leff (non-members welcome)

Join Machar YAH for a Shabbanukah! A short Shabbat service followed by a Hanukah pot luck party.

Sunday December 21: Come at 5pm for Shabbat, or any time between 5:30--8pm for the Hanukah party. Guests, friends, family members welcome! Please bring a food item and/or drink to share.

For details, see the Young Adult Havurah Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/macharyah/>

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).

The Machar Equal Exchange catalog fundraiser was a success, raising over \$300 for Machar! A big thank you to all those who placed orders!

Now, by simply visiting the link below, you can place an order online and Equal Exchange's fair trade items will ship directly to you or to your gift recipient (shipping charges apply). Machar will automatically receive 25% on every order placed via this link!

Machar's unique store URL:

<http://fundraiser.equalexchange.coop/?fundraiser=MACH005W>

You can order any time between now and 5/31/2015 so consider this site for upcoming holidays including Hanukkah, Valentine's Day, Purim, Passover, and Mothers' Day, as well as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, bnei mitzvahs etc.

—Karen and Ian Roe

Machar's members are our biggest asset and our greatest resource in letting their friends and family know about our wonderful community. If you recommend a member or family who joins Machar, Machar will thank you with your choice of a \$100 gift card for dining out at Lebanese Taverna or Clydes, for local shopping at Politics and Prose or Israeli Accents, or some on-line Judaica shopping at moderntribe.com or traditionsjewish-gifts.com. So please tell people about Machar; we hope to give out lots of thank you cards!

—Darlene Basch

Thinking of Ann Black—Macharniks Remember

Ann and Harold Black moved to Washington from Detroit in 1974 and attended the first gathering for Secular Humanistic Judaism in the DC area at the Rockville JCC. This inspired the launching of Machar in 1977 by a group of eight founders which included the Blacks. Although she was always perceived as providing a strong background support and presence, Ann took her turn as president of Machar from 1992 to 1994.

Ann and Harold returned to Detroit in 2004 to live closer to family, and Harold died in 2005, but Ann remained a member of Machar until her death in November 2014.

"Ann Black was born in Brooklyn on February 21, 1921. As the first grandchild, Ann went with her mother to see her family in Hungary. They did not return until it was time for Ann to start kindergarten.

"Her family moved to Detroit and Ann graduated from Wayne State University (then Wayne University) as a speech therapist and teacher of the deaf. She met her husband

Harold at Wayne State and they married on March 22, 1942."

Excerpt from *The History of the Founding of the Secular Humanistic Judaism Movement in Greater Washington DC*, November 1, 2002, Donna Bassin

The founders of Machar weren't simply different from my parents and family of that generation in Ohio because they spoke their minds. My mother and grandmother did that – loudly and clearly. These Machar folks spoke their minds about Judaism and their roles in it, in ways I'd never heard before.

They actually altered Judaism to make it fit what they thought and felt! I could approach Judaism on equal terms, not as a large responsibility I had to bear, not feeling like the disobedient child who didn't learn and follow all the rules.

Ann in particular modeled being a strong woman who didn't use hedging, hesitant language – things were true, or important, or not. She was direct and matter-of-fact. From Ann

I learned Judaism without the guilt, something I hope I passed on to our son. My first sign of that was Ann inviting me to join the established "gang" for Yom Kippur lunch at the Chinese restaurant! Yom Kippur lunch! Out in public, where other Jews might see you? Chutzpah! This was why I'd left Ohio for the big city.

Many people told me the first people they met in Machar were Ann and Harold – they made room for and welcomed newcomers in ways we strive to continue. Thank you, Ann, for all the behind-the-scenes efforts that made your little gang the founders of a large community of grateful Jews —**Marlene Cohen**

We in Machar are fortunate that Ann Black was one of the seven individuals that we count as the founders of our congregation. She believed that Humanistic Judaism was important. She was always there to take on any project or task to help us succeed and grow. When she thought something wasn't right, she didn't hesitate to express her views, but everyone understood that she was always working to make us a better congre-



Thinking of Ann Black—Macharniks Remember *(continued)*

gation. I remember the enthusiasm she showed when she participated in our adult b'nai mitzvah group. She had been denied the opportunity of bat mitzvah as a child since she grew up in an Orthodox community in which this practice was unknown. Her project was on the magical Golem, which she explained and made relevant to our secular, humanistic outlook. Her strong attachment to Secular Humanistic Judaism never waned. We will miss her. —**Michael Prival**

When I first met Ann back in the early 1980s when we first joined Machar, she amazed me by her caring for others and her organization skills. She invited us to help set the table at an event and, while we were doing that, talked with us about her hopes for Machar. For every event in which she was involved, Ann was extremely organized almost effortlessly. She and her beloved Harold were the epicenter of our (then) small group, organizing members to read plays and books, which was tremendous fun. Thank you, Ann, for those wonderful times.... You are missed. —**Renee Weitzner**

I remember Ann to have a lovely sense of humor and open to input from younger members. She also introduced me to her granddaughter, Briana, who co-taught a Machar Sunday School class with me in the mid 1990's. —**Joy Markowitz**

After Ann and Harold returned to Michigan Ann told me that they were now members of two SHJ congregations! She was always generous, sending contributions for special events.

After Harold passed away Ann told me she needed more help with the computer and she asked me to be her "consultant." We laughed about that, because I'm no IT genius, but, like most of us, if you know something that someone else doesn't know, you can often help. She read the (online) Machar newsletter and asked me if there was a way to print out just part of the newsletter. Of course there is, so I walked her through it. I also sent her directions, so she could do it in the future without me. The next month she emailed to say that she had printed out just one page. That was Ann!

I was privileged to have Ann as my friend. We spoke weekly until near the end. I miss her already. —**Roz Seidenstein**

I guess I've known her as long as anyone. She was a great friend, as everyone knows. She was a strong force in Machar for years and years. I don't think she ever wanted an office, but she did things like planning and running holiday celebrations, calling and visiting people who needed calls and visits, helping with the newsletter; anything that needed good organization skills and a dedicated worker. It was fun to work with her.

She was plain-spoken, tough and unsentimental, but still very loving to us lucky ones, and she had a great sense of humor. Her lifetime career, in Michigan and in Maryland, was as a special education teacher. She and Harold were so wonderful together, so creative and giving. They were terrific parents and grandparents; she was so proud of them all.

Ann worked hard on all kinds of events—often organizing and running



Thinking of Ann Black—Macharniks Remember *(continued)*

them. Such a wonderful sense of humor. It was fun to work with her, because we laughed all the time. For a long time, she also worked with Henrietta and me on the newsletter. That's when it was printed, stamped, and mailed.

I guess I've quoted this before, but at some Machar anniversary or other, Harold mused, "We didn't know we were starting anything; we just thought we were having fun." True.

It was [Ann's] style to work behind the scenes and let Harold have all the glory. He was her poet and statesman. What she loved was watching him enjoy the work and the applause. Working quietly, as Ann did, doesn't create many dramatic moments, but for many years she helped more than anyone else to keep Machar running smoothly.

I do remember one Seder at the Potomac center. She had organized the whole thing—much as it is still done today, with people bringing things

for the menu and the committee supplying all the rest (and the labor). We were busy in the kitchen, getting things warmed up and into serving dishes, and a sweet young girl volunteered to arrange tall glass vases of flowers for all the tables. She did that, and without supervision, added about half a cup of water to each vase (might have heard something dire about over-watering). She carefully carried them all out and put them on the tables.

Then a few people started arranging chairs. Every time anyone pushed a chair or a hip into one of the tables, the vases on that table tipped over. It all happened very quickly, and by the time Ann got out there, there were horizontal vases, flowers, and water all over the tablecloths. We stood in the doorway and laughed, while the whole room joined in. Then people gathered up the whole mess, brought everything into the kitchen, and started over, with plenty of water to weigh the vases down. The girl was so embarrassed and apologetic,

and Ann told her "Don't feel bad; it was worth it just to watch it happening. Next time, add more water."

—Mary Perica

I find myself deeply saddened hearing Ann has died – not because at her age it's much of a surprise, but that she, like Harold, was just so special. I hope we live to see a day when in our own building a huge wall will be dedicated to ensuring the memory and impact the many great personalities who have made Machar what we are to be shared with all who enter. —Donna Bassin

A sad loss, but some wonderful memories. Particularly, I remember the mischievous sparkle in Ann's eye when she would ask – regarding Harold's and her 63 years of marriage – "Will this marriage last?" They gave us a model to be treasured. —Deb Godden



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 17: Melissa Bianchi
December 18: Sam Pastreich
December 23: Elaine Dancis
December 26: Amy Williamson
December 26: Guiseppe Topa
December 27: Luke Cohen
December 28: Miriam Gitler
December 28: Jacob Baron
December 29: Mia Grace Kirkell
January 1: Marlene Cohen
January 1: Guiseppe Topa
January 2: Barbara Francisco
January 4: Nadia Raytselis
January 5: Abigail Smith
January 5: Howard Dubowitz
January 6: Tom Gordon
January 6: Alejandra Rodriguez-Gitler
January 7: Richard (Dick) Schwab
January 7: Joe Palca
January 9: Sue Zwicker
January 15: Daniel Mason
January 15: Joy Block
January 17: Tibor Roberts
January 18: Aaron King
January 19: Lior Levy
January 22: Laura Ariovich
January 22: Mason Schnell
January 22: Leo Cohen
January 30: Ami Argaman

Anniversaries

December 21: Miriam Gitler and Pedro Rodriguez
December 28: David and Deb Godden
January 21: Ami and Ann Argaman

Yarhzeits: We remember...

December 4: Solly Frank, family of Myrna Frank
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 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
December: Lavinia Topa, sister of Guiseppe Topa
January 3: Mark Harris, husband of Nancy Harris
January 6: David Bassin, father of Donna Bassin
January 8: Pauline Seidenstein, mother of Roslynn Seidenstein
January 17: Ellen Greene, wife of Neil Greene
January 18: Celia Grosmark, mother of Alberto Grosmark
January 20: Doris Jonas, mother of Jill Grant
January 20: Charles Goor, father of Rob Goor
January 24: Leslie Kidwell Jr, father of Michael Kidwell
January 29: Joyce Kahn, mother of Peter Kahn
January: Anna Gold, mother of Marlene Platt
January: Sanford Leff, grandfather of Danielle Leff

Mazel Tov!

Machar members Adam Namm and Mei Huang had baby Eric William Namm on October 6, 2014! Adam is serving as the US Ambassador to Ecuador, 2012–15.



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](mailto:rwcats@aol.com), for information. All discussions are entirely confidential.

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Directions to Machar

"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, plus announcements of program changes that may oc-

cur 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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