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People of Faith United For Justice Advocacy Day

Thursday, April 11, 2019, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
First United Methodist Church near the Capitol Square
203 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison

People of Faith United for Justice is a day-long gathering to learn, discuss, pray, and advocate together for social justice issues of importance to all the people of Wisconsin.

As a new legislature starts work on the next state budget, our representatives need to hear our values, priorities, and concerns, our expectations and aspirations.

As people of faith we are called to join the public conversation about the common good – about the kind of state and nation we can be justifiably proud of, the legacy we want to leave our children and future generations. Past generations of citizens, through government, made the decisions and investments that benefit us today. Now it's our turn.

For more information and to register go to wichurches.org.

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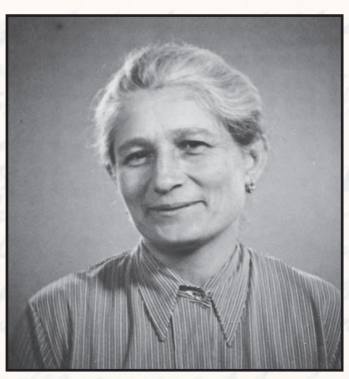
Yom HaShoah Service and Program

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 pm
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St.

The Annual Community Yom HaShoah program will include a memorial service and a presentation. Amos Bitzan, Frances and Laurence Weinstein Assistant Professor of History, will speak about Sara's writings.

Please join us.



Sara Spira

Madison Jewish Community Yom HaShoah Program

By Livia Asher

As is custom in Madison's Jewish community and Jewish communities around the world, we will gather to commemorate Yom HaShoah – the day of remembrance for the Jews who suffered and were murdered and those who resisted Nazi terror during the Holocaust. This year our program, sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Madison and funded by the Rapkin Endowment for Holocaust Education, will be hosted by Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St., on May 1 at 7:30 pm.

The service will feature members of our community who are survivors, their family members, and local rabbis and other clergy. We will commemorate the memory of the Six Million with a candle lighting ceremony.

Alan E. Klugman, Interim Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, notes, "It has been almost 34 years to the day that I walked through the gates of Auschwitz to bear witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust. What I saw and felt that cold March morning is forever imbedded in my mind and soul. As Jews we MUST make sure that we celebrate the strength of our people by (among other things) seeing to it that history does NOT repeat itself."



Frances and Laurence Weinstein Assistant Professor Amos Bitzan

Rabbi Betsy Forester, of Beth Israel Center, says, "When we stand together as a community on Yom HaShoah to mourn and hear the narratives of those who survived, we bear witness to the depths of inhumanity of which human beings are capable. And we testify to the Jewish People's fortitude, resilience, and sacred responsibility to fight genocide, anti-Semitism, and hatred in our world."

Following the service we will have a program entitled "Postcards from Europe's Edge," presented by Amos Bitzan, the Frances and Laurence Weinstein Assistant Professor of Modern European Jewish history in the Department of History and the Center for Jewish Studies at UW-Madison. His course offerings include seminars and lecture courses on modern Jewish history, the history of anti-Semitism, and the course on the History of the Holocaust, about which he will be presenting.

In 2015 a Center for Jewish Studies board member discovered a collection of postcards, sent between 1940 and 1941 to his parents in Racine from his grandmother, Sara Spira, then living in Nazi-occupied Poland. The postcards bore witness to the cruel world she now lived in—solely because she was Jewish. Professor Bitzan had the postcards translated and they became the focus of his course on the Holocaust. His students immersed themselves in the personal world of Sara: constructing family trees, examining timetables of deportations, trying to keep up with the plight of refugees and concentration camp prisoners. The course was both about one victim, Sara Spira, and about the broader study of the Holocaust as a whole. Professor Bitzan will present Sara Spira's story and the process undertaken by his students to reveal the circumstances that she and her fellow Jews witnessed. The stories that he will share with us are from his classroom, and beyond.

Dr. Bitzan's current book project, *Discipline in the Age of Pleasure: The*

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UW Hillel Creates Meaningful Seder Experiences for WI Students

By Rabbi Andrea Steinberger and Aaron Seligman

UW Hillel is a beneficiary organization of the Jewish Federation of Madison

It's Passover time and UW students are feeling a mix of emotions. They are missing home and the family seder experience. They are in the middle of midterms and classes that do not stop for Jewish time. They are living with students who are not Jewish and do not know the customs and rituals of the Passover seder and the week that follows. Here at UW Hillel we create multiple Passover experiences to invite students to participate in a seder that will allow them to feel inspired and to feel a part of a community of Jewish students singing and eating together.

Hillel provides for the diversity and multitude of identities among college students today. We are a pluralistic organization recognizing the variety of needs of our students, seeking to create an open and welcoming community for Jewish students on the UW campus.

This Passover season, Hillel will hold eight seder or Passover experiences that speak to the different needs of Jewish students on our campus, including a Freedom Seder at the Multi-Cultural Student Center, A Family Style Seder, an Israeli Seder, a Matzah Madness Seder, a 5th Question and Beyond Seder, A Feminist Seder, An Afikomen Hunt across campus and a Queer Liberation Zine-Making workshop.

While steeped in personal Passover experiences, this year's holiday will also be a new campus experience for many Hillel students and staff since last year Passover occurred during spring break. Jewish Federation Campus Shaliach, Tal Sheffer will lead a traditional Israeli seder and said, "I'm excited to be able to celebrate Passover Israeli-style with students and read the Haggadah in Hebrew."

Engagement Director, Micah Ariel-Rohr and Social Justice Fellow, Lizzy Wallis will lead other new experiences including a "5th Question" seder exploring new questions to ask, and the Freedom Seder. Micah is eager to help students form strong connections both to their Jewish and campus communities, because students are "drawn to the ways in which the story of Jewish liberation is relevant to their lives today and connected with other movements for justice and equity. Social justice work is a big part of what our students care about; we are grateful to be able to make connections between our Jewish past and the future our students want to build." He adds that the seder will "link the voices of people who are struggling on campus and in the places we come from with things that Jewish people have struggled with in the past in a way that helps develop strong relationships both inside and outside the Jewish community on campus."

Assistant Director, Aaron Seligman will build on a seder idea he led with family a few years ago for a Matzah Madness Seder. Using an NCAA basketball bracket style they will determine which of 64 elements of Passover (songs, foods, people, parts of the story and seder—not basketball teams) are the most important individually and collectively in a series of hypothetical "We've got only two minutes before everyone goes home, which one will we do?" matchups: for example, eating matzah vs matzah ball soup, singing "Dayanu" vs. "Go Down Moses," or talking about the Ten Plagues or Moses at the Burning Bush. After plenty of debate and discussion, the winners will be determined by popular vote.

And no Jewish holiday would be complete without food. This year, Chef Jason and Adamah Café are preparing to offer a full kosher-for-Passover menu all week, in addition to preparing traditional Passover foods for the Hillel seders and the Jewish Law Student Association's Freedom Seder. In addition to plenty of matzah ball soup, they'll bring back popular items like the chicken schnitzel (breaded with matzah, of course), last year's hottest item the "Ain't no Latke Back Girl" (a latke covered with smoked brisket, sumac slaw, mango charred jalapeno bbq, pickled peppers, and tomato) and the many Adamah vegetarian options.

Check out all the Passover options and celebrate with us at uwhillel.org/Passover and adamahmadison.com.



Last year's Freedom Seder



The kosher-for-Passover 'Ain't no Latke Back Girl' sandwich from Adamah Café

Yom HaShoah

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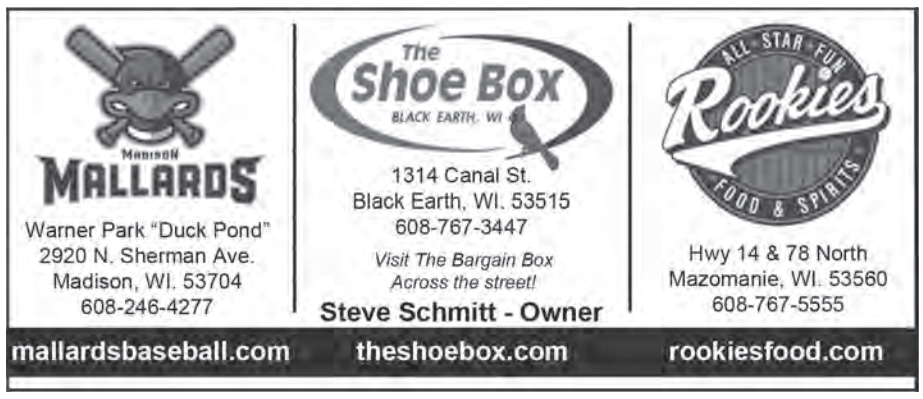
Birth of Jewish Studies in Nineteenth-Century Germany, links the beginnings of the academic study of the Jewish past to the rise of pleasure reading among Jews and others. He has also published articles on the "Science of Judaism" movement. Before joining the Department of History and the Center for Jewish Studies, he was a postdoctoral teaching fellow at Stanford University and a research fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, and his A.B. at Princeton University.

The service and program are open to the entire Madison community and we welcome your participation.







Governor Tony Evers' Budget

By Michael Blumenfeld
Executive Director of the Wisconsin Jewish Conference
with contributions from Erin Fabrizius

Governor Tony Evers (D-Wisconsin) introduced his state budget on February 28. The budget is the one piece of legislation that must pass every legislative session. It lays out our priorities as a state that we hope reflects our values. Many of the items in the budget are of interest to the Jewish community, such as: Medicaid expansion; increased investments in public education and voter access.

While many of these ideas are unlikely to win the support of Republican lawmakers, divided government requires compromise to get things done. So, while both sides seem dug in now—with Republican lawmakers threatening to introduce their own budget and Evers threatening to veto it—the two sides will need to find a way to work together.

Highlights of the Governor's budget:

Voting

• The budget creates automatic voter registration and a nonpartisan redistricting process done by a legislative agency, much like what Iowa has done for many years.

Health Care

• The state would accept federal funds to expand Medicaid. The Evers administration estimates that 82,000 low-income people would gain health care coverage.

• Family and Medical Leave is expanded to have the law apply to employers with at least 25, instead of 50, employees and permitting leave to be taken to care for a grandparent, grandchild or sibling with a serious health condition.

• Drug screening and testing requirements would be eliminated for Public Assistance.

• The insurance marketplace would guarantee health insurance for individuals with preexisting conditions.

• There are several proposals dealing with mental health. For example, there would be increased funding for school mental health programming by $63.6 million for the biennium.

Education

• The budget increases for general school aids by almost $619 million for the biennium and proposes reforming the school funding formula.

• The budget also restores the two-thirds state funding for schools requirement.

• The Governor would cap enrollment in the School Choice Program.

• Increases state special education funding by $611 million for the two year budget and provides an additional $5.6 million to fully fund the school breakfast reimbursement program.

Immigration

• The budget would allow undocumented students who graduated from a Wisconsin high school to receive in-state tuition at the UW Technical College System schools and the University of Wisconsin System.

• Undocumented immigrants would be allowed to receive state driver's licenses and identification cards.

Transportation

• Provide a 20 percent or $3 million per year in increased funding for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Specialized Transportation Aids.

Under state law the budget is to be completed by June 30. However, we have seen budgets adopted well into October. We will most likely see a budget that is ultimately adopted with a bipartisan vote, meaning the Republicans will need some Democrats to vote with them to pass the budget. The resulting budget should be a mixed bag with both sides pointing to some things they like and some items that they do not.

I encourage you to get involved in the legislative process. As we just have celebrated Purim we are once again reminded how important it was for the Jews of Persia to have Queen Esther. Without her and Mordecai, Haman would have had his way. Therefore, if you are not at the table, you might certainly end up on the menu.

Announcing Upcoming Release of the New Book *Wisconsin, The New Home of the Jew: 150 Years of Jewish Life at the University of Wisconsin-Madison* by Jonathan Z. S. Pollack

By Chad S. A. Gibbs
PhD Candidate, History & Jewish Studies, UW-Madison

Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies Honorary Fellow and Madison Area Technical College professor, Jonathan Z.S. Pollack's new book *Wisconsin, The New Home of the Jew:150 Years of Jewish Life at the University of Wisconsin-Madison* will reach publication this spring. Pollack's book is an in-depth look at Jewish life on campus.

In many ways mirroring the wider Jewish-American experience, Pollack's work chronicles both opportunities and challenges for Jews at the university. Early UW-Madison Jewish students and faculty often found some form of official acceptance on campus, while still facing anti-Semitism from colleagues or peers. The book relates how Jews attending the university around the turn of the twentieth century found no *Numerus Clausus*, or restrictive quota, regulating their entry to the school like they might have at major eastern universities, though they often had difficulty securing housing from landlords and faced exclusion from student organizations and cultural venues.

Though Pollack reveals a conflicted and sometimes fraught relationship between Jews and the campus community, his book is anything but a list of dark moments. While anti-Semitism was never entirely absent, UW witnessed the establishment of Hillel in 1924 and local chapters of national Jewish sororities and fraternities from the 1920s to 1930. Falling back from these successes in 1967, UW administrators attempted to limit the number of Jewish students by restricting out-of-state admissions. This effort failed, at least in part, due to protests by Jewish students and faculty. When the state legislature made the same discriminatory ideas law in 1970, UW administration actually stood with the campus Jewish community. Pollack goes on to discuss how the same decade saw the first attempt to establish a Jewish Studies department. This drive raised the visibility of Jewish learning on campus, though creation of the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies would not occur until 1991.

Similar to the history he explores, Pollack's completion of this book is the culmination of a long and winding path. As a history PhD student at the UW-Madison, he taught a course entitled "The American Jewish Experience" while Professor David Sorkin was on leave. In preparation for this class, Pollack began research on Jews in the campus community that laid the groundwork for not only this book, but also three previous scholarly articles. Stanley Kutler, a name likely familiar to members of Madison's Jewish community, supported Pollack's teaching of this course and his related study of the local Jewish experience. Later on, former CJS director Michael Bernard-Donals connected Pollack with Board of Visitors members Julie and Peter Weil. The Weils' enthusiasm and generous financial support of the project made this book a reality.

Alumnus and community members interested in the history of Jews at the UW-Madison and the Jewish experience in Wisconsin will find *Wisconsin, The New Home of the Jew* a fascinating and rewarding read. The Center for Jewish Studies congratulates Jonathan on his work and thanks the Weils for their pivotal and unwavering support.

Those interested in the book should contact the Center for details and consider attending Pollack's talk at the upcoming 20th Annual Greenfield Summer Institute, July 14-18, 2019. This year's overall theme is "Business, Labor, and Social Justice: Jewish Perspectives, Jewish Traditions."



Jonathan Z. S. Pollack

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Madison Hadassah

Madison Hadassah is bringing community together and encouraging physical fitness through walking and healthy cooking adventures.

Earth Day - Spring Walking Adventure
Shomrei adamah (Guardians of the earth) refers to a Jewish concept of guardianship of the earth)
Sunday, April 28, 11:00 am
Pheasant Branch Nature Conservancy

Explore how Pheasant Branch Conservancy is recovering after extreme flooding last August.

Pheasant Branch Conservancy is a beautiful spot for watching the first bird migrations and wildflowers blooming in April. This year, it's also a great place to witness shomrei adamah, stewarship of an important nature reserve. After last year's devastating floods, Pheasant Branch Conservancy and Madison Parks have spent months planning and working to restore this important wetland.

Free. Everyone welcome.
Please RSVP so we know to expect you.
Email: MadisonHadassah@gmail.com
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Check Facebook: www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison

Directions:
From Century Ave. entrance to Middleton Hills
Travel 1 block
Turn right onto Pheasant Branch Rd. Travel 1 mile.
Park at the third Pheasant Branch Conservancy parking lot on your right. We'll meet there.



The fall 2018 Hadassah Walking Adventure group visiting Sacred Springs at Pheasant Branch Conservancy.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of

Samuel Lewis Herrmann, son of Miriam (Ostrov) and David Herrmann, grandson of Karen and Michael Ostrov, nephew of Daniel (Stephanie) Ostrov, great-grandson of Dieter and Dolores (z"l) Gruen and Shirley and Joseph (z"l) Ostrovitz

Condolences to the families of

Lauri Salzman, daughter of Rochelle (Steve Morton) Stillman; wife of Robert Salzman, mother of Jeremy and Tara Salzman, and grandmother of Cali Salzman; sibling to Jill Stillman, Heather Stillman, and Gene Stillman; niece to Arnold and Norman Stillman

Robert Rabson, husband of Eileen Klionsky Rabson; father of Michael Rabson (Debbie Moritz), Barbara Rabson (John Silleto), Laurel Rabson (Bill O'Brien), and Lisa Rabson (z"l); and grandfather to Mark and Daniel Moritz-Rabson, Lewis and Elisaeth Silletto, Russell and Hanna O'Brien

Lucille Williams, wife of Allen S. Fox, and Meyer Williams

Robert Jacobs, father of Judy (Mark) Paschen, grandfather of Mitch (Naomi) Paschen, Adam Paschen, and Joel Paschen, and brother-in-law to Barbara and Bill Spitz

Joseph Kunz, husband of Deborah Kunz

Robert Cohen, grandfather of Stephanie (Brian) Kirklin and great-grandfather of Alana Kirklin

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Congregation News

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April Events

01 MOUSY Chametz Drive (BIC)

Monday, April 1 - Thursday, April 18

As you clear your home of hametz, bring your leavened foods to Beth Israel Center. MOUSY will deliver contributions to the Goodman East Side Community Center.

03 UON Immigration Community Immigration Law Center Presentation and Letter Writing (TBE)

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

You're invited to join us to hear from Community Immigration Law Center on their services, their experiences assisting detainees at the border, to sign up for volunteer opportunities, and to participate in a letter writing campaign as part of our UON advocacy work. Light refreshments will be served. Please feel free to bring a few additional blank greeting cards.

05 Shabbalala (TBE)

Friday, April 5, 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm

5:45 pm gathering, 6:00 pm service
An all-generation, upbeat, musical Shabbat experience.

05 MJND Potluck Shabbat Dinner (TBE)

Friday, April 5, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Address provided upon RSVP.
Bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to pass. Can't bring a dish? Bring a drink! Can't bring a drink? Bring a friend!

05 Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Potluck (CSS)

Friday, April 5, 6:00 pm

Address provided upon RSVP.
In a member's home. Call the office for location.

07 Professor Steven Davis: Presentation on his new book *In Defense of Public Lands: The Case Against Privatization and Transfer* (CSS)

Sunday, April 7, 9:50 am - 11:30 am
RISE, 2120 Fordem Avenue

CSS member and Edgewood College professor Steven Davis's book advocates the position that public lands should remain in the public's hands. He will discuss the data and theoretical arguments from biological, economic, and political perspectives in order to build a case for why our public lands are an invaluable and irreplaceable asset for the American people.

07 Tot Passover Seder (CSS)

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
RISE, 2120 Fordem Avenue

Rabbi Laurie will lead a Passover seder for children ages 0-5 years old. Join us for stories, songs, play time, and an introduction to Passover foods and customs. All are welcome! Please RSVP and sign up to bring something: email or call the office.

07 28 Living Torah (BIC)

Sundays, April 7 and 28, 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Learn with Rabbi Forester about making modern, meaningful sense out of Judaism through exploration of current topics affecting how we live.

07 PJ Library/Yom Rishon (BIC)

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 am - 11:15 am

Preschoolers and their grownups learn through play, crafts, stories, and songs with Education Director Beth Copelovitch.

10 Kesher Film: *Land of Promise* (TBE)

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

This is one of Palestine's earliest sound films and part of a larger campaign to encourage settlement and investment in "the Jewish homeland." *Land of Promise* emphasizes secular accomplishments and portrays Zionist settlers with considerable cinematographic and editorial skill. Punctuated by evocative close-ups, this part-documentary, part-travelogue, part-message film shows Palestine as a land of opportunity, the place for fulfilling an ancient dream. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Movies begin at 7:15 pm. Snacks and schmoozing are free. Discussion to follow presentation.

12 Singles Creating Community Coffee (TBE)

Friday, April 12, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
C's Restaurant & Bakery, 2500 Allen Blvd, Middleton

12 Pre-Pesach Potluck Dinner (BIC)

Friday, April 12, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Welcome Shabbat with friends, song, and delicious food at Beth Israel Center. Please review our kashrut policy for home-cooked food when deciding what you'll contribute to the kosher-dairy potluck. Schmooze at 5:00 pm, services at 5:45 pm, dinner follows.

12 Cheryl Temkin Talk (BIC)

Friday, April 12, 8:00 pm

After dinner, Madison native Cheryl Temkin presents: "Protesting in Israel - a look at the current Women of the Wall movement and the 1970s Black Panther movement."

12 Social Action Shabbat (TBE)

Friday, April 12, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Service, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Dinner with Sagashus Levingston
The author of the book *Infamous Mothers* will share stories of marginalized mothers that will inspire us and inform us of the humanity and value of women who have overcome incredible challenges.

13 Faith, Doubt, and Certainty (BIC)

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 am - 11:15 am

Rabbi Judy Greensburg leads discussions about the point of praying based on midrashic narratives. This class ends before Rabbi Forester's d'var Torah begins in the Main Sanctuary. It meets about every other Shabbat.

13 Hakarat Hatov Honoring Sylvia Grunes (BIC)

Saturday, April 13

During Shabbat morning services and after lunch, we will honor Sylvia Grunes and her many contributions to our community. All are welcome.

14 Holiday Food Fest – Passover (TBE)

Sunday, April 14, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Bring your Passover food questions, your stories, and your appetites. Featuring a hands-on cooking lesson from Brad Kahn.

14 Intergenerational Passover Seder (CSS)

Sunday, April 14, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Old Sugar Distillery, 931 East Main Street

Join our Bet Sefer students for an intergenerational seder with special foods, stories, singing, and discussion. All are welcome! Please RSVP and sign up to bring something by calling or emailing the office.

14 MOUSY Makes a Meal (BIC)

Sunday, April 14, 1:30 pm

8th through 12th graders make bunches of lunches for the men's shelter at Grace Episcopal Church.

15 Seder for an Interfaith Audience

Monday, April 15, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

A Passover Seder for an Interfaith Audience; sign up through Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice's Interfaith Working Group.

19 Siyyum and Chametz Burn (BIC)

Friday, April 19, 6:45 am - 9:30 am

Rabbi Forester will complete study of a unit of Talmud and celebrate with all those attending morning minyan. This celebration – the *siyyum* – nullifies the obligation of the first-borns to fast the day before Pesach and will include bagels and more. After the *siyyum*, all are welcome to burn their chametz at BIC starting at 8:30 am.

20 21 26 27 Pesach Services (BIC)

Saturday, Sunday, Friday, and Saturday, April 20, 21, 26, 27

Services begin at 10:00 am on April 20 and 21 and 9:15 am on April 26 and 27. New this year: We are kashering our kitchen for Pesach and will be serving kiddush lunches after all four Pesach morning services.

24 Pesach Dinner Out at Adamah (BIC)

Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Adamah Neighborhood Cafe at UW Hillel will be open during Passover, and we're meeting up there for dinner.

24 Mind ❤ Books (BIC)

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 pm at UW Hillel

Read Close Encounters with Human Kind by Sang-Lee and discuss it over four sessions, the first at Hillel on Pesach Dinner Out night. (see above.)



Nearly 40 hamantaschen-makers spent a recent Sunday kneading, rolling, filling, folding, baking, and boxing up 200 dozen at BIC Hamantaschen Bake Revisited. Kol HaKavod! (BIC)



Rabbi Forester, Sara Karon, and Marsha Cohen lay tefillin at morning minyan. (BIC)



MOUSY and MaTTY join forces for laser tag. (BIC)



"The Promised Band" were the featured musicians at Shabbalala on March 1. (TBE)



The Schechter-Garcete family was honored as the mishpacha of the month at the March 14 Shabbalala service. (TBE)



TBE celebrated Sue Knudson's 25th anniversary with the Temple on February 14. A brunch in her honor was held on March 19. (TBE)



The 20s themed Pasta Extravaganza & Dessert Auction held on March 3 was a ROARING success! (TBE)



Our 2-3 year-olds make puppets. (CSS)



MJND learns to bake challah on February 17th. (TBE)



Jewish puppeteer, Marilyn Price, makes families laugh with her stories. (CSS)

Legend

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Unless otherwise noted, events take place in the congregations' buildings. Call or email for more information for any specific event.

Regular Service Schedules

Beth Israel Center (BIC)

On Fridays we begin gathering at 5:00 pm to schmooze and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45 pm. Our Shabbat morning worship begins at 9:15 am with Birchot HaShachar and continues through a spirited P'sukei d'zimra, Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We enjoy a communal kiddush lunch every week. Our regular weekday minyan schedule is Sunday mornings at 8:15 am, Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 am, Monday through Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm. Please contact the office to ensure a minyan and check our website for additions to the regular schedule, as well as notices of when a minyan is especially needed so someone in mourning or observing a yahrzeit can say kaddish. Visitors of all ages are always welcome to all services.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim (CSS)

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim celebrates Shabbat each week with Torah study every Saturday at 9:30 am. Twice a month we have services on Saturdays. This month we have services on April 13 and April 27 with Torah study at 9:30 am and service at 10:30 am. Kiddush follows at 12:30 pm.

Temple Beth El (TBE)

At Temple Beth El, we celebrate Shabbat as a community on Friday evenings. Services are at 7:30 pm followed by an Oneg Shabbat, except the first Friday of the month when we gather at 5:45 for a 6:00 pm service. Every Saturday morning, we have Shabbat Torah Study 9:00 am-10:00 am in our Adult Lounge. When we are celebrating a bar or bat mitzvah, there is also a 10:30 am Shabbat morning service.

For more information about congregational Shabbat services, please visit their websites or call their offices.

Camp Corner



Camp Shalom Scholarships Need Your Help!

By Ellen Wiesmer
Director of Camp Shalom

Camp Shalom registration opened during the first week of March. Most sessions reach capacity by the end of the third day of registration. With more than 1010 camper spaces filled, we know that we have hard work ahead. More than 130 campers have indicated that they will be applying for scholarships this year. The Camp Scholarship Fund was established to ensure that no camper will miss out on the Camp Shalom experience due to financial need. We depend on the community to help us reach our goal to raise $110,000 for the scholarship fund. Your donation will help to cover the tuition for campers in financial need, campers who have difficult life circumstances and are unable to pay for their summer experience, families who have great medical expenses that leave them unable to cover extra-curricular activities and day care needs for their campers. Most of all, your donation helps us to continue to support a diverse and inclusive camp community where every camper and staff member has the opportunity to discover their best self! It is easy to make a donation; just visit www.JewishMadison.org/camp-shalom or call the Jewish Federation of Madison offices by calling (608) 278-1808. If you have a business and would like to be a corporate sponsor, please see the information in this issue of the Madison Jewish News or visit the website. Thank you!

Sunshine and Smiles at Spring Camp Shalom

By Ellen Wiesmer
Director of Camp Shalom

Spring Break could not come fast enough for those of us in the Madison area looking for a way to escape the long Wisconsin winter. For those of us who were not fortunate enough to leave town, a staycation was a great way to beat the winter blues.

Thirty campers and ten travel guides hopped aboard a flight from the Goodman Campus for a three day adventure to Israel, Hawaii and the Wild, Wild West. Each day of the staycation started with a fun airplane ride where the campers learned about their destination and enjoyed some in-flight entertainment.

Upon arriving at their destination, they were immersed in the culture and enjoyed culinary experiences, hands-on local arts and crafts projects and adventures.

Thanks to a generous donation from Fun Play Inflatables, the campers were able to have the benefit of TWO DAYS of fun with inflatables and carnival games. So, when we couldn't get outside, we could still keep moving.

School Break Camps are a fun way for campers to experience Camp Shalom outside of the summer months. For more information about our School Break Camps please visit www.JewishMadison.org.


Mari and Norah had fun playing giant checkers

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Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

As a Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsor, you will receive the following benefits and recognition:

Director's Circle: $10,000 + (14+ Campers' Tuition)

• Logo on the Camp Shalom webpage of the *JewishMadison.org* website
• Half Page advertisement in the Madison Jewish News (MJN) during the 2019 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
• Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
• Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families, with a circulation of 950 households
• Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/19)
• A complimentary family pass for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool for the 2019 summer season
• Formal Recognition at all three Camp Shalom Late-Night sessions attended by 254 campers and their families
• Use of the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus and/or Goodman House (*not including the Goodman Aquatic Center*) for corporate gathering (one-time use during 2019)
• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Shalom Circle: $5000-$9999 (7-14 Campers' Tuition)

• Logo on the Camp Shalom webpage of the *JewishMadison.org* website
• Quarter Page advertisement in the Madison Jewish News (MJN) during the 2019 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
• Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
•Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families, with a circulation of 950 households
•Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/19)
• 20 individual guest passes or a complimentary adult or youth pass for the 5,500 square-foot *Goodman Aquatic Center* pool for the 2019 summer season
• Formal Recognition at all three Camp Shalom Late-Night sessions attended by 254 campers and their families
• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Friendship Circle: $2600-$4999 (4-7 Campers' Tuition)

• Logo on the Camp Shalom webpage of the *JewishMadison.org* website
• 1/8 Page advertisement in the Madison Jewish News (MJN) during the 2019 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
• Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
• Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families, with a circulation of 950 households
• Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/19)
• 10 individual guest passes to Goodman Campus Pool for the summer of 2019
• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Camper's Circle: $850-$2599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)

• Recognition on the *JewishMadison.org* website on the Camp Shalom webpage
• Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
• Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families, with a circulation of 950 households
• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship



Campers enjoyed the spring weather at the Goodman Campus



Jachai, Zella, and Emmy tested their skills with Dinosaur Operation



Nora and Josie enjoying a beautiful day.



Clark and Sophia made camp crafts together



JLI: Timely and Timeless Jewish Learning

By David Schiff

Little did I know seven years ago when I sat down at my first Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) class, The Kabbalah of You, that I would return for nearly all of the 20 courses offered since then.

Taught by Rabbi Avremel Matusof using thoughtful and thought-provoking materials created as part of JLI's national program, each six-week course explores a Jewish theme in detail. We have learned about tales from the Talmud, Jewish beliefs about death and bereavement, how Jewish thought has been transmitted from Sinai to cyberspace, and much more.

Class usually begins with a short video framing that week's topic, then students work through a course book, reading short, pertinent sources aloud in turn. The class is entirely in English and the points made are easy to grasp even though they may challenge your worldview.

There is always time for questions and plenty of friendly discussion—all spiced with illustrative stories and jokes. While the materials provide a traditional perspective, student views are encouraged and welcomed. The 90-minute class even begins and ends on time.

Each course costs $80 (discounts available) and includes a course book with additional readings, plus special links, and classes feature yummy desserts baked by Mushkie Matusof. The first class is free to see if you're interested. So far, over 500 students have been.

As I write this article, we are studying a Jewish take on crime and punishment—from the first days of Torah to now. The class even qualifies for professional continuing education credit, as have a number of others.

The 21st course, entitled 'With All My Heart', looks at the purpose, practice and challenges of prayer. It begins Monday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. sharp at a convenient location with plenty of free parking. (For more information, visit chabadmadison.com/jli).



The author and others attending the first course title "Kabbalah of You" in Oct. 2012



Local attornies at a CLE approved JLI Course.

Support Camp Shalom's 66th Summer Become a Corporate Sponsor!

Help us celebrate Camp Shalom's 66th summer and continue our success as Madison's most loved camp by supporting the Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship Program. As a Corporate Sponsor, your business can change a child's life, and in return, Camp Shalom will help advertise and promote your business!

In 2018 we were able to award $113,817 to 90 campers for full and partial scholarships. Each summer, the need for scholarships increases and this summer our goal is to raise $110,000 for the Camp Shalom Scholarship fund. Your contribution will enable us to ensure that no camper misses out on the Camp Shalom experience because of financial need. Your contribution supports campers from all socio-economic backgrounds, races, religions, and abilities.

Please help us spread the word. If you know of businesses that are looking to get involved with a wonderful cause, tell them about the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Program. Thank you for helping us to make 2019, our 66th summer, unforgettable!

Director's Circle $10,000+ (~14 Campers' Tuition)
Shalom Circle $5,000-$9,999 (~7-14 Campers' Tuition)
Friendship Circle $2,600-$4,999 (~4-7 Campers' Tuition)
Camper's Circle: $850-$2,599 (~1-3 Campers' Tuition)

Each level of Camp Shalom's Corporate Sponsorship Program includes many benefits and recognition opportunities. For additional information please contact Ellen Weismer, shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org.

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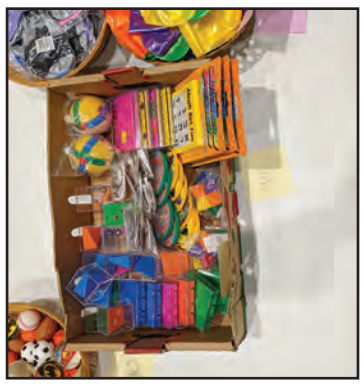















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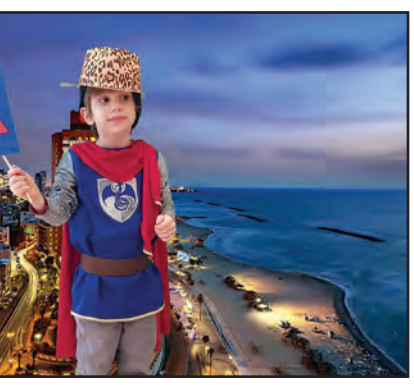











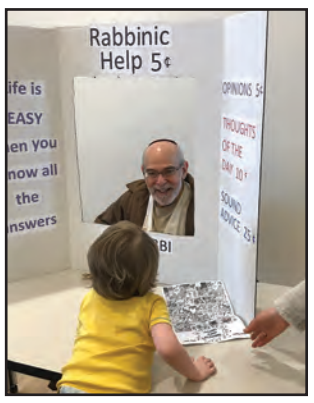





















Jewish Education

Commemorate Family Milestones: Dedicate a Paver of Gan's Sensory Playground

By Ann Imig
Gan HaYeled Committee Co-Chair

Thanks to the support of our community and the Goodman Foundation, Gan HaYeled has a beautiful new sensory playground that will feature a mud kitchen, a musical instrument wall, and a wooden platform (for play, presentations, and building a Sukkah).

Last spring friends, family, and alumni dedicated pavers to help fund this sensory play space – one suitable for all ages and abilities, including our 18-month-olds. This spring the JFM offers the community another opportunity to add their loved ones' names to a paver in celebration of a birth, b'nei mitzvah, confirmation, graduation, Midrasha completion, fall consecration, special birthday – any celebration or tribute.

As we complete the playground this summer, we plan to invite the community to come and see these names proudly displayed where our youngest grow and thrive, infused in Jewish community, education, and tradition from generation to generation.

Children, grandchildren, and grownups alike will love seeing their names listed among Gan HaYeled students, teachers and friends. Order your paver today.



Our Sensory Path and Pavers

$225 for a 4" x 8" Brick
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https://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-69/2/Paver-Order-Form.pdf

Come Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israel's 71st Independence Day

May 9th
Happy Hour Celebration for Adults

May 19th
Fun at Gan HaYeled

See back page and jewishmadison.org for more information

The Story of Purim

By Zusya, Age 4
Submitted by Marla Becker, Director of Gan HaYeled

Zusya's disclaimer: *When people hear this story, they will be quite surprised because a four-year-old made the newspaper!*

A long time ago in the land of Shushan, King Achashverosh was throwing a big, big party because lots of people were eating and dancing. They ate cake and pie and more things. They ate A LOT of things. They didn't even go to bed. *That's not healthy because you might get sick if you eat that much food and not go to bed. I feel good about this part of the Purim story because what if we were alive in those times and we could go to that same party!*

One day, King Achashverosh told his wife Vashti, "Dance!" and she said, "No!" King Achashverosh said, "Dance, dance!" and she said, "No." Then the king said, "Go away," and she went away. *I think that would be mean because usually a king wouldn't say that to a queen, even if she said no.*

Well, there was a real Haman. He said, "I don't want challah, I don't want candles, I don't want lighting candles, I don't want wine. I don't want Shabbat and I don't want any Jewish holidays!" *He was mean because he doesn't want Jewish stuff and that is mean.* "You have to bow down to me," he said.

If they don't, they may be in danger from the wicked Haman. That was mean too because Haman shouldn't do that stuff. It is mean to the people who don't want to bow down to him. And Haman is mean.

Mordechai didn't want to bow down to Haman when he said, "Bow down." Haman said, "Bow down," again and Mordechai said, "No!" Haman got very angry and he wanted the Jewish people to go away. *That makes me feel bad because I am Jewish. I like being Jewish when I go to the synagogue because there was a little playroom in the synagogue.*

In the meantime, King Achashverosh said, "I need a new wife." And the ladies came to see if they could be queen. So, he said to Esther, "Do you want to be the new queen?" *The Purim story is really getting nice because we aren't hearing Haman's name. Esther said she wanted to be queen, but she didn't tell anyone she was Jewish. She thought Haman would say you have to go away too!*

The next day, Mordechai told his niece to tell Achashverosh that she was Jewish. Mordechai's niece was Esther. Esther didn't want to tell Achashverosh she was Jewish because she thought Haman would get really angry. She got really, really brave and she said, "I AM JEWISH! Save the Jewish people from Haman!" *I feel good because Esther was brave and saved the Jewish people from wicked, wicked, wicked, wicked Haman. I was brave like Esther when something big and heavy fell on me. It wasn't very big, but it was heavy.*

Haman went away and the Jewish people stayed!!!!!!! *We tell this story because we learn how people were brave. We need to be brave because we need to go through scary places sometimes and that's why we need to listen to the Purim story.*



Look how long our Megillah is and we still have more to illustrate!


Hamantashen toss anyone?



Happy Purim!


We love acting out the story of Purim through art and theatre!


Our gorgeous painted crowns are fabulous!


Decorating our castle in Shushan is so fun!


Even the youngest ones love celebrating the holiday!

What Does Anti-Semitism Look Like in Your Life?

By Kim Rosenthal
Director of Midrasha

On March 6, Jonathan Mintzer from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in Chicago conducted a training for all Midrasha students on combating anti-Semitism. The title of this article was one of the first questions posed to the students and many had similar responses including jokes, stereotypes, symbols, and misinformation. For many Midrasha students, anti-Semitism, in its various forms, is something they face weekly, which is why someone was brought in to give students the tools they need to respond.

The mission of this specific ADL training for students was to create "an interactive education program for middle, high school, and college students designed to empower and equip them with constructive and effective responses to combat anti-Semitism including stereotypes and prejudice, vandalism, harassment, and hate speech (adl.org)."

At the end of the training students felt they had new ideas for how to respond to anti-Semitic comments and actions, especially regarding the historical context of stereotypes. A wall of sticky notes with their takeaways from the training read:

"If I see something anti-Semitic, I will take a picture/screenshot of it and also report it to the ADL."

"I learned the importance of documenting all instances of anti-Semitism/hate crimes."

"I learned good comebacks to anti-Semitic trope."

"I will back up what I say with facts."

"I am going to stand up for everyone if I feel they need me to."

"I learned to stand up for Judaism and what I think is right."

"I will stand up to anti-Semitism instead of brushing it off."

And "I am not alone."

As the director of Midrasha I wish I could erase the hate our students face, but I believe students walked away with more knowledge and strategies to stand up for themselves, their peers, and to make changes in their schools. These students are courageous and strong for facing anti-Semitism head on while standing proud as Jews and continuing to learn about their culture and religion at Midrasha.




Students attended an ADL training on March 6, on ways to combat anti-Semitism in their schools.

Madison to Mark Education Day, Recognizing the Crucial Role of Education and Bringing the Rebbe's Call for Increased Focus on Education

By Rabbi Avremel Matusof
Director of YJP Madison

Madison, WI, is gearing up to join citizens worldwide in recognizing the crucial importance of ethical and moral education on April 16 of this year as Mayor Soglin proclaimed Education Day in the city of Madison as a day of increased focus on education in a time of increasing concern over moral standards.

Education and Sharing Day will bring to the forefront the importance of morality in education, a cause championed by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of righteous memory. For the past 40 years, presidents, houses of congress, and local governments have recognized the date corresponding to the Rebbe's birthday on the Jewish calendar as Education and Sharing Day, honoring an individual who brought education to the forefront of public discourse.

The Rebbe emphasized the importance of paying more attention to the building of character and emphasizing moral and ethical values, accentuating the values of personal rights and responsibilities and principled, just behavior. "Education must be more than factual enlightenment—it must enrich the character as well as the mind," said President Ronald Reagan in his 1982 proclamation for the day, echoing the Rebbe's sentiments.

In commemoration of the anniversary, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin has proclaimed April 16, 2019, as "Education Day" in the city of Madison and called on Madisonians to "reach out to young people and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all."

In keeping with the Rebbe's lifetime goals and teachings, local, state, and federal governments are issuing proclamations recognizing the need to teach moral and ethical values to our youth.

About the Rebbe

The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson of righteous memory, the seventh leader in the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, is considered to have been the most phenomenal Jewish personality of our time. To hundreds of thousands of followers and millions of sympathizers and admirers around the world, he was and still is "the Rebbe." For more information on the life and teachings of the Rebbe, visit; www.TheRebbe.org

About Education Day:

Education Day, or Education and Sharing Day, is a day of national commemoration designated by every president since Jimmy Carter in 1978. The date of its observance changes annually to correspond with the birthday of the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, who brought a new emphasis on education to the forefront of public discourse. The day is a time to recognize and reaffirm the importance of education in society.



Invitation to Madison's First Freedom Seder

Sponsored by the African American/ Jewish Friendship Group

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 5:00 pm
The YWCA Empowerment Center
2040 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53713

This Seder features a Haggadah, (a written guide for the Passover Seder) which focuses on Jewish and African American history, traditions and foods; it provides a framework that connects our communities and celebrates the struggles for all still living under oppression and mobilizes us around a range of social justice issues.

This year will mark the fifty-year anniversary of the original Washington, DC Freedom Seder. The original Freedom Seder was a Passover gathering of the Jewish and African American communities in the basement of a church in the DC area, one year following the assassination of Dr. King. It was convened by Rabbi Arthur Waskow. Milwaukee also holds Freedom Seders for their community.

Plenty of parking available and facility has a lift.
This space has been generously donated by the YWCA for this special community event.

Please RSVP by March 31 to Merle And Jerry Sternberg at (608) 298-7537 or by email at Merliejs80@gmail.com or Geraldsternberg2@gmail.com.









Jewish Social Services

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Bringing the Message of Passover to Congress: JSS Joins HIAS in Washington D.C.

By Rabbi Renee Bauer, Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach and Becca Schwartz, Resettlement Coordinator

At the end of this month we celebrate Passover, the holiday in which we retell the foundational Jewish narrative of displacement and resettlement. At the seder table we recount being enslaved in Egypt, escaping persecution, wandering for years and finally making a home in the Land of Israel. We do not just tell this story but are obligated to experience it as our own. As Jews who live freely in the United States, this can be challenging. But we can make this ancient story present and real in our lives by learning the stories of those who are escaping persecution and seeking freedom in our own time and our own place.

As part of the staff at Jewish Social Services that resettles refugees we are connected to the modern-day stories of displacement and resettlement each and every day. As we welcome newly arriving families to Madison, we marvel at their courage and resiliency and shudder at the horrors that forced them to flee their home countries. For many refugees, just like the ancient Israelites, they have a long and difficult journey between their escape and their arrival here in the United States. Their stories make the anti-refugee policies of the current administration infuriating and painful. They call us to act, to assure that our country remains a place of welcome for persecuted people from around the world.

In early February we answered this call and took three refugees, who recently resettled in Madison with us to Washington D. C. to join leaders from HIAS, the national Jewish refugee resettlement organization, and our counterparts from half-dozen Jewish communities across the country for two days of advocacy. Not only was this their first trip to our nation's capital, but it was their first time flying since they had arrived in the United States.

On the first day we—staff, activists and newly resettled members of our communities—learned about advocacy strategies and prepared to meet with members of Congress. On our second day, we split up and met with our senators and representatives. Our clients told their stories directly to Representatives Mark Pocan and Gwen Moore and to Senators Johnson's and Baldwin's staff.

As Senator Ron Johnson is chair of the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, it was helpful for his staff to hear from our clients, some of whom were forced to flee their homes more than a dozen years ago. The refugees from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Afghanistan shared their stories and advocated on behalf of the people they left behind in refugee camps, in countries torn apart by war and in the cities they passed through on their journeys to this country. Expressing their gratitude for having a chance to make a life in this country and their plea to open the door wider to others, they illuminated what justice today needs to look like. They brought the call of the exodus story, to act with the remembrance that we were once slaves in Egypt, to life.

If you would like to join JSS's advocacy work for refugees please contact us at (608) 442 4081 or rabbi@jssmadison.orgrabbi@jssmadison.org.



Recently the Jewish community got to celebrate a very special birthday with our own Sharon Kessel. Sharon has been a pillar of Madison for many years and we are so happy for her. We always love to see her smile!



Happy April Birthdays

Dorit Bergen • Sheyla Bodnikevich
Gary Geller • Genya Kleyman • Fay Nager
Muriel Rotter • Susan Rotter

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors

Our monthly Shabbat gatherings include candle lighting, challah, singing, and discussion.

Capitol Lakes, in the Grand Hall, 3:00 pm
333 West Main St.
A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the Hillel Foundation.
Next date: May 3

Passover Seder: Wednesday, April 24, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm.
For more information and to register by April 17, email or call paul@jssmadison.org, (608) 442-4083

Oakwood West, in the Oak's Community Room, 3:30 pm
6225 Mineral Point Rd.
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer with the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg.
Next date: May 17

Passover Seder: Thursday, April 25, 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm in NakomaWestmoreland room. For more information and to register by April 18, at paul@jssmadison.org, (608) 442-4083

Attic Angel Place, in the Garden Room, 2:30 pm
8301 Old Sauk Rd.
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer, Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach with music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel Volunteers
Next date: May 24

ATTENTION REHAB PATIENTS: *If you are going to be in one of these locations during your rehabilitation, you are welcome to attend.*

Lechayim Lights

A Senior Adult Program of Jewish Social Services
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About our Programs

Monday, April 1

The Raging Grannies are back to share their music, song and original lyrics. Armed with feather dusters, flowered hats, knitted shawls and gaudy beaded necklaces, they may not look like your typical radical rabble rousers. Far from choosing to spend their time knitting by the fireplace, these quick-witted women are crackling with spunk, sass and liberal ideals that they are spending their golden years singing out to the streets of Madison. The Raging Grannies of Madison began as a project of the Madison chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), first singing to the crowds of Madison, WI anti-war protesters in the fall of 2003.



The Raging Grannies

Monday, April 8

Professor Beth Olson's talk is entitled: "Getting Older - should we care more about our nutrition?" As we age, we may think some changes in our health our inevitable. However, good nutrition and remaining active can help us keep strong enough to keep doing all the things we enjoy. This talk will cover the evolving research on nutrition as we age. Dr. Olson has worked in community-based nutrition research and programs for 25 years, starting with positions at The Kellogg Company in research and development, and marketing. She now works at UW Madison doing research and outreach to help individuals and families make the healthiest choices possible in nutrition and health.


Professor Beth Olson

Monday, April 15

Madison Scottish Country Dancers is a social group, which for more than 40 years has enjoyed learning and dancing the traditional reels, jigs, and strathspeys of Scotland. They dance every Sunday night, and all are welcome to join and learn. They hold an annual spring ball and sponsor dance parties and workshops throughout the year. Members of the group perform at local folk festivals, street fairs, weddings, and other events. Current members' ages range from 8 to 80.


Madison Scottish Country Dancers

Monday, April 29

Violists Marie Pauls and Ina Georgieva are happy to return to Lechayim for a collaborative program of duets for two violas. Poetry reading by fellow violist Katrin Talbot will complement musical works by G.P. Telemann, Bela Bartok, and Frank Bridge. Pauls, Georgieva and Talbot all perform frequently in the Madison Symphony Orchestra, and maintain private studios. They have been featured artists at the LunART Festival, a vibrant celebration of women in the arts.


Tale of Two Violas

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Making Lechayim reservations

- When you check-in at Lechayim, you can sign up for the following week
- Call Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email **office@jssmadison.org before 2:00 pm on the preceding Wednesday.**
- If you want to check on any cancellations, or want any further info on meals or programs, contact **Paul (608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org**
- We are not able to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins, but all who are able and welcome to attend the program following the meal
- Our policy is to cancel Lechayim when the Madison Public Schools close.

Russian Instructions for Making Lechayim Reservations

· Проверьте расписание программы Лехаим по адресу Segoe Terrace. Для резервирования цвяжитесь с еврейской социальной службой по телефону (608) 442-4081 или по электронной почте paul@jssmadison.org не позднее 14:00 в предыдущую среду.
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Meeting at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, located on the corner of Mound Street and Randall Avenue.

Contact Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email office@jssmadison.org ***no later than 2:00 pm the preceding Wednesday.*** **A vegetarian option is available with a reservation.** If you are 60 years or older, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what is comfortable for you. The cost of the meal is $9.73 for those younger than 60 years old.

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April Lechayim Calendar

Monday, April 1

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Complimentary blood pressure check with nurse, Lori Edelstein
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Chicken teriyaki, rice, Asian slaw, egg rolls, garlic sesame green beans, cookie (vegetarian options: cauliflower teriyaki)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Raging Grannies: Songs of life, politics, and protest

Monday, April 8

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Moroccan beef stew, fruit, herbed rice, market vegetables, brownie (vegetarian option: vegetarian Moroccan stew)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Prof. Beth Olson: "Getting Older - Should we care more about our Nutrition?"

Monday, April 15

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Honey orange chicken, basmati rice, corn pudding, fruit, brownie (vegetarian option: honey orange tofu)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Madison Scottish Country Dancers

Monday, April 29

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Chicken and dill stew, basmati rice, vegetable medley, mixed greens salad, fruit (vegetarian option: tofu and dill stew)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Music and Poetry: "A Tale of Two Violas"

Next month dates: May 6, 13

If you would like further information about the meal, programs, transportation, or to check on any cancellations, contact **Paul Borowsky at (608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org.**

Fun at Lechayim



David with mother, Sandra



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Judy

Announcing the Dates for the Levy Summer Series

In partnership and with a generous donation from Jeffrey C. Levy, Jewish Social Services established the Levy Summer Series in 2013. This six-part speaker series is an opportunity for lifelong learners to interact and learn from local scholars, artists, and community leaders.

This series is held at Nakoma Gold Club at 4145 Country Club Road in Madison. Details on speakers, topics, and luncheon with registration will be available in May.

The dates for this year's series are as follows:

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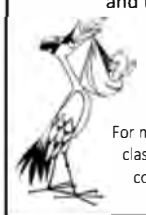

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Israel and the World

Israeli Elections

By Shlomit Ezer
Jewish Federation of Madison Community Shaliach
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The Knesset

As you have probably heard, elections in Israel are approaching, and April 9 is the day when Israelis will have the opportunity to shape and influence the next *Knesset* (the Israeli parliament). Since the political system in Israel is very different from the American system, we decided to give you a brief explanation of what the political system in Israel looks like, and to present the parties that are currently running.

Israel is a parliamentary democracy, and its foundation is from the British democracy. That means Israel has one parliament (the Knesset), and a government which is formed from the majority of the seats in the Knesset.

How does that actually work? Elections in Israel are usually held every four years, and every citizen over the age of eighteen can vote. Unlike the elections in the US, people in Israel vote for a party and not for a person. That usually means that the head of the party who gets the most votes becomes the prime minister.

There are 120 seats in the Knesset and the number of seats a party receives is proportional to the number of votes it receives.

Since people vote for a party and not for a person, and since there are many parties who run for the Knesset, a party needs to reach the threshold of 3.25% of the total votes (which is approximately four seats) in order to be in the Knesset. Parties that win less than 3.25% of the votes do not earn seats in the Knesset and will not be a part of the parliament.

After the elections, heads of the parties that won seats in the new Knesset meet with the president and recommend which party should form the new government. The head of the party that receives the most suggestions (usually also the biggest party) will become the prime minister and form the coalition and government. Forming a coalition means finding parties that agree to work together based on shared interests and a signed contract to form the government. That means that it is not enough for a party to win the majority of the votes, but the head of the party who wins the most votes also needs to be able to form a coalition. For instance, if party X wins 35 mandates (seats in the Knesset) and its head is not able to find parties with shared interests who agree to work with them, the head of the next biggest party will then have a opportunity to form a coalition instead.

It is important to note that the Knesset consists of both a coalition and an opposition. To recap, the coalition is the parties that agreed to work together, based on a signed agreement and common interests to form the government. The group known as the "opposition" consists of the rest parties that are not part of the government in the Knesset. They examine and criticize what the government does, and they examine and criticize what the government does.

The bigger the coalition, the easier it is for the government to pass bills. The current Knesset has 61 MKs (Members of the Knesset) in the coalition, and 59 MKs in the opposition. That situation makes it hard for the current government to pass and carry out laws and is one reason that the current government has decided to have the elections earlier than originally planned.

The current elections in Israel are one of the most interesting elections to ever happen in Israel. There have been many changes in existing parties, and the polls show a very close race between the Likud party and the Kachol Lavan party. Here is a list of the parties that are running in the upcoming elections:



Kachol Lavan's chairs, Lapid (on the left) and Gantz

• **Likud:** Established in 1973 as an alliance that became a unified party in 1988, Likud is a right wing party and has been in power since 2009. Their political agenda includes supporting a free market, dealing with the Iranian threat and nuclear plan, and opposing a unilateral withdrawal from the territories. The chairman is Benjamin Netanyahu.

• **Kachol Lavan:** Kachol Lavan is an alliance between joint parties: Yesh Atid and Hosen L'Israel. Yesh Atid, with chairman Yair Lapid, is a center party that was established in 2013. Hosen L'Israel, with chairman and former IDF chief of staff Benny Gantz, is also a center party and was established in 2019. Lapid and Gantz have signed a rotation agreement which states that would their party win the elections and form a coalition, Gantz would be prime minister for the first half of the government's term, followed by Lapid for the second half.

• **Ha'Avoda:** Established in 1968, Ha'Avoda (Labor party) is a left-wing party, led by chairman Avi Gabbay. In January 1, 2019, Gabbay decided to end their partnership with Ha T'nua (led by Tzipi Livni), which was the end of the Zionist Union. Recent polls indicate a major decrease in the party's popularity. They support the two-state solution and separation from the Palestinians.

• **Ha'Yamin Ha'Chadash:** Established in 2019, Ha'Yamin Ha'Chadash is a right-wing party, led by Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked, who left the Bait Ha'yehudi party. The party aims to attract both secular and religious voters and is trying to present itself as more liberal. Among its core values are Zionism, "land of Israel to the people of Israel", and opposing the two-state solution.

• **Ha'Reshima Ha'Meshutefet:** Established in 2015, Ha'Reshima Ha'Meshutefet was a political alliance of some of the Arab parties (Hadash, the United Arab List, and Balad). The list of constituent parties is ideologically diverse and includes communists, socialists, feminists, Islamists, and Palestinian nationalists, and is usually criticized by the Arab-Israelis for not taking care of their needs and rather concentrating on the conflict. Although it is the third largest party in the current Knesset, they split to two separate alliances for the upcoming elections: Chadash-Ta'al and Balad-Ra'am.

• **Yehadut Ha'Torah:** Established in 1992, Yehadut Ha'Torah is a right-wing coalition of two Ashkenazi ultra-Orthodox parties, Agudat Israel and Degel Ha'Torah. The chairman is Yaakov Litzman.

• **Israel Beitenu:** Established in 1999, Israel Beitenu is a secular and national right-wing party, led by Chairman Avigdor Lieberman.

• **Shas:** Established in 1984, Shas is an ultra-Orthodox, Sephardic and religious party. The chairman is Arye Deri.

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Current Prime Minister and Likud's chair, Benjamin Netanyahu



Ha'Yamin Ha'Chadash chair, Naftali Bennet



Meretz chair, Tamar Zandberg



Ha'Avoda chair, Avi Gabbay

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Israeli Elections

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• **Meretz:** Established in 1992, Meretz is a left wing, secular, and social-democratic party. The party supports the two-state solution and calls for the recognition of a Palestinian state even if it is one-sided. The chairman is Tamar Zandberg.

• **Kulanu:** Established in 2014, Kulanu is a center-right social-economy party, mainly focusing on welfare and economy. The chairman is Moshe Kachlon.

• **Ichud Miflagot Ha'Yamin:** Ichud Miflagot Ha'Yamin is an alliance of radical right-wing religious parties, including the Jewish Home party, Tkuma, and Otzma Yehudit. The alliance was created in 2019, after Benjamin Netanyahu urged the Jewish Home alliance to accept Otzma Yehudit party as part of its list for the next elections, in order to avoid losing votes for the right-wing bloc.

Although we only listed eleven parties, there are actually forty-six parties that are running for the upcoming elections. The parties we mentioned are those that, according to polls, have the best chance of reaching the 3.5% threshold.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us. We promise to keep you updated and write about the elections' results in the next newspaper.



Israeli elections talk at Federation

Host an Israeli This Summer

Will you be in town between June 26 and July 3?
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Thursday, May 9, in the evening

Meet Adam Lee Goldstein: He grew up in Washington D.C. He made Aliyah after high school to join the IDF. After spending time in East Africa and Latin America he pursued medicine and recently finished he General Surgery Residency at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. He is on active reserve duty as a surgeon for the combat hospital of "Unit 7", and currently on a year trauma surgery fellow at Froedtert Trauma Center in Milwaukee. After his time in Milwaukee he will return to Israel to work in a level 1 trauma center. Some of his goals upon his return is to strengthen collaborations and partnerships with his Palestinian counterparts and create a global surgery pathway for the surgical residents of Israel.



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Join us for a community celebration with Gan HaYeled

Sunday, May 19, in the morning

More information to come for both events!