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2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED

at the Jewish Federation of Madison Annual Meeting



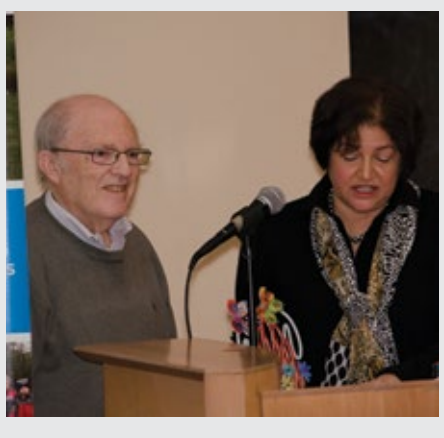
JUDY PIEROTTI
Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award
The award was presented by Jon Eckhardt, the 2017 award recipient.



RABBI AVREMEL & MUSHKIE MATUSOF
Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award
Being presented by Rob Roquitte.



ZACH BLUMENFELD
Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award
Being presented by Jeremy Tunis, prior award recipient.



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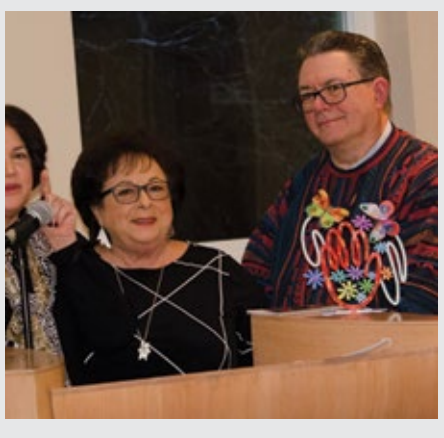
Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award
Being presented by Deborah Minkoff, prior award recipient.



JONATHAN & SUSAN LIPP
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KATHY BLUMENFELD
Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions
Giving the keynote presentation.

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79th Annual Meeting

Awards, presentations, board elections, and looking forward to the year ahead

It may have been a cold and blustery afternoon on November 17, but it was warm and cozy inside the Minkoff Center at the Goodman Jewish Community Campus as attendees mingled over wine and hors d'oeuvres before the start of the Jewish Federation of Madison's 79th Annual Meeting. After a welcome by Board President Deborah Minkoff, Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim gave an inspirational invocation.

We were fortunate to have Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (and a former Jewish Federation of Madison president and 17-year board member!) provide a compelling keynote presentation. Kathy was adorably introduced by her son, Zach Blumenfeld, who who also happened to be our Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award recipient this year.

In addition to the annual meeting business, we honored our award recipients (see page 1), elected the 2019/2020 board of directors, and looked forward to the year ahead. The following 2 pages of this issue contain excerpts from some of the presenters and award recipients at the Annual Meeting.

"Just like you, I learned our Jewish values when I was growing-up – at synagogue and my parents' home. My Jewish values made me who I am today. They're partially why I became a public servant before I even knew I wanted to be a public servant.

Today, I look to my Jewish values to inform my decision-making and serve the people of Wisconsin. Most often, it happens organically, without really having to think about it.

As the complexity of an issue grows, I always circle back to this framework that I learned in Temple and by living in the Jewish Community because when we do what is right and what is just, we know that we are making a positive difference in the lives of the people we serve.

[...]

There is much work to do, and many Wisconsinites are counting on us to work together to get things done.

That's where all of you come in. The work you do through the Jewish Federation of Madison helps fill the gaps that aren't covered by our local and state government.

Camp Shalom is a shining example of the great work you do. It is the oldest and largest summer day camp in Dane County, serving more than 1,000 elementary and middle school-age children with a safe, nurturing, and fun place for them to grow each and every year."

~ Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld
Excerpt from keynote presentation

"I love Madison. I love this community. But specifically, I love our Jewish community.

And I want to share a few memories from that community and give thanks. One of my earliest memories is with Tina and Jerry at Gan. Where I have so many memories, but I remember specifically the joy of joining the Zipper Club when you zip up your jacket for the first time.

[...]

To the Federation family for helping me grow into a leader and giving me opportunities to lead from a young age.

[...]

I look around this room, and there aren't so many people that are in my generation. Younger generations are different. I'm not that religious. But I do want a community. I want friends. I want a family. Judaism is important to me in a traditional sense. Maybe I'm a stereotypical millennial. But then I also fit the millennial stereotype of wanting to start companies, change the world, and to give back to my community that has given so much to me.

The Federation allows me all this. And I'm so grateful for people like Dina Weinbach and Lynn Kaplan and Debbie Minkoff for getting me involved. Diane Seder for pushing me to get even more involved. And the list goes on and on. I'm so grateful for this community."

~ Zach Blumenfeld
Excerpt from Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award acceptance speech

"And that is what we do, we share the meaning and the joy of Judaism, with everyone, through in-reach!

Which brings us to a core belief – valuing every Jew. Every Jew is important to *Klal Yisrael* - to the community. Not only for the purpose of demographics, but because we are all one family, and if one of us is missing, we are incomplete. We are similar to a Torah scroll, which is only Kosher if all of its letters are intact.

A man jogging on the beach shortly after the tide receded sees a child picking up starfish and throwing them back in, one at a time. He stops and says, "My dear child… there are thousands of them washed ashore, and besides, this will happen again in 24 hours…you couldn't possibly make the whole world different?" The little boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and as he threw it back into the safety of the sea, he said, "to that one, I just made a world of a difference!"

Thank you for this honor, and if I can leave you all with one message…help another Jew. Physically, emotionally, monetarily, or simply with a warm hello and a genuine smile. To the world, you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world."

~ Mushkie Matusof
*Excerpt from Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award acceptance speech (**co-recipient with Rabbi Avremel Matusof**)*

Welcome new board members: Jocelyn Friedman, Phil Levy, Sarah Minkoff, and Brandon Siegel

With special thanks to retiring board members: Rozan Anderson, Amy Krauthamer-Maloney, Lee Lazar, and Ben Weismer

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"I continue to be amazed at the possibilities for our Jewish future in Madison and around the world. I believe that right now, we are in a position of great strength at the Jewish Federation in Madison. We have stable leadership with a new permanent Executive Director; A succession of capable, dedicated, and young , future leaders on our board; Support and direction from past leadership; Strong relations with our Jewish community partners - the congregations, institutions, and Jewish public; and growing relationships with the non-Jewish community in Madison.

Instead of reviewing our accomplishments, I prefer to pledge to do more. I view the next year as the time to set the stage for the future. We have plans to develop current and new leadership, outreach with new programming, review policies and collaborations, and find new avenues and direction as the Jewish world evolves in Madison and around the world. I am thrilled to be working with such a talented and diverse community Board of Directors and their willingness to participate on important committees and efforts pursuing the mission of building a vibrant Jewish community in Madison and beyond. Our committees welcome community members – not just board members. As we set a long-range vision and strategic guidance, we hope those of you who are not engaged, or people you know who would like to participate will step forward in this effort."

~ Deborah Minkoff
Excerpt from Report of the President'

"The 2019 award winner is known for her huge heart and devotion to helping those in need. When she and her family moved to Madison in 1979 from Washington, D.C., she was an early advocate for refugees, helping to resettle and integrate Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union to Madison. She and her family became a host family and have maintained a very close relationship with them for the past 39 years. Her dedication continues to this day as a devoted Jewish Social Service volunteer, and with Open Door for Refugees. She adopted a family from Rwanda, helping them get jobs, teaching them to drive, and navigate their new city. They affectionately call her "mom."

[...]

A relative newcomer to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Madison, the Ben Minkoff Award winner, brings years of experience, wisdom, and dedication to improving our world through *Tikkun Olam*. She serves on the Community Relations Committee, where her ideas and wide network are huge assets in its success."

~ Jon Eckhardt
Excerpt from Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award presentation to
Judy Pierotti

"Our first honoree is described by his wife as a *mensch* - and we couldn't agree more.

[...]

More important than listing Gary's considerable accomplishments, it is his outstanding personal attributes that we all admire. Gary's honest, thoughtful, wise, and considerate demeanor made it a pleasure to work with him. His steadfast dedication and consistent efforts served as a great role model for others. Even after Gary retired from the board, he was hard to replace, and he became a quiet, trusted adviser, answering calls even when he was on vacation."

~ Deborah Minkoff
Excerpt from Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award presentation to
Gary Friedman

Not only was the Alex Tempkin Distinguished Service Award recipient kept secret until presentation, as is the tradition, but this year there were multiple recipients!

"Our next award winners are also most deserving of this prestigious award for their continuous and generous involvement in the Annual Tzedakah Campaign. Initially chairing successful Super Sunday campaign events at their business, this couple laid the groundwork for successful fundraising at the Jewish Federation of Madison. As their company grew and expanded, they continued to be steadfast in their commitment to the Madison Federation. Their new facility became the perfect venue for entertaining, and the annual campaign kickoff dinner event was launched.

You guessed correctly – Jonathan and Susan Lipp are our distinguished Alex Temkin award winners. Jonathan and Susan and their leadership of the Tzedakah campaign have allowed us to successfully raise money for all that we do at JFM. The kickoff event at Full Compass has become the hallmark of our fundraising campaign, and an event we all look forward to each year."

~ Deborah Minkoff
Excerpt from Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award presentation to
Jonathan and Susan Lipp

"Let us hear from you about what you want, what this Jewish community needs in order to be even stronger, even better. I challenge anyone here today whom I have not yet personally met and who has an idea or thought for JFM to email me at executivedirector@jewishmadison.org, or call me at (608) 442-4070. It's a long winter, and I'd love to learn from you over a cup of coffee.

Margaret Mead, the renowned anthropologist, once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." I leave you with her thought and my own commitment to work with you to change our own Jewish world."

~ Alan Klugman
Excerpt from Report of the Executive Director



Jewish Federation of Madison Attends FedLab in Washington, D.C.

Jewish Federation of Madison Executive Director Alan Klugman, President Deborah Minkoff, and First Vice President Joe Shumow attended FedLab, coordinated by Jewish Federations of North America, in Washington, D.C. last week. The conference brought together 850 Jewish communal leaders for a deep dive into three complex issues facing the Jewish community: Action for Good in the 21st Century, Jewish Security and Empowerment, and #EngageJewish. The goal was for attendees to lay the groundwork for what can be done locally and spur collective action across Federations for these three issue areas.

We look forward to sharing what we've learned with the community over the next few months and putting that learning into action.

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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of
The daughter of Ari Weisbard and Rebecca Ennen, sister to Misha, granddaughter to Phyllis Hollman Weisbard and Alan Weisbard, niece to Tayla, and cousin to Noam

Elijah, son of Josh and Sarah Rubin

Condolences to the families of
Sylvia Marie (Blue) Robertson, mother of Sara Ben-Ami and Janet (Mark Blavat) Robertson, grandmother to Ora (Peleg) Lotan and David Ben-Ami, great grandmother to Ziv Lotan, sister to Margaret Blue, Helen (William) Holder, and Kathryn Blue; and John Blue and Richard Blue of blessed memory.

Tributes

The Jewish Federation of Madison expresses its appreciation to these individuals who recently made a tribute donation to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion.
In memory of Muriel Lipman, Diane Gutmann and Tom Palay
In memory of Rona Malofsky, Diane Gutmann and Tom Palay
In memory of Mark Rosen, Cassandra Jemilo
In memory of Andrea J. Stein, Steven Morrison and Goldie Kadushin
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Camp Corner

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Supporting Staff with Special Needs

You may be familiar with Camp Shalom's commitment to being a camp that is inclusive for campers with individual, special needs. You may not be aware that Camp Shalom is also passionate about having an inclusive staff. Having a staff that represents our camp community helps campers to feel more connected. We also believe that everyone should have the opportunity to have a great camp work experience. Through the Gesher program at camp last summer, we provided support for 6 staff with special needs.

Camp Shalom Director Ellen Weismer shared some of her experience in November with other camps around the country by giving a webinar at Summer Camp Con on how they can support staff with individual needs too. The workshop helped break down camp jobs to see how and where camps could be more inclusive. We are so proud to be supporting this important work and helping others to do so as well.

PROVIDING CLEAN ENERGY through Solar Power at Camp Shalom

By Tony Hartmann, Legacy Solar Co-op

Here comes the sun (or *she-mesh* in Hebrew)…Since Camp Shalom began producing solar electricity in January 2019 from its 30 newest photo-voltaic panels on the roof of the *Omanut* (Arts & Crafts) building, we have not had to purchase 7,990 kilowatt hours of utility-supplied electricity! That means we have prevented 13,184 pounds of CO2 emissions from electricity derived from coal or frack-gas methane, equivalent to planting 3,171 trees! Furthermore, we have prevented 145 mg of toxic mercury from entering the environment and conserved 159,807 gallons of water.

It is a great way to share with our campers the benefits of 'distributed generation,' clean energy produced on-site, and the perfect companion to our ground-mounted, solar-thermal panels beside the Goodman Aquatic Center.



Photo above: *Solar panels on the Omanut building at Camp Shalom*

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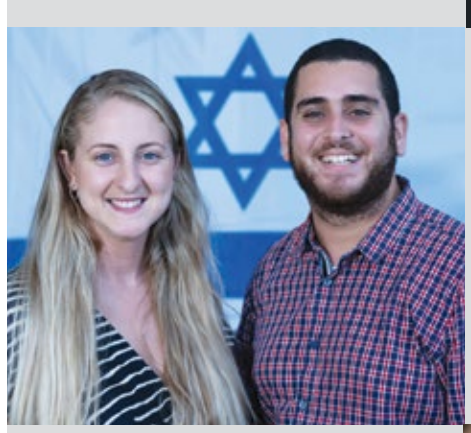

ISRAELI PROGRAMMING

Want to join an Israel program? Looking for more information? Contact Danielle at israel@jewishmadison.org or on Facebook @Danielle Shlicha Madison

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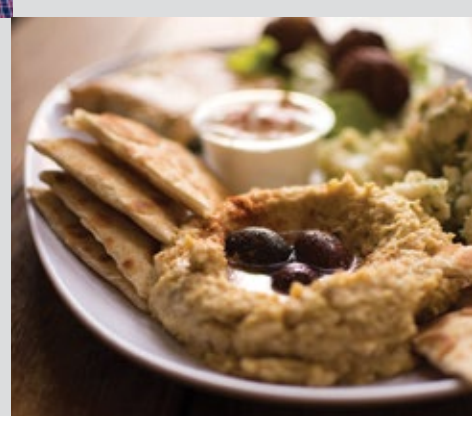

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Jewish Education

L'DOR V'DOR AT GAN

By Marla Becker, Director of Gan HaYeled Preschool
A Program of Jewish Federation of Madison

At Gan HaYeled Preschool, we've built a special relationship with the residents of the Brookdale Senior Living facility. Each month we visit Brookdale to spend time with our cherished friends whose faces light up with priceless smiles as we talk and work together on our activities.

"I went to Brookdale, a senior center. We can even see Brookdale if we stand up on the hill on our playground! Older people live in Brookdale. We made fall sculptures together. We used clay, feathers, pumpkins, and jewel stickers. I talked about how I was making a face, and then I smushed the face so the person I was sitting with could hang it on her wall. I was treating them very good so they could remember us. I remember them. I also liked how they had a piano at Brookdale. My uncle has a piano at his house, and we can walk there, just like we walk to Brookdale!!" ~ **Eitan, Age 4**

"I liked making clay things because that clay was really squishy. "
~ **Bella, Age 2**

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~ **Haley, Age 3**



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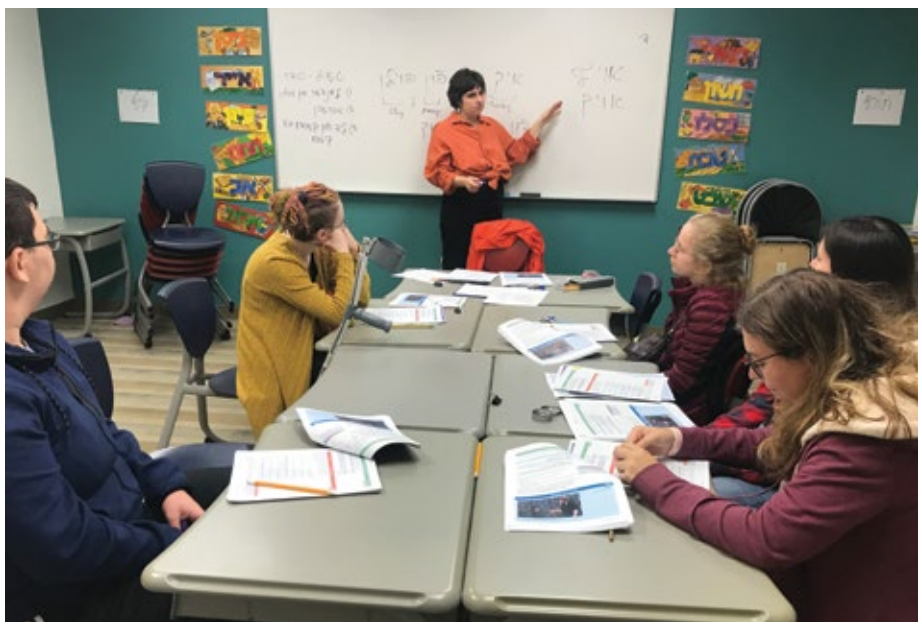

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Connecting with Israel

HAPPY CHAG SIGD!

By Danielle Man, Jewish Federation of Madison Shlicha



The Ethiopian Jewish community is an ancient and unique community that lived in isolation from other Jewish communities believing they were the last Jews in the world. One current thought is that the Ethiopians are descendants of the tribe of Dan and left for Ethiopia during the division between the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Other traditions link their origin to the Queen of Sheba. Legend has it that King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba bore a son named Menelik. According to the legend, Menelik returned from a visit with King Solomon bringing the Ark of the Covenant and a family of followers back to Ethiopia with him and established a Jewish kingdom there. The Ethiopian Jewish community disengaged from the rest of the nation with the destruction of the First Temple, so they never became familiar with the Oral Torah and other more recent traditions. They ran their lives according to the written Torah, including sacrifices, the priest's status, and Shabbat.

Ethiopian Jews do not call themselves Jews, but rather "Beta Israel" which means the "House of Israel". They are the central Jewish community in Ethiopia, although there are other individuals, such as the Falashmura Ethiopians, who converted to Christianity. Beta Israel lived mostly in villages, and over time they also had political independence. However, they never saw Ethiopia as their true home and always prayed to return to the Holy Land.

Sigd is a holiday of the Ethiopian Jewish community, known as "Beta Israel". The name of the holiday derived from the Hebrew word for prostration, "sgida." During Sigd, celebrated on the 29th of the Hebrew month of Heshvan - 50 days after Yom Kippur (similar to the holiday of Shavuot, celebrated 50 days after Passover), the community marks the renewal of the covenant between the Jewish people, G-d and His Torah. On Sigd, Ethiopian Jews pray to G-d and plead to return to Zion.

The community also holds communal introspection - in addition to the individual self-examination during Yom Kippur - because, according to tradition, to be worthy to return to Jerusalem from exile, the public must engage in communal introspection and repentance. Sins of the community members are forgiven during Yom Kippur and the following 50 days. On the 50th day, following communal introspection, the community returns to the Yom Kippur experience with prayers and a fast.

Today, since most members of the Ethiopian Jewish community have made Aliyah to the State of Israel, during the holiday, members of the community travel to Jerusalem and visit the Wailing Wall and the promenade in the city's "Armon Hanatziv" neighborhood. The holiday serves as an annual gathering of the entire Ethiopian community, and its members view it as an opportunity to strengthen the connection with their roots and culture.

The Kessim (Ethiopian Jewish religious leaders), dressed in their traditional robes, carry the Torah scrolls while holding multi-colored umbrellas. They stand on an elevated stage, read excerpts from the Bible and recite prayers before members of the community, in Hebrew. Public officials attend the celebration and greet the audience, and many of the community members continue to fast until late in the afternoon.

This event is an opportunity to meet members of the Ethiopian community from all corners of Israel.

In 2008, the Knesset (Israel's parliament) passed a law that declared Sigd as a State of Israel's official holiday.

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Engaging the World Through a Jewish Lens at Hillel

By UW-Madison Hillel Staff
UW Hillel is a beneficiary organization of Jewish Federation of Madison

Mar Cheshvan and its absence of holidays hasn't meant downtime and dullness at the Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Student Life in Madison. Quite the contrary! The post-holiday period has turned out to be rife with opportunities for Jewish students at the University of Wisconsin - Madison to put into practice the exhortation "Na'aseh V'Nishamah" (lit. we will do and we will understand) and to act on the Jewish values that we cultivate here in our community.

What we've done recently has taken a number of different forms.

We've been engaged in our Jewish learning fellowships, asking big questions like "How do we disagree?" and "How can we make room for the practice of Shabbat in our lives?" to help provide students with an inclusive and pluralistic Jewish foundation to support their transition to independent Jewish adulthood.

We've had conversations with Ambassador Dan Shapiro and Prof. Howard Schweber that help us expand our worldview and allow us to see some of the diverse ways in which Jewish adults use their values to engage with the world. We've spoken with visitors about religious pluralism and tolerance in Israel, and how the climate crisis has laid the foundation for new relationships between Jewish, Palestinian, and American students who coalesced around the need to tackle ecological, social, and political problems head on.



Sophomore Aaron Cohen Speaks with Ambassador Daniel Shapiro at Hillel.
Photo Credit: *Melissa Simon*

We've also taken trips to conferences like the inaugural Not My Generation conference in Washington, D.C. that brought together student leaders from around the country to confront pandemic gun violence head on, and are preparing for our third Student Leadership Delegation to Israel to help ensure that all students are able to feel safe, comfortable, and welcome at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

And so even though the world can sometimes seem scary and unwelcoming, we hope to inspire our students (and they certainly inspire us) to live their lives for a purpose and to always remember that "one egg can whiten a whole bowl of borscht" and that we all have the power to make a difference in the world.

Congregation News

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Learn to make challah with your little ones and enjoy a potluck dinner together. Challah making supplies will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Location may change depending on number of RSVPs.

Friday, December 6 • 6:30pm-9:00 pm
MJND (20s and 30s) SHABBAT POLUCK DINNER
Bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to pass. Can't bring a dish? Bring a drink! Can't bring a drink? Bring a friend! Address provided upon RSVP.

Monday, December 9 • 6:00 pm-7:15 pm
JUDAISM 101: HANUKKAH
This monthly course is for anyone who is new to Judaism or wants a refresher on Jewish holidays, rituals, and vocabulary.

Sunday, December 15
10:30 am-11:30 am
PJ LIBRARY TOTS AND TUNES
For young children (ages 0-5) and their families. Enjoy playful, musical, educational moments, including a PJ Library story and meaningful craft project.

Monday, December 16
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
DECEMBER DILEMMA
Join us for this interactive session where we will hear how some of our interfaith families navigate the challenges of this time of year.

Wednesday, December 18
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
KESHER ISRAEL FILM: THE WOMEN'S BALCONY
In "The Women's Balcony," an Orthodox community attempts to cope with a new rabbi. We'll watch the movie together, schmooze, nosh, and discuss ideas from the film.

Friday, December 20
9:00 am-10:00 am
SINGLES CREATING COMMUNITY COFFEE
Panera, 3416 University Ave., Madison
Meets 3rd Friday each month

Sunday, December 22
4:00 pm-7:00 pm
HANUKKAH EXTRAVAGANZA
Bring your menorah and candles and join us for games, songs, crafts, food, friends, and festivities as we celebrate the first night of Hanukkah.

Saturday, December 28
10:30 am-11:45 am
THE ACCIDENTAL MINYAN
Introducing the renewal of our lay-led Saturday morning minyan, now known as The Accidental Minyan. This informal prayer gathering will take place one Saturday morning per month in the Frank Adult Lounge, following Torah Study. Come join us!





Temple Beth El Photos Top: *TBE celebrated Simchat Torah with our religious school students on Sunday, October 20.* ***Middle:*** *The 53rd annual Food-A-Rama was a huge success! Corned beef is still available! Call the office.* ***Bottom:*** *Hannah Rosenthal spoke to a crowd of over 100 at her keynote address during the Manfred E. Swarsensky Memorial Lecture and Brunch on November 10.*






BETH ISRAEL CENTER (BIC)
1406 Mound Street, Madison, WI 53711
(608) 256-7763
office@bethisraelcenter.org
(all events are held at Beth Israel Center unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, December 8
9:30 am-11:00 am
KOLOT KEHILLA
Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community (kolot kehilla) continues with a presentation by Jordy Loeb and his law partner Juscha Robinson about Estate Planning.

Sunday, December 8
10:00 am-11:15 am
PJ LIBRARY YOM RISHON
Preschoolers and their grownups learn through play, crafts, stories, and songs with Education Director Beth Copelovitch.

MOUSY/KADIMA NO SEW FLEECE BLANKETS
Sunday, December 15
1:30 pm-5:00 pm
High schoolers and middle schoolers make blankets for donation to a worthy cause. To join the party, email Deborah Hoffman at: hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.

Saturdays, December 21 and January 25 • after kiddush
PARSHA STUDY
About once a month, join Rabbi Forester after kiddush lunch for discussion of the week's parasha.

Sunday, December 15
9:00 am-10:30 am
LIVING TORAH
The third of three discussions led by Rabbi Forester on this year's theme of "Others, Otherness and Us."

Sunday, December 22
5:30 pm-8:00 pm
BIC HANUKKAH PARTY
Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah with friends and Shlicha Danielle Man at Beth Israel Center. Ma'ariv at 5:30 pm. The party continues with fun cooking stations, a casual dinner, and activities for the whole family.

Saturday, December 28
After kiddush
SHABBAT Z'MIROT
Sing a little after Shabbat kiddush lunch

Saturday, January 18 • 7:30 pm
SUPPER QUIZ
Match wits, enjoy dinner, support our shul. For more info, see page 9.

Friday, January 31 • 8:00 am-9:00 am
BERRIES & JAMMIES
Preschoolers: Bring your grownups and get ready for Shabbat with Rabbi Forester. In pajamas!
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Every Saturday, 9:15 am-12:15 pm
SHABBAT SERVICES
Celebrate Shabbat at Beth Israel Center. Services begin at 9:15 am and are followed by a kiddush lunch. Age-appropriate children's services begin at 10:30 am.

Beth Israel Center Photos:
Top: *Kadimaniks share some fun and frozen custard.*
Middle Left: *Marti Tenzer and Hannah Bernard-Donals led the team that made the beautiful reception for our Scientists in Synagogues program.*
Middle Right: *Ashley Gordon and Donna Anderson made a great team dressing up our Social Hall for a special Shabbat dinner honoring new members.*
Bottom: *A panel of Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Richie Davidson, and Matt Banks, moderated by Irwin Goldman, addresses the Intersection of Science and Spirituality as the capstone to our Scientists in Synagogues programming.*

CONGREGATION SHAAREI SHAMAYIM (CSS)
Located at First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
Madison, WI, 53705
(608) 257-2944 • office@shamayim.org
(all events are held at First Unitarian Society unless othewise noted)

Saturday, December 7
9:30 am-11:30 am
TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI MAURICE HARRIS
Please call the office for the location. Rabbi Maurice Harris, Associate Director of Reconstructing Judaism and author of "Moses: A Stranger Among Us;" "Leviticus: You Have No Idea;" and "The Forgotten Sage: Rabbi Joshua ben Hananiah and the Birth of Judaism as We Know It," will join us from Philadelphia for a morning of Torah study. He will share insights from his books and lead a study of the morning's Torah portion. Coffee and bagels will be provided.

Saturday, December 7
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
HAVDALAH, STORIES & SINGING WITH RABBI MAURICE HARRIS
In the Gaebler Living Room
Rabbi Maurice Harris will lead Havdalah, tell stories, and lead singing as we conclude Shabbat. Please bring a dessert to share.

Sunday, December 15
9:50 am-11:30 am
CAN DEMOCRACY IN EDUCATION LAST? A CONVERSATION WITH PROFESSOR MICHAEL APPLE
RISE, 2120 Fordem Avenue
Professor Emeritus Michael Apple will discuss his recent book, "The Struggle for Democracy in Education," which examines how and why rightist movements have been successful in changing education, and also describes some movements in schools and communities both here in the US and elsewhere where more democratic policies and practices have been defended and extended.

Friday, December 20 • 6:00 pm
(0-5 year-olds invited at 5:30 pm)
PRE-CHANUKKAH CELEBRATION
In the Atrium Auditorium
Gather for a festive meal followed by singing, schmoozing, kids' activities, and games. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. We'll provide the latkes and sufganiyot (jelly donuts). If you have a young child, come at 5:30 pm for tot activities and mac and cheese.

Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26 • multiple events
EXPLORE JEWISH MINDFULNESS WITH RABBI YAEL LEVY
Revive and renew your spirit through prayer, celebration, mindfulness practice, and conversation.
- Friday, January 24 • 6:00 pm Shabbat evening service & potluck
- Saturday, January 25 • 9:30 am Shabbat morning service & luncheon
- Saturday, January 25 • 7:00 pm Havdalah service (location TBA)
- Sunday, January 26 • 9:50 am Adult education program (at RISE)

For more info, see page 9.




Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Photos:
Top: *Rabbi Laurie celebrates Sukkot.*
Bottom: *Children's Education Chair, Christina Kantor, with Max Blader.*

Madison's Synagogues Sponsor Introduction to Judaism Course

Madison rabbis and educators are joining together again this year to co-teach this cross-denominational Introduction to Judaism course. Sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, and Beth Israel Center, we are pleased to continue this into our fourth year. We will cover a wide range of topics concerning the fundamentals of Jewish thought, history, and practice over the 16 sessions that we will spend together.

The class begins on Thursday evening, January 9, and runs until May 14. It meets from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Eight sessions will be held at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, and eight sessions at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. In addition to the Thursday class sessions, we will organize special excursions around Jewish Madison.

This course is open to anyone interested in learning about the basics of Judaism. It can stand alone as an adult education course, or it can serve as a pre-requisite for conversion to Judaism. Often intermarried couples take this course together.

Tuition (which does not include the cost of books) is as follows: Members of a Madison synagogue: $100 per person, $175 per couple. Non-members: $150 per person, $250 per couple. Undergraduate or Graduate students: $50. We have a twelve student minimum for the class to happen. Scholarships are available.

For further information, please contact Joy Zotalis at (608) 257-2944 or office@shamayim.org.

To register and view a syllabus visit: www.shamayim.org/judaismintro.

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UPCOMING EVENT:
Center for Jewish Studies at UW Madison

Lecture Title: "The Pittsburgh Project: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting, A Year Later"
Speaker: Mark Oppenheimer
Time/Date: December 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm
Location: Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, H.F. DeLuca Forum
330 N Orchard St., Madison, WI 53715
Lecture Abstract: Three weeks after the Tree of Life shooting in Pittsburgh in October 2018—the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in American history—former New York Times religion columnist began reporting on the ground in Pittsburgh, writing a book about how the tight-knit Squirrel Hill neighborhood copes with tragedy. After dozens of visits and nearly 200 interviews, Oppenheimer is in the midst of writing a definitive account of how a strong community, aided by geography, history, and durable institutions, has persevered. He's taking a short break from his writing to talk about his findings with the UW and Madison communities.

This event is free and open to the public.

Set your Delorean to your favorite era
...past, present, or future... at

Beth Israel Center's 10th Supper Quiz
A Journey in Time

Saturday, January 18, 2020
7:30pm

Between courses of a delicious meal, match wits, knowledge, and ingenuity with others and battle it out for Supper Quiz Champion 2020!

Reservations can be made individually or in groups of up to 8 people. Come with your own team of 8 or let us help you find time-travel companions.

Use your chosen era to influence a group costume!

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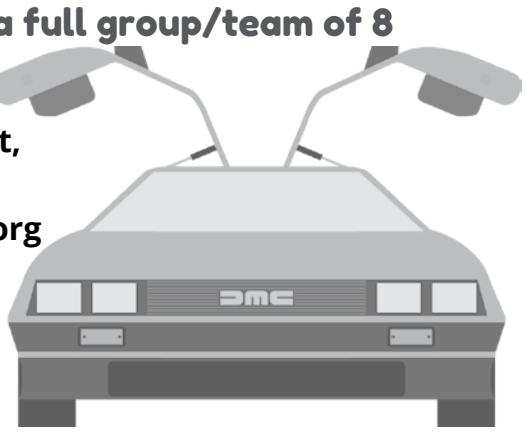

To reserve your spot, email supperquiz @bethisraelcenter.org by December 23.

Questions?
Call (608) 256-7763

Beth Israel Center: 1406 Mound St. Madison, WI 53711

Explore Jewish Mindfulness with Rabbi Yael Levy

By Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Shabbaton Committee

Looking for a way to revive and renew your spirit during the cold winter months? Congregation Shaarei Shamayim invites you to join us in January for prayer, celebration, mindfulness practice, and conversation with Rabbi Yael Levy.

Named one of America's most inspiring rabbis by The Forward in 2014, Rabbi Levy teaches from a deep commitment to spiritual practice and a belief in its potential to change individuals–and the world.

Rabbi Levy will lead a series of events focused on mindfulness practices that can help us be present, effective, and loving, even in challenging times. Events will include a contemplative Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service, a Shabbat morning service, a Havdalah service, and a workshop designed to help participants learn how to integrate Jewish mindfulness practice into their own lives. All events are free and open to the community and will be held Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26 at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive. We hope you'll join us, whether it's for one event or for the whole weekend!

A graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Levy has served Congregation Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia for over 20 years and teaches Jewish mindfulness through her organization, A Way In. She is the author of "Directing the Heart: Weekly Mindfulness Teachings and Practices from the Torah," "Journey through the Wilderness: A Mindfulness Approach to the Ancient Jewish Practice of Counting the Omer," and "Chanukah Lights: Psalms for Hallel."

For more information about Rabbi Levy's visit, including a detailed schedule, visit www.shamayim.org or email shabbaton@shamayim.org.

Study and Pray with One of America's Most Inspiring Rabbis

Shabbaton with Rabbi and Author Yael Levy



January 24-26, 2020:
Join us for prayer, celebration, mindfulness practice, and conversation!

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Madison Hadassah

Do not miss Madison Hadassah's upcoming events such as Safe Travel Around the World with UW travel health specialist, Elaine Rosenblatt, and Jewish Storytelling for Children Workshop with Joni Sussman, the Publisher of Kar-Ben Publishing (Jewish content children's books).

To get on our email or mailing list:
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FEE: $54
(*nobody will be turned away for lack of ability to pay*)

Fee includes a copy of "Mishkan Aveilut: Where Grief Resides," a book of readings, poems, and meditations by Rabbi Eric Weiss.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
Please call Rabbi Renée at (608) 442-4088.

The loss of a beloved friend, partner or family member is both a universal human experience and a deeply personal one. People experience grief on many levels: physical, psychological, and spiritual. This 6-week group will support those on the journey of grieving with tools from the Jewish tradition.

Jewish Social Services
BRINGS SHABBAT TO OUR SENIORS

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

December 6 (Hanukkah celebration) at 3:00 pm
Capitol Lakes, in the Grand Hall, 333 West Main Street
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.

December 13 at 2:30 pm
Attic Angel Place in the Garden Room, 8301 Old Sauk Road
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.

December 20 at 3:00 pm
January 17 at 3:00 pm
Oakwood Village West, in Oak's Community Room, 6225 Mineral Point Road
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.

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

MAKING LECHAYIM RESERVATIONS

• When you check-in at Lechayim, 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 did not make a reservation but would like to come, contact Paul at (608) 442-4083 or paul@jssmadison.org to see if there have been cancellations.

• We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last-minute reservations or walk-ins.

Jewish Social Services

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LECHAYIM LUNCHTIME PLUS

A Dane County Senior Nutrition Program Site
Find changes, updates, and new information about JSS programs on our website at www.jssmadison.org.

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 to RSVP for lunch**. 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 $9.07 for those younger than 60 years old.

If you cannot attend the meal, please join us for the free program at 1:00 pm.
Many thanks to UW Hillel Adamah Catering for providing our delicious kosher meals.



Monday, December 2
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 Orange chicken, steamed rice, Asian slaw, fruit, dessert
(Veggie option: Orange tofu)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Americana music by Sound Billies



Monday, December 9
11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Beef brisket, garlic roasted red potato, roasted carrots, market salad, babka (Veggie option: Vegan stew)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Diane Dempsey presentation: "Saving Monarch Butterflies for Future Generations"



Monday, December 16
11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Braised balsamic chicken, couscous, market salad, cake
(Veggie option: Balsamic jackfruit)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Klezmer music by Yid Vicious



Monday, January 6
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 Vegetarian lasagna, Italian dressing with iceberg salad, rolls, fruit, dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Ken and Claudia Miska travelogue: "Yellowstone and Grand Tetons"

Monday, January 13
11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Chicken matzah ball soup, mixed green salad w/ balsamic vinaigrette, roll, fruit, dessert (Veggie option: no chicken)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Joni Pico presentation: "Life, Work, and Traditions among the Tlingit and Haida people of Alaska"



Monday, January 27
11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Brisket, mashed potato, tzimmes, mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, birthday cake (Veggie option: Shephard pie)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Melodious political songs by Raging Grannies

NEXT MONTH'S DATES: February 3, 10, 17, 24
If you would like further information about the meal, programs, transportation, or to check on any cancellations, contact Paul Borowsky at (608) 442-4083 or paul@jssmadison.org.

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2018 Tzedakah Campaign closed at **$936,798**

$ 1,000,000 GOAL for 2019 Tzedakah Campaign



1,685 meals served to older adults

82 people provided housing assistance IN MADISON

$15,000 Gan HaYeled Preschool Scholarships distributed to families

Winter and Spring School Break Camp at Camp Shalom **served 75 CAMPERS**

Life Saving Assistance provided in former Soviet Union and Ukraine

Gesher Program **SUPPORTED 6** Camp Shalom Staff with special needs

Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund awarded **$98,000** distributed to **95 campers**

20 Madison Jewish Professionals attended a day of learning on how to be **MORE WELCOMING to LBGTQ** members of our community

8 STUDENTS in Ivrit B'Kef Hebrew After School explored the letters of Alef Bet

VISITING delegation of parks and recreation professionals **FROM ISRAEL HOSTED**

137 STAFF at Camp Shalom and Noar-Bogrim 17 of them were Gan HaYeled Grads

COMMUNITY Celebrations Yom Ha'Atzmaut for adults and kids **and Remembrances** Yom Hashoah Yom Hazikaron

Weekly Monday Morning News kept **1400 subscribers** updated...Facebook, Twitter & Instagram provided additional ways to **CONNECT**



30 STUDENTS 9 part & full time staff for FALL 2019 at **Gan HaYeled Preschool** & 25 challahs baked each week

9 Midrasha Graduates in the class of 2019 **9** Midrasha Incentive Awards given

56 students enrolled with 12 staff for FALL 2019 **at Midrasha Hebrew High School**

NEW solar panels, water bottle filling station, and landscaped rally tree area at Camp Shalom

Camp Shalom & Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim **served 675 CAMPERS** in grades K-9

Emergency Relief provided for Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and **ONGOING RECOVERY** support in Houston

HOUSING SUPPORT provided to **Holocaust Survivors** helping them live more comfortably in their homes and communities



2 departing Shlichim **2** arriving Shlichim (newly married) LOTS of **ISRAELI PROGRAMMING** including cooking, art, movies & discussions

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