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## CELEBRATING THE MADISON JEWISH NEWS the end of an era and the beginning of a new future

**FOR 50 YEARS**, the *Madison Jewish News* has been a vital resource bringing our community's news into households free of charge throughout South Central Wisconsin. This beloved periodical initially called the *Monthly Reporter*, has kept people connected to the Jewish Federation of Madison and the broader Jewish community in Madison since 1969. The paper has shared our community's simchas and condolences, upcoming events, program highlights, photos, and news of interest. So, it is only after significant discussion and consideration that we decided to discontinue publishing the paper in its current format after this issue and shift our communication efforts differently.

The landscape of communications is changing. Embracing the future direction with all of its new opportunities and possibilities will create better connections. People are increasingly consuming their media digitally. Enhancing our digital communications will enable us to reach beyond our current mailing listing and serve even more people, previously unreached people. It allows us to continue to provide the content found in the *Madison Jewish News*, but more timely and immediate.

We're looking forward to the ability to have two-way communication with the community that digital offers, rather than the one-way communication of print. And we're inspired by the innovative potential to explore (think video, podcast, online articles). We will still be in touch throughout the year with periodic print direct mail pieces (for example, a High Holy Days resource newsletter and event postcards).

As we embark on this exciting new endeavor, we would like to take a moment to thank all of the people who have been an integral part of the *Madison Jewish News* over the years. The production of each issue was in no small part due to the efforts of many who faithfully contributed content and helped proofread. We are so thankful for the hard work and partnership from all of the Jewish community organizations, congregations, and individual volunteers. We would also like to thank our generous advertisers and sponsors whose commitment provided crucial financial support. And

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a big thank you to our publisher who always went above and beyond making sure the paper got printed and delivered. It does take a village to produce a community newspaper.

Last but not least, we are grateful to you, our readers. What would a paper be without its readers? We hope you will join us in celebrating the contributions that the *Madison Jewish News* has made in our community and continue to stay connected.

We know that some community members may not be able to access digital content, so please call us at (608) 278-1808 for alternative accommodations if needed.

Stay tuned for updates as we further develop our community communication resources and offerings. Questions? Contact Anne Shlimovitz, Director of Communications, [online@jewishmadison.org](mailto:online@jewishmadison.org).



**THANKS to the generosity of many, our community raised \$947,382 (with 526 donations made) for the 2019 Jewish Federation of Madison Tzedakah Campaign!** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the campaign this year to support critical programs and services in our local and global Jewish community.

The success of the Tzedakah Campaign would not have been possible without the time and effort of our dedicated volunteers. We want to give a big shout out of appreciation to campaign co-chairs Joe Shumow and Joel Minkoff, the campaign committee, and all of the campaign donor engagers. Your leadership, ideas, hard work, and commitment from beginning to end are invaluable to us. Together, we are making even more possible now and for our future!

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## Yom HaShoah Service and Program with Dr. Samuel Kassow Monday, April 20, 2020 • 7:00 pm

Please join us for a service of remembrance and to honor local Holocaust survivors and their families, followed by a program featuring Professor Samuel Kassow, author of *WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY: Emanuel Ringelblum and the Secret Ghetto Archive*.

During the Holocaust, Jews resisted not only with guns but also with paper and pen. The Nazis thought that they could wipe out European Jews and then rewrite, and thus control, their history for future generations to read. But days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars, and community leaders, named Oyneg Shabes, decided to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum, they worked in secret to chronicle the lives of their fellow Jews—in their own words. Shortly before the Warsaw ghetto was emptied and razed in 1943, they buried thousands of documents from this massive archive in milk cans and tin boxes hoping that the voice and culture of a doomed people would outlast the efforts of their enemies to silence them. This is their story.

#### Related Event

**WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY FILM SCREENING on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 • 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
Dr. Kassow was a consultant on this documentary film adaptation of his book.

Location for both events: Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI 53711

## HONORING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



The Jewish Federation of Madison was proud to be a co-sponsor again this year for the 35th Annual Madison-Dane County King Holiday Observance on January 20, 2020. Pictured on this page are a few photos from the capstone event hosted by the King Coalition to commemorate the holiday at the Overture Center.



Above: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir  
 Top left: Emcee Renee Moe, President/CEO of United Way of Dane County  
 Top right: Rabbi Bonnie Margulis, Executive Director of Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice gives the Invocation  
 Middle left: Madison Poet Laureate Angela Trudell Vaquez reads her poem inspired by the holiday  
 Middle right: King Humanitarian Emerging Leader Award Recipient Kenneth Cole  
 Bottom left: King Humanitarian Award Recipient Ada Deer  
 Bottom right: Keynote Speaker Joyce Ann Ladner

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## ARE YOU AN AVID BIKER? CONSIDER JOINING THE 2020 ISRAEL RIDE

By TRUDY BARASH

I'm an unlikely advocate to recommend a 200-350 mile bike ride from Jerusalem to Eilat, as I'm not a biker. But, last November, I witnessed (from a mini-bus) 162 bikers from the United States, England, Canada, Israel, and Australia come together to participate in what was called the 2019 Israel Ride—and for what had to be for

many, the experience of a lifetime.

My son David, age 55, who grew up at Beth Israel Center, and who is now a *Hazan* at Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, in Mequon, had biked the 2017 Israel Ride with his wife Debra, and convinced my husband Harvey, age 80, to bike the 2019 ride. I came along as a *chavera* (friend), and rode

the "bus." This time Debra joined me on the bus, along with 8 other women. We had our own guide, visited our own sites—and then met up with the bikers for lunch and in the evenings.

The Israel Ride is 17-years-old and has two major sponsors, the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies and Hazon. Each day the bikers choose from among three routes of varying difficulty after having been briefed the evening before.

I haven't even begun to touch the majestic scenery—and won't—except

to say that I've heard from several riders that viewing Israel from the seat of a bike is spiritual in a way they couldn't have imagined.

I invite you to our home on Sunday, February 16, at 7:00 pm, to hear more about the 2020 Israel Ride that will take place from October 27 to November 3. Bikers from past rides will be there to speak with you. To learn more email [harveybarash@gmail.com](mailto:harveybarash@gmail.com) or visit <https://israelride.org/event/israel-ride-in-madison-wi/>

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**Zoey**, daughter of Stephanie and Brian Kirklin, sister to Alana

*Condolences to the families of*

**Herman Goldstein**, father of Mark (Stephanie), David (Anne), and Rahel, and grandfather of Ellen, Abby, Cara, Vivian, Noah, and Ari

**Mary Lou Birkett Goodfriend**, wife of Ted Goodfriend

**Charles Borowsky**, husband to Elaine Immergluck, father to Paul and Barbara Borowsky, and grandfather to two grandsons

**Estelle Goldenberg**, wife of David Goldenberg, mother of Judith Peterson (Gary) and Zena Goldenberg (Mark Swetlitz), grandmother of Paul Peterson, and Isaac and Nathan Swetlitz

**Susan A. Knudson**, wife of Warren Knudson who preceded her in death, mother of Jeffrey Knudson, sister of Richard (Helen) Schoebel, sister-in-law of Wayne (Mary) Knudson, aunt of Doug Schoebel, Andrew (Melissa) Knudson, and Adam Knudson

**Steven A. Levine**

**Sam Onheiber**, husband of Maria, father of Linda (Jon) Stone and Marissa Onheiber, grandfather of Dahlia, Isaac, Amira, Sofia, and Juliana, uncle of Michael (Patrice) Onheiber, great-uncle of Josh and Mimi Onheiber

**Shirley Ostrovitz**, mother of Michael (Karen) Ostrov, grandmother of Daniel (Stephanie) Ostrov, Miriam (David) Hermann, and great-grandmother of Julia and Samuel Hermann

**Gilbert Palay**, wife of Dottie, father of Thomas (Diane) and Robert (Linda), grandfather of Daniel (Kathryn), Jessica (Robert), David (Emily), Adam (Anne) and Joshua (Lizbeth), and great-grandfather of Sydney and Maxwell

**Melvin Stahl**, father of Debbie Stahl

**Rita Wolf Sinaiko**, wife of Russell Phillip Sinaiko (z"l), mother of Amy Kay, Ellen Hope, and Sara Ann Sinaiko

**Barbara Wolfson**, wife of Marvin Wolfson, mother of Nancy (Richard) Peidelstein, Andrea (Scott) Center, and Susan (David Robertson) Clapp, grandmother of April Pegg and Alice Talerico

**Sandra (Sandy) Yopack Porter**, wife of Lenard Porter (z"l), mother of Jeff S. Porter (Cheri Seeger) and Jim S. Porter (Elyse Rabinowitz), grandmother of Hannah Pollack (Marshall) and Samuel Porter, and sister of Daniel Yopack

**Marya Zoline**, wife of Jay Zoline, sister of Felyce Gilford

# 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 Marya Zoline**, Eve-Lynn Siegel

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**In honor of Paul Borowsky and Linda Reivitz**,  
Rabbi David Kopstein and Rabbi Dr Patricia Kopstein

**In honor of Joe Silverberg's birthday**, Judith Pierotti

# WI State Assembly Visits Israel

By MICHAEL BLUMENFELD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WISCONSIN JEWISH CONFERENCE  
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*Wisconsin delegation in front of the Knesset.*

I recently returned from the first-ever Wisconsin State Assembly trip to Israel. I, along with Elana Kahn and Rabbi Hannah Wallick from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, led a Wisconsin legislative Study Mission that brought a bipartisan group of 14 leaders to Israel to increase understanding about Israel and enhance Wisconsin leadership with new perspectives on common challenges. All attendees had never been to Israel and either hold a leadership position or serve on the Finance Committee.

The trip covered several topics, including politics, security and borders, Israeli innovation, agro-tech, culture, religious sites, and Wisconsin connections. We visited the Golan Heights, Tiberias, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Bethlehem, Ramallah, and the Gaza border. We learned about current issues, the global Jewish community, and the rich diversity of people who live in Israel.

The delegation met with the former mayor of Bethlehem, Vera Baboun, Ambassador David Roet, Deputy Director General of the North American Division at the Israeli Foreign Ministry, Fatah leadership in Ramallah including Osama Qawasmeh, Fatah Spokesman and advisor to the President, Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Jewish Agency of Israel, Brig. Gen. (ret.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director of Counterterrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office, Nir Barkat, Former Mayor of Jerusalem and member of the Knesset and others.

We toured Rawabi, the first planned city built by and for Palestinians in the West Bank, Sorek, the world's largest desalination plant, a Druze village, the Center for Israeli Innovation, Innovation Centre Tzemach, the Palmachim Air Force Base, and Yad Vashem. Also,

several religious sites, including Church of the Nativity, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Capernaum, and the Western Wall.

In speaking about the experience, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said the trip further strengthened "our country's friendship with Israel" while providing "an international exchange of ideas and educational experiences." And Assembly Assistant Minority Leader Dianne Hesselbein, D-Middleton, said the "opportunity to learn more about the region is something that extends beyond partisan lines and allows us to better understand our world."

Those who made the trip included: Vos; Majority Leader Rep. Jim Steineke, R-Kaukauna; Rep. Tyler August, R-Lake Geneva; Joint Finance Committee Co-chair Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette; Rep. Dan Knodl, R-Germantown; Rep. Romaine Quinn, R-Barron; Rep. Jessie Rodriguez, R-Oak Creek; Rep. Terry Katsma, R-Oostburg; Hesselbein; Rep. Mark Spreitzer, D-Beloit; Rep. Steve Doyle, D-Onalaska; and Rep. Deb Kolste, D-Janesville. The chiefs of staff for both Vos and Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, also went on the trip.



*At the Gaza border.*



*Above: The group with Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Jewish Agency of Israel.*

*Below: The group reflecting after a tour of Yad Vashem.*



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# Connecting with Israel

## MY JEWISH & ISRAELI DECADE

By GAL BEN YISHAY, JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON CAMPUS SHALIACH



January has come, and we are blessed by the beginning of a new decade. I had the opportunity to lead a group of students joining UW Hillel's Birthright Israel trip (Birthright Israel is a non-profit organization supported by the Jewish Federation of Madison offering free 10-day Jewish heritage trips for young adults). It was a great opportunity for me to close the circle with a project that shaped my professional life. Birthright Israel began in 1999 with a goal of enabling all young Jews worldwide to visit Israel for a 10-day tour. During the trip, participants tour historical and central places, participate in a host of activities and discussions to better understand their Jewish identity, all in an experience with other fellow Jews that allows participants their own personal journey.

Eight years ago, at the end of my military service, I took part in a Birthright project as one of the Israelis accompanying and traveling with American students. For me, it was the first time I was exposed to young students my age, who came from a distant land and a very different and diverse culture. During the trip, I got to know amazing people who came to Israel for the purpose of learning and connecting with their Jewish roots. I interacted with many young Americans who became over the years good friends. We shared with each other about our individual Jewish experience. In Hebrew, there is a familiar proverb that says, "Things that are seen from here can't be seen from there." Indeed, it was an inspiring experience for me, which made me realize at age 20, that across the sea, there is a different, rich, diverse, and vibrant Jewish culture that is an essential part of this mosaic called "the Jewish people." Those ten days I spent on Birthright left me wanting to address personally the questions raised on the trip.

Fast forward to 2020, and here I was, the Jewish Federation of Madison sponsored Shaliach in Wisconsin,

a Jewish professional, dealing with identity issues daily. Now it was my turn to accompany those young people from UW to Israel, challenging them with complex questions, allowing them to be proud of who they choose to be and what they choose to represent. I encouraged them to challenge themselves and look for where they connect to something in this whole complex thing "the Jewish people" and where Israel sits throughout this journey. I traveled with 41 Americans, 7 young and unique Israelis. We got to know each other, lit menorahs, and sang Chanukah songs in Hebrew and English. We experienced Shabbat practices when each person was given the opportunity to show their friends and how they choose to uphold Shabbat and what it means to them. I saw them, laughing together, getting excited at the Wall, sharing pain at Yad Vashem, and Mount Herzl and talking and dealing with the challenges that concern us today - hostility, division, and alienation.

I was privileged to see a group of young people, "the future generation" as they are called, who were not afraid of criticism and did not refrain from asking difficult questions, people who came ready to listen and hear each other, despite the controversies. It was a great privilege to accompany them on this journey, to watch them face an emotional roller coaster in such a short time. And yet, with all the difficulties, it was a fascinating, connecting and unifying journey that only illustrated to me how important this project is and why it is so successful.

Why do I think this trip is/was so successful, you probably wonder? That is best captured by the words of Megan Weinstein, one of the participants who went on the trip with us. Megan told me several times at the beginning of the trip that she thought she was "Not Jewish enough" to take part in this trip. I saw her, slowly and carefully, opening day by day, sharing, listening, and learning

to discover herself. On our last Shabbat together, the day before returning to America, Megan asked if she could attend the B'nai Mitzvah ceremony we held. This is part of the *Drasha* she gave:

"Prior to this trip, I considered myself a Jew, but I didn't know what that really meant to me. But now that this journey is almost over, I know exactly what having a Jewish identity entails. I had a preconceived idea that being a real Jew meant studying the Torah, keeping kosher, attending all services, etc. But after experiencing the past 8 days with all of you, I have learned that that's nowhere near the case.

At the Kibbutz, we all participated in a Jewish identity activity. It was that day when I learned about everyone's beautiful stories of how they got here and how they see the culture of Judaism. These conversations sparked

questions I had within myself and brought me closer to the idea that I'm actually a part of something larger than myself, even though it might not have felt that way growing up. Thank you all for sharing your stories. This Birthright has been the most educational, eye-opening, and exciting journey that I've ever been on, and I know that if it weren't for you guys being so loving and open with your own journeys, this trip wouldn't have been so life-changing for mine. So, thank you all for giving me this opportunity, and I can't wait for the day for us all to be together again someday."

These words of Megan are all small pieces of a greater picture that tell our story. Leading this amazing and diverse team, through a truly life-changing experience was a real honor. Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Madison for its strong support of this program.

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## VOTE YOUR VOICE IN ISRAEL Between January 21 and March 11

By KENDRA SAGER, ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEMPLE BETH EL

In 1897 the first World Zionist Congress was convened in Basel, Switzerland, as a way for Jews to have a voice and a say in their own destiny. At that time, the conversation was about creating a Jewish state. That state was created in no small part due to the vision of those in the room. Today we are discussing whether that Jewish state upholds our values and represents our ideals. The future of the Jewish state will undoubtedly be influenced by those who will be in the room at this next congress.

I was very fortunate to be one of the people in the room at the last World Zionist Congress in 2015 as a delegate for ARZA, the Reform movement's party. Being in coalition with the other progressive parties gave me a clear sense of where we stood on the political spectrum. What I found most interesting is that while we may see our movements as varying widely politically, on the much larger spectrum, we are actually arranged in a very tight grouping. There is truly more that unites us than divides us.

By voting in the World Zionist Congress elections, we choose who will be in the room as important matters such as funding, influence, and support for religious pluralism are decided. Voting is our opportunity to shape the future of the Jewish state. It is incredible that simply by virtue of being Jewish, we get a vote. Please don't let your vote go to waste.

If issues like who can pray at the Kotel and marriage options for couples matter to you, you NEED to vote.

Voting opens January 21. For more information and to view the slates for each party, visit <https://azm.org/elections>.

Interested to learn more about how these elections directly affect the progressive movement in Israel? Contact Kendra Sager at [associate@tbemadison.org](mailto:associate@tbemadison.org) to receive a special invitation to an upcoming event with Rabbi Ariella Gratz-Bartuv.

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### More About World Zionist Congress and the Elections

Between January 21 and March 11, 2020, American Jews will have the opportunity to vote online for the Jewish future in Israel and around the world. Make sure your point of view is represented in the next World Zionist Congress. When you vote, you will be able to choose from over a dozen slates representing diverse political beliefs, religious denominations, and cultural traditions. Those elected from the United States will join delegates from Israel and around the world at the 38th World Zionist Congress in October 2020, the international "parliament of the Jewish people," to make decisions regarding key institutions which allocate nearly \$1 billion annually to support Israel and World Jewry (including the World Zionist Organization, Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency for Israel).

To learn more and vote:  
<https://azm.org/elections>





# Camp Corner

THERE ARE 20 WEEKS UNTIL CAMP SHALOM BEGINS!

CAMP SHALOM IS A PROGRAM OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON WELCOMING ALL ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.

## When it's Winter...We Play Ga-Ga in the Pool

By ELLEN WEISMER, DIRECTOR, CAMP SHALOM

During winter break, we offered four days of Winter Camp Shalom to campers in grades K-5. This year was our 6th and largest winter camp to date! Campers celebrated Hanukkah, played Dreidel, created arts and crafts projects, bounced on inflatables, and participated in outdoor activities! The unusually warm(er) temperatures allowed campers to experience the Goodman Jewish Community Campus in new ways. Campers went on hikes, built outdoor forts, and played Ga-Ga (a favorite camp game) in the empty Goodman Aquatic Center pool. The last two days of programming included a two-day Winter Maccabiah. The campers and staff divided into a blue team and a yellow team. They competed in brain games, active competitions, and team building events. Winter Camp Shalom was the perfect way to reconnect with former campers and meet new campers. We hope to see everyone for Camp Shalom Summer 2020!



## Camp Shalom Summer 2020 Registration Opens in March

March 4, 2020

for returning campers, siblings of returning or former campers, and children of camp alumni

March 5, 2020

for all campers

more info & registration  
[www.jewishmadison.org/camp](http://www.jewishmadison.org/camp)

### Camp Shalom Summer 2020 Session Dates

Staff Orientation Week: June 15 - June 19, 2020

Session One: June 22 - July 10, 2020

Session Two: July 14 - July 31, 2020 (no camp Monday, July 13)

Session Three (Camp Shalom Only): August 4 - August 14, 2020 (no camp on Monday, August 3)

Questions? Contact Ellen Weismer, Director, at [shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org](mailto:shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org)



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# Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

## 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 otherwise noted)

**Saturday, February 8**

**4:00 pm-6:00 pm**

### GET TO KNOW US GATHERING: COCOA, COOKIES & HAVDALAH

Please call the office for the location. Interested in becoming a member of Shaarei Shamayim? Hoping to check us out? Join us for an informal gathering to learn about the congregation. The membership committee will provide cocoa and cookies, and Rabbi Laurie will lead us in Havdalah at the end of Shabbat.

### Monday, February 24 • 6:00 pm DIGGING DEEPER: JEWISH PRAYER, TEXT, AND THEOLOGY

Please call the office for the location. Join Rabbi Laurie and members of Shaarei Shamayim for an in-depth look at the holiday of Purim. This monthly class is free of charge to members and \$36 for non-members. Registration is required.

**Saturday, February 29**

**7:00 pm-9:00 pm**

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY At the Warner Park Recreation Center

Celebrate 30 years with Shaarei Shamayim. Join us for drinks, snacks, and of course, cake! There will be lots of dancing, featuring the music of Yid Vicious. See page 9 for article about the congregation's history..

### Join a Havurah (fellowship group)

Shaarei Shamayim has been creating new monthly havurot, and members of the Madison Jewish community are invited to join. Our Jewish meditation and chanting havurah meets Saturday evenings; and our arts and crafts havurah is just starting up. We also have a social havurah, called Drinks and Nosh, that meets on Sunday afternoons; a midlife to aging havurah that meets during the week; a men's havurah that meets Sunday mornings; and a Torah study havurah that meets Saturday mornings. To learn more, please contact Joy at office@shamayim.org.

### Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Photos:

**Top:** Night hike at the winter retreat.

**Bottom:** Karate session taught by Maria Banchik at the winter retreat.



## 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, February 2**

**9:30 am-11:00 am**

### KOLOT KEHILLA

Our Sunday morning speaker series continues with a talk by Steve Nadler about "Menasseh ben Israel: The Most Famous Jew in the World." Breakfast will be served. Suggested donation: \$5/person.

### Saturday, February 8 • after lunch PARASHA STUDY

Stick around after the taste of Tu B'Shevat Shabbat kiddush and learn about the week's parasha with Rabbi Betsy Forester.



**Sunday, February 16**

**9:00 am-12:00 pm**

### STUDIO SINAI

Join Rabbi Forester to unpack tensions and emotions beneath the surface of biblical texts through exploration of rabbinic midrash (imaginative readings). Conceptualize and muse over themes that emerge, using various artistic media, including creative writing.



### Saturday, February 22 • after lunch COZY SHABBAT

Enjoy cholent after Shabbat morning services and stick around to play board games with old and new friends. All ages welcome!

**Sunday, February 23**

**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.

### Tuesday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 26 • 7:00 am ROSH CHODESH ADAR

Celebrate the new month at morning minyan, followed by a light breakfast. Be Happy! It's Adar!



### Friday, February 28 • 5:00 pm KABBALAT SHABBAT & POTLUCK DINNER

The evening begins with schmoozing at 5:00 pm, followed by services at 5:45 pm. A casual, kosher-dairy potluck dinner follows services.

**Saturday, February 29**

**1:30 pm-4:30 pm**

### MERCHAV HALEV MINDFULNESS RETREAT

Spend Shabbat afternoon meditating, chanting, and learning with Matt Banks and Rabbi Forester. Whether you are an experienced practitioner or new to meditation, all are welcome; you need only bring your mind.

### Beth Israel Center Photos:

**Far left bottom:** Congratulation to the 2020 Supper Quiz Champions!

**Top:** Hanukkah party fun!

**Middle:** MOUSY and Kadima teenagers get warm and fuzzy making fleece blankets for donation.

## TEMPLE BETH EL (TBE)

2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI 53711  
(608) 238-3123 • info@tbemadison.org  
(all events are held at Temple Beth El unless otherwise noted)

**Saturday, February 1**

**5:00 pm-8:00 pm**

### YOUNG FAMILIES WINTER HAVDALAH PJ PARTY

For families with children ages 0-6. Come in your PJs to celebrate Havdalah together!

**Monday, February 3**

**6:00 pm-7:15 pm**

### JUDAISM 101: TU B'SHEVAT

This monthly course is for anyone who is new to Judaism or wants a refresher on Jewish holidays, rituals, and vocabulary. Instructor: Kendra Sager



**Friday, February 21**

**6:30 pm-8:30 pm**

### MJND SHABBAT SALUTATIONS YOGA

For adults in their 20s and 30s. Gather your friends and join us to welcome the Sabbath with a Shabbat inspired yoga flow.

**Sunday, February 16, 23, March 1, 8**

**1:00 pm-3:00 pm**

### JESUS THE JEW: A JEWISH SEARCH FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS

A four-session course on Jesus the Jew, taught by TBE member and scholar Perry Asher.

**Saturday, March 7**

**7:00 pm-9:00 pm**

### TBE HAGGADAH DEBUT AND ART SHOW

Join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dessert as we mark the publication of this beautiful symbol of Passover and showcase the work of our community's artists who contributed to it.

## haggadah debut & art show

MARCH 7, 2020



Join us for a cocktail reception as we celebrate the publication of our Haggadah and showcase the artists and their artwork.

Tickets are \$75/person and include beverages, hors d'oeuvres, entry for door prizes, the opportunity to view and purchase artwork, and more.

Learn more and purchase tickets at  
[tbemadison.org/event/haggadahdebut](http://tbemadison.org/event/haggadahdebut)

**Cantor Jacob Niemi  
Installation Celebration Weekend  
March 20-22 at Temple Beth El**  
see more details at: [tbemadison.org](http://tbemadison.org)

Cantor Jacob Niemi started at Temple Beth El at the beginning of July 2019. He graduated from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music in New York in May 2018. He then decided to continue his chaplaincy training at Lenox Hill hospital for that interim year 2017-2018. Temple Beth El is honored and delighted to announce his installation and a weekend of celebration events including a musical service, concert performance, food, and festivity.

# Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Celebrates Its 30th Birthday

BY CONGREGATION SHAAREI SHAMAYIM

In November 1989, a group of Jews living in Madison founded Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. They had been attending High Holiday services at Gates of Heaven (Shaarei Shamayim in Hebrew) synagogue, and they wished to create a congregation where members could attend services and programs and support each other throughout the year.

Starting a congregation was no small task, and many of the thirty people who attended that first meeting poured hours into building the community. In those early days, the group created unique services every time they met, discussed choosing a name that would best represent them, and decided which movements with which to affiliate. Eventually, they bought prayer books, chose Congregation Shaarei Shamayim as their name, and joined the Reconstructionist and Jewish Renewal movements. They began to meet at the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Congregation and hired visiting student rabbis.

Over time the congregation grew. In 1996, the members hired their first resident rabbi, Brian Field, who served the congregation for six years. During this time, the congregation bought their first Torah and developed their children's educational program.

Their second rabbi, Laurie Zimmerman, joined the congregation as a student rabbi in 2002 and as a resident rabbi in 2003. She has remained with the congregation ever since. In 2008 the congregation moved to its current home in the First Unitarian Society, and it has doubled its size to almost 170 households.

This past November Shaarei Shamayim marked its 30th birthday. The congregation invites the larger Madison Jewish community to a celebration at the Warner Park Recreation Center on February 29 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Yid Vicious will be playing for all who wish to dance, and light hors d'oeuvres and birthday cake will be served.

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This winter, the Jewish Learning Institute of Madison will offer Judaism's Gifts to the World, a new six-session course unearthing the Jewish roots of some of the most cherished values of Western civilization.

Understanding Judaism's historical contribution gives us a deeper appreciation for its continuing relevance and a better understanding of how the moral and ethical institutions we take for granted came into being. Judaism's Gifts to the World explores tensions between social and individual responsibility, the implications of monotheism, the sacredness of human life, the meaning of social equality, how Sabbath observance laid the groundwork for the modern weekend, and the underpinnings of our morality.

"It is widely known that Judaism gifted monotheism to the world, but for many, that's where the Jewish contribution ends, explained Rabbi Mordechai Dinerman, the director of curriculum at JLI's New York headquarters, who is also the course's editor. "Even this contribution is often viewed rather narrowly, as a religious contribution, which is only meaningful to those interested in religion. But as this course demonstrates, the universal change effected by the Torah is much broader."

Dr. Darrin M. McMahon, the Mary Brinsmead Wheelock Professor of History at Dartmouth College, has praised Judaism's Gifts to the World as timely and important: "There can be no

doubt that the Jewish contribution to the civilizations of the West and the world is immense. At a time when noxious critics would doubt that contribution, or deny it altogether, the Jewish Learning Institute has offered a timely reminder of the many gifts the Jewish tradition has bestowed. Judaism's Gifts to the World is a gift of its own, providing a scintillating course in the history of ideas and culture by leading experts from around the globe."

As with all JLI programs, Judaism's Gifts to the World is designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

This course is being presented at over 800 international locations this winter, so even if you have travel plans, you can very often make up a missed class at another location.

Interested students may call (608) 535-9770 or visit [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com) for registration and other course-related information. JLI courses are presented in Madison in conjunction with Chabad of Madison.

**Judaism's Gifts to the World**  
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## Madison Hadassah

Sunday, February 16

**Walking Adventure at Olbrich Gardens at 11:00 am to see LOOK: Tropical Tessellations followed by lunch at Daisy Café & Cupcakery at 12:30 pm**

\$5 to enter Bolz Conservatory for the special exhibit  
Olbrich Gardens 3330 Atwood Ave • (608) 246-4550  
Daisy Café & Cupcakery 2827 Atwood Ave • (608) 241-2200

Join us for a walk through this special art exhibit set throughout the warm tropical gardens in Bolz Conservatory at Olbrich Gardens. The LOOK: Tropical Tessellations art exhibit illuminates surprising and beautiful repeating patterns of nature (tessellations) .After an easy walk through the tropical conservatory, we'll have lunch at a popular café two blocks away.

Everyone welcome – members, nonmembers

To RSVP and for questions

Email: [MadisonHadassah@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonHadassah@gmail.com) • Call: (608)770-6521

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## Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture Featuring Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

Sunday February 9, 2020  
9:45 am to 11:00 pm

Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI

Antisemitism on the College Campus:  
Executive Orders, Free Speech, Inclusivity,  
Exclusivity, and Safe Space



Rabbi Steinberger will talk about current campus culture - here in Wisconsin and internationally. She will address what has changed in the campus dialogue and awareness - about the Holocaust, the State of Israel, and cultural norms, from one generation to another. She will discuss ideas like Intersectionality, identifying as a Jew on campus, and how anti-Zionism and antisemitism often end up in the same conversations - thinking about

some subtle and not so subtle attitudes and behaviors, and end with optimism about the future.

Rabbi Steinberger serves at the Hillel at the University of Wisconsin. Since 1999 she provided opportunities for students on the UW campus to explore spiritual practices, experience Jewish learning, ask difficult questions and come together for Shabbat and holidays. Andrea helps students create and expand their Jewish lives and practices during their college years at the University of Wisconsin. Andrea and her husband, Greg, have three children: Abby, Emma, and Sari Steinberger.

Complimentary brunch is included at 9:45 am; the lecture begins at 10:15 am

For more information and to register:  
<https://www.tbemadison.org/event/blockstein>

*The annual Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture is co-sponsored by Jewish Social Services and Temple Beth El. The event honors Liesl Blockstein, a woman who escaped from Hitler's Austria in the 1930s and was a well-known force for justice and a leader in both the Jewish community and the wider community. The lecture always features a woman who embodies Liesl's commitment to social justice and Jewish life.*

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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, February 3

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: Braised balsamic chicken, herbed rice, green beans, fruit, brownie (Veggie option: Braised balsamic tofu)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Harsha Keister presents: "Aging & Social Services in India"

### Monday, February 10

11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson

12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Chicken Marsala, mashed potato, corn, fruit, brownie (Veggie option: Tofu Marsala)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: The Double Double Reeders - harmonious blend of oboes, bassoons, and English horn

### Monday, February 17

11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson

12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Chicken with caramelized onions and cardamom rice, tabouli, fruit, strawberry short cake (Veggie option: Shepherds Pie)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: "Thriving at Any Age: Guidelines for Living a Happy and Healthy Life" by Bob McGrath

### Monday, February 24

11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson

12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Chicken Shawarma, saffron rice, Israeli salad, fruit, pita, halvah, birthday cake (Veggie option: Tofu Shawarma)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: "A Year in the Life, and an Ojibwa Winter Story" by Barbara Gross

### NEXT MONTH'S DATES: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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](mailto:paul@jssmadison.org)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

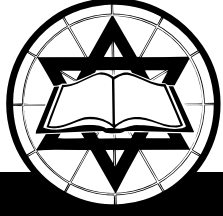


*The Double Double Reeders performing February 10*

## Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat To Our Seniors

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

Capitol Lakes, February 7, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Oakwood Village, February 21, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm



# Jewish Education

## CHALLAH DAYS AT GAN HAYELED

BY MARLA BECKER, DIRECTOR, GAN HAYELED PRESCHOOL  
A PROGRAM OF JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

We look forward to baking challah each week at Gan HaYeled. On Thursdays, the children make the dough from scratch. On Fridays, they each create their own challah to take home for Shabbat!

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Haley, age 3, explains, “I like making challah at school because I like school. I like to eat challah because I am at school. It tastes good. We need it for Shabbat. We eat it at school too during snack. I like to put on raisins, sprinkles, and seeds. I like challah!”



### HOW WE MAKE CHALLAH

- First, we add the yeast
  - Second, we mix the yeast with water
  - Third, we add sugar
  - Fourth, we measure and add oil
  - Fifth, we add salt
  - Sixth, we add flour in a separate bowl
  - Seventh, we combine all the ingredients
  - Eighth, we mix, mix, and mix
  - Ninth, we bake them in the oven
  - Tenth, we clean up
- Shabbat Shalom! Yum, Yum!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT GAN HAYELED PRESCHOOL** • Serving children 18 months through 5 years old of all backgrounds.

We offer flexible schedule options to blend with Public School 4K, including wraparound care, and experienced, loving, compassionate teachers.

For more information or to schedule a tour: Contact Marla Becker, Director, at gan@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808.

### MIDRASHA HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

Open to all local Jewish youth in 8th through 12th grade

**photo left:** Students enjoyed the Midrasha Hanukkah party complete with latkes, sufganiyot, and intense game of Hanukkah Trivia on December 18.

**photos right:** The Yiddish and Israeli Music classes each performed a Hanukkah song for the group.

for more information

<https://www.jewishmadison.org/midrasha>





**CARNIVAL  
ADMISSION**

\$7 for ages 3-12  
Free for 2 and under  
Free for adults  
\$25 max per family



**SCHEDULE**

3:30–5:30 pm  
Carnival & Kids’  
Shpiel (TBE)  
5:30 pm  
Esther’s Ball:  
Nosh & Schmooze  
Reception (TBE)  
6:00 pm  
Dramatic Presentation of  
Megillat Esther (TBE)  
7:00 pm  
Community Dinner (TBE)  
8:00 pm  
Traditional Megillah  
Reading (BIC)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Help make the fun happen by  
selling tickets, food, or  
hamantaschen; running carnival  
activities, games, or prize tables;  
or being part of the  
cleanup crew.

**HAMANTASCHEN**

Hamantaschen will be  
for sale at the carnival  
and by pre-order  
\$8 per half dozen  
\$15 per full dozen

**PICKUP TIMES**

Thursday, March 5  
4:00–6:00 pm at BIC  
Sunday, March 8  
9:00 am–12:00 pm at TBE  
Monday, March 9  
3:30–7:00 pm at TBE



Prepay admission, order Hamantaschen, register for dinner and sign up to volunteer at  
**[TBEMADISON.ORG/EVENT/PURIM5780](http://TBEMADISON.ORG/EVENT/PURIM5780)**

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WISHING YOU A VERY  
**HAPPY TU B’SHEVAT & PURIM!**  
Chag Sameach!



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