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# CONGRATULATIONS

## Madison Jewish Community Graduates!

By Jewish Federation of Madison

The June/July issue of the *Madison Jewish News* is dedicated to celebrating our Madison Jewish Community graduates of all ages and stages. From our preschoolers at Gan HaYeled, teens at Midrasha (all 8 of whom received Midrasha Incentive Awards to further their Jewish education), congregation confirmation classes, high school graduates, to our college grads...We applaud your achievements and can't wait to see what you do next. As a community, we have so much to be proud of. Together we nourish education and give students opportunities to strengthen their Jewish identity, values, and to be inspired to continue learning. We are honored to be a part of that journey now and in the future.



**JEWISH BADGER CRADUATES** Isaac Rudin, Liel Hagen, and Ori Etzion pose for celebratory pictures outside of UW Hillel. See more on page 3.

# Mazel Tov and B'hatzlacha

## to Midrasha's Seniors and Staff

By Kim Rosenthal, Director of Midrasha Hebrew High School
A Program of the Jewish Federation of Madison

In my role as the Director of Midrasha Hebrew High School for a second year, there are two words I feel summarize this school year: hardship and kehillah. This year marked personal and world hardship for our students with anti-Semitic incidents on the rise at schools and globally as we saw many houses of worship, including several synagogues, attacked. For a time, it felt every week students were reporting new incidents to me that either happened to them or their friends.

And yet throughout these hardships, Midrasha was the constant; a safe kehillah, community, where students could come to be themselves as Jews with their Jewish peers and teachers. While students came to me with hardships, they also came to me when they felt heard and validated as Jews. I frequently hear that students feel and believe Midrasha is a place where you can express your beliefs even when they are challenging a popular view. That is a sign of a strong kehillah.

Thank you Midrasha staff for creating the open and welcoming space that Midrasha is and students thank you for showing up with a proud sense of Jewish identity. A very special mazel tov and b'hatzlacha to our graduating seniors who are off to start the next chapter of their Jewish journeys! ***(continued on page 4)***

**MIDRASHA SENIOR CLASS OF 2019 (photo top left)**
Back Row (left to right): Matthew Parker, Garrett Kennedy, Kim Rosenthal (Director), Lauren Jahr, and Isaac Kianovsky
Front Row (left to right): Ryan Weinbach, Benji Joseph, and Isaac Bookstaff

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**2019 GAN HAYELED PRESCHOOL GRADUATES** share a laugh together. As to their future plans? See page 10.




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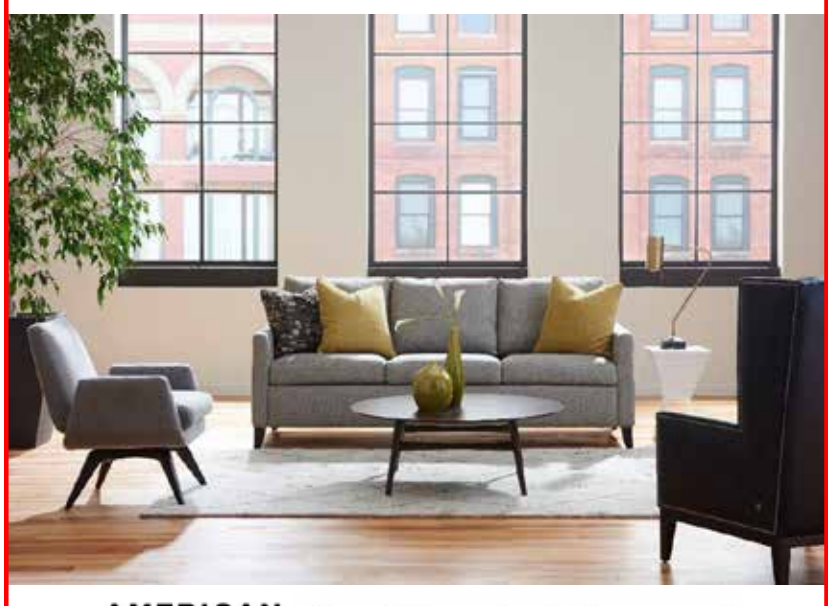

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# Jewish Badgers Celebrate Graduation at UW Hillel

By UW Hillel Staff
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Before joining their peers at Camp Randall stadium on Saturday, May 11th for the 166th commencement at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, graduating Jewish Badgers gathered at The Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Student Life to celebrate their accomplishments with their families, friends, the Hillel staff, and a few special guests. After enjoying a bagel brunch and many selfies with Bucky Badger, graduates and their families heard from Chancellor Rebecca Blank, who spoke of the UW's special relationship with the Jewish community that dates back to 1865 when the first Jewish student enrolled at the University of Wisconsin.

Student speakers Jake Klepper and Katie Sietelman spoke about the ways in which Hillel has supported their growth, provided them with a welcoming and inclusive Jewish community, helped them explore their Jewish heritage, and reflect on the type of Jewish future they want to create.

Those of us at Hillel who spend our days supporting and empowering our students are so proud to see all that the class of 2019 has been able to accomplish. We wish them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives and remind them that they'll always have a home at Hillel!





*Photo top: Some of the proud Jewish UW-Madison graduates of the class of 2019.*
*Bottom left: Bucky Badger celebrates with graduates Sam Weiner, Audrey Bachman, and their families.*
*Bottom right: Graduate Bekah Blumenfeld schmoozes with mom Kathy Blumenfeld and Chancellor Rebecca Blank.*

# at UW Chabad

By Rabbi Mendel Matusof
UW Chabad is a beneficiary organization of the Jewish Federation of Madison



*Photo right: Chabad student VP, Shira Forester, sharing some words at the UW Chabad graduation event.*
*Bottom: Graduation Badgers Class of 2019 at the Chabad graduation event.*

# Simchas & Condolences

***Mazel Tov on the birth of***
**Elana Bess Mandel** to parents Natan and Jessica Mandel, grandparents Cher Mandel Diamond and Ron Diamond, and cousins Saul and Alison

**Ethan Holden** to parents Micha Zev Neugut and Lindsey Silken-Neugut and grandmother Rita Holden

**Lielle Seligman Crespo** to parents Aaron Seligman and Jaime Crespo, sister Mara, and grandparents Betsy Abramson and David Seligman

**Ezra Schauer Gooze** to parents Aaron Gooze and Gillian Schauer, sister Amali, and grandparents Mary and Rob Gooze

**Sibylla Isla Maude** to parents Makenzie and Steve Maude and brother Jayvyen

**Reese Mae Sherman** to parents Sarah and Adam Sherman, brother Rory, grandparents Dan and Bettine Lipman, and uncle David Lipman

**Sunny Claire Loehnis** to parents Joe Loehnis and Evan Moss and brother Levi

***Mazel Tov on the adoption of***
Avi, son of Yonah Drazen and Megan Sanders-Drazen

***Mazel Tov on the engagement of***
**Ben Wolf** (son of Suzanne and Mitch Wolf) and **Kate Snyder**

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***Condolences to the families of***
**Mary Cohen**, mother of Marsha Cohen (Mike Pressman), grandmother of Nina and Sammy Pressman

**Arnold Engman**, father of Katie (Josh) Rice, grandfather of Arlo and Etta Rice

**Bob Klaskin**, father of Rochelle Klaskin, and grandfather of Simone Asen-Klaskin

**Alan Hyman**, husband of Harriet Hyman, father of Cynthia and Richard (Bette) Hyman, and grandfather of Shaina and Katherine Hyman

**Harvey Larson**, father of Gregg Larson (Beth Kaplan), grandfather of Eric and Nathan Larson

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***The Jewish Federation of Madison expresses its appreciation to these individuals who recently made a tribute donation to honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion.***

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MIDRASHA GRADUATION CELEBRATION • MAY 8, 2019
*Photo top:* The amazing Midrasha staff whose passion and teaching talents make this pluralistic community high school program a success.
*Photo bottom:* Deborah Minkoff, Jewish Federation of Madison President, shares a few words with the students, families, and staff, and presents Midrasha Incentive Awards to all eight graduating seniors.

## Mazel Tov to Midrasha's Seniors

*(continuted from page 1)*

**Here are quotes from the seniors that genuinely inspire and remind us of the wonderful kehillah that has been created and will continue to thrive.**

"Midrasha opened up for me more than what I just learned in class. It pushed my interests even further to looking into Israeli current events and picking them for several projects in school including one where I researched their economy. Midrasha has given me the drive to learn more about the Jewish community in any way I can."

"Having Midrasha be my Jewish educational home has taught me a lot. From the little bit of Hebrew that provided a basis for getting around Israel, to the classes, it has all led me to challenge my faith curiosities and be interested to learn more throughout my life. So much more that I want to continue learning and exploring Judaism in college and beyond. Although I only joined Midrasha as a Freshman, because that's when I moved to Madison, I have seen that the Midrasha community is a place that brings joy to everyone."

"Reflecting back on the past four and half years that I have attended Midrasha classes, I think primarily about the learning advantages I have gained through exposure to the wide variety of backgrounds that the teachers and students come from. Hearing the voices of a mixture of college students, lifelong teachers, rabbis, Israelis, and many others has challenged my viewpoints in constructive ways, and refined my opinions toward a large number of subjects related to Judaism and not. Another way in which I have grown because of Midrasha is by reckoning with current Jewish issues on a weekly basis with other people my age. The unique experience to be with other people who are attending on a volunteer basis (because they are interested) has given me a regular outlet where I can express my own opinions and discuss them in a constructive and engaged environment."

"In college I may use the Midrasha Incentive Award to explore the pillars of Judaism and continue to grow in my understanding of my own religion. I might also use this money to explore Israel, either for a study abroad program or perhaps an internship abroad. I could see myself using this money to take more Hebrew classes, so I can strengthen my knowledge of the language. Midrasha has sparked my love for Jewish learning, strengthened my identity, and helped me better understand Jewish beliefs. With the help of this Midrasha Incentive Award I will continue learning about Judaism for the rest of my life."

20th Annual
**Greenfield Summer Institute**
***Business, Labor, and Social Justice: Jewish Perspectives, Jewish Traditions***
**July 14-17, 2019**
**University of Wisconsin–Madison**
**Tuition: $175 for the full Institute (single-day pricing also available)**
*"I've always been a student, my whole life... being able to come back, sit in on lectures from professors who are experts in their field, and share those experiences with other people who have similar interests—to me that sounds like a really fun vacation. A learning vacation."*
*—Robin Berman Thompson '72 (Fairfax, VA)*
The Greenfield Summer Institute showcases the award-winning teaching and research of acclaimed Jewish studies scholars from UW–Madison and around the country. Participants enjoy lectures, film screenings, meals, and other opportunities to learn and socialize. This year's program, "Business, Labor, and Social Justice," will consider the many ways Jews have engaged in business, labor, and the tradition of *tzedakah*. It will also explore the many ways Jews have brought their religious traditions to bear on work and social justice.
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# Camp Corner

## Goodman Jewish Community Campus Gets Much-Needed Improvements

By Ellen Weismer, Director of Camp Shalom
A Program of the Jewish Federation of Madison

This summer, Camp Shalom will celebrate our 20th summer at the Irwin A. & Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus. I will never forget the first time I stepped foot on the campus for the Hava Nagila Picnic in 1999. It was August, and I had just spent the summer at Olin Park (Camp Shalom's original location), so it was hard to imagine this barren, dry, grassy expanse as our new home. At the time, there was no Minkoff Center, just a pole barn. No Goodman Aquatic Center, only a heavily chlorinated indoor pool in the lower level of the Goodman House. However, some of my best Camp Shalom memories were made that very first summer when we had to really use our imaginations and teamwork to get through rainy days. The hot bus rides to Blue Mounds state park for swimming when our make-do indoor pool was no longer an option were unforgettable. I am so grateful for the growth and development that has happened on the Goodman Campus over the past 20 summers to help Camp Shalom thrive as the Most Loved Camp in Madison (thanks Hulfrog.com and voters)!

This year, the Camp Shalom and Goodman Campus committees focused on making some much-needed improvements to the Minkoff Center and the areas around campus that required some TLC after 20 years and tens of thousands of campers using the space. We identified several projects that would allow us to use more space on the campus, would make our space more efficient, and were physically necessary for us to continue daily use. We are so excited to see how these changes improve the camper and staff experience.

**WHAT'S NEW IN 2019?**

- Solar Panels were installed on the Omanut (arts and crafts building). Thank you to Focus on Energy for the grant to help us complete this project!
- Cubbies were installed in the back room of the Minkoff Center. These will be used to help groups keep their projects and activity materials more organized.
- We relocated two water-fountains and upgraded one with a water-bottle filling feature.
- Large basin sinks were installed to the side of the Minkoff Center for hand washing and cleaning arts and crafts supplies.
- A new roof was installed on the Minkoff Center.
- The overgrown areas around campus were cleared to allow for more natural play spaces for campers. We also extended the overflow parking lot to accommodate more spaces.
- The Rally Tree area in front of the Minkoff Center had a make-over. This new space offers natural seating, better protection for our beloved Rally Tree, and a much-needed aesthetic upgrade to this area of the campus.

I am incredibly grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Camp Shalom and Goodman Campus committees who put in extra volunteer hours to help us complete these projects.

We have many plans for additional changes and upgrades to the Goodman Campus in the coming years. If you are interested in being more involved, please contact me at shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org.

**COMING IN THE FALL 2019:** The Goodman Campus Pumpkin Patch. Stay tuned for more details to come.








**COME SEE CAMP SHALOM ~ NEW FAMILY INFO SESSION**
**Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

meet the staff • tour the Goodman Campus
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Camp Shalom at Goodman Jewish Community Campus
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# Congregation News

## Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center





**TEMPLE BETH EL (TBE)**
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**Sunday, June 2 • 1:00 pm-4:30 pm**
**URGENCY OF NOW: RETURNING PRISONER SIMULATION**
**Temple Beth El**
Take a walk in the shoes of a person just released from prison - would you find your way? Join us for an "up close" view of what it's like to return to a community after incarceration.

**Friday, June 7 • 5:45 pm-7:00 pm**
**SHABBAT OUTDOORS**
**Wingra Park, 824 Knickerbocker St**
Join us on the first Friday of the summer months to welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors. Enjoy the fresh air and company of others in this unique, casual prayer experience. The service includes a kid-friendly story.

*Temple Beth El Photos:*
*Top: TBE was honored to welcome Governor Evers on April 26 as the guest speaker during Shabbat services.*
*Bottom: The fun and lively silent auction at "A Taste of Monroe Street" on May 4.*

**Thursday, June 13**
**11:30 am-1:30 pm**
**KESHER CAFÉ - LOOKING AT THE 21ST KNESSET**
**Temple Beth El**
A discussion of current events with Madison's Shlichim (Israel emissaries), Shlomit Ezer and Tal Sheffer.

**Friday, June 14 • 6:30 pm-9:00 pm**
**MJND POTLUCK SHABBAT DINNER**
**RSVP on website for address**
Bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to pass. Can't bring a dish? Bring a drink! Can't bring a drink? Bring a friend!

**Wednesday, June 19**
**7:00 pm-10:00 pm**
**KESHER ISRAEL FILM "IMPOSSIBLE SPY"**
**Temple Beth El**
Based on the true story of Elie Cohen, Israel's national hero, whose daring mission took him from Argentina to Damascus where he successfully entered the upper echelons of the Syrian government. The secrets he obtained became crucial in Israel's victory in the 1967 Six-Day War.

**CONGREGATION SHAAREI SHAMAYIM (CSS)**
Located at First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
Madison, WI, 53705
(608) 257-2944 • office@shamayim.org

**Saturday, June 8 • 9:30 am-12:00 pm**
**ADULT BNEI MITZVAH CELEBRATION**
**First Unitarian Society**
In May we celebrated the Bnei Mitzvah of three adults, Valerie Reed Hickman, Wes Slaymaker, and Christina Kantor. Join us in June to celebrate the Bnei Mitzvah of five more adults, Helen Hazelmare, Candace Pantoga, Elizabeth Shrimpf, Devin Wixon, and Ashley Byock. All are welcome to stay for lunch.

**Monday, June 24 • 6:30 pm**
**CSS 101: NUTS AND BOLTS**
**First Unitarian Society**
Want to learn more about Shaarei Shamayim? CSS President, Jeff Spitzer-Resnick will lead an introduction to discuss how the congregation has evolved over the past 25+ years and address our community values, various committees, and how to get involved. RSVP to office@shamayim.org.

**Friday-Sunday, July 12-14**
**HIGH HOLIDAY CANTOR SHABBATON**
**First Unitarian Society**
We welcome our new cantor, Shira Standford-Asiyo, who will be with us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In July she will teach new music, lead Shabbat services, and do a singing workshop. Please visit www.shamayim.org for more information.

**Saturday, July 20 • 11:45 am-1:00 pm**
**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE A MEAL**
**The Beacon, 615 E. Washington Ave**
Provide a meal with Friends of the State Street Family. Shop for food, cook, or serve the meal. This project is ideal for people of all ages and schedules. Learn more about what's needed by contacting Joy at office@shamayim.org.














**BETH ISRAEL CENTER (BIC)**
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**Saturday, June 1 • 10:30 am-11:30 am**
**Saturday, July 6 • 10:30 am-1:30 am**
**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**
**Beth Israel Center**
Shabbat morning children's services are offered on select Shabbatot during the summer.

**Thursday, June 13 • 7:30 pm-9:30 pm**
**ISRAELI FILM SALON**
**Beth Israel Center**
Free screening of But Wait, Where is Daniel Wax? (1972). Yair Mazor will lead a discussion following the film.

*Beth Israel Center Photos:*
*Top: Feasting after the pre-Pesach Siyyum.*
*Bottom left: Isaac delivers chametz collected by MOUSY to the Goodman Community Center.*
*Bottom right: Rabbi Forester and friends burn chametz before Pesach.*

**Saturday, June 8 • 7:30 pm-1:00 am**
**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT**
**Beth Israel Center**
The theme of this year's Tikkun is "Wow in the World: Exploring Science, Scripture, Revelation, and Realism." Learn with rabbis and other scholars from around the community, and enjoy dairy delights and first fruits.
*See page 7 for more details.*

**Friday, June 21 • 5:45 pm-8:30 pm**
**Friday, July 19 • 5:45 pm-8:30 pm**
**KABBALAT SHABBAT**
**Hoyt Park, 3902 Regent Street**
Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors with old and new friends. Bring a kosher-dairy contribution to our potluck dinner if you can.

**Every Saturday • 9:15 am-12:15 pm**
**SHABBAT SERVICES**
**Beth Israel Center**
Celebrate Shabbat at Beth Israel Center. Kiddush lunch always follows services, and visitors are most welcome.

**Congregation News**
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**Thursday, June 20 • 7:30 pm-9:30 pm**
**WIESENTHAL PRODUCTION**
**Temple Beth El**
An award-winning off-Broadway show starring internationally acclaimed actor Tom Dugan as the famed Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal.
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**Friday, June 21 • 9:00 am-10:00 am**
**SINGLES CREATING COMMUNITY COFFEE**
**The Egg & I, 2501 West Beltline Highway**

**Wednesday, June 26 • 7:30 pm-9:00pm**
**MEN'S CLUB BOOK GROUP**
**Temple Beth El**
We will read and discuss Dark Matter: The Private Life of Isaac Newton; a novel by Philip Kerr.

**Sunday, June 30 • 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
**UON: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING**
**Temple Beth El**
Learn the rights of undocumented immigrants and how to protect those rights as allies when providing assistance to individuals in sanctuary. This training is open to all and is required for those providing assistance at an on-site sanctuary congregation.
Please RSVP by June 26.

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*Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Photos (page 6):*
*Far left top: Shaarei Shamayim pulls buckthorn with the Lakeshore Nature Preserve.*
*Left top: Over 100 people join us for our Bet Sefer community seder.*

## Mazel Tov!

*Bottom left:* **Shaarei Shamayim graduating seniors**

*Pictured left to right, back row:*
Arlen Slaymaker
Julian Davis
Jacob Swift

*Front row:*
Haley Meskin
Raiya Lewis
Sammy Angelina
Lily Cooper
Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

*Not pictured:*
Ed Hansen
Sarah Nathan
Gabe Wasserman
Isaac Wasserman
Elise Woloshin
Sam Zirbel-Shapiro

## Congratulations Graduates

**TBE Confirmation Class of 2020**
Zoe Byer-Wein
Ben Daly
Ari Greenlee
Benny Gustafson
Jessie Kahn
Aviva Kinsey
Ben Magenheim
Nikko Schneiderman
Ian Staresinic

**BIC and/or MOUSY Member High School Graduates Class of 2020**
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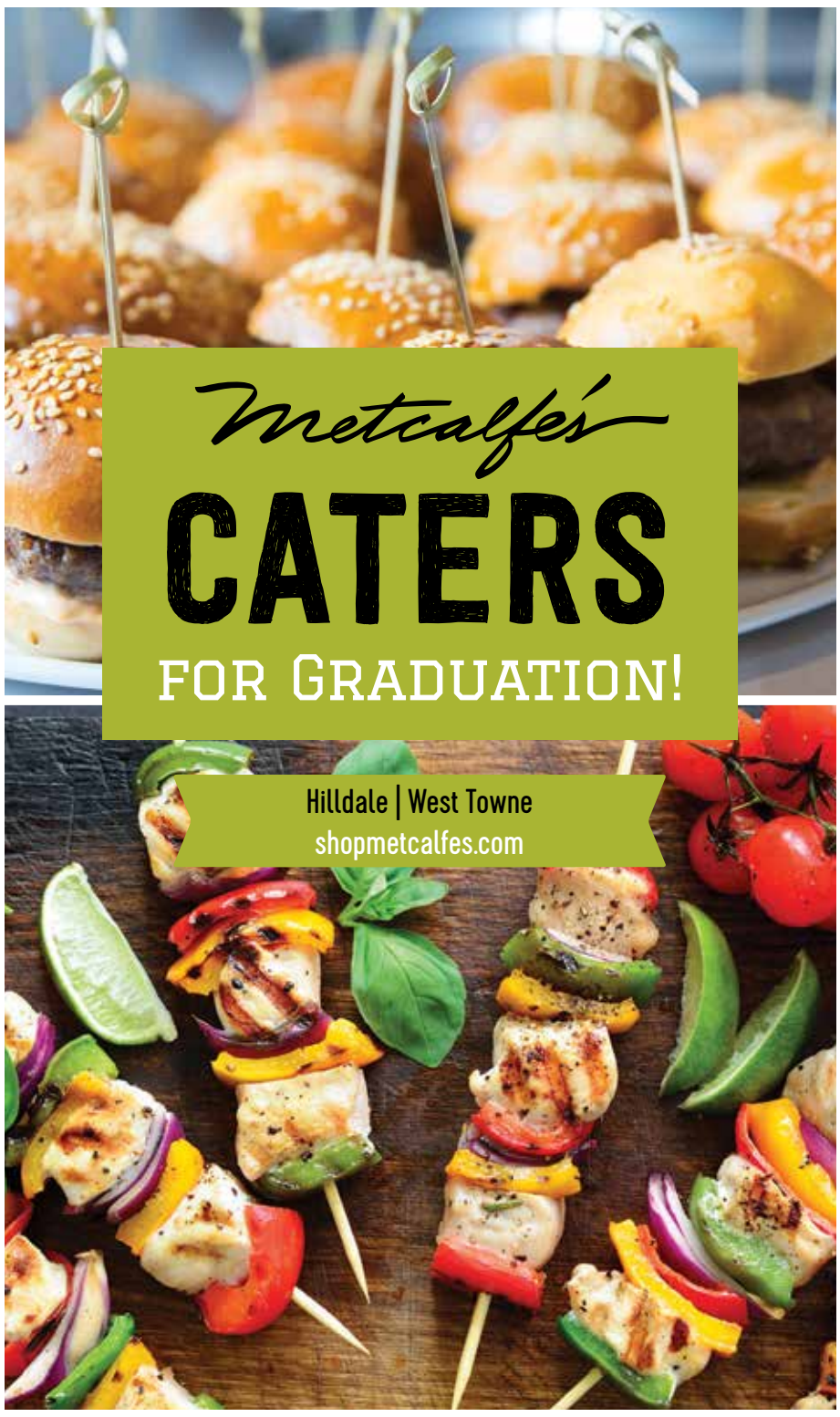


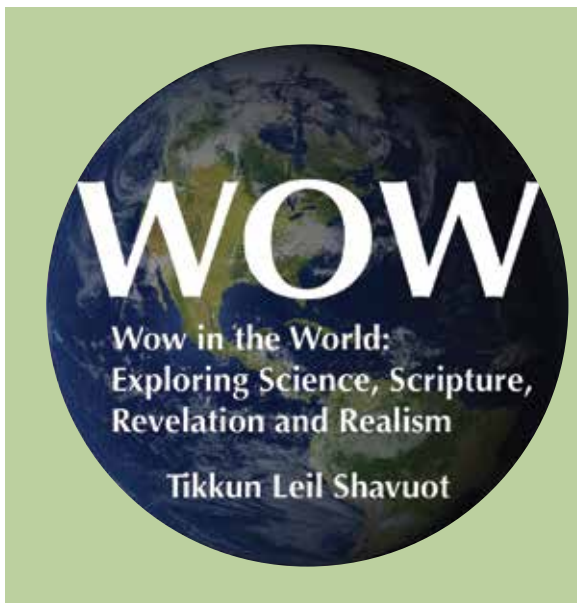


## TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT
## Saturday, June 8 • 7:30 pm - 1:00 am
**Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. Madison, WI**

Stay up late and learn! The theme of this year's Tikkun is **Wow in the World: Exploring Science, Scripture, Revelation, and Realism**.

This special evening will include a pluralistic Ma'ariv service to mark the end of Shabbat and the beginning of Shavuot, dairy delights, and lots of learning with Rabbis and other scholars from around the Madison Jewish community.

*Presented by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, UW Hillel, and Jewish Federation of Madison.*

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# Jewish Education

## GAN HAYELED PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND GETS NEW FEATURES

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

Our playgrounds continue to evolve! On Sunday, April 28, Gan families and staff constructed music and water tube exploration areas for the children. In addition, the pergola top was completed by Matt Wanless, along with five new planters. The children cannot get enough of the outdoor play, which includes the previously built mud pit and sensory path. Our gan (garden) is sprouting with radishes, green beans - and carrots and sugar snap peas with seeds from Israel!













**GAN HAYELED GRADS FUTURE PLANS** *(continuted from page 1)*

**Abby:** I want to be a gymnast cause usually they do flips.
**Amelie:** I want to be a ballerina cause I like to do ballet class and I did a ballet class when I was 3.
**Curtis:** I want to be a racecar that crashes into the cactus!
**Ethan:** I want to be a police so I never get locked up in a cage every day.
**Henry:** I want to do half a day as a doctor and half a day as a firefighter. I want to be a doctor so I can eat lunch with my mom and help people, and a firefighter because they help people too.
**Isaac:** I want to be an astronaut because you can go out of this world!
**Philip:** I want to be a principal at Gan because I like being a little kid principal.
**Sam:** I want to be a babysitter and a teacher and an engineer.



Congratulations graduates, and best wishes on your next adventure!



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# Construction Plans Approved at Beit Olamim, Madison's Jewish Cemetery

By James Stein, MD, President, JBAM
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On April 8, 2019, the City Council Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the Jewish Burial Association of Madison's (JBAM) plans to build a driveway that enters Sunset Memory Gardens cemetery off of Westfield Road. The driveway will provide direct access to Beit Olamim, Madison's Jewish cemetery, and connect to the other inner driveways of the cemetery, facilitating easy access to families and visitors. The driveway and its landscaping are expected to be completed by fall. JBAM also is initiating its landscaping plan this summer, to beautify the cemetery and to help it continue to serve the Jewish community as a tranquil, beautiful, and holy place. The landscape icludes beautiful flowers, shrubs, and trees, as well as pavers to further help visitors move around the cemetery. Please come visit the cemetery to see how it has developed.

For more information about JBAM and Beit Olamim, please contact us via our website at https://www.jbamadison.org/ or call (608) 467-3493.

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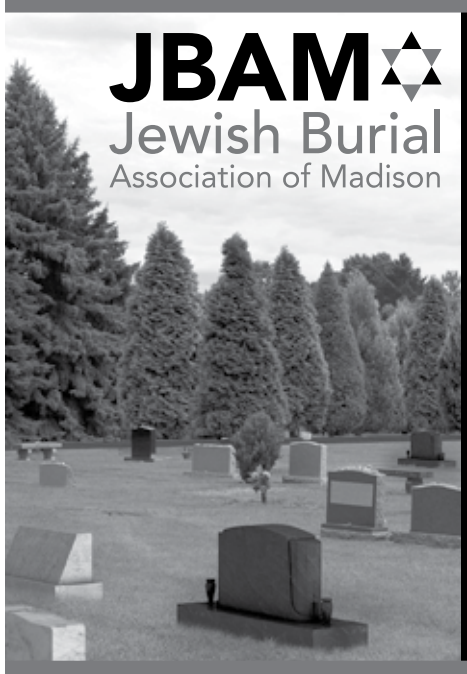

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**Community Yom HaShaoah Service & Program • May 1**

Our community came together for the annual Community Yom HaShoah Service and Program to remember the six million Jewish people who died in the Holocaust and to honor local survivors and their families. The service was followed by Professor Amos Bitzan's presentation entitled "Postcards Europe's Edge".

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## THANK YOU LECHAYIM VOLUNTEERS



Thanks to all our Lechayim volunteers! Each year we honor one or two volunteers with the Tobie Raff Award. Tobie was an active volunteer for Jewish Social Services and many other agencies and causes. Jane Armstrong presents our award and donation in honor of her mother and our volunteers.

**This year's award went to Merilyn Kupferberg and Debbie Spear (pictured above left).**

It was a great season, and we look forward to seeing you for our summer activities, and next year at Lechayim. We resume Lechayim in September 2019: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23

**Add Something Special to your Life...**
**Volunteer for Jewish Social Services!**
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## Madison Hadassah

**Sunday, June 30 • 1:00 pm**
**OLBRICH GARDENS WALKING ADVENTURE**
Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby, 3330 Atwood Avenue
With Leslie Fields and followed by lunch nearby

**Sunday, July 21 • 10:30 am**
**UW CAMPUS ART AND GARDEN WALKING ADVENTURE**
Meet at Allen Centennial Garden, 620 Babcock Drive
Including the Botany Gardens, Greenhouse, Allen Centennial Garden, and the Howard Temin Lake Shore Path. Followed by lunch at Dejope Residence Hall (cash only).

**To RSVP, for more details, and updates:**
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www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison

*Photo (below): Madison Hadassah's May Walking Adventure at the UW Arboretum.*



## Jewish Social Services Presents THE LEVY SUMMER SERIES

**Wednesday, June 12: "Watching Sports Through a Jewish Lens" - Mitch Nelles**, On-Air Host with iHeartMedia

**Wednesday, June 26: "Jews and Muslims in Christian America" - Charles Cohen**, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, E. Gordon Fox Professor of American Institutions and Founding and Director for the Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions - UW Madison

**Wednesday, July 10: "Criminal Justice and Restorative Justice: Reforming the System" - Carousel Bayrd**, Attorney & Partner, Herrick and Kasdorf and Supervisor, Dane County Board

**Wednesday, July 24: "And the Fine Blade Gleamed with the Fury of Live Coals:" Twentieth Century Poets Confront the Akedah - Larry Kohn**, Education Director of Temple Beth El from 1979-2014

**Tuesday, August 6: "One Couple Two Faiths - Stories of Love and Religion: A Program Addressing Interfaith Couples and Families" -** Marion Usher, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, George Washington School of Medicine and Behavioral Sciences

**Tuesday, August 20: "Madison in the Sixtie - Jews in the News"**- Stuart Levitan, Author and Journalist

Check out our website: jssmadison.org for full menus and programs descriptions of Levy Summer Series presentations and luncheons held twice each month in June, July, and August. All programs are from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm at Nakoma Golf Club.

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

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# Connecting with Israel

## Commemorations, Celebrations, and Thank Yous

By Shlomit Ezer, Jewish Federation of Madison Shlicha
and Tal Sheffer, Jewish Federation of Madison Campus Shaliach



*Speaking at Lechayim about the story of Israel through the stories of our families.*

It's hard to believe our time in Madison is coming to an end. The last two years have been an incredible period for us. We have so many thank yous to give, so many people to appreciate, and so many insights and thoughts swirling around our heads. We will share all that, eventually. For now, we look back at May which captures a lot of it: this was a month full of goodbyes, as many of our programs ended, and it was also a month full of Israeli content and activities due to Yom HaAtzmaut and Yom HaZikaron. Here are some of the things that happened this past month, and we want to thank everyone who was a part of it.

**HOST AN ISRAELI THIS SUMMER**
Madison will be hosting a group of up to ten Israelis from the Sovev Kinneret region between June 26 and July 3 for a week of community outdoors activities and mutual learning about nature here and in Israel. Contact Shlomit at israel@jewishmadison.org if you can volunteer to host one or two people.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**
KESHER CAFÉ - LOOKING AT THE 21ST KNESSET
Thursday, June 13 • 11:30 am-1:30 pm • Temple Beth El

ISRAELI DELEGATION OUTING
Sunday, June 30, 2019 • Time and Location TBA
Join us in welcoming an Israeli delegation of nature, trails, and water professionals on a day of outdoor activities.
For more information and to RSVP:
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*Commemorating Yom HaZikaron together.*



*Ivrit B'Kef Hebrew class for K-2nd grade.*



*Last Hillel Hebrew Club meeting.*



*Saying goodbye to my Midrasha students from the past two years.*

## Yom HaAtzmaut Celebrations



*Celebrating Yom HaAtzmaut and Israeli Tikkun Olam with Dr. Adam Lee Goldstein, learning about some of the light Israel spreads around the world.*





*And enjoying delicious refreshments of appetizers and beverages.*



*Community Yom HaAtzmaut for families with young children at Gan HaYeled.*



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June 3-7: 4:30 pm-8:00 pm
June 8-9: 11:00 am-8:00 pm
June 10-12: 4:30 pm-8:00 pm
June 13-23: 11:00 am-8:00 pm

June 24-August 16:
*(except SPECIAL DATES noted below)*
Monday-Friday: 4:30 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 am-8:00 pm

August 17-September 1
Daily: 11:00 am-8:00 pm

**SPECIAL DATES**
July 4: 10:00 am-7:00 pm
July 15: 11:00 am-8:00 pm
August 5: 11:00 am-8:00 pm

**LABOR DAY HOURS**
September 3: 11:00 am-3:00 pm

**LAP SWIMMING**
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am-11:00 am
*(starting June 1 - open to all)*

Monday-Friday: 3:30 pm-4:30 pm
(*starting June 24 - for members only)*

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**2019 SEASON MEMBERSHIP FEES**
- Family (Immediate Family Only): $350
- Adult (16+): $135 per person
- Youth (ages 2–15): $110 per person
- Grandparents & Childcare Providers: $30 per person (available as an add-on to a family membership only)

**2019 DAILY FEES**
- Adult (16+): $5
- Adult (Senior 65+): $4
- Youth (ages 2-15): $4
- Infants (under 2): Free

**EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS**
Season memberships purchased by May 24, 2019 will include:
- Family-10 daily guest passes and 1 party reservation (value $25)
- Adult-5 daily guest passes
- Youth-3 daily guest passes

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## MESSAGE FROM *MADISON JEWISH NEWS*

**We hope you enjoy reading the *Madison Jewish News*!**

We know it's an important resource for keeping informed and up-to-date on happenings and events in the Madison Jewish community. You may notice this month's issue is a little smaller than usual. We're currently in a period of transition and reorganization, which includes working on a needs assessment for the paper. In order to give us the capacity to explore how we can best serve the community, the next few MJN issues will be smaller in page count and may not be running certain content.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you on this process.