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Isadore Fine – One Hundred & Counting

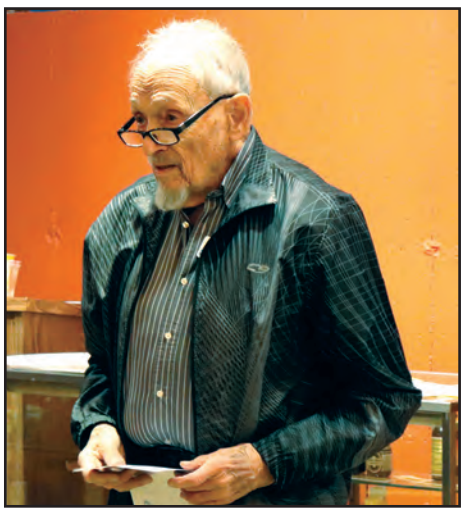
By Pamela Phillips Olson
with additions from Paula Jayne Winnig

As I sat across from Isadore Fine, his sharp wit, energy and humor were palpable. Not what you might expect in a person about to turn one hundred. He prefers to be called Is Fine which he says is his name and his state of being.

He quickly made clear his agenda for our meeting and took over our conversation, weaving his own path, telling highlights of his one hundred years of living, growing and giving to the world.

What Is described was a life that from the start was full of coincidences. What he calls "luck" in truth, is a kind of genius at self-determination. His drive toward personal betterment and success was achieved despite a tangle of often difficult circumstances.

"Let me tell you how I avoided being placed in an orphanage," he began. He was born to a young mother who quickly bore two children, Is and his sister, while living in Corvalis, Oregon. One evening, while pregnant with a third child, his mother went with Is's father to the theater. As her husband stood up, went outside, he suddenly dropped dead. Stunned, Is's mother made her way with her two children back to her husband's family's farm. Unfortunately, she did not receive the warm welcome she had hoped for and realized that she could not stay with her in-laws.



They faced destitution and it seemed like it would be best if, as was common at the time, Is were placed in a Jewish orphanage for boys. Luckily, however, an amazing coincidence changed Is's future. A butcher named Vine from Is's mother's home town was driving past on his way to purchase chickens. He recognized her on the street and stopped and listened to her sad tale. He generously took the distraught mother and children back to her parent's home, where they were welcomed. Mr. Vine saved Is, his sister and his mother from hardship. Learning of a such a mystical event cannot help but deeply impress a person with a sense of destiny.

Is uses himself as a force for good in the world. He has been a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grand father and teacher. He served on active and reserve duty and volunteered countless hours for Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of Madison. He recounted this story: Is was at Temple Beth El where he saw two boys who were obviously in trouble sitting in the temple office. They were waiting to be spoken to about their behavior in Sunday school. Is studied them and said: "You guys are lucky; all you have to do is go into the office for a talk. When I was a kid and wasn't paying attention, the rabbi would grab my ear and twist it." Ninety years later, Is pulls out this memory for consideration. Hopefully the boys realized they had it good and behaved.

When Is was a professor in the business school another punishment surfaced as a lesson. At age ten, Is worked at his grandfather's fruit and vegetable wagon. A lady, wanting potatoes, rejected every potato Is put on the scale. Is became so frustrated, he finally made a comment. His grandfather took over and completed the transaction and later reminded Is in a memorable way that "The customer is always right!" Years later, teaching an MBA class in marketing Is told that story with the hope that those students would never forget it. Part of the joy of living so long is dispensing hard earned wisdom!

Another story that comes to him was about his time in the army. Is was in the army in Belgium toward the end of WWII. It was a German held territory. As a Major, he was escorting a truck filled with WACs through what was hoped to be deserted territory. Every two hours, the women requested a "bathroom" stop. His was the last truck in the convoy, and they fell farther and farther behind the others. Close to the end of this anxious journey they

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B'hatzlacha to Our Seniors!

By Kimberly Rosenthal
Director, Midrasha

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year as the interim Midrasha director. I look forward to serving you next year as the Midrasha director. Year one is always a learning year, but I feel blessed to have an amazing predecessor, Ellen Weismer, who helped me with my many questions and unconditional support. My second thank you goes to Paula Winnig for believing in my vision for Midrasha. I am excited for what the future brings. To the Midrasha Committee, thank you for all that you do to support the students and me. And Seniors, you are the true MVP's of Midrasha! From snack schedule to advice for younger students, you have helped me make Midrasha a success. It is usually the director that gives advice to the students, but all of you have given me more advice than I could ever give to you. But, as most of you know, I always have a little nugget of wisdom to share, and that nugget is to trust the Jewish journey you are on. There will be times when you will feel distanced from your Judaism, and other times when you will feel so close you could not imagine doing anything else, and you will feel everything in-between. All of those emotions are okay because Judaism will always be there for you, as will the Jewish community in Madison. Thank you Senior class for your dynamic charisma, which is both infectious and inspiring.

Here are their inspiring words written by eight of our ten Seniors who will be receiving the Midrasha Incentive Award. Each Senior is eligible for an incentive award to further their Jewish education



in college. To receive the award, they each wrote an essay addressing three questions: How have you been involved in the Jewish Community? How has your Midrasha experience helped you grow? And, how do you hope to use the incentive award? I sincerely hope you enjoy their writings on their Jewish journey!

As a testament to how this community has a place for all youth, many students wrote how they began at Gan HaYeled, attended to Camp Shalom, had a b'nai mitzvah, taught at religious and/or

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Share Your Chair

By Tiz Goff
Community Outreach Coordinator

One of Jewish Federation of Madison's newest features is Share Your Chair. Share Your Chair connects members of our community in celebration together for the Jewish Holidays. Do you have open seats at your holiday or Shabbat table? Share your chairs with community members who are looking for a place to celebrate by inviting them to join you and your family for a holiday meal. Are you looking to fill a chair for a holiday or Shabbat? Receive an invitation to share a holiday meal at a community member's home to celebrate. Want to be part of this amazing new program? Please complete the appropriate online form on our website and we will connect you with other community members interested in hosting or being hosted for Shabbat dinner or other holiday meals. The first night of Passover received five requests from people in our community wanting to be hosted in someone's home. Three amazing host families opened their homes to these wonderful people. And, it does take a village, as these host homes would not have been found without the speedy assistance from Beth Israel Center, Shaarei Shamayim, and Temple Beth El. Thank you to all who made this kick-off of Share Your Chair such a success!

"I was invited by Tim and Kathy Mazur to their Seder. They were very welcoming; the table was beautiful; the food fabulous and we all participated in the service."

"We discussed Jewish issues and history well into the night."
"I knew no one when I walked in and left with new friends. Thank goodness for the kindness of strangers."

"I was invited to Kathy's house had a good time. I did know everyone except one person which was good."



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Seniors

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Hebrew School, worked at Camp Shalom, and attended Midrasha. Jake Weinbach writes about all these experiences saying, "I always enjoy being involved with the Jewish community, and I hope to continue to be involved." Sophia Grande said she "gained so much knowledge and experience through this community and intends on continuing programs like these in college and giving back to the next generation of Jewish youth." Riley Shumway explained that Midrasha was the most helpful to him in connecting to others who are Jewish.

Those connections helped students "wonder and ask questions about not just my religion, but the world around me," wrote Kayla Nennig-Kniaz. Ellie Hulan shared a similar experience stating, "Midrasha sometimes reaffirms what I know, and sometimes challenges my perceptions, but I always leave knowing I am perhaps a little more enlightened than when I came in." Jonah Berry expressed just how important Midrasha has been to his Jewish identity stating, "I never saw Judaism as a major part of my life before Midrasha, even with all of my past experiences. I felt I did not know very much about it and it wasn't really part of my identity. Midrasha showed me how important it is to be Jewish."

To continue with their Jewish journey, Stephen Lund wrote he would use his Midrasha Incentive Award to "continue studying the topic of the world religions class I had at Midrasha my eighth-grade year." Max Lerner hopes to continue learning from his experience in Israel by "studying Hebrew and Jewish mysticism more in college."

May all their Jewish journeys be filled with curiosity and adventure! Mazel tov to all our Incentive Award recipients. We all wish you much success in your future.

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What Does It Mean to Be a Jew?

By Jerilyn Goodman
UW-Hillel is a Jewish Federation of Madison Beneficiary Organization

What does it mean to be a Jew? Ask ten Jews that question and you will, no doubt, receive eleven answers. Rabbi Hillel's answer was succinct: "That which is hateful to you, do not unto another: This is the whole Torah. The rest is commentary—go study."

There are those who reveal their quintessential Jewishness through—what else? Dark humor: "They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat!"

Then there are those still searching:

"*I didn't understand why my family stopped going to temple entirely in my early teenage years, but it made me question what it really meant to be Jewish and if my family could really be Jewish despite our lack of religious participation.*" ~Max Bibicoff

"I absolutely despised going to Sunday school and Hebrew school. I also always hated going to temple for services." ~Leah Rosenblum

"My love for text study is still as strong as it was when I was a young girl sitting in on the text studies my dad would lead." ~Audrey Bachman

When it comes to defining one's Jewish identity, UW Hillel encourages "that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found." Hillel Rabbi Andrea Steinberger has spent her career helping young people discover their own truths about themselves and their Judaism. Says Steinberger, "In the college years, students are at a time of tremendous growth in their lives and deep into intellectual ideas and conversations. Just as they are immersed in their academic life, they are also grappling with ideas about who they are and who they want to become." To help navigate that transition into adulthood, each semester for the past three years, Steinberger has led the Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF), a ten-session program, first developed at NYU Hillel, which brings students together to learn with and from each other, sharing conversation and ideas in a classroom and around a dinner table.

Students come to JLF from a variety of religious backgrounds and for different reasons. Sophomore Max Bibicoff grew up in a largely Jewish community and a family that was not particularly observant beyond the High Holidays. About his religious education, he said, "I never developed much of a personal interest or connection to what I was learning. Years later, when Hebrew school no longer had a presence in my life, I began to be curious about my Jewish identity, but I no longer had the structure I needed to pursue the big questions that lingered in my mind. Growing up in a town with a large Jewish population also meant that I became accustomed to comparing my level of Jewishness to the people around me. This meant that, particularly after my bar mitzvah had passed and my Hebrew education had ended, I felt less Jewish than most of the other people I knew."

Coming to the UW and having decided that his Jewish identity was important to him, Max wanted to be a part of a Jewish community but didn't feel he

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JFL students enjoy Shabbat dinner together at the home of Rabbi Steinberger



Students of Hillel's Jewish Learning Fellowship

From Your Executive Director



In chapter two of the Biblical book Song of Songs, we read:

[11]For now the winter is past,
The rains are over and gone.
[12]The blossoms have appeared in the land,
The time of pruning has come;
The song of the turtledove
Is heard in our land.

While certainly more poetic than most of us could write, and while our turtledove song may, more likely, be robins banging into our windows seeking the bird reflected therein, this verse does aptly describe the beauty and joy of the real moment when spring truly arrives; that moment when you look around and almost forget the cold winter that has just ended.

This past month we Jews in Madison and around the world were very busy with Pesach, Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzmaut. But there is more to come! Lag B'Omer, Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Midrasha Graduation and Gan HaYeled moving up celebrations are coming soon. In June we will celebrate our community with our Hava Nagilah Picnic and will rejoice with the opening of Camp Shalom, Camp Shalom Katan and the Goodman Water Park.

These activities along with the kinder weather make us feel rejuvenated. We are more hopeful, happy, as the longer, light filled days give us time to work and to relax and enjoy the beauty of the world around us. We are sometimes so busy that we forget to take the time to reflect on all that is good in our lives.

In Madison, as the trees begin to bud, and the flowers push their shoots through the soil to blossom once again, I hope we can all take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to see and feel the beauty of the world around us.

Sadly, not everyone is able to see or feel this beauty in our world. There are people who live in areas of the world that have been deforested due to years and years of famine, poor resource management and war. There are people who live among us whose days are too filled with the struggle of searching for resources for their daily food and shelter. We despair that we cannot do anything to help. Some of us want to give up altogether, rather than feeling our meager efforts are worth it all.

But fortunately for us, our tagline "The strength of a people, the power of community" conveys the fact that each day we do inch closer to improving the world. The collective power of the contributions from our Tzedakah Campaign along with Federations around the country sustain the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and JFNA's programs to alleviate poverty, homelessness and food insecurity locally and around the world.

Locally, our support of JSS helps them assist their clients seeking assistance in finding housing, food and other services necessary to keep people safe and secure. Scholarships for Camp Shalom and Gan HaYeled help families obtain top notch educational and recreational services for their children. Our support of JDC helps provide food and heat to Holocaust survivors and those Righteous Among the Nations who assisted people during the Shoah, still living in Europe and Israel. These are just a few of the ways that truly demonstrate "the power of community.

We hope that by continuing to work together to build our resources locally and those we send to other programs, we will create a world in which all people will have their days filled with the joy found in the beautiful blossoms of springtime.

Happy spring!
Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig,
Executive Director

Please Join us for Craft Time!

Shalom Wood Blocks

Thursday, May 10, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Cost: $18 per *Shalom Wood Block* craft kit

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Make one for yourself, or as a gift. Join us on your own, with a friend, or with a child (10 years of age and up, please).
All the materials will be provided. Just come and create!



Please note: Cost is "per kit." You may work alone or with a group on a single kit. You will select the desired number of craft kits at registration.

Your Federation Dollars at Work: Healing Victims of Terror Attacks

By Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig
Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Candy in Israel usually costs a few shekels. But when 13-year-old Nadav was stabbed by terrorists as he left a Jerusalem sweet shop with his younger brother, the injuries were so severe, the family feared he might die.

The attack made this already financially unstable family even more worried. They struggled through the pain and sorrow of watching their son fight for his life as their concern about feeding and housing their family only increased.

In the wake of the tragedy, the Federation's partner in Israel, The Jewish Agency for Israel, provided Nadav's family with financial assistance through its Fund for the Victims of Terror. When Nadav had medically recovered enough to celebrate his bar mitzvah, the festivities were sponsored by local Israelis and The Jewish Agency's Unit for Aliyah and Special Operations.

"I get emotional when I think about all of the help and prayers from Jews in Israel and around the world since Nadav was injured," says his father, Shimon. "It makes our family stronger. Your Federation helped this family recover both from their son's attack and from their difficult financial circumstances. This is only one of many stories of how your contributions to the Jewish Federation of Madison helps heal wounded souls and bodies, locally, in Israel and throughout the world.

Thank you for your contributions to our annual Tzedakah campaign!



Congratulations to Class of 2018 Jewish Studies Major Carly Cohen

By Judith Sone

According to her senior thesis professor, Sunny Yudkoff, Carly Cohen doesn't just read; she thinks along with a text, she asks thoughtful questions, and she chooses her words judiciously. Carly's senior project was focused on the Holocaust, a topic she has been passionate about studying for a long time. Together with Professor Yudkoff, Carly studied articles, poetry, books, newspapers, and movies and produced a thesis titled, "The Intensification of Adolph Hitler's Rhetoric during the 1900s." According to both Professor Yudkoff and Carly, this work was truly a collaboration, and both student and professor learned a great deal from one another.

Carly was thrilled that she was able to pick a professor with whom she had connected over her four years in the program and to study with a strong, influential female professor who was "the most brilliant person I had ever talked to." Their study partnership made Carly feel that she wasn't just another student, but a unique person making a difference in her own education.

As a double major in Jewish Studies and Management and Human Resources, it seems unimaginable that Carly would also find the time to be a house fellow at one of the largest dorms on campus and teach Hebrew school at Temple Beth El. Carly truly managed to excel at all her endeavors and to manage her crazy schedule gracefully and professionally.

Carly has already landed a job here in Madison, as the HR coordinator at Illumina. She plans to stay active in the Madison Jewish community and hopes to volunteer with Jewish Social Services.

When she looks back on her Jewish Studies experience, Carly views her Hebrew classes during freshman and sophomore years as highlights. A native of Milwaukee, Carly studied Hebrew all the way through school. Continuing with Hebrew felt very natural and turned out to be a way to build a community when she first got to college. If she could leave a message for future students, Carly would tell them that they shouldn't feel like it's a waste of time to take a Hebrew language class or explore Jewish Studies. She would tell them not to be afraid of the time crunch (to degree), because at the end of the day it is most important to learn who you are and where you are going.



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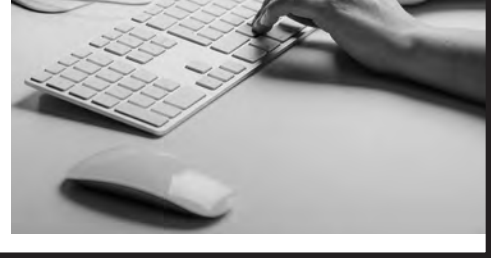

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Governor Walker Issues Commendation for Israel's 70th Anniversary

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

At the request of the Jewish Federation of Madison, Governor Walker issued an official commendation on April 11 honoring Israel's 70th anniversary.

"Since its establishment 70 years ago, the modern State of Israel has demonstrated the power of hope and grit as historically marginalized people who have rebuilt and defined their country as a shelter and sanctuary, as well as a thriving economic, political, cultural, and intellectual society," writes Governor Walker in the commendation.

The commendation also highlights the strong trade relationship between Wisconsin and Israel with exports totaling more than $80 million annually and imports of more than $200 million.

In recent news, the governor also signed Assembly Bill 553, which prohibits companies that boycott Israel from contracting with the state of Wisconsin. The bill, which passed both houses of the legislature on a voice vote, signed into law on April 3, 2018.



Governor Walker signed Assembly Bill 553.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the marriage of

Jonathan Laufman, son of Illene and Marc Laufman to **Arielle Morrison**, daughter of Michelle and Jerry Morrison

Peter Wear, son of Jim and Ziva Wear and grandson of Al and Lois Frank, to **Nicole Brimmer**, daughter of Margott Thorne and Allen Brimmer (z"l)

Mazel Tov on the birth of

Alma Pike Williams, daughter of Brooke Pike and Elliot Williams, brother of Jacob and granddaughter of Deena and Peter Williams

Corben Bartell Hoffert, son of Aleeza and David Hoffert

Condolences to the families of

Moses Feltham, son of Blair and Jakob Feltham

Jacob "Jack" Gustafson, son of Dan and Michelle Gustafson, brother to William and Ben, nephew to Cynthia and Debbie, grandson to Barry and Fern Wolk and Margie and John Gustafson

Michael David Samuel Howards, brother of Laurel (Bert) Hefty

Lester Davis, father of Jonathan (Pam Kelly) Davis and grandfather of Evan and Joel Halpop

Lillian Mildred Duetsch, mother of Judy Karofsky, and grandmother of Jill, Amy, and Andy Karofsky

Zach Tabak, son of Diane and Larry Tabak, brother of Josh and grandson of Tom Shanley

Federation Calendar Upcoming Events

Ivrit Kallah - Adult Hebrew Lessons

Every Monday, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719-1117

Learn Hebrew from our shlicha. All are welcome.
For more info contact Shlomit Ezer at (608) 442-4072 or Israel@Jewishmadison.org

Craft Night

Thursday, May 10, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719-1117

Cost: $18 per craft kit. Enjoy some down time while crafting with friends. For more information, refer to page 3.
To register online go to JewishMadison.org
Contact Tiz Goff with any questions at outreach@JewishMadison.org

Tikkun Leil Shavuot - Night of Community Learning

Saturday, May 19, 7:30 pm
Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound St., Madison, WI 53711

Enjoy a community night of learning and dairy deliciousness.
For more information refer to page 6 or contact Deborah Hoffman at Beth Israel Center, (608) 256-7763, or hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.



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In memory of Cheryl Rosen Weston,
Steven Morrison and Goldie Kadushin

In memory of Jules Rosenthal,
Karen and Harry Roth

In honor of Isadore Fine's 100th birthday,
Steven Morrison and Goldie Kadushin

In honor of Willie Haus's birthday,
Fran Wenstein

Is Fine

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completely lost sight of the truck in front of them. There were no signs and they had no maps. It was terrifying. Ten hours later, after an incredibly nerve-wracking time, worrying they might run into the Germans, they sighted their convoy, reuniting with their countrymen.

Is then reminisces about his first wife, Selma. She was a freshman when she picked out Is, a senior, in the cafeteria where he was selling ice cream. They married when he returned from war. They had two children, both bright and involved in interesting careers.

His own career as a UW professor of business was launched when he accepted their offer to join the faculty in 1947. He planned to stay in Madison for only three to five years so that he could fulfill his promise to Selma's mother to bring her back home to the Northeast. When the time came to consider moving, he and Selma found that they enjoyed their life in Madison too much to leave.

Is stood up for those in need in so many ways, including, being a faculty leader in his commitment to diversity and inclusion during the time of the civil rights movement.

When Selma became ill with kidney disease, Is nursed her through four transplants. They had been married for forty-three years when she passed away.

Three years later he met Mary, a widow. They married and enjoyed nineteen years together. Is took up gardening and created an open walking path on their Shorewood property that was so beautiful it was written up and pictured in news articles. Is feels very lucky to have shared his life with two fabulous women, his children, grandchildren, colleagues and friends here in Madison.

Is is so pleased to be able to have so many parties for his 100th birthday. He had a birthday celebration in Hawaii, several here in Madison and will have one in Colorado this summer.

There are many more stories residing in Is's memory. If you are lucky enough to meet him, sit down for a while and enjoy this remarkable man in our midst.

Is is being celebrated not just for living so long, but for living so well. He has been a doer, a giver and a solid support to his friends and family.

To Be a Jew

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belonged. "I came ready to learn and explore Judaism, but eventually came to believe, again, that I wasn't Jewish enough to be active in any religious Jewish community on campus."

Junior Audrey Bachman's Jewish upbringing was quite different. Her father was a Reform rabbi and Audrey attended a Conservative Jewish summer camp, so she was deeply immersed in Judaism from more than one perspective. Audrey adored being the one kid in her group of childhood friends who kept kosher and took pride in explaining the rules whenever someone asked why she didn't order pepperoni on her pizza or cheese on her burger. At home, talmudic discourse was the norm. "My family had a very Jewish way of talking and grappling with ideas. We were constantly agreeing, disagreeing, dissecting different prayers and religious texts in order to ask as many questions as possible," she said.

For Audrey, being at the UW was liberating. "No one knew who I was simply because they knew my father. Many folks didn't even know I was Jewish until I brought it up, but that was because most of the people I encountered had never met Jews before," she said. Audrey was uninterested in joining a Jewish sorority or participating in Hillel, both of which would have brought her into contact with other Jewish students.

Freshman Leah Rosenblum, who attended a Jewish preschool, Sunday school and Hebrew school, says the only satisfaction she found in her religious upbringing was her time at a Jewish summer camp. Besides her unhappiness with Jewish schooling, Leah said, "I always hated going to temple for services. The older I got, the more I resisted involving myself in religion, and I would not let my parents take me to temple with them. I would stay home when they went to High Holiday services."

Entering the UW, Leah felt her religion had no influence on her life, but came to see that her ties to summer camp did create a cultural connection to Judaism. "The more that I met people, the more I realized that I was easily drawn to other Jews, and I also saw that some people saw me differently because I was Jewish," she said.

This school year, Max, Audrey and Leah joined other students in JLF and its offshoot JLF 2.0 in tackling some of life's big questions and what it means to be a Jew. The JLF curriculum follows a path that starts with recognizing that there is a Jewish story in which each individual is a part. Explains Rabbi Steinberger, "We look at the Passover Haggadah and see our own story in it. Then we move to asking questions: Why do we learn? What makes up a community? What does it mean to be a good friend? How can we disagree productively? How does intimacy play a role in one's life? What is the role of sadness in one's life and how do we deal with darker emotions? Essentially, our goal in JLF is to say to each student: you have a place in the Jewish people. Bring your doubt, your questions, your messy life—Judaism has a text for it, and there is a place for you, your full identity, within the Jewish community."

The highlight of JLF each semester is a Shabbat dinner at the home of Rabbi and Hillel Executive Director, Greg Steinberger, no mean feat when cooking with fifty or so young adults. Reports the rabbi, "They like the home cooking. They like the feeling of closeness that they have with one another away from campus. I like that we can both teach them texts and feed them the text of a Shabbat dinner around a table. After the dinner, I know that students start thinking about how they can replicate that experience with their own friends now or when they graduate from college. And I am most proud of role modeling that experience for them."

In bringing JLF to UW Hillel, Rabbi Steinberger had clear goals. "We wanted to give every Jewish student the opportunity to learn Judaism on his or her own terms and as part of a loving and supportive community on our campus. Some students have had rich Jewish lives as children, but don't know how to grow into Jewish life as young adults on their own, perhaps, for the first time. Other students are coming to campus without many Jewish experiences. JLF can be the beginning of a Jewish community for them as they grow into adulthood," Steinberger said.

Through JLF, Leah Rosenblum has strengthened her cultural ties to Judaism, has enjoyed sharing Shabbat dinner with new Jewish friends, and has found a place of belonging within the Jewish community on campus.

Audrey Bachman's already strong relationship with Judaism is reinforced each week as JLF nurtures her soul and stimulates her study of ancient texts.

For Max Bachman, hearing how others have grappled with their relationship to Judaism has taught him a great deal about himself. He explained, "Not long after I became involved at Hillel, I learned that it's okay to have a dynamic relationship with Judaism. Today I can say that I have a far better understanding and awareness of how my relationship to Judaism is fluid and constantly evolving as I go through changes in my life. In fact, that dynamic relationship is a central part of what it means to be Jewish for so many people."

The students are not the only ones who have taken lessons from JLF studies. Said Rabbi Steinberger, "I have learned that Jewish students are looking for ways to understand if and why Judaism is relevant to their lives. The college years are meant as a time for students to find their professional path, but it can also be a time to find their identities. It is really important that students see and experience Jewish community in these years, so that, alongside their maturing as human beings, they can allow their own Jewish lives to mature and grow with them, as well."

Standing Under the Mountain – Then & Now

Madison Jewish Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Saturday, May 19, 7:00 pm
Beth Israel Center

The Madison Jewish community gathers together on the eve of Shavuot for traditional study and to develop our shared sense of community. It is customary to stay awake all night to study Torah in Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Legend has it that Israelites slept in late on the morning of the revelation on Mount Sinai, and needed to be roused from their beds. Thus, Jewish communities around the world, observe a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, or "night of repair" to make up for the mistake of our ancestors. We stay up late so that every part of us, both the physical and the spiritual, is prepared for the receiving of God's covenant the next morning, during the Shavuot Torah reading.

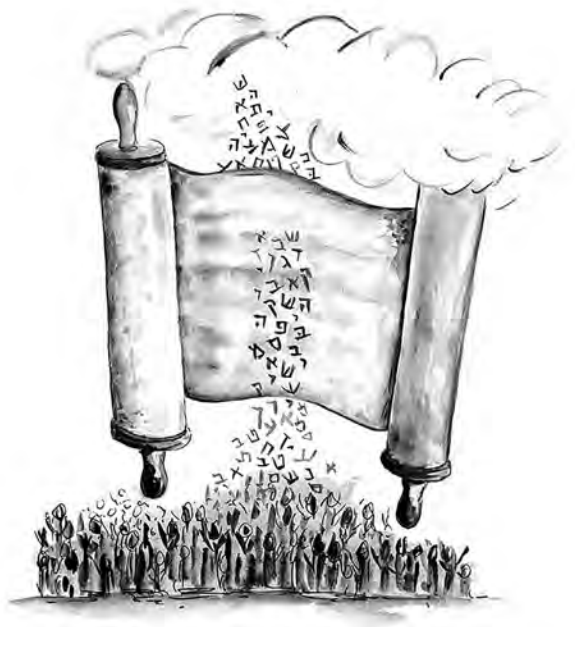
Our theme this year is "Revelation", which recalls the tradition that The Revelation of Torah and the Ten Commandments took place on Shavuot. A Midrash suggests that God suspended Mount Sinai over the Children of Israel—raising question about the extent to which our acceptance of the Torah may have been under duress!

Is mystical "Divine Revelation" the source of our values, or for some of us do we find meaning and inspiration in all too human places—or some combination of these? Where are our mountains, from which our own values flow? Who are our contemporary prophets? What is the nature of Revelation, and how we recognize and access it.

Think of covenant and truth, mystery and meaning, God's unfolding presence in our lives, along with human development and realization. We will reflect on how Jews throughout history have understood the notion of Revelation, and how we experience it today.

Our night of community-wide learning begins on Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 pm, with a panel of Rabbis Sami Barth from Beth Israel Center, Jonathan Biatch from Temple Beth El, and Laurie Zimmerman from Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. Enjoy a special Ma'ariv service to mark the end of Shabbat and the start of Shavuot, followed by delicious dairy desserts, schmoozing, and interludes of music and poetry. After the break, there will be a series of sessions, some concurrently held to give options between text study and other kinds of experiences that will help us get out of our heads and explore our hearts and bodies. Come learn with various talented scholars and teachers from around the community. Watch your email and Facebook page for more details.

Sponsored and presented by Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, and UW Hillel. All are welcome to stay up late and celebrate the Jewish love of learning. For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman at Beth Israel Center, (608) 256-7763, hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.



Planning for a Jewish Burial in Madison: For Your Sake, Your Family's Sake, and the Sake of our Jewish Community

By James Stein
Past-President, Jewish Federation of Madison and Board of Directors, JBAM

No one likes to talk about death, but it is important to think about and to make plans, ahead of its inevitable time. I can attest to that as a physician, but also as someone who had to bury his spouse, unexpectedly. The trauma of a sudden death is unspeakable and having to make emotional and expensive decisions while grieving makes those decisions even harder.

I recently joined the Board of Directors for the Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) which oversees Beit Olamim, the Jewish section of the Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery on Mineral Point Road and Westfield Road. Beit Olamim has two distinct areas for burial within the cemetery: Sha'ar haRachamin, a section in which plots are available for burial in accordance with halachah and traditional Jewish burial practices; and Sha'ar Shalom, a section in which plots are available for burial in accordance with less traditional Jewish burial practices, such as the inclusion of families with non-Jewish members, and the burial of cremains. This past year, JBAM has been actively engaged in acquiring more graves, planning landscaping and beautification for the cemetery, and working with Madison's congregations to address future community needs. As you may know, no more plots are available in the Jewish section of Forest Hill Cemetery's Jewish section.

In the next month or two, we plan to launch a large, community-based marketing campaign with a new website, Facebook page, and promotional materials to ensure that Madison's Jewish community has a Jewish cemetery for the next 50 years. We need to pre-sell several hundred more plots and perform major aesthetic updates by 2020, otherwise we risk losing this treasured piece of our Jewish community.

Just as you plan for your finances, your charitable gifts, and your medical desires, planning for your burial is a gift to your children and loved ones. It also makes financial sense since you can lock in today's prices and not burden your children with an added expense. If you are interested in pre-purchasing a burial plot—which I highly encourage as a friend and a physician, please call or email Judith Blank with any questions at Judithblank91@yahoo.com, (608)527-2161.

Please don't put off this important decision; for your sake, your family's sake, and the sake of our Jewish community.

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The Greenfield Summer Institute showcases the award-winning teaching and research of Jewish Studies scholars from UW–Madison and around the country.
Participants enjoy lectures, film screenings, meals, and other opportunities to learn and socialize.

As performers, writers, and business people, Jews have played crucial roles in American entertainment. Few would disagree with this observation, but how to explain it is no simple matter. How have Jews shaped American film, television, music, and theater? Have they brought to bear distinct styles, perspectives, sensibilities, and concerns? Is there anything particularly Jewish in American popular culture? A fantastic lineup of speakers will explore these and other questions in a variety of forums that will take us from Russia to the United States to Israel.

More information and online registration at
jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield

Questions? Contact the Center for Jewish Studies at
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Hadassah's Walking Adventures

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

Backstage at Overture Center - Walking Adventure
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Sunday, May 13, 12:30 pm-2:00 pm
Meet at Information window across from box office windows

Get an inside look at Madison's most stunning architectural achievements. Plus go behind the scenes of some of the nation's most impressive theaters.

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To RSVP contact Madison Hadassah. Call (608) 770-6521 or email MadisonHadassah@gmail.com.

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A Late Summer Wine and Chocolate Evening Social
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Don't miss Madison Hadassah News about Upcoming Events, development at Hadassah Hospital, and Hadassah's social justice actions. Send us your current email address OR tell us if you don't use email. We'll send you occasional cards instead. See contact information above.



Behind the scenes tour at Overture Hall



More Cooking Classes coming soon.

Donate Your Gently Used Clothing to Collectors Corner for Refugees

The next time you clean out your closets, please consider donating your gently used items to Collectors Corner, Hadassah's Resale Store. Madison Hadasah is working with Madison's Jewish Social Services to provide refugees with clothing and other supplies. All donations (not consignments) are free for refugees.

"I wish that everyone could see how important seasonally appropriate clothing is to all refugees, such as those arriving from arid regions such as Afghanistan." says Shelly Stillman. "As we enter spring and summer, they will need appropriate clothing and rain gear, such as raincoats, umbrellas, boots, and sweaters for everyone from infants to adults."

Please bring clothing, household items, toys, and children's books during store hours.
Monday to Friday: 10:00 am-4:30 pm
Saturday: 11:00 am-2:00 pm

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Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Shaarei Shamayim, Madison's Inclusive Jewish Community, welcomes new and prospective members, as well as visitors, to participate in our services, discussions, classes, and celebrations. For more information or to learn about events, please visit our website at www.shamayim.org, email us at office@shamayim.org, or call us (608) 257-2944.

Spring Beginner's Hebrew Course

Sundays, April 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10:00 am-11:00 am

This crash course, taught by Parthy Schachter, will teach participants the Hebrew alphabet and how to slowly form syllables and read. It is designed for people who do not know any Hebrew or who learned it once but have forgotten basic letters and vowels. They will meet at RISE, 2120 Fordem Ave for the first class and at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St. for subsequent classes. The class is $18 for members, $36 for non-members. Registration is required. Late registrants are welcome. Please email office@shamayim.org for more information.

Lag B'Omer Picnic with Kehillah - Millennials Group

Wednesday, May 2, 6:30 pm

Join us for a campfire at Picnic Point. We'll meet at fire circle #3 for a cookout. Please contact the office for more information.

Exploring Judaism: Open Discussion About All Your Jewish Questions

Wednesday, May 9, 4:30 pm

Please call the office for location.

Curious about Judaism? Join Rabbi Laurie for a monthly gathering where we discuss different aspects of Judaism. This group is for people who want to deepen their knowledge of Jewish practice, who have questions regarding Jewish identity, who are considering becoming Jewish, or who are looking for an opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed environment. We structure each session around participant questions and interests. If you would like to learn more or receive updates, and to RSVP, please contact the office.

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, May 12, 26, 9:30 am
Friday, May 18, 6:00 pm

Located at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive

On May 12 we welcome Max Heinz as a Bar Mitzvah. All are welcome to stay for Kiddush lunch following the service at 11:45 am. On May 18 we welcome Cantorial Soloist, Michele Rozansky, to lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service. A vegetarian potluck dinner follows. On May 26 we will have a lay-led service. Torah study is at 9:30 am, the service is at 10:30 am, and Kiddush is at 12:30 pm.

Shabbat Potluck Dinners

Fridays, May 4

Please call the office for the location.

Join us for a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm followed by casual conversation and time spent together as a community. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El is a place where warmth, connections, spiritual life, and dynamic programs all come together. We are proud to be the voice of Reform Judaism in Madison, and we build upon a rich legacy of social responsibility and tikkun olam. We welcome you to become a part of our story. To learn more about our events and programs or to RSVP, visit tbemadison.org or call (608) 238-3123. We hope you will join us for these upcoming events:

Shabbat Starts Here - Is Fine's 100th Birthday Celebration

Friday, May 4

5:45 pm: pre-neg Shabbat and service
6:45 pm: potluck dinner and birthday celebration - please bring a side dish to share. RSVP for the dinner/potluck (Temple will provide chicken and salmon) at bit.ly/IsFineDinner.
7:45 pm: program: A Conversation with Is Fine, Our Centenarian

Support Group for Those Whose Lives Have Been Touched by Mental Illness

Sunday, May 6, 12:00 pm

Kesher Café

Wednesday, May 9
11:30 am-1:30 pm

Come to hear two sisters talk about their experiences growing up in a Conservative Jewish home in Israel. Their multifaceted, interreligious environment encouraged Ariella Graetz-Bartuv to become a Reform rabbi married to an Orthodox man of Iraqi descent. Avigail Graetz is a self-defined Buddhist and mindfulness teacher. Join us as they approach their topic with humor and emotion.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, May 11, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Sa-Bai Thong, 6802 Odana Rd.

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 11, 7:30 pm

Kesher Film Festival

Wednesday, May 16, 7:00 pm

One Week and a Day: After a week of sitting shivah for their 25-year-old son, a middle-aged couple tries to pick up the threads of their previous life. One Week and a Day provides a nuanced perspective on loss that is humorous, touching, and, above all, life affirming.

Singles Creating Community Coffee Klatch

Friday, May 18, 9:00 am
Common Ground, 2644 Branch St., Middleton

Shabbat Service with Confirmation

Friday, May 18, 7:00 pm

Singles Creating Community Dinner

Wednesday, May 23
6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Quivey's Grove, 6261 Nesbitt Rd., Fitchburg

Come and enjoy dinner at Quivey's Grove with other singles in our community. Please bring cash to pay your own way.

Chicago Bus Trip: Jewish Festival and Holocaust Museum

Sunday, June 10, 8:00 am-9:00 pm

Early registration required. Take a road trip to Chicago with TBE! Board the bus for an exciting day at the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival and the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. We'll have a private museum tour at 1:30 pm (including an interactive 3D hologram experience) followed by the opportunity to explore the museum's special exhibits. For more information, prices, and registration, please go to tbemadison.org/event/chicago-bus-trip.html.

Temple Beth El Israel Film Series Presents: One Week and a Day

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive
Madison, WI 53711
Arbor Drive doors open at 7:00 pm. Movie begins at 7:15 pm

Film and snacks are free.
A discussion will follow the film.

After a week of sitting Shiva for their 25-year-old son, a middle-aged couple tries to pick up the threads of their previous life. "*One Week and a Day* provides a nuanced perspective on loss that is humourous, touching, and above all, life affirming." (DVD jacket)

"*One Week and a Day* is an incredibly tactful tragicomedy from debut writer/director Asaph Polonsky about two parents figuring out what to do next after their son dies. In the long list of movies about death, this is one of the most original in recent memory." ~ Roger Ebert, April 28, 2017

Writer Director Asaph Polonsky
Produced, 2017
Run Time, 98 minutes
Rating, Kesher Israel Committee rates this film as PG13

Beth Israel Center

Come see what our lively, traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Beth Israel Center programs and services are open to all; visitors are especially welcome. Please introduce yourself. Some events require registration; most are open to all. Please call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org with any questions. We love to talk about upcoming events, education for children and adults, membership and more. Rabbi Barth schedules schmooze time every few weeks in coffee shops. Visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or our Facebook page for more information.

Here are some upcoming calendar highlights:

Lag B'Omer BBQ
Thursday, May 3, 5:45 pm

The Beth Israel Center tradition continues! We'll be grilling beef and veggie burgers and hot dogs in the parking lot after Talmud Torah and evening minyan on Thursday, May 3. All are welcome. Thanks to the Board of Directors for sponsoring our 10th Annual Lag B'Omer picnic.

PJ Library Yom Rishon Preschool Playdate
Sunday, May 6
10:00 am-11:15 pm

Calling all families with preschoolers! Come to Yom Rishon and enjoy interactive family learning on a different Jewish theme each time. Yom Rishon is a theme-based program that meets about once a month for art, movement, music, stories, and projects. There is further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It's family education at its finest. Meet other families with preschool-age children. Bring friends! This program is free to BIC members. Others pay $5/child or $10/family.

A Rare Evening of Yiddish Cabaret
Sunday, May 6, 7:00 pm

Beth Israel Center presents a rare cultural endeavor, a concert of Yiddish Cabaret, presented by the New Budapest Orpheum Society. In May 2016, this Chicago-based group performed in Madison as part of a university-sponsored week-long series of performance events called Out of the Shadows: Discovering the Jewish Archive. The group is an ensemble-in-residence in the Humanities Division of the University of Chicago. We are thrilled to welcome them back to Madison for this exciting program at Beth Israel Center. Purchase tickets online (find the link at www.bethisraelcenter.org/cabaret) or call the office.

Kibbud Limudim
Saturday, May 12

On the last day of Talmud Torah for the school year, we will celebrate the educational milestones marked by students completing 2nd, 5th and 7th grades. We will also honor the participants in our adult education programs. It all happens during Shabbat morning services and a special kiddush immediately following.

Meditation Mini-Retreat
Saturday, May 12
1:30 pm-4:30 pm

Come to Beth Israel Center for an afternoon of meditation, chanting, text study and discussion. The theme of our spring retreat will be "Awareness, God and Connection". We will explore how awareness leads naturally to our experience of the Divine, and from that experience emerges our deep connection with each other and all beings. The program is free and accessible to all, from beginners to experienced practitioners.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Saturday, May 19, 7:30 pm

Stay up late and learn. The theme of this year's Tikkun is Revelation. Begin the evening learning with Rabbis Sami Barth, Jonathan Biatch from Temple Beth El and Laurie Zimmerman from Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. Enjoy a special Ma'ariv service to mark the end of Shabbat and the beginning of Shavuot, followed by dairy delights and more learning with scholars from around the Madison Jewish community. Sponsored and presented by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Jewish Federation of Madison, and UW Hillel.

We also offer a variety of weekly (or almost weekly) programs to which all are welcome. Check the calendar on the BIC website (www.bethisraelcenter.org) or contact the office to confirm dates.

Subversive Prayer
Sundays, 9:00 am

Rabbi Sami Barth leads an ongoing series of journeys into the arena of prayer, poetry, music and worship, looking at challenges, paradoxes, and occasionally a pathway forward. Each session stands alone. Meetings take place on Sundays following morning minyan. A light breakfast is served. Come when you can. All are welcome.

Conversational Yiddish
Mondays, 7:00 pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights, 7:00 pm –8:30 pm. Sylvia builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master - all levels welcome and encouraged to attend.

Talmud Class
Wednesday mornings, 9:15 am

Join Rabbi Sami Barth for Talmud study on most Wednesday mornings. No experience or Hebrew/Aramaic language skills required.

Shabbat Services
Every Friday at 5:45 pm
Every Saturday at 9:30 am

Looking for warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services? We welcome Shabbat every Friday around 5:00 pm as people begin to gather and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45 pm.
Our Shabbat morning worship begins with Birchot HaShachar and continues through P'sukei d'zimra, Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. Each week during the school year we offer age-appropriate *tefilla* (prayer) for all children, babies through age 12, at 10:30 am. Younger children should bring their grown-ups along. Visitors are always welcome!

Shabbat Morning Meditation
1st & 3rd Saturdays, May 5 & 19
9:15 am-10:00 am

Come to Beth Israel Center on the 1st and 3rd Shabbat of each month for meditation, chanting, and discussion. You may enter or leave quietly at any time. These sessions serve as preparation for Birchot HaShachar (which begin at 9:30 am in the main sanctuary), Shacharit (which typically starts around 9:50 am in the main sanctuary), or Torah Service (which typically begins around 10:10 am). Questions? Email merchavlev@gmail.com.

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A Letter of Gratitude

Dear Camp Shalom,
I am writing to express my most sincere gratitude to Jewish Federation of Madison and all who make Camp Shalom available to my grandsons and other children of families in need.

Camp Shalom offers the boys three weeks in a beautiful and peaceful environment surrounded by caring, joyful and inspiring staff. There, the boys play without the responsibilities of younger siblings, and away from the tensions of a crowded household and financial difficulties. At Camp Shalom, the boys are carefree children.

For this gift to them, I truly thank you!
A Camp Shalom 2018 scholarship recipient

Support Camp Shalom's 65th Summer, Become a Corporate Sponsor

Help us celebrate Camp Shalom's 65th summer and continue our success as Madison's most loved camp by supporting the Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship program. As a Corporate Sponsor, your business can change a child's life, and in return, Camp Shalom will help advertise and promote your business!

In 2017 we were able to award $109,000 to 182 campers for full and partial scholarships. Each summer, the need for scholarships increases and this summer our goal is to raise $110,000 for the Camp Shalom Scholarship fund. Your contribution will enable us to ensure that no camper misses out on the Camp Shalom experience because of financial need. Your contribution supports campers from all socio-economic backgrounds, races, religions, and abilities.
Please help us spread the word, and if you know of businesses that are looking to get involved with a wonderful cause tell them about the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Program. Thank you for helping us to make 2018, our 65th summer, unforgettable!

Director's Circle $10,000+ (~14 Campers' Tuition)
Shalom Circle $5000-$9999 (~7-13 Campers' Tuition)
Friendship Circle $2600-$4999 (~4-7 Campers' Tuition)
Camper's Circle: $795-$2599 (~1-3 Campers' Tuition)

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

Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Director's Circle: $10,000 + (14+ Campers' Tuition)
• Logo on the Camp Shalom web page of the *JewishMadison.org* website
• Half Page advertisement in the *Madison Jewish News* (MJN) during the 2018 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
• Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
• Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households
• Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/18)
• A complimentary family pass for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool for the 2018 summer season
• Formal Recognition at all three Camp Shalom Late-Night sessions attended by 254 campers and their families
• Use of the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus and/or Goodman House (not including the *Goodman Aquatic Center*) for corporate gathering (one time use during 2018)
• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Shalom Circle: $5000-$9999 (7-14 Campers' Tuition)
• Logo on the Camp Shalom webpage of the *JewishMadison.org* website
• Quarter Page advertisement in the *Madison Jewish News* (MJN) during the 2018 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
• Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
• Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households
• Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/18)
• 20 individual guest passes or a complimentary adult or youth pass for the 5,000 square-foot *Goodman Aquatic Center* pool for the 2018 summer season
• Formal Recognition at all three Camp Shalom Late-Night sessions attended by 254 campers and their families
• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Friendship Circle: $2600-$4999 (4-7 Campers' Tuition)
• Logo on the Camp Shalom web page of the *JewishMadison.org* website
• 1/8 Page advertisement in the Madison Jewish News (MJN) during the 2018 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
• Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
• Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households
• Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/18)
• 10 individual guest passes to Goodman Campus Pool for the summer of 2018
• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Camper's Circle: $795-$2599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)
• Recognition on the *JewishMadison.org* website on the Camp Shalom webpage
• Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
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• Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Spring Break Camp 2018

By Ellen Weismer
Camp Shalom Director

The Camp Shalom office staff joked with each other: "See you at Spring Break Camp," as they drove off in the snow in December 2017. Little did they know that their joke would become a reality. After the success of Winter Break Camp 2017 it was hard to stay away, and Spring Break Camp became inevitable. Madison, Middleton and Verona all had the same spring break, as did UW Madison and many other local colleges. It was the recipe for success and a success it was!

The first ever Camp Shalom Spring Break camp welcomed 44 campers over three days of programming. The weather cooperated and Spring Break Camp programming was filled with the perfect combination of outside activities and indoor fun.

With Passover right around the corner, the campers enjoyed learning about the traditions and foods associated with the holiday. The campers completed a scavenger hunt to find the items from the seder plate, created matzah houses and sang "Pharoah, Pharoah," a Camp Shalom classic that tells the Passover story.

The campers had fun being creative and made a variety of art projects. Shlomit, our community shlicha, led a "paint-nite" style activity and the campers decorated mezuzah covers that were delivered to a synagogue in Guatemala in April by a Jewish Community member travelling there on a medical mission. Some campers also helped to decorate the Goodman Campus picnic tables to brighten the campus.

Of course, the days were also filled with Camp Shalom traditions from daily Camp Shalom Players skits, chugim activities, games of Ga-Ga and each day ended with a Friendship Circle.

For more information about Camp Shalom programs or to donate to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund please visit www.JewishMadison.org



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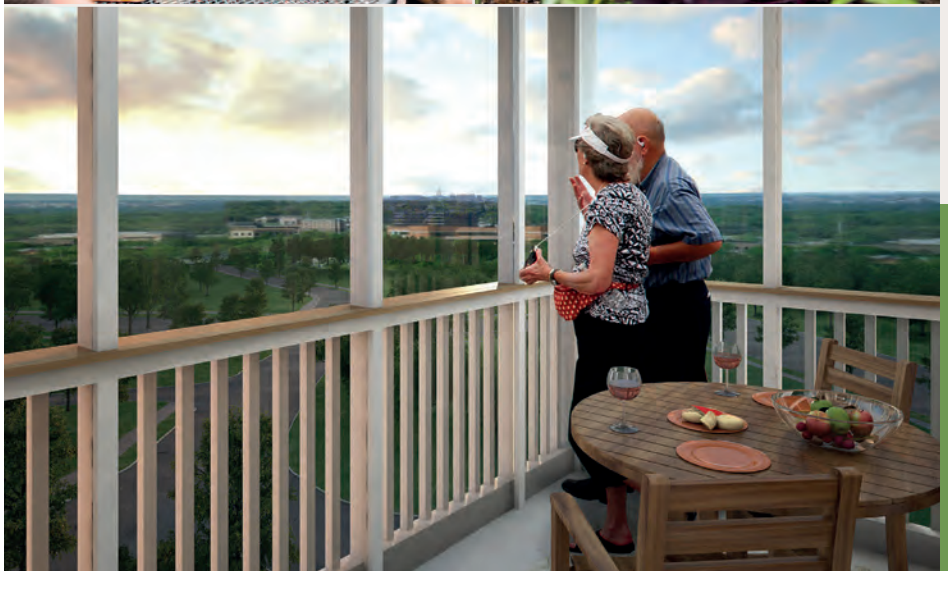

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Jewish Education

Gan HaYeled's Youngest Seedlings

By Marla Becker
Director, Gan HaYeled

Our Gan HaYeled is truly growing and growing! Since the beginning of this school year and throughout the winter, our 18-month-old program has been steadily adding new "seedlings". With the arrival of spring, we're proud to have a thriving group of these amazing "sprouts".

It is an adorable sight, watching the youngest children encounter the new school-day from the moment they enter our doors. Journeying down the Gan hallway, they find their own name tag which they take to the all-school "Would You Rather" picture board, where they proudly place their names anywhere they can reach!

The synergy of the children, teachers and families is clearly evident as we all work together to create an environment rich with warmth, enthusiasm, guidance and love. Playing, painting, singing, dancing, eating; buggy rides, story time, changed diapers, and even just walking together are all opportunities for experiencing, processing, learning and growing.

Henry (age 3) explains why having his younger brother at the school is so special; "He is old enough to come to school, so my mom and dad send him everyday. I want to spend time with him at late care. I love to hug (my brother) Bode. I love him very much."

Ethan (age 4) has a sister at in the 18-month-old room as well; "I like to play with her."

Gan HaYeled is the preschool of the Jewish Federation of Madison that welcomes children of all backgrounds. We build community and create connections that form lifetime friendships and networks of support. We offer flexible schedule options, including wrap-around care and experienced, loving, compassionate teachers.

For more information about our 18-month-old program or Gan HaYeled preschool, please contact Marla Becker at mbecker@jewishmadison.



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Building a Bridge with a Seder

By Sally Jones

On Sunday, March 25, Rabbi Sami Barth and members of Beth Israel Center (BIC) joined with Reverend Everett Mitchell and members of his Christ The Solid Rock Church (CTSRC) for an abbreviated seder at the church, one designed to introduce its mostly African American members to the Jewish reliving of our freedom story—a story strongly linked to their own traditions of struggle, survival and yearning for freedom.

This model seder grew out of both a personal link between the two congregations and of a renewed urgency to cultivate relationships between the Jewish and African American communities.

Leanne Puglielli is both a longtime, active member of CTSRC and a friend of longtime, active BIC member Judy Pierotti. Having heard Rev. Mitchell repeatedly stress the story of the Hebrews' bondage in Egypt, and having attended a seder hosted by Judy, Leanne encouraged Rev. Mitchell to enrich his church's identification with the Jewish past by showing its members the Jewish tradition of recalling that past. Once Leanne and Rev. Mitchell requested BIC's help, Judy and Rabbi Barth quickly agreed; much planning, recruiting and cooking followed to produce the March 25 event.

CTSRC members greeted their BIC visitors with a very engaging combination of enthusiasm, gratitude and good humor (even though by the time we arrived they had already—this being a Sunday—spent many hours in church). Rabbi Barth led the seder, beginning with an assurance that the Passover seder invites energetic participation rather than dignified order, so that questions and side discussions can go on at any time. And they did! BIC members sat dispersed among the church members and we found ourselves explaining, elaborating, answering questions, offering our own stories, laughing and enjoying with our curious and receptive neighbors. Haroset, I believe, scored a hit with just about everyone from the church. Gefilte fish, not so much. The high point of the evening (to my mind, at least) came with the singing of "Go Down, Moses," with the lead taken by a member of CTSRC, Mary Henderson, and the choruses sung by all of us.

The energy, the keen sense, not only of discovery (on both sides), but also of friendship in the room, took many of us by surprise. Such feelings more than repaid the considerable efforts involved—for us in making dinner for fifty people, or for CTSRC members in staying on for yet more hours after an already long day at church. After such an exhilarating beginning, we can't help but hope for more events to come.



Breaking bread (Matzah) together



Learning about the Seder Plate



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With generous support from Jeffrey C. Levy, Jewish Social Services is moving into its sixth year of Levy Summer Series programming. Jeff is co-owner of Phillips Distributing in Madison. He is a member of Temple Beth El and Beth Israel Center. He serves on several community foundation boards including United Way, Meriter-Unity Point, and Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Jeff and his family have been committed supporters of Jewish Social Services for many years.

Tuesday, June 12
"Finding Our Grit and Grace: Widsom for Growing Older" - Rabbi Dayle Friedman

Rabbi Dayle Friedman's work is inspired by her belief and experiences in growing older as an opportunity in growing in depth and wisdom. She writes: "My sense is that the whole journey beyond midlife is a mysterious blend of light and dark, wholeness and fragility. We have a chance beyond midlife to become the person we were truly meant to be. We can draw on everything we have experienced so far to contribute to the people around us and the wider world, and to find strength and resilience amid the challenges."

Rabbi Dayle Friedman, MSW, MA, BCC, is a spiritual leader, social innovator, scholar, and author of *Jewish Visions for Aging: A Professional Guide to Fostering Wholeness*, and editor of *Jewish Pastoral Care: A Practical Handbook from Traditional and Contemporary Sources*. She founded and directed Hiddur: The Center for Aging and Judaism of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Rabbi Friedman offers training, consulting and spiritual guidance through Growing Older, her Philadelphia-based national practice.

Tuesday, June 26
"Bronislaw Huberman and the Heroic Origins of the Israel Philharmonic" - Professor Frank Tuerkheimer

Professor of Law Emeritus - University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison

Professor Tuerkheimer will describe a story of courage and perseverance. When Hitler came to power he was quick to apply his anti-Semitic policies to music, getting Jewish musicians removed from German orchestras. The process was so abrupt that conductor Wilhelm Steinberg had his baton taken from him by Nazis who entered the opera house where he was rehearsing. It is a remarkable story of personalities and politics, and the key role of violinist Bronislaw Huberman, who formed this orchestra.

Through the last several decades Professor Tuerkheimer has taught courses, written and researched many aspects of the law. Frank Tuerkheimer also worked on the Watergate prosecution staff where he was in charge of the investigation into illegal dairy industry contributions and was chief trial counsel in the case against former Secretary of the Treasury John Connally. He has served as U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, where, among other things, he initiated a model Clean Water Act enforcement program.

Tuesday, July 17
"Jews on Broadway and in Hollywood: Part II" - Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy

Love a great Broadway show or musical film? Learn about the backgrounds and achievements of the Jewish talents who have dominated the stage and screen: actors, singers, dancers, directors, producers, and composers. Featured actors include but are not limited to: Barbra Streisand, Yul Brynner; featured composers and lyricists include Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Lionel Bart, Bock and Harnick, Schonberg and Boublil, and the Gershwins. This is a multimedia presentation - Cantor Sharon is honored to be accompanied by pianist Ted Reinke and violinist Philip Tietze.

Before coming to Temple Beth El in Madison, Sharon served as Cantor at Congregation B'nai Israel of the Somerset Hills, in Basking Ridge, NJ. She had also served at Temple Emanu-El of West Essex, in Livingston, NJ and Temple Beth-El, in Saint Petersburg, FL for over 20 years. Cantor Brown-Levy is a member of both the American Conference of Cantors (Reform) and the Cantors Assembly (Conservative).

Tuesday, July 31
"Medieval Arab Jewry beyond the Cairo Geniza" - Professor Samuel England

Associate Professor of Arabic at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Faculty affiliate of the Middle East Studies Program, the Religious Studies Program, and the Medieval Studies Program.

We have a vivid picture of Jewish life in medieval Islamic empires, thanks to the Geniza collection of documents outside of Cairo. But, very few of those documents speak to Jews' roles in the elite courts, where policy and "high culture" were crafted. Not only did Jewish notables address the courts, they also actively participated in the Arabic literary and scientific work through which medieval scholars learned about the world. Professor England will explore how Jewish imperial subjects became embedded in Arabic literature during the thirteenth century.

Living in Egypt on and off since childhood, Professor England gained an appreciation for Arab cultures and the history of Abrahamic religions throughout the Middle East. His published research covers classical Arabic poetry and prose, crusades literature, Arab nationalist film and drama of the past century, and romance-language treatments of Islam. He is the author of *Medieval Empires and the Culture of Competition: Literary Duels at Islamic and Christian Courts* (Edinburgh University Press, 2017). Currently, he is writing a book about the role of Classical Arabic in military regimes from the twentieth century to the present day.

Wednesday, August 8
"Jewish Diaspora in China: European Jewish refugees in Shanghai during World War II" - Professor Weijia Li

Director of Global Higher Education Master's Degree Program, Assistant Professor of German, Faculty Affiliate: Center for East Asian Studies and Center for German and European Studies

From 1938 to 1941, more than 17,000 German and Austrian Jewish refugees, along with over 2,000 Polish Jews, fled from the Nazi terror to Shanghai, China. The refugees' hope to use Shanghai as a temporary home until securing transfer to North America or elsewhere was soon wrecked by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the breakout of the Pacific War. As a result, they ended up spending a decade in China. Professor Li will describe his research of the Jewish refugees in Shanghai, and their adaptation to a life in exile.

Weijia Li's research and teaching interests include Chinese-German cultural encounters reflected in German literature, press, and art history. In 2010, he published a book on German Jewish writer Anna Seghers's encounter with China in her life and works. He is now working on a new book project on German and Yiddish writings on China by European Jewish refugees in Shanghai during WWII.

Wednesday, August 22
"Only Victims: The Hollywood Blacklist" - Ellie Gettinger Education Director at the Jewish Museum Milwaukee

Ellie Gettinger will preview Jewish Museum Milwaukee's new original exhibit *Blacklist: Hollywood's Red Scare*, which opens to the public in October 2018. The talk will explore the historical events that led to the Hollywood Blacklist and its impact on film, television, and theater. Gettinger will offer insights into the development of the exhibit, connections to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research, and contemporary parallels. As described by Dalton Trumbo, "The blacklist was a time of evil...no one on either side who survived it came through untouched by evil...[Looking] back on this time...it will do no good to search for villains or heroes or saints or devils because there were none; there were only victims."

Registration form on page 17

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors

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

Attic Angel Place in the Garden Room, 2:30 pm
8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and with the assistance from Angel Volunteers
May 11

Capitol Lakes in the Grand Hall, 3:00 pm
333 West Main Street
A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community
On May 18 services will be led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the Hillel Foundation.
May 18, June 1

Oakwood West in Oak's Community Room, 3:30 pm
6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer with assistance from JSS volunteers. Music by Paul Grossberg
May 4

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Levy Summer Series Registration

(Registration also available online at www.jssmadison.org)

Please check the day(s) you will be attending, and meal preference. All events are $18 per person. On the provided lines, please list the names of your guests and their meal preference.

Scholarships are available: contact Paul Borowsky at (608) 442-4083 or paul@jssmadison.org

Schedule:

10:45 am-11:00 am check in
11:00 am-12:30 pm presentation
12:30 pm-1:30 pm lunch
Luncheons and presentations all take place at Nakoma Golf Club in Madison

Tuesday, June 12: Rabbi Dayle Friedman

*Pesto Crusted Sea Bass **or** Roasted Vegetable Napoleon*

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*Deadline for registration is Tuesday, June 5

Tuesday, June 26: Professor Frank Tuerkheimer

*Mahi Mahi **or** Sun-dried Tomato and Asparagus Quiche*

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*Deadline for registration is Tuesday, June 19

Tuesday, July 17: Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy

*Tuna Nicoise Salad **or** Garden Bucatini Pasta*

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*Deadline for registration is Tuesday, July 10

Tuesday, July 31: Professor Samuel England

*Whitefish **or** Goat Cheese and Spinach Strudel*

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*Deadline for registration is Tuesday, July 24

Wednesday, August 8: Professor Weijia Li

*Pecan Crusted Walleye **or** Greek Farfalle with Artichoke Hearts*

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*Deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 22: Ellie Gettinger

*Grilled Salmon **or** Vegetable Phyllo*

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*Deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 15

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Lechayim Lunch: Ingredients for a Good Life

Tuesday, May 1, 2:00 pm
Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd.



From her book, *Lechayim Lunch: Ingredients for a Good Life*, author and counselor Pamela Phillips Olson will offer entertaining and inspiring life stories. They are based on forty-eight interviews with strong and incredible people whom Pamela met over four years as a volunteer server at a Dane County lunch site.

Among them, are a woman from Mexico who became Jackie Kennedy-Onassis's Spanish professor and a man who successfully sued the government to release the Nixon Tapes pertaining to the Watergate scandal. Many others are about the "ordinary" people who have had extraordinary lives.

Please join us for the presentation and discussion.

Navigating the Wilderness of Family Caregiving: Spiritual Tools for the Journey

Are you caring for a loved one as they age or navigate serious or chronic illness? Do you think about how you will manage to care for family as you and they age? No matter where you are in the life cycle, it is likely that have a personal connection to the topic of family caregiving. JSS invites you to a special evening of exploring issues of being a caregiver with Rabbi Dayle Friedman, national thought-leader and practitioner on spirituality and aging.

Caregiving might be hands-on or long-distance, for a spouse, a parent, or a friend. When we care for a loved one, we often feel that we can never do enough, and we usually have multiple other responsibilities we are juggling. It is easy to become exhausted or depleted. In our conversation, Rabbi Friedman will examine spiritual practices that can help us as we can balance competing obligations, care for our loved ones, AND sustain our spirits along the way. This talk is for the Jewish community and our friends of different faiths or no faith at all.

Save the date: June 11, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Refreshments following the talk.

Free and open to the public. Watch for updates with location information.
Sponsored by Jewish Social Services of Madison.
Thanks to the generous support of Jeff Levy and the Levy Summer Series for this useful program.



Happy May Birthdays!

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On the home page, click on the date of the program in question

Lechayim Lights

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About our Programs

Monday, May 7

Four Seasons Theatre will present "The Best of Broadway: Stephen Sondheim." Sondheim began his career as a lyricist on classic musicals like Gypsy and West Side Story, and revolutionized Broadway as both a lyricist and composer with groundbreaking shows like Company, Sweeney Todd, Sunday in the Park with George, and Into the Woods. Join us as they bring the best local performers singing songs from throughout Sondheim's long, celebrated career. Four Seasons Theatre is the only company in Madison to provide year-round opportunities for actors, singers, musicians, and designers to grow through the exploration and performance of musical theatre.



Four Seasons Theatre



Anna and Victor

Monday, May 14

Anna Gubenkova is currently a student at the UW-Madison, learning music and graphic design, was born in Orsha, Belarus. At the age of 15 Anna began her studies at the choral conducting department of the Rimsky - Korsakov State Music College which she graduated from with high honors. In 2010 she entered the Belarusian State University of Culture and Arts in Minsk. She immigrated to the United States before graduating. Later, she met Victor Gorodinsky, a conductor of UW-Madison Russia Folk Orchestra, and she began singing with the group regularly.

Victor Gorodinsky is a Slavic Languages Librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Libraries. Originally from Moscow, Russia, Victor immigrated to the United States in 1982. He holds a Master's Degree in Music (classical guitar and orchestral conducting) from Gnesin College of Music in Moscow.

Join us for great food, friends, fun, and interesting programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. Contact Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email office@jssmadison.org ***no later than 2:00pm the preceding Wednesday.*** **A vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation.** If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what is comfortable for you. The cost of the meal is $9.73 for those under age 60.

If you cannot attend the meal, please join us for the free program at 1:00 pm.

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May Lechayim Calendar

Monday, May 7

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	African peanut stew, rice, mixed greens w/ Balsamic dressing, fruit, dessert (Vegetarian option: tofu peanut stew)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Four Seasons Theatre: "The Best of Broadway: Stephen Sondheim."

Monday, May 14

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Buttermilk pancakes, potato kugel, scrambled eggs, fruit, pastry
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Slavic Folk and Popular Songs by vocalist and musician, Anna Gubenkova. Accompanied by Victor Gorodinsky, founder and conductor of UW-Madison Russia Folk Orchestra.

Lechayim ends for the season. We will see you in September 2018!

Check out our website, jssmadison.org, for information on **Levy Summer Series** presentations and luncheons (Twice each month: June, July, and August at Nakoma Golf Club)

Monday, August 27
All are welcome at the annual BBQ on Goodman Campus in Verona. *Contact Paul for information and registration:*

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

Календарь Лехаим ЛанчТайм Плюс на May 2018

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Все желающие присоединяются к нам для вкусной еды, встречи с друзьями и интересных программ. **Лехаим ЛанчТайм Плюс проводится в Центре Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street.** Заказать место вы можете в Еврейской Социальной Службе по телефону (608) 442-4081 или по адресу office@jssmadison.org **до 14:00 часов среды предшествующей очередной встрече. Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу.** Стоимость ланча составляет $9.73; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00, если возможно.

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ЛЕХАИМ БЛАГОДАРИТ UW ГИЛЕЛЬ ADAMAH КАТЕРИНГ ЗА ВКУСНЫЕ И КОШЕРНЫЕ БЛЮДА!

Понедельник, 7 мая
11:30 - 12:00: Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
11:30 - 12:30: Бесплатная проверка артериального давления медсестрой, Лорой Эдельштейн
12:00 - 13:00: Африканское арахисовое рагу, рис, зеленый салат с бальзамическим соусом, фрукты,
десерт. (Вегетарианский вариант: рагу с арахисом и тофу)
13:00 -14:00: Театр "Четыре Времени Года": Лучший Бродвей: "Стивен Сондхайм"

Понедельник, 14 мая
11:30 - 12:00: Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
12:00 - 13:00 Блины на кефире, картофельный кугель, омлет, фрукты, печенье
Сезон Лехаима заканчивается. Увидимся в сентябре 2018 года!

Посетите веб-сайт: jssmadison.org для получения информации о презентациях Летних Серий Леви и обедов (дважды в месяц: июнь, июль и август в гольф-клубе Накома)

Понедельник, 27 августа
Все приглашаются на ежегодный барбекю на кампусе Гудмен в Вероне. *Свяжитесь с Полом Боровским для получения информации и регистрации:(608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org*

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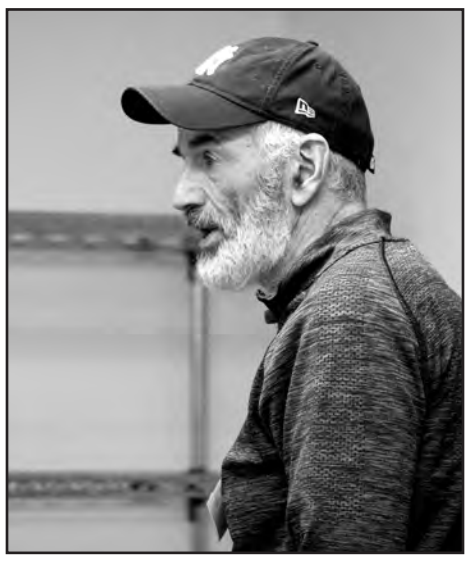











The Hat Trick: What I Learned from Wearing My Kippah for a Year

By Brian Johnson

On Wednesday, November 9, 2016, I decided to wear my kippah full time. It was the day after America elected Donald Trump and I decided I needed to make a religious and political statement to my fellow citizens, to make them more sensitive to a minority. This is what I've learned in the year and few months since then.

The first thing you should know about me is that I am a Brooklyn Jew-by-choice. I may be a Jew-by-choice, but everything I learned about being a Jew was from the Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox members of the vast family I married into in Brooklyn. I was schooled by Jewish family members who had attended yeshiva instead of high school and rabbis who never knew whether I should count as part of the minyan. My uncle-in-law attended yeshiva with Meir Kahane (an American-Israeli ordained Orthodox rabbi, writer, and ultra-nationalist politician who served one term in the Israeli Knesset), so one might say, I am a Jew with an attitude.

The next thing you should know about me is the world I live in. Yes, I attend Torah study and services at our wonderful synagogue, but I spend most of my time as a cashier at the east-side Home Depot. Management didn't care whether I wore a kippah or not. Better still, when I asked my management for Shabbat off from work, they agreed in a heartbeat. So, I have to say that management has been very considerate about how I practice my religion. But the customers I meet, well, that's a mixed bag.

And finally, you should know the type of kippah I wear. I wear a type of kippah that originated from the Bukharan culture. It's much bigger than a skullcap. It has sides to it. But most important to me, it stays on my head. It doesn't slip around or blow off in the wind. And I think it looks cool too. Bukhara was a state of the Soviet Union in Central Asia. For some reason, the Soviets protected the Bukharan Jews and when the Soviet Union came to an end, all the Jews scampered off to Israel and Forest Hills, Queens.

But onward to my customers and their reactions to my kippah.

Here's the most typical interaction:
CUSTOMER*: Nice hat!*
ME*: It's called a yarmulke and I wear it because I am a Jew.*
CUSTOMER*: That's nice.*

And that's pretty much as far as it goes. By the way, I say I am wearing a yarmulke because there's a much better chance the Christians that come through my line at the Home Depot have heard of a yarmulke but have never heard of a kippah. It makes the transition into my declaration that I am a Jew a little bit smoother.

And the whole point of me wearing the kippah is that I want people to know I am a Jew, that there are Jews in Madison and here's one right in front of them. I don't want Jews to be some sort of abstraction. I might be the first and only Jew they've ever met or ever will meet.



Brian Johnson

But then there are other customers with other reactions:
ME*: It's called a yarmulke and I wear it because I am a Jew.*
CUSTOMER*: Don't call yourself a Jew. Say that you're Jewish. Calling yourself a Jew makes it sound dirty.*
ME*: Catholics don't say they're Catholic-ish and Methodists don't say their Methodist-ish. I am a Jew.*
CUSTOMER*: I am just saying it sounds dirty and derogatory.*
ME*: Thank you for letting me know that. I appreciate it and will pass it on.*

I've always felt that describing myself as "Jewish" was like rounding off the corners of my declaration and making it equivocal. The fact that this customer has something about "dirty Jews" floating around in his consciousness didn't surprise me. It was nice that he wanted to give me advice but really wasn't any of his business.

Another reaction I get is from the Christian Zionists:
CUSTOMER*: Oh, I love Israel. It's so great what they've done.*

This makes me pause and sometimes the customer will rush in with a follow-up question such as, recently:
CUSTOMER*: Don't you think it's wonderful that Trump has recognized Jerusalem as the capital and is moving our embassy there?*
ME*: Well, I sincerely hope it doesn't cause any trouble for either side.*
CUSTOMER*: Don't you support Israel?*
ME*: Well, <pause> I think mistakes have been made on both sides.*
CUSTOMER*: Oh.*

But the really uncomfortable situations occur when the customer is a Christian-Zionist-Fundamentalist:
CUSTOMER*: I love the Jews. It says in the Bible that we need to have Jews in Israel before the return of Christ. 10,000 Jews will need to perish and go to hell but the remainder have a chance to be saved.*

What I want to say:
ME*: It's nice that you've included Jews in your Apocalyptic-Pagent but, if it's all the same to you, I'd rather not have your support if it's contingent on me being cannon-fodder for the Four Horsemen and Great Whore of Babylon.*

What I really say:
ME*: Thanks.*

During the Christmas season, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas because, … everyone's a Christian so why not, and, besides, it's a nice thing to do. This has caused only one incident when I was working in the Christmas tree lot at the store:
ME*: Merry Christmas!*
CUSTOMER*: Aren't you supposed to wish us Happy Holidays?*
ME*: I figured you were Christians because you're buying a Christmas tree.*
CUSTOMER*: Well, Sherlock, I figure you're Christian because you're selling me a Christmas tree.*
ME*: Actually, I am the Jew selling you the Christmas Tree.*

I thought that wearing my kippah would help change things around me and, in some cases, it does. What I didn't count on was how it would change things inside me.

Whether I wear the kippah or not, I am always aware I am a Jew, but I don't all the time take responsibility for being a Jew. Wearing a kippah has made me more conscious of how I behave as a Jew. Sometimes, when I don't wear a kippah, I behave like a Jew in drag, someone who is in disguise as someone other than a Jew. Wearing the kippah makes me feel more responsible for actually acting like a Jew. I cuss less. I am more aware of lashon hara. I try to make a good first impression. And I act with generosity. I try to be more forgiving so that others may act with more forgiveness toward me. I try to be the Jew that Torah tells me to try to be.

So, overall, the year's been pretty great underneath my kippah. I am going to continue wearing it and see how things work out. And I cannot promise that I'll be a better Jew as a result, but I can promise I will try.

Humanistic Judaism in Madison

By Stu Dolnik and Danielle Ellen

Many Jews find religious services and celebrations to be less than satisfying. Their Jewish observances are quite separate from the rest of their lives, making it difficult to derive meaning from them. Their beliefs and values are largely secular, and regardless of whether or not there is a god, these Jews would like to focus on humankind's place in the world, and to do so in a Jewish context. They may wish to retain a place for prayer but feel that their words are important and therefore want them to be authentic—to "say what I mean and mean what I say." In short, they want to retain their Jewish connections, but in a way that's honest and adds meaning to their lives.

If you count yourself in this group, you might want to learn a little about Humanistic Judaism. Humanistic Judaism offers cultural and secular Jews a nontheistic alternative in contemporary Jewish life. Humanistic Jews seek experiences that preserve the culture and beauty of Judaism while changing the emphasis from the supernatural to personal growth, responsibility, and helping others. Judaism has survived by adapting to new circumstances, experiences, and philosophies. In that respect, it can be considered quite "traditional" to consider the alternative known as Humanistic Judaism.

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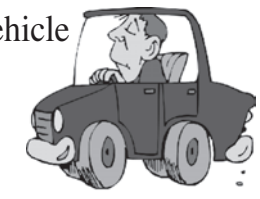

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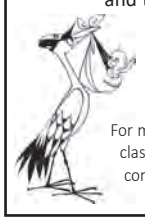

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Israel and the World

Israel National Trail – Maktesh Ramon

On May 23 I (Tal) will be lucky enough to be travelling to Israel. Not only will I be back home in the land of hummus and Bamba, but I will also have the incredible opportunity to show Israel to some amazing UW students who will join me for a once-in-a-lifetime ten-day adventure: Birthright. I'm sure you have all heard of Birthright and know at least one person who has travelled to Israel with Birthright, but I can't say enough about how important this program is, and how thankful I am to be able to take part in this trip to Israel. For me, Birthright is not just about giving students the opportunity to see and explore Israel, but also an opportunity for me to show them my home. Do you know that feeling when you have guests coming over for dinner and you are excited to give them a tour around your house? This is exactly how I feel when traveling with students to Israel. I want to make sure I show them around, take them to the best sites; the best places to hike, travel, eat; and feel what it is like to be an Israeli, and live in a Jewish country.

Although I might not have time to see my family and friends during the Birthright trip (the schedule is very busy and I can't leave the group), I will have a chance to explore Israel from a tourist's point of view which means that even if I visit a place that I have previously visited, it would be a different experience for me. As I said, the ten-day trip is busy and full of places to see and things to do, and one of the places I'm most excited to visit is Mitzpe Ramon, which is not only an amazing place to visit, but is also a part of The Israel National Trail.

Mitzpe Ramon (which translates to Ramon Lookout) is a town in the Negev desert in southern Israel. It was originally founded in 1951 as a camp for the workers building Highway 40, which is the second longest highway in Israel, running from the center of Israel to the Arabah, in the south. It is located right on the edge of Maktesh Ramon (the Ramon Crater), which is the world's largest natural crater (is 23 miles long, 3 miles wide and 1476ft deep, and the view from it makes it one of Israel's biggest tourist attractions.

If you are visiting Mitzpe Ramon you should definitely visit the crater, but make sure you don't miss the town's visitor center, where you can learn about different small desert animals, such as snakes, lizards, rodents etc. You can learn about the area and how the crater was created, and learn the story of the first Israeli astronaut, Ilan Ramon, who died in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster in 2003.

Tourism is a big part of Mitzpe Ramon, and it offers many interesting and fun activities such as jeep tours, Abseiling, hiking, night-sky watching and many more. It also has one of the world's biggest alpaca farms, where you can see alpacas and lamas.

The weather in Mitzpe Ramon cuts between hot desert climate and cold desert climate, characterized by hot, dry summers and cold winters. There are moderate to strong winds all year long, caused by its location above the crater, which make Mitzpe Ramon feel much colder than it really is, so even if you are visiting during the summer, it's recommended you bring a sweatshirt with you to keep you warm at night.



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About Shavuot in Israel

Coming up soon is one of my (Shlomit's) favorite holidays: Shavuot. It might not be celebrated here as much as Passover or Hanukah, but in Israel it is a big deal, on a few different levels: Jewish, Zionistic/national, and personal.

The first is the Jewish level. Shavuot (literally translates to "weeks") is one of the three pilgrimage festivals, along with Passover and Sukkot: the three holidays that involved making a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem, according to the Torah. They are all connected to the story of the formation of the Jewish people: on Passover the Israelites left Egypt, on Shavuot they received the Torah and Sukkot commemorates the forty years they wandered in the desert before reaching the land of Israel. Other than the religious importance of all those holidays, they all hold special agricultural aspects. In Israel, Passover marks the beginning of spring and the ripening of the barely. Shavuot marks the time of the wheat harvest and the ripening of the fruit. Sukkot is the end of the fruit harvest, before the rain. This brings us to the second meaning of Shavuot in Israel, as a holiday that connects Zionism and the Israeli land: since it has this important agricultural aspect, that is connected to the agriculture in Israel, it is a very important holiday celebrated in the kibbutzim and moshavim—Zionist, cooperative agricultural communities. It became a tradition in kibbutzim and moshavim to have a special ceremony, showcasing the first fruits (and it later became a tradition to showcase the newborn babies in a parade on that day). This is a celebration of spring. It is customary to wear white, dance, eat the yield of the land (dairy, fresh produce). By that time in Israel it is already warm and nice outside in most places.

The third aspect is the personal one. For me, Shavuot is a special holiday. It is spring, it is beautiful, but it is also two important traditions. One is "Tikkun Leil Shavuot", originally refering to the custom of all night Torah study. This happens in many places in Israel. In my high school, this custom was adapted and changed. It is a night full of simultaneous lectures and workshops in various fields, from Judaism to poetry, arts and history. All the school alumni come back every year for one night and join the learning. This is definitely something I will miss this year. The other tradition happens within the family. Since my parents chose to marry on Shavuot 33 years ago, Shavuot is always a family celebration. For a family that doesn't eat much meat, this is the perfect holiday for food: amazing cheeses (you, Wisconsin people, can relate), endless salads and vegetable dishes, pastries and of course cheesecake. But the star of every Shavuot meal is my mother's savory pepper-cheese pie. She was willing to share her recipe here (with a few American adaptions).

And finally, while we look forward to the upcoming month of May and Shavuot, we wanted to take a moment to look back at April. Last month was so full of meaningful Israeli events, and we want to thank everyone who took part in the celebrations. The main attraction was of course the community Yom HaAtzmaut celebration. It was particularly moving for us, as Israelis, to experience this significant day here with such a large group of American Jews and Israelis living in Madison. It was wonderful to feel this sense of community and connection to Israel. Both this event and the Yom HaZikaron memorial service were put together with the help and work of community members, students, Federation and Hillel staff and we thank all those who were involved. Another big day we had last month was when we hosted a young leadership delegation from Sovev Kinneret, out P2G partnership region. This delegation visits Milwaukee every year and we were happy to have them here in Madison for one full day of activities: a panel with Jewish student leaders and young Jewish professionals, a tour of the capitol with Michael Blumenfeld and Representative Danny Reimer and an evening celebration for Yom HaAtzmaut.



During the day the group received the proclamation by Governor Walker in honor of Israel's 70th Independence Day, and a few days later, as part of the main celebration we were again excited as former President of Federation, Marc Shovers, read a proclamation by Mayor Soglin. This has been a wonderful ending to this month, full of so many ranging emotions in such a short time—from Yom HaShoah to Yom HaAtzmaut.



Delegation on the Capitol Steps

Shavuot Recipe: Mom's Best Savory Cheese Pie

The crust:
2 cups all-purpose flour
4.4 oz cold butter
1 egg yolk
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 cup cold milk

The filling:
17.5 oz cottage cheese
2 oz blue cheese
6.5 oz Cheddar cheese
7 oz Feta cheese
2 eggs
2-3 colorful bell peppers

Cut the butter into small cubes and add to the flour. In a food processor, using a few short pulses, combine the flour and butter. Add the salt and egg yolk and mix for ten seconds. Then add the milk, a bit at a time, mixing shortly on high speed. The desired dough is flaky, not sticky and not over processed. Press the "crumbs" into a ball, wrap in plastic wrap and let rest in the fridge for about half an hour.

Roast the peppers (whole) in the oven on high heat. Flip them as they are browning. When they start to look a bit burnt, place them in a pot and cover it for about twenty minutes. Once they rested in the heat and steams, you can easily remove the skin since it separates from the flesh. In the meantime, while the peppers are in the pot, make the cheese filling: grate all the cheeses in a food processor, add the cottage cheese and continue to mix, and finally add the egg. When the peppers are ready, peel their skin, remove their seeds and cut them into long strips. Pour the cheese mix into the half-baked pie crust and arrange the strips of pepper on top of the pie in the shape of a flower (or any way you choose.) Bake in 325 °F until filling sets. Do not let it turn brown. Once it sets, turn off the heat and let it sit in the oven for another half an hour. This pie is also good when frozen and reheated. Happy Shavuot! !בתיאבון









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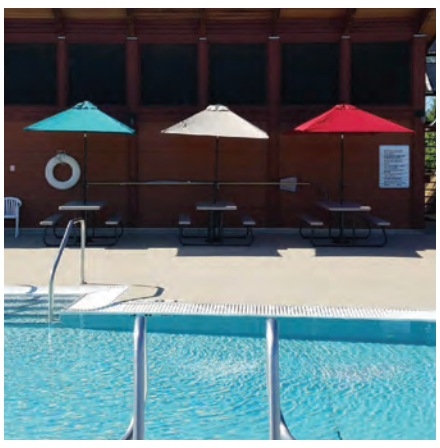

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