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ANNUAL TZEDAKAH CAMPAIGN REPORT

By Alan Klugman, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Madison

Our Annual Tzedakah Campaign, co-chaired by Joel Minkoff and Joe Shumow, is off to a very strong start. With a boost from both our Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff (September 22) and Major Gifts Appreciation Dinner (October 17), **250 contributions have been made to-date totaling over $550,000**, an increase of $120,000 coming from more than double the number of donations compared to last year at this time. **We are so thankful to the many supporters who have helped us reach this point**, with donations large and small. We are especially grateful to those supporters we did not reach last year who have come back to support the campaign this year so early on.

We heard at the Kickoff from Wendy C, Abrams, a board member of our national organization, The Jewish Federations of North America, about the role of leadership and key elements of our overseas case for giving. A poignant local story was presented by Ian Staresinic, about his experience growing up in Madison and how he benefited personally from the framework for Jewish living that the Jewish Federation of Madison provides. His participation in Federation programs began as a young child at Gan HaYeled Preschool, continued as a teen with Midrasha Hebrew High School, and along the way included Camp Shalom (first as a camper and now as a counselor).

At the Major Gifts Appreciation Dinner, Regional Director of ADL Midwest David Goldenberg shared alarming statistics with us, about the sudden and sharp rise in anti-Semitic acts, particularly with younger people and via social media. Goldenberg's remarks were an important reminder to us that we cannot afford to become complacent in our role to defend the rights of our Jewish community and the greater community as well.

The two events have given us a super opening to the campaign, though our job is far from complete. The ultimate success of this year's Annual Tzedakah Campaign will dictate how far we can go to upgrade security hardware locally at our Jewish venues. Our campaign will determine how much we can expand vital local services. It will decide to what degree we can support the ongoing efforts to maintain what is left of the Jewish community in Venezuela. The extent of what we can accomplish together in our community is dependant on your contribution and amount raised for the campaign!

My personal thanks also go to the many volunteers who have helped us carry out our campaign and continue to make sure we reach as many people as possible.

Photos Left: Major Gifts Appreciation Dinner, October 17, 2019

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2019 TZEDAKAH CAMPAIGN
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ZACH BLUMENFELD TO RECEIVE YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

"Make What You Do Matter."

Zach Blumenfeld's motto, speaks volumes about how he leads his life. His commitment to working to improve the lives of others are qualities we hold dear at the Jewish Federation of Madison, and we're so glad he shares some of that dedication with us and our community. The Jewish Federation of Madison has a long tradition of recognizing future leadership potential. We're proud to announce that Zach Blumenfeld will receive the Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award this year at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Madison on Sunday, November 17, 2019, at 3:00 pm at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. Named in 1975 in memory of Miriam Singer Sulman, a much admired and dynamic young Jewish Federation of Madison leader, this award enables the recipient to attend the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly.

Zach Blumenfeld was born and raised in Madison with strong roots in the Jewish community. As a youth, he led the Temple Beth El Youth Group as President, before serving as a Regional Vice President for the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY). He studied sports management and graduated from the University of Minnesota, although he is a die-hard Badger fan. Zach is a serial entrepreneur and currently works at SafetyNet, an innovation center focusing on financial wellness. Zach is also the founder of CultureCon, an organization with a mission to connect humans to inspire positive change around organizational culture, as well as a founder of numerous other startups.

Zach is a very active participant in the community. His involvement with the Jewish Federation of Madison includes serving on the board of directors, Singles, Professionals and Families Committee, Israel and Overseas Panel, and chair of Partnership2Gether (P2G). During his time as chair of P2G, he planned a variety of programs to strengthen our relationship with Israel, including a Reverse Birthright trip.

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Jewish Federation OF MADISON

ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, November 17, 2019
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Route PD, Verona, WI

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{ see back page for more details }

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



2019/2020 WINTER BREAK CAMP DATES
Thursday, December 26
Friday, December 27
Thursday, January 2
Friday, January 3

Camp program hours are from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.
Sign up for one, multiple or all days. Buses will be available.
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Center for Jewish Studies Upcoming Event

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Concentration and Extermination Camp Exhibit

Union South, Gallery 1308 (first floor), 1308 W Dayton St, Madison, WI 53715
Gallery Hours: building open - 10:00 pm daily

January 2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. To commemorate this event, the Polish Heritage Club from Madison presents the UW-Madison community with this exhibit, a special collection on lease from the Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland composed of 31 posters documenting the horrific story of Auschwitz Camp.

The exhibit is organized by The Department of German, Nordic and Slavic, the Polish Student Association of UW-Madison, Polish Heritage Club of Madison in collaboration with the Wisconsin Union Directorate, and with support of Center for Jewish Studies at UW.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM:
The Border, Asylum, and How to Get Involved

By Jewish Congregations for Social Justice

Concerned about ongoing events at America's southern border? Looking for ways you can learn more about the asylum process and how to volunteer locally through Jewish Social Services? Jewish Congregations for Social Justice and Jewish Social Services are pleased to sponsor a program that will offer eyewitness information, observations, and advice. **Please join us at Temple Beth El on Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, for this event.**

In late September, Carrie Fox-Kline, the Immigration Legal Services and Quality Assurance Director at Jewish Social Services, traveled from Madison to El Paso, Texas, to provide immigration legal aid to asylum seekers and other immigrants facing our immigration detention and court system. During her week there, she worked in conjunction with the HIAS Border and Asylum Network, and their local partner, Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center. As part of an emergency response program in both El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, she focused on ensuring that asylum seekers received much-needed legal representation.

Carrie is eager to share this recent experience with our community, along with her long-term view of immigration and refugee issues, based on many years working with HIAS in Pennsylvania; first as their Immigrant Youth Know Your Rights Manager and then as Director of Refugee Programming and Planning. Learning more about her work at JSS, in the newly reconstituted immigration legal services program, will give the community a valuable perspective on both local and national efforts.

We look forward to seeing you at this important program.

JEWISH BURIAL ASSOCIATION OF MADISON (JBAM)

Lunch and Learn:
The Benefits of Pre-Planning Your Final Wishes
Monday, November 4 • 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Jewish Federation of Madison, Conference Room
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719

Discussions will be led by a Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) representative, a community Rabbi, and a partner from Cress. We will outline the planning process and discuss burial, payment options, veteran benefits, and more. The program environment will be relaxed and educational; there will be no sales at this event. Admission is free; lunch will be provided.

For updates and more details see the Jewish community calendar at jewishmadison.org/calendar or JBAM's Facebook page.



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FOOD - A - RAMA
ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive

Enjoy delicious deli-style food and incredible baked goods at our luncheon welcoming the entire Madison community. Now in its 53rd year!

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11:00 am - 1:30 pm

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(see food-a-rama.com)

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BAKERY & DELI
10:00 am - 1:30 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION
please call (608) 238-3123
or email
sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com

Temple Beth El's 53rd Annual Food-A-Rama Luncheon Welcomes the Community

By Temple Beth El Sisterhood

Temple Beth El Sisterhood invites everyone to the 53rd annual Food-A-Rama on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Held at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, 10:00 am–1:30 pm, this luncheon and community gathering features traditional deli-style favorites, including corned beef sandwiches, kosher-style hot dogs, Mediterranean vegetarian platters, scrumptious baked goods, and more.

The bakery features homemade pies, cakes, tortes, bars, and Jewish delicacies including rugelach and mandelbrot. Deli offerings include potato knishes—a favorite historic recipe—in addition to corned beef, frozen matzo ball soup and cabbage soup, fresh chopped liver, and challah. Popular items sell out quickly, so come early!

Temple Beth El Sisterhood serves or delivers more than 1,100 lunches at Food-A-Rama each year. This tasty event helps to support many causes, including Camp Shalom scholarships, Temple Beth El, and other community organizations.

For menus, online order forms, and more information, see food-a-rama.com. Don't miss this delicious once-a-year event!

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- light or vigorous walking tours
- casual lunches, dinners, wine or chocolate tastings

To see some of Madison Hadassah's gathering over the past 4 years go to our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison

YOUR INTEREST in joining Madison Hadassah's board or an ad hoc committee or volunteering at Collectors Corner 3 hours per week.

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Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

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

Friday, November 1 • 5:45 pm-7:00 pm
SHABBALALA
An all-generation, upbeat, musical Shabbat experience.

Monday, November 4 • 6:00 pm-7:15 pm
JUDAISM 101: B'NAI MITZVAH
This monthly course is for anyone who is new to Judaism or wants a refresher on Jewish holidays, rituals, and vocabulary.

Tuesday, November 5
10:00 am-1:30 pm
FOOD-A-RAMA
Temple Beth El Sisterhood invites everyone to our annual deli-style luncheon and community gathering, now in its 53rd year!

SWARSENSKY WEEKEND WITH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE HANNAH ROSENTHAL
Friday, November 8 • 7:30 pm
Shabbat Service with d'var by Hannah Rosenthal
Saturday, November 9
10:00am-11:30 am Torah Study: Parashat Lech L'cha
11:30 am-12:15 pm Brunch sponsored by the Adult Education Committee
12:15pm-1:15 pm The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Manfred E. Swarsensky
Sunday, November 10
9:45 am-11:30 am Brunch and Keynote: Antisemitism Today

Friday, November 15 • 6:30 pm-9:00 pm
MJND (20s and 30s) SHABBAT POTLUCK DINNER
Address provided upon RSVP

Sunday, November 17
10:30 am-11:30 am
PJ LIBRARY TOTS AND TUNES
For young children (ages 0-5) and their families. Enjoy playful, musical, educational moments, including a PJ Library story and meaningful craft project.

Monday, November 18
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
LEAVING A LEGACY WITH EASE: UNDERSTANDING PLANNED GIVING
Learn from financial experts about simple ways to include Temple Beth El in your estate plan.

Wednesday, November 20
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
KESHER ISRAEL FILM: BIRD IN THE ROOM
Bird in the Room is a documentary about a young Israeli poet and her father, who compete for recognition in the world of words. We'll watch the movie together, schmooze, nosh, and discuss ideas from the film.

Friday, November 22
6:30 pm-9:00 pm
SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT DINNER
Becoming Better Allies: Our Role in the Fight for Racial Justice
The Social Action Committee invites you to welcome Shabbat together at dinner and a service focused on the struggle for racial justice and what we can do to support real progress. We will reaffirm why racial justice is important to us as Jews and learn about meaningful actions we can take in our own community. Enjoy Shabbat dinner catered by Banzo and information about all our social justice activities and volunteer opportunities throughout the evening.

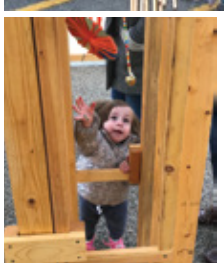


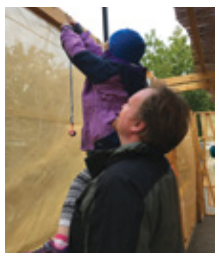




Temple Beth El Photos Top: *Men's Club constructed the sukkah for all to enjoy this season.* ***Middle:*** *Rabbi Biatch teaches the children about the lulav and etrog at the PJ Library Tots and Tunes Sukkah Decorating Party on October 13.*
Bottom: *Chanukah supplies at TBE's gift shop, open on Sundays, 9:30 am-11:30 am*









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

Shabbat, November 1-2
SCHOLAR-IN RESIDENCE
Yael Yechieli will teach about social justice issues in Israel on Erev Shabbat, Shabbat morning, and Shabbat afternoon. Yael recently relocated from Jerusalem to California, where she works in the Israeli Cultural Connection department of the JCC of Palo Alto**.**

Friday, November 8 • 5:45 pm
SHABBAT DINNER HONORING NEW MEMBERS
Meet and welcome new members of the congregation over Shabbat dinner catered by Adamah. Contact the office to inquire if space is available. We'd love to accommodate you if we can.

Saturday, November 9 • after kiddush
PARASHA STUDY
About once a month after Kiddush lunch, stick around (or come) for a focused study and discussion of the week's Torah portion with Rabbi Forester using interpretative sources. All ages welcome.

Sunday, November 10
10:00 am-12:30 pm
SCIENTISTS AND SYNAGOGUES CAPSTONE EVENT
This lecture, panel discussion, and reception wraps up our 18-month series of programs. See the ad on page 5 for details.

Sunday, November 17
9:00 am-10:30 am
LIVING TORAH
The first of three discussions led by Rabbi Forester on this year's theme of *Others and Otherness*. The next two in the series are November 24 and December 15.

Friday, November 22 • 5:45 pm
KABBALAT SHABBAT & POTLUCK DINNER
Welcome Shabbat with friends and a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Shabbat begins at 4:10 pm, so please drop off potluck contributions earlier -- any time the office is open or at weekday minyan times.

Every Saturday, 9:15 am -12:15 pm
SHABBAT SERVICES
Celebrate Shabbat at Beth Israel Center. Services begin at 9:15 am and are followed by a kiddush lunch. Age-appropriate children's services begin at 10:30 am.



Beth Israel Center Photos:
Right:*MOUSY Board members Debbie Rudin, Mia Kurzer, and Maya Becker attended a regional leadership training institute with Youth Director Deborah Hoffman and teens from around the country.*
Left: *It takes a community to make a special sukkah!*

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

Sunday, November 3
9:50 am-11:30 am
GETTING OUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER: A CONVERSATION WITH CARL RASMUSSEN ABOUT ESTATE PLANNING, TRUSTS, AND TZEDAKAH
RISE, 2120 Fordem Avenue
Attorney Carl Rasmussen, chair of the Trust & Estate Practice Group at Boardman & Clark LLP, will give a presentation on the importance of thinking carefully about how to pass on our assets to our loved ones after death. He will speak about estate planning, charitable giving, and planning for the potential of life with diminished mental capacity.

Sunday, November 10
9:50 am-11:30 am
GETTING OUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER: A CONVERSATION WITH MIKE SWIFT ON THE VALUES AND ETHICAL ISSUES OF INHERITANCE
RISE, 2120 Fordem Ave
Mike Swift, a CSS member who recently went through estate planning, will lead a discussion about the ethical issues that can arise in estate planning, such as dividing property between multiple children and about how to express your personal values through your will.

Friday, November 15 • 6:00 pm
SHABBAT DINNER AND DISCUSSION WITH MADISON'S SHLICHA, DANIELLE MAN
Please call the office for the location. Enjoy Shabbat dinner and meet Madison's new shlicha (Israel representative). Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Wednesday, November 20
4:30 pm-5:30 pm
EVOLVE: GROUNDBREAKING JEWISH CONVERSATIONS
Please call the office for the location. These discussions with Rabbi Laurie are part of an initiative of Reconstructing Judaism. We discuss issues impacting the Jewish community including peoplehood, Israel/Palestine, identity, race, and tikkun olam.

Saturday, November 23
9:30 am-12:30 pm
INTERGENERATIONAL SHABBAT SERVICE & DISCUSSION WITH SHEIRA DIRECTOR-NOWACK: WHY WE LOVE JEWISH SUMMER CAMP
We will gather for an intergenerational service at 9:30 am followed by coffee and bagels at 11:00 am. At 11:30 am Sheira Director-Nowack, Camp Director of Reconstructionist Camp Havaya, will discuss the ways that summer camp helps Jewish children form positive Jewish identities. She will also share stories about Camp Havaya.





Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Photos:
Top: *Aviv Kammay participates in a musical Shabbat sing-a-long.*
Bottom: *CSS teachers' assistants perform a play at Hebrew school.*

Connecting with Israel

My First Months In Madison

By Danielle Man, Jewish Federation of Madison Shlicha

I can't believe I've been here for almost two months! It certainly went faster than I thought. To begin with, everything seemed so unfamiliar, as I was a guest in a new place and far from home, my family, and friends. Just three months ago, Gal and I got married and two weeks later boarded a plane, not for our honeymoon but instead for our Shlichut.

Slowly but surely, Madison is becoming our adopted home for the next two years. We have visited every possible supermarket, explored new places and even got lost a little on the roads. Mostly, we have experienced new things here in Madison and gotten a sense of how it is to live here.

The Jewish community in Madison has welcomed Gal and me with open arms and lots of love. We spent these weeks meeting members of the Jewish community, moving from one synagogue to another, and enjoying the unique and spiritual feeling of the Jewish High Holidays here. I was amazed to see this great community gathering at various synagogues, each celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur differently.

Happy New Year to everyone!



Café Ivrit is an informal and friendly way to improve your conversational Hebrew, meet new people, and enjoy a cup of coffee along the way.

For more information, please contact Danielle at israel@jewishmadison.org

ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL

Join our Shlichim at the Israel Film Festival at UW Hillel. The annual event features screenings of a curated selection of Israeli movies. Stay tuned for dates and details.



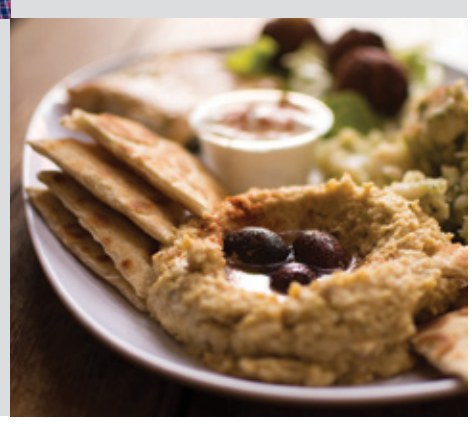


ISRAELI PROGRAMMING

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

ISRAELI CULTURE NIGHTS

Invite Gal (Madison Campus Shaliach) and Danielle (Madison Community Shlicha) to your house to lead a night of Israeli cooking, movies, art or music with friends.



Sinai and Synapses Scientists in Synagogues

Capstone Event

Sunday, Nov. 10
10:00am
Beth Israel Center

Lecture:

Jews, Judaism, and Science in Historical Perspective

Hava Triosh-Samuelson
Director of Jewish Studies, Arizona State University

Panel Discussion:

The Intersection of Science and Spirituality

Panelists
Matt Banks, Richie Davidson, Hava Triosh-Samuelson
Moderator: Irwin Goldman

This event, the culmination of 18 months of Scientists in Synagogues programming at Beth Israel Center, is free and open to the public. Beth Israel Center and this event are part of the national Scientists in Synagogues project, a grass-roots initiative run by Sinai and Synapses in consultation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion, and funded primarily by the John Templeton Foundation, along with other donors.

BETH ISRAEL CENTER
Celebrating Jewish Life Together

Zach Blumenfeld To Receive Young Leadership Award

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In addition to his participation with the Jewish Federation of Madison, he serves on the board of Madison Memorial Youth Basketball and spent five years coaching youth basketball in the program. He is a board member of Raise The Standard (RTS), which helps steer high school youth towards a brighter future through mentorship and real-world education that aims to ignite new goals and passions. He was a candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man of the Year, where he helped raise over $133,000 during the 10-week campaign. Zach also volunteers with numerous organizations including StartingBlock, M List: Diversity & Inclusion Awards Committee, and Summit Credit Union.

In his spare time, Zach loves to travel the world and all things sports (Go Badgers!). You can find him on Twitter at @ZachBlum or on LinkedIn.

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An Evening With Daniel Shapiro
Q&A with Former US Ambassador to Israel

On Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm, UW Hillel, The Wisconsin Union Directorate Publications Committee, Sifting and Winnowing, and the Society and Politics Committee will be hosting a moderated Q&A with former US Ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro at UW Hillel (611 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703). This event is free and open to students and community members.

Community members can register at:https://www.uwhillel.org/danshapiro where they can also submit questions for Ambassador Shapiro.

Ambassador Shapiro has had a distinguished career as a staffer in Congress, Director for Middle East and North Africa on the US National Security Council, and most recently, Ambassador to Israel from 2011-2017. As such, he has had a first-hand view of how American foreign policy is created at various levels of government. This should be a terrific opportunity to hear an insider's view of US foreign policy in the middle east.

Anyone with questions should contact Micah Ariel-Rohr, Assistant Director, at marielrohr@uwhillel.org.



Jewish Education

HIGH HOLIDAYS EXPLORATION AT GAN

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

At Gan HaYeled we explore the Jewish High Holidays through music, art, theater, stories, play, a connection to nature, and much more!

***Jonah and The Whale* as told by Oliver, Age 4**
"So, G-d told Jonah to go to the people in Nineveh and tell the people to play kindly, safely and mindfully. But, he didn't think he could do it because he wasn't brave enough. So, he tried to hide from G-d and went on the boat and stayed there until a horrible storm came. The sailors were frightened. Jonah fell off the boat into the water. A whale came along and swallowed him and then the whale spit him out. Jonah went to Nineveh. He felt a little bit scared and then he became BRAVE. Jonah said play safely, play kindly and play mindfully. And the people of Nineveh did!"

***Tashlich* as described by Bode, Age 3**
"We throw the seed in the pond. We are sorry about something. I'm sorry for pushing my brother away from the football. Next time I'm not going to push him away from the football."

***Sukkot* as described by Ben, Age 4**
"The Jewish people left Egypt from King Pharaoh. King Pharaoh was not nice. He said work soooo hard all day. The Jewish people went to the desert for 40 years and then they went to Israel. In the desert they didn't have homes, so they made sukkahs. They have leaves and you can see the stars. That means G-d is helping you. The wall has 3 sides for people to welcome in."



Building sukkahs in the "desert" takes lots of cooperation, team building, patience, and effort.

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Serving children 18 months through 5 years old of all backgrounds. We offer flexible schedule options to blend with Public School 4K, including wraparound care, and experienced, loving, compassionate teachers.
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The younger children found lots of branches for our school sukkah.



We had a fabulous Sunday morning painting stones with Gan HaYeled artist and parent, Roxana Gurevitch.

THE NEED FOR A CORE CURRICULUM

By Kendra Sager, Director of Midrasha Hebrew High School
A Program of the Jewish Federation of Madison

If you were asked to summarize the Jewish experience into ten broad categories, what would they be? What is essential for any Jew to enter the world having learned? While condensing the whole of Judaism into 10 semester-long classes is an impossible task, I am required to consider these questions when determining what the content should be of the core courses of the Midrasha curriculum. Setting aside holidays and lifecycles—as I am confident those topics are adequately covered in our students' pre-b'nai mitzvah learning—what else should we consider as essential?

The words of Pirkei Avot echo in my head, "know from where you come," (3:1).

It is our responsibility to learn our collective history. And so, history is where we begin as our 8th graders' first core course. I also want students to gain familiarity with Jewish texts, to apply Jewish values to the way they live their lives, and for students to form a relationship with Israel, however complex that relationship may be. Roughly speaking, each of the core courses addresses these broad topics.

I sincerely believe that these courses serve not only to deepen Jewish knowledge, but also to help students orient themselves to the complex world they live in.

One of our core courses for 9th grade students is Holocaust Studies. I was reminded recently of how critical this course is not only Jewish education but to the general education of all students. It is disheartening to hear about the anti-Semitism they face in school on a daily basis and shocking to hear the ignorance at the core of many of these remarks and actions. Holocaust education is sorely lacking in our public schools. While it is certainly a difficult task to ask 9th graders to delve in to such somber material after a long day of studying and sports, I find that our 9th grade students are engaged, interested, and moved by their studies, due in no small part to the great work of our educator, Joe Banin. It is an unfortunate reality that many of our students are and will be in the position of becoming the Holocaust educator for their peers, whether informally or through presentations and class projects. This course is not only essential to understanding the Jewish experience, but it offers the opportunity for students to stem the tide of anti-Semitism through education.

It is a daunting task to prepare our students for the world we live in and to be secure enough to face the many challenges that lay ahead. But as they say, we are not required to complete the work, but neither are we free from engaging in it. (a loose translation of Pirkei Avot 2:21) I am humbled and honored to be in a position to help our high school students navigate these challenges. I especially appreciate the many wonderful parents in this community who are fighting for a better experience for our students. We have incredible resources in our community and I look forward to working on bringing them together for the benefit of our students.

Interested in continuing the conversation? Please contact me at midrasha@jewishmadison.org.





Above: The forest is an incredible place for adventures, especially acting out Jonah and the Whale!

Left: Every day is a fun day at Gan HaYeled Preschool.

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Rabbi Weiss is a Jewish leader of national stature as well as an author, educator, clinical pastoral education supervisor, and media personality. All of us will experience loss, illness, grief, and change, or support someone who is. Rabbi Weiss teaches us how to seek answers to the questions that arise when we or those we love face life's biggest challenges.

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November 1 & December 6 (Hanukkah celebration) at 3:00 pm
Capitol Lakes, in the Grand Hall, 333 West Main St
A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the Hillel Foundation.

November 15 & December 20 at 3:00 pm
Oakwood Village West, Oak's Community Room, 6225 Mineral Point Rd
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer with the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg.

December 13 at 2:30 pm
Attic Angel Place in the Garden Room, 8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer, Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach with music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel Volunteers.

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

MAKING LECHAYIM RESERVATIONS
- When you check-in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
- Call Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email office@jssmadison.org before 2:00 pm on the preceding Wednesday.
- If you did not make a reservation but would like to come, contact Paul (608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org to see if there have been cancellations.
- We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last-minute reservations or walk-ins.

Harry J. and Belle Goodman
LECHAYIM LUNCHTIME PLUS

Find changes, updates and new information about JSS programs on our website, www.jssmadison.org.

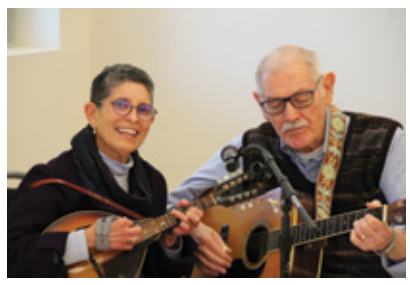
Join us for great food, friends, fun and interesting programs. We meet at **Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street,** located on the corner of Mound Street and Randall Avenue. Contact Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email paul@jssmadison.org no later than **2:00 pm the preceding Wednesday to RSVP for lunch**. A vegetarian option is available with a reservation. If you are 60 years or older, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what is comfortable for you. The cost of the meal is $8.97 for those younger than 60 years old.

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



Monday, November 4
11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz
11:30 am -12:30 pm: Complimentary blood pressure check with nurse, Lori Edelstein
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Chicken shawarma, saffron rice, Israeli salad, Israeli sauces, eggplant salad, fruit, brownie (Veggie option: Tofu shawarma)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Sherwood Seigel presents: "Madison to the Dominican Republic as a Peace Corps Volunteer in 1960's"

Monday, November 11
11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Moroccan beef stew, herbed rice, market vegetable, dessert, fruit (Veggie option: Vegan Moroccan stew)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Dawn Berney presents: "Safe Haven: Jewish Refugees of WWII"



Monday, November 18
11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Ropa Vieja (Cuban shredded beef), Congri (rice and beans), corn on the cob, dessert (Veggie option: Ropa Vieja (jackfruit)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Country Music with Bill & Bobbie Malone



Monday, November 25
11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Turkey, stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes, mixed green salad, sweet potato crumble (Veggie option: Stuffed peppers)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Great Composers: Dan Barker on Piano

NEXT MONTH'S DATES: December 2, 9, 16
If you would like further information about the meal, programs, transportation, or to check on any cancellations, contact Paul Borowsky at (608) 442-4083 or paul@jssmadison.org.

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When 13-year-old Nate's autism disorder made his dream of becoming a bar mitzvah feel out of reach, Federation programming, made possible by you, provided the support Nate needed to thrive and enjoy a "transformative" bar mitzvah.

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This year, with so much still to do, let's commit to our community and make even more possible - now and into the future.

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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of

Ammi Jacob Lampear, son of Caren Minkoff and Ari Lampear, brother of Eva, grandson of Joel and Debbie Minkoff, nephew to Michael and Lainie, Josh and Kaylee, Ben and Sarah, and cousin to Eitan and Ori

Sofia, daughter of Sigal and Femi Fadumiye, sister to Isaac, and granddaughter of Clara and Rafi Lazimy

Condolences to the families of

Dr. Herbert Giller, husband of Ruth Giller (z"l), father of Dr. Roger (Jill) Giller, Tom (Nida Montifalcon) Giller, grandfather of Daniel (Nichole) Giller, Julian (Mai) and Louis Giller, and great-grandfather of Oliver Giller

Jeffrey Golden, father of Carlos and Melinda, brother of Ken (Jeannette), uncle of Johanna (Becky Brem), Ellie (Sone Inthachith), and Leslie Golden

Aaron Greenspan, father of Daniel (Leslie) Greenspan, and grandfather of Ilana and Jonathan Greenspan, and condolences to Daniel's sisters, Marilyn Slivka and Susan Perry

Martha Harvey, wife of Glen Harvey (z"l) and sister of Mary (Dick) Runge

Holly Jellinek, mother of Katherine (Javier Oso Sanchez) Aldag and Liz Aldag

Patricia Waukau, mother of HJ Waukau (Lisi Schrimpf)

Diane Rachel Zolot, wife of Marv Zolot, mother of Madeline Zolot (z"l), Amy Zolot (z"l), Eric Zolot, and grandmother of Zachary Elvord Zolot

Tributes

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

In honor of Dina Weinbach, Myron Weinbach
In memory of Iver, Molly, and Erin "Ace" Karp, Norma Klagos
In memory of Rona Malofsky, Diane Seder and Bruce Rosen
In memory of Ron Weiss, Margaret Weiss

upcoming event

JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 17, 2019 • 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Route PD, Verona, WI





Please join us to celebrate the successes of the past year, honor our award recipients, and elect the board of directors and officers.

Governor Tony Evers has been invited to give the keynote presentation *(awaiting confirmation)* with introduction by **Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld**, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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