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Bashert: Destined for Madison

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

The word *bashert* is a Yiddish word that is often used to mean something or someone that is destined to be a part of one's life. People use it when they are searching for their bashert, their soul mate. Others use it for any fortuitous events. For me bashert clearly has defined my relationship with the city of Madison. My first bashert experience happened during my final days of deciding which college to attend. After saying defiantly that I would never go to Madison, I decided finally to give it a shot. I scheduled to visit a friend from BBYO and came on a beautiful spring day in April when everyone was hanging out on Bascom Hill enjoying the warmth of the day. I of course was hooked. I am not certain what would have happened if I had visited in February or March instead of April. My years as a student at the University of Wisconsin shaped and molded me into the person I am today. I learned from great scholars who helped me grow intellectually and emotionally.



Executive Director Rabbi Paula Winnig

I also worked off-campus at Beth Israel Center and Temple Beth El. These early foray into working in the Jewish community as teacher and youth director, mentored by their rabbis and staff, helped guide so much of the work I have done in the decades since then. It was clearly bashert for me to come to Madison to grow into the person I am today.

When I left Madison to pursue my rabbinical education and lead the rest of my life, I never thought I would return full-time, but always hoped I would.

My second Madison bashert connection came this past May on the first day I seriously began seeking new employment possibilities. On that day, I wandered onto the Jewish Federations of North America website for the first time and saw the posted advertisement for the position of executive director of the Jewish Federation of Madison. My heart sang out: the right position! The right city! The right time! Fortunately, the search committee, chaired by the incredible Joe Shumow, felt the same way.

I am so grateful and excited to return to Madison, especially to serve the Jewish community. This Jewish community of Madison may be smallish, but it is a mighty force. It is so exciting to see how vibrant are all the synagogues, Jewish Social Services, Hillel, Chabad on campus, Camp Shalom, Gan HaYeled, Midrasha and so many more Jewish programs and services. The Goodman Campus is such an incredible addition to the Jewish community here. I am awed by the talented staff and volunteers that make this community run so smoothly. I look forward to working with my colleagues in all our agencies, synagogues and programs to continue to grow and to improve our impact and our reach for all our constituents here and our people throughout the world.

Mostly however, I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with all of you to dream big and to work hard to make the Madison Jewish community the most vibrant, beautiful, caring, welcoming community for all people. I look forward to meeting you in the weeks and months to come.

As we begin our Tzedakah Campaign we count on everyone to make a significant contribution so that together we can provide for the needs of our community today and work together to build the future of our people.

May this year, 5778, be a year of peace, security and wholeness for us, our family, our community and the world.
Shana Tovah

Inspired Giving

An abbreviated transcript of the speech from the Jewish Federation of Madison's Major Gifts Dinner
By Rob Roquitte

Good evening. It's great to see everyone here having a good time!

Alicia asked me to share with you why Susan and I donate to the Jewish Federation of Madison. As many of you know we were newcomers to Madison in 2010, seven years ago, relocating from the North Shore of Chicago. And as many of you know, Chicago has a very robust Jewish population — the ninth largest Jewish population in the world with about 300,000 out of a metro area of about 10 million (so about 3% of the population). About 80% of that Jewish population lives in the north and northwestern suburbs, so we were in an area where a significant portion of the population was Jewish. We were accustomed to having numerous synagogues, kosher groceries and kosher restaurants and certainly no school on high holidays.

So, our move to Madison took us to a very different environment. In fact, we immediately started to realize how different the community was when we asked the realtor we worked with to show us some of the Jewish neighborhoods. She looked at us with a puzzled expression and "well there's someone in my office I could ask who might know." Of course, we soon found out there were no Jewish neighborhoods in Madison and in fact there were not that many Jews in Madison — perhaps a total 5,000.

When we made the decision to move we started thinking about synagogues, Hebrew school for our boys, and summer camps. So, we played the Jewish geography game and quickly connected to Brad and Sharon Kahn. Susan got on the phone to Brad and Sharon and asked them about the Jewish community in Madison. They quickly laid out the options for synagogues (all 2 or 3) and invited us for Shabbat dinner once we arrived in Madison.

As it turned out, that Shabbat dinner was at the house of Jim and Andrea Stein, whose home was on the west side, not far from where we had bought our house. We had a terrific dinner— those of you that knew Andrea know she was a fabulous host and cook! As we kibitzed, Jim and I realized we shared a passion for biking and shortly after that Shabbat dinner, Jim and Jon Eckhardt invited me to join them on their weekly two-to four-hour rides through the countryside. For those of you that bike, you know that inevitably a four-hour ride turns into two hours of hard work and two hours of psychotherapy, where all important events are discussed. Of course Jim would start talking about the Federation and everything that was going on— I think he was president then. So, I learned a tremendous amount about the great programs the Federation runs and supports. And of course, when it came time for the Tzedakah Campaign, Jim reached out and was nice enough to invite us to donate. Since I didn't know the biking roads well I figured if I didn't donate, it was likely I would be left on a backroad in Wisconsin, so we donated.

Actually, we donated for many reasons. First, because we realized how important it is in a smaller Jewish community for everyone to work to ensure we maintain a strong Jewish community for everyone that is here and others like us who may come to Madison.

Second, we donate because our family has directly benefited from many of the programs Federation runs and supports like Camp Shalom as well as the opportunity to be involved in many Jewish activities in the community.

Third, we donate because our history

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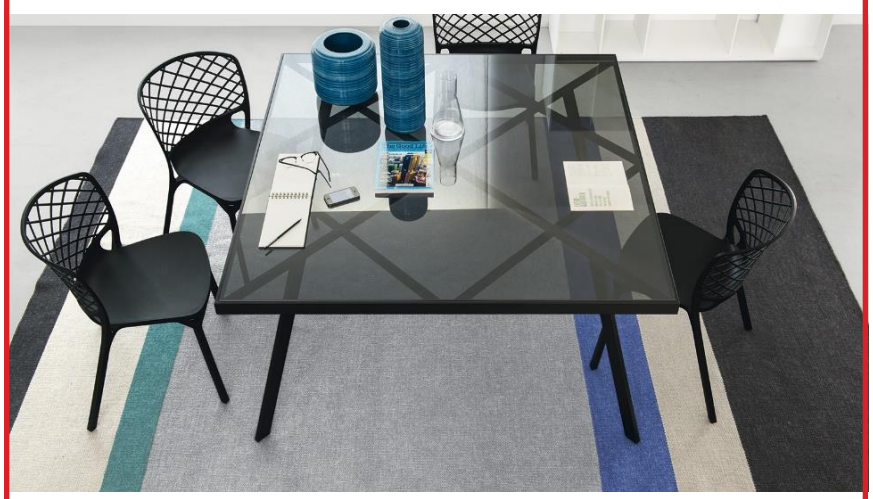

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Growing up Jewish in Madison

Excerpts of speech given at Jewish Federation of Madison Kickoff Evening
Given by Bekah Blumenfeld and Ellie Bogost

Bekah and I have grown up being incredibly close as first cousins and our Judaism has always been extremely prevalent in our lives. Starting from our Jewish preschool, Gan Hayeled, to graduating from Midrasha and earning our Midrasha incentive award, we have always been grateful for this Jewish community in Madison.

We are so grateful for Gan HaYeled for many reasons. Not only were we receiving a great education comparable to any other preschool in the Madison area, but we started learning about Jewish values and made Jewish friends since we all went to different schools starting in kindergarten.

Once we were in elementary school, we both started spending our summers at Camp Shalom. I even went on to work at Camp Shalom for the past two summers. The way Camp Shalom made everyone in the Madison community feel included and accepted really showed me what Jewish values are all about.

In eighth grade, we started attending Midrasha. We met once a week to learn about different topics related to Judaism, but also to connect with our friends and meet new people in the Jewish community. Midrasha allowed us to be more open and comfortable with our Jewish identity and learn how to handle issues facing Jewish communities all over the world.

We were both fortunate to receive the Midrasha Incentive Award upon completing our five years of Midrasha. I plan to use mine for some of the costs on Birthright one day and possibly take a Jewish course in college.

I have taken Hebrew courses such as a Jewish/Yiddish literature course, and gone to Israel for a community service trip with the help of the Midrasha Incentive Award.

Growing up with an amazingly supportive Jewish community has instilled strong Jewish values in both of us. It has strengthened our confidence to take on the real world as young Jewish adults.

We know all that has been instilled in us by our Jewish community will guide us to be productive members of our communities and beyond. And for that we are both very proud and grateful to say we are and always will be part of the fabric of the Madison Jewish Community.



In Appreciation to our Donors

By Marc Shovers
President
Jewish Federation of Madison

Fifty-six people joined us at the major gifts dinner at the Nakoma Country Club on September 10, 2017. The evening celebrated the generous men and women who have committed to give major support to the work of the Jewish Federation of Madison. The evening would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of a number of people. We would like to thank Marv Levy for his personal sponsorship of this event, and Jeff Levy and Phillips for the delicious wine that was served. We would also like to express great appreciation to the Irving and Dorothy Levy Family Foundation for their steadfast support of the Federation over the years. Certainly, the event could not have come together without the incredible hard work of Judy Schreiber. Judy's tireless determination and relentless efforts to recruit and cajole people resulted in our largest attendance in years. Finally, Campaign Chair Alicia Schiff dedicated many hours to this event, ensuring that the evening was a success.

Federation President Marc Shovers offered thanks on behalf of the Federation to two long-time donors to the Campaign who were not only at the dinner, but were long-time Federation employees who recently left their positions. For many years, Lynn Kaplan was the resourceful and creative director of Camp Shalom, and then she became director of Gan HaYeled where, under her stewardship, the program enjoyed tremendous success. Most recently she spent the last several years as the financial resources development director, where she continued her tradition of excellence, hard work, dedication, and good humor. Marc also thanked Dina Weinbach for the 23 years of dedicated service she gave to the Jewish community. Dina spent many years as program director where, among her many duties, she was the staff person for Gan Ha Yeled, Camp Shalom, and Midrasha. For the last several years, Dina served with distinction as the Federation's executive director. Her commitment to the Jewish community and to our organization are stellar, and we owe her many thanks for her calm demeanor, great leadership, and good judgment.

Finally, Marc offered a huge Yasher Koach to Debbie Minkoff, not just for her and Joel's extremely generous support of the Tzedakah Campaign, but for her recent service as interim executive director of the Federation between Dina's retirement and the hiring of Rabbi Paula Winnig as our new executive director. All of us on the Executive Committee, and the Board, are so grateful to Debbie for the incredible amount of time and energy she spent this summer dealing with a number of complicated issues. Debbie's leadership and good judgment were invaluable in helping us through this time of transition, and on behalf of the entire community, we want to offer Debbie our deepest thanks and appreciation.

Rob Roquitte gave a heartfelt speech about his relationship with the Madison Jewish Federation, and shared his personal story about why he and Susan give so generously to the Annual Tzedakah Campaign. The main speaker, Zachary Schaffer of the Israel Action Network, spoke about the language and rhetoric of the BDS movement. He also focused on the progressive history of the Zionist movement. Zach is the Israel Action Network's community strategy associate who works with communities to train activists in relationship-building and empowers people to articulate their support for a two-state for two-people solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We look forward to continuing to work with Zach on building our "Bridges to Tomorrow" program and future programs building relationships with our African American

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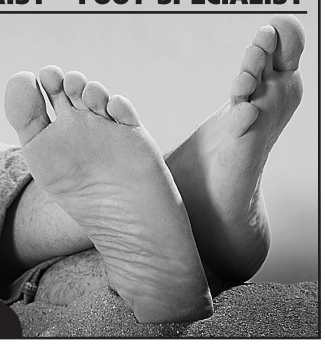

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as a people provides constant reminders that our survival as Jews depends upon helping other Jews. This is particularly important to our family because my father-in-law, David, was a Holocaust survivor. At the age of 17, he made his way to New York City and learned to bake, eventually opening his own bakery in North Miami Beach, the Skylake Pastry Shoppe.

David always sent money back to his relatives in Israel and the Czech Republic who were also struggling to survive. When the family would travel back to the Czech Republic he would always insist on bringing multiple suitcases of food and clothing for relatives that were there. He always sent money to his aunts in Israel who had survived the camps and who had little. In fact, one of their sons, Gadi would always tell Susan and I how important that money was to their life. And he always had a donation container in his bakery so people could donate to the Israeli Emergency Fund.

So this is why we donate to the Federation — to help ensure the survival of the Jewish people, to make life a little better for our fellow Jews here in Madison and elsewhere, and because my father-in-law set such an amazing example of helping others. So please join me tonight in doing what you can to support the Federation. Thank you and enjoy your evening.

Third Year's a Charm

By Tiz Goff
Community Outreach Coordinator

The Jewish Federation of Madison was present at the Willy Street Fair for its third year in a row! Our table had so many goodies for people walking by: information about our fabulous community, how to become involved, a sweet treat for a sweet new year, a huggable matzah ball, and more. Many stopped to talk; those who were new to the community and those who have been involved for years.

Camp Shalom campers were excited to share their enthusiasm for their beloved camp. Several people stopped to tell me how glad they were that the Jewish Federation of Madison had a presence at the Willy Street Fair. Please continue to introduce me to those who are new to Madison so that we at the Federation may connect them to our great Jewish community.



The Jewish Federation of Madison at Willy Street Fair

Jewish Federation of Madison Statement about Graffiti found at Gates of Heaven

The Jewish Federation of Madison is saddened by the news of the appearance of hateful graffiti on a monument adjacent to the historic Gates of Heaven Synagogue which is still used for worship during this significant holiday season. While it is unknown who is behind this display of bigotry and hate, or what their intentions were, we unequivocally condemn the use of hate speech and symbols of hate.

We are grateful for the support of our local law enforcement officials for their well- orchestrated response today. The Jewish community is in close contact with the Madison Police Department, and there will be increased police patrols in place at all Jewish institutions this holiday season.

It is especially sad for us in the Jewish community to deal with this incident as we look forward to welcoming our New Year, 5778, this evening.

We enter this year hopeful that this will be a year of peace, security, health and prosperity for all people everywhere.

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig
Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Madison
March Shovers
President

Federation at Hillel

Hillel's Welcome Back BBQ on September 7 was a blast! Federation joined several other tables set up to inform students on various topics. Adamah provided delicious food, Bucky was a hilarious entertainer, and the people made the event a hit! It was an honor to be included in this event, and here's to many more events in the future!



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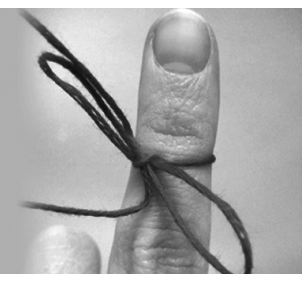

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Madison Hadassah is bringing community together and encouraging physical fitness through walking adventures.

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Led by Shelly Stillman and Mamey Sheele

Explore the arboretum when fall colors are at their peak in early October. And catch the sights and sounds of bugling sandhill cranes, honking Canada geese and other birds forageing in the arboretum's prairies or migrating through.

Our own Arboretum naturalists Marney Sheele and Shelly Stillman have some delightful arboretum-life experiences to share. Wear comfortable shoes, a hat and bring water. And don't forget your binoculars if you have them.

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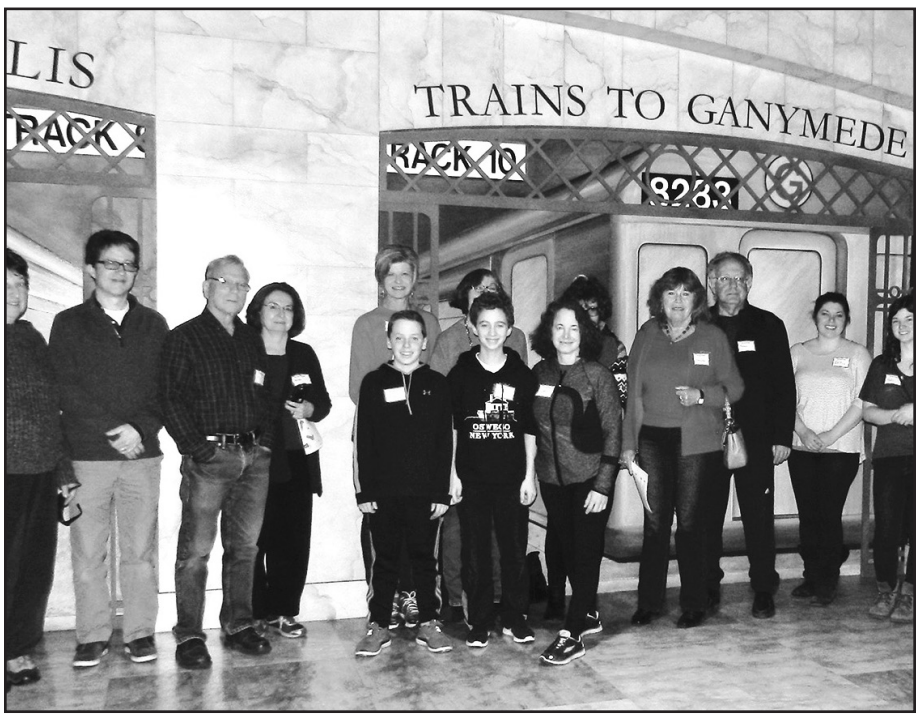

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UW-Madison Student Government Passed Unanimously Passes Resolution Condemning Anti-Semitism Introduced by Hillel Student

Originally by Abby Seitz and published by the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, with edits and additions by Aaron Seligman and Greg Steinberger.

As readers may recall, the spring semester on campus ended with student government (ASM— Associated Students of Madison) BDS resolutions, verbal antagonization of Jewish students, and divestment-related votes held on Passover.

Fortunately, this fall semester begins on a more hopeful tone. At the first ASM meeting of the year in September, chairwoman Katrina Morrison read a letter of apology for discriminating against the Jewish community. After ASM's Student Judiciary ordered Morrison to apologize, she has worked closely with Jewish student leaders to fully understand the painful impact of her actions and promote healing.

Yogev Ben-Yitschak, a UW sophomore, active member of Badgers for Israel (a Hillel sponsored student organization), and ASM's outreach director introduced a resolution condemning anti-Semitism and recognizing the delegitimization of Israel as anti-Semitism. The resolution acknowledged ties between anti-Israel movements and rising anti-Semitism on campus, and adopts the State Department's definition of anti-Semitism.

The resolution was co-sponsored by several other ASM members, including Morrison. ASM passed the resolution unanimously. After the resolution passed, Ben-Yitschak said "it often feels like anti-Semitism is swept under the rug. People are quick to label Jews for using the 'victim card,' or to question whether something is anti-Semitic or not. This resolution meant a lot: It not only apologized for the past, but also set clear goals as to how to mend the relationship with the Jewish community and defined anti-Semitism in relation to Israel, not just Judaism. Those were huge victories. It made me, and I'm sure other members of the Jewish community, feel safe and proud again."

Ariela Rivkin, a former ASM member and Hillel student leader, praised the apology and resolution, saying she appreciated Morrison's "serious and heartfelt manner." Rivkin was one of the students who filed a formal complaint against ASM after last semester's discriminatory events.

Greg Steinberger, Hillel Executive Director, was also pleased with the apology and ASM resolution. He noted broader campus climate issues remain, adding "we hope that result of this entire process will be more positive collaboration for Jewish students not only with ASM, but also with other minority groups on campus." As of mid-September, an unresolved issue was whether the current ASM can annul or vacate the BDS resolution that passed during a prior governing term.

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Temple Beth El

Visit us online at www.templebethel-madison.org.

All events are open to the community and take place at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, unless otherwise noted.

We encourage members of the Jewish Community to join Temple Beth El, and we welcome prospective members to participate in programs and activities. Contact Executive Director Terrie Goren at (608) 238-3123 or executive@tbemadison.org.

The Temple Beth El office will be closed October 5 and October 12 for holiday observance.

Sukkah Decorating, Pizza in the Hut, and Sukkot Service

Wednesday, October 4, 5:30 pm

Join us for sukkah decorating at 5:30 pm. Bring your own decorations or join in the crafts we'll have available. At 6:15 pm enjoy a pizza in the hut. It's a mitzvah to dwell in the sukkah, and enjoy meals in the sukkah. Register for pizza and salad from Roman Candle Pizza (they do have a gluten free option) as we perform this mitzvah and enjoy each other's company. It's the perfect chance to say the blessing for being in the sukkah.

6:45 pm

Sukkot service for the whole community. Usher in the holiday with a Sukkot service in the sukkah. Bring your jacket! This service will include the shaking of the four species associated with Sukkot. Come to experience this unique holiday ritual.

Dinner is $10/person with a $30 max per family.

Register at: tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/sukkah_decorating_2017

Shabbat Starts Here

Friday, October 6, 5:45 pm

"Shabbat Starts Here" is our newest opportunity to welcome to Beth El members from every age group to help celebrate Shabbat. On the first Friday evening of every month between October and May, we offer three different worship and program components, and you can come to one, two, or all three. The point is simply to acknowledge that Shabbat begins with many different opportunities for our observance, and we hope you will find the one best suited to you!

5:45 pm Pre-Neg Nosh
6:00 pm Shabbat Shalom Service
6:45 pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner (register at tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/shabbat_starts_here_october_2017)
7:45 pm Our evening continues with special cultural programs presented by members of our professional staff and/or committees of TBE. Our first program will be a screening of the 2007 Academy Award™-winning Best Live Action Short Film, "West Bank Story," a 21-minute long musical comedy set in the fast-paced, fast-food world of competing falafel stands on the West Bank in Israel/Palestine.

Progressive Dinner and Trivia Night

Saturday, October 7, 5:00 pm

Three courses, three locations. Start the new year with your Temple friends over food and fun!

During the holiday of Sukkot, when it's customary to welcome guests and share in a festive meal, Temple Beth El is holding a Progressive Dinner and Trivia Night!

Progressive dinners are a fun way to meet new people, socialize, and share a fun evening with your Temple family. Temple members are opening their homes for appetizers. Next, participants will divide into smaller groups and travel to another Temple member's home for dinner. Afterward, we'll gather at Temple for dessert and a friendly trivia competition, like we do at our Congregational Retreat.

All participants are responsible for their own transportation.

The cost for this event is $18/adult and $10/youth. Space is limited. Registered participants will be contacted in advance with the location of homes to which they have been assigned.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:00 pm Appetizers at your assigned home
6:00 pm Arrive at your Dinner home
7:40 pm Arrive at Temple Beth El for Dessert and Trivia Night

Simchat Torah: Celebration of Lifelong Learning with Taco Bar Dinner

Wednesday, October 11, 5:00 pm

The way that we celebrate Simchat Torah will be different this year, and we invite you to join us! On Wednesday evening, October 11, we'll conclude the annual cycle of reading the Torah, and begin it again. This holiday concludes our High Holy Day season, and we will offer gratitude for learning and study, parade in celebration with the Torah, and roll out the Torah for all to see and hear. Members of Team Torah will read 10 significant portions of the Torah that set forth values for righteous living and provide us a road map through this fundamental text of our tradition. All members of our congregation are invited to join us for this celebration. RSVP for our taco bar dinner at tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/simchattorahtacobar

5:00 pm Yizkor memorial service to conclude the holiday of Sukkot
6:00 pm Congregational dinner
6:30 pm Simchat Torah Celebration of the Torah.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together at Sa Bai Thong

Friday, October 13, 5:30 pm

Oliva, 751 N High Point Rd
Madison, WI 53717

Join with friends for a delicious dinner prior to services on Friday night. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and be at Temple Beth El by the time Shabbat Evening Services begin at 7:30 pm For questions, location information, and to RSVP contact Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123.

Singles Creating Community Coffee

Friday, October 20, 9:00 am

Sofra Family Bistro
7457 Elmwood Ave, Middleton

Start your Friday with some lovely conversation.

Cancer Support Group

Sunday, October 22, 2:00 pm

Frank Adult Lounge, Temple Beth El

A support group for those whose lives have been touched by cancer are meeting on certain Sundays throughout the year meeting from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The group meets monthly to address the needs of patients and caregivers who confront cancer. If you'd like more information, please contact Rabbi Biatch at rabbi@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123.

Talk Nosh Shabbat

Friday, October 27, 7:30 pm

"Our Spiritual Stories: Those of our People, Those of our Families": The subject of our Shabbat TalkNosh

"The time has come," the Rabbi said, "to talk of many things: of prayer, philosophy, and rest, of values that we bring. To nosh and drink and learn a bit, to socialize and sing."

What is a Shabbat TalkNosh? It's a relaxed Shabbat service set within the structure of the usual Friday evening worship, including the opportunity to offer the Mourner's Kaddish. The format includes the ability to examine one special subject, with worship, song, and discussion.

At this TalkNosh, the subject of our discussion will be "Our Spiritual Stories: Those of our People, Those of our Families."

A mellow evening with Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy, and your friends.

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November 4, 2017
6:00 pm

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Please join us for cocktails, dinner, and entertainment as we honor Rabbi Jonathan Biatch for his "bar mitzvah" year with Temple Beth El.

This special night will feature live music and insider stories from Jonathan Wolff, longtime friend of Rabbi Biatch and composer of the music for 75 television shows, including Seinfeld.

Tickets are $100 at bit.ly/celebrate_rabbi_biatch

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Temple Beth El office. (608) 238-3123

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Film Series Presents:

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In 2008, "for 100 days, a film crew was given unprecedented access to one of the Israeli army's most complicated missions, integrating (these youths) within its' ranks..." (Cinema Clock.)

SHOWING:
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
TBE doors open 7:00 pm
Film screening at 7:15 pm

Future Dates:
November 15, 2017 - TBA
December 20, 2017 - TBA
January 17, 2018 - TBA

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, including Yom Kippur services. Newcomers are always welcome to attend our programs and services, and are especially welcome to join us for Yom Kippur. For High Holidays, we need to know, ideally in advance, that you'd like to be with us. 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. Visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or our Facebook page for more information. Here are some upcoming calendar highlights:

Kadima Mini-Golfing
Sunday, October 1
11:30am –1:30pm

Calling all middle schoolers! Join the BIC Kadimaniks for mini-golfing at Vitense, followed by frozen custard at Michael's. Contact Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) for more information and to RSVP.

Sukkot Services
Thursday and Friday, October 5, 6, 9:30 am

Celebrate Sukkot at Beth Israel Center. Shake a lulav!

Singing in the Sukkah
Saturday, October 7, 12:30 pm

After Shabbat kiddush, we'll sing zemirot (festive songs) in the BIC sukkah and begin some preparation for our Simchat Torah festivities. Come learn and recall songs that we can sing while we dance with the Torah the following week.

Shabbat-Sukkot Seudah Shlishit
Saturday, October 7, 5:30 pm

Rabbi Sami Barth hosts a seudah shlishit (third Shabbat meal) in the sukkah at his home for the year, Arboretum Cohousing, 1137 Erin St.

East Side Sukkah Hop
Sunday, October 8, 4:00 pm

The ninth annual East Side Sukkah Hop is hosted by members of Beth Israel and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

West Side Sukkah Hop
Monday, October 9

Enjoy a delightful evening of good food and good company while visiting the various sukkot of Beth Israel Center members.

Hoshana Rabbah
Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 am

Mark the end of Sukkot with this "wacky" service — beating willow leaves on the floor.

Shemini Atzeret
Thursday, October 12, 9:30 am

Services include Yizkor.

Simchat Torah Party
Thursday, October 12
Dinner at 5:30
Services & Hakafot at 6:00 pm

Come dance and rejoice with the Torah! After the final hakafah, we will unroll a complete Sefer Torah and offer a special aliyah and blessing for children. All are welcome. RSVPs required for dinner, but not for dancing!

Simchat Torah
Friday, October 13, 9:30 am

In addition to traditional services and dancing in the Main Sanctuary, there will be a children's program at 10:30am and a nosh after services. All are welcome!

Yom Rishon
Sunday, October 15
10:15 am–11:30 am

Come experience family education for preschoolers at its finest! Enjoy art, movement, music, stories and snacks as well as age-appropriate learning on a Jewish theme for preschoolers and their grownups. Yom Rishon meets about once a month during the school year. Put all of our 5778 dates on your calendar: October 15, November 12, December 17, January 28, March 18, April 15, and May 6. Contact Beth Copelovitch for more information at education@bethisraelcenter.org.

Schmooze with Rabbi Barth
Wednesday, October 18
2:00 pm–3:00 pm at
Colectivo, 583 State St.
Tuesday, October 24
10:30 am–11:30 am at
ZuZu Café, 1336 Drake St

Enjoy coffee or your beverage/nosh of choice with Interim Rabbi Sami Barth. This is an open invitation to a table at local coffee bars. Talk about Life, the Meaning of Life, Beth Israel Center, Israel…whatever is on your mind.

Sanctuary Program
Thursday, October 19, 7:30 pm

Deportations, family breakups, community tensions—nationally and locally, we've seen these before and we've fought them before. Beth Israel Center members took an active part in the sanctuary movement of the 1980s. Now the need has come around again. Madison has many long-established outlets for assisting vulnerable neighbors, including volunteer opportunities at such organizations as the Immigration Justice Center of the UW Law School, Madison Pathways to Citizenship, Community Immigration Law Clinic, and the Literacy Network. A newer response to harsh federal deportation policy is the formation of the Dane Sanctuary Coalition, part of a national New Sanctuary Movement.

The Thursday after the holidays, Beth Israel Center will host two speakers active in the Dane Sanctuary Coalition—Rabbi Bonnie Margulis of Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, and Sergio Gonzales, a UW graduate student whose dissertation traces the history of the sanctuary movement in Wisconsin. Beth Israel Center welcomes anyone interested in learning about the current deportation climate, and possible responses to it, to attend this program. For more information, write to socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org.

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan
Friday, October 20, 7:00 am

Celebrate the new month with Hallel, bagels and Beth Israel Center's morning minyan. All are welcome!

Advanced Text Study Seudah Shlishit
Saturday, October 21, 5:00 pm

Enjoy *seudah shlishit* (the third Shabbat meal) featuring R' Sami's cholent at Beth Israel Center. All are welcome who are comfortable reading non-vowelled rabbinic texts with (some) understanding. The topic will be "Darkehei shalom," the ways of Peace in Halakhah.

Kolot Kehillah
Sunday, October 22
9:30 am –11:00 am

UW Prof. Jordan Ellenberg kicks off our 5778 Kolot Kehilla Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community (kolot kehilla) with "Geometry, the Constitution and the right to vote: the math of congressional redistricting." The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in October in Gill v. Whitford, in which a three-judge panel found that Wisconsin Assembly district map was an unconstitutional abridgment of the right to vote. Is it? It's both a legal and a math question. Learn about the new mathematical tools that both allow legislators to thumb the scale in their party's favor, and allow judges and activists to detect and measure that interference.

A light breakfast will be served before the talk. Please consider a $5 donation to offset the costs of this Beth Israel Center Adult Education program.

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. Youtube allows us to visit experiences all over the world, including Jerusalem, Spain, New York, Burning Man, and elsewhere. Following Sunday morning minyan with light breakfast, each session stands alone. Come when you can. All are welcome. Call the office, email rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org, or check our website calendar to confirm meeting dates.

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.

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!

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Shaarei Shamayim, Madison's Jewish Reconstructionist and Renewal congregation, 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 (608) 257-2944.

Sukkot Dinner, Shabbat Service, and Campfire
Friday, Oct 6, 5:30 pm dinner; 6:30 pm Shabbat service
Gaebler Lawn and Living Room First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

We'll gather in and around our sukkah for a vegetarian potluck dinner followed by a Shabbat service. Enjoy our campfire and smores, feel free to bring an instrument to play. Please bring a dish to share.

Simchat Torah Celebration
Monday, Oct 12, 5:30 pm dinner 6:30 pm service and dancing
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

Join us for a free pizza dinner followed by a service of singing, dancing, and rolling the Torah. We'll finish the evening with a dessert potluck. Please RSVP for dinner.

Shabbat Services
Saturdays, October 14 and 28
9:30 am
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On October 14 we will have Torah study at 9:30 am followed by a Shabbat service at 10:30 am. All are welcome to stay for Kiddush at 12:30 pm. On October 28 we welcome T Angelina as a bar mitzvah. Shabbat morning services are followed by Kiddush lunch at 11:45 am Please call the office for more information.

Shabbat Evening Potluck
Friday, October 20, 6:00 pm
Please call the office for location

Join together for Shabbat evening for a Shabbat potluck followed by a speaker. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Get to Know Us Breakfast
Sunday, October 29
Center for Families, 2120 Fordem Avenue

Want to learn about Shaarei Shamayim? Here's your opportunity! The Shaarei Shamayim Membership Committee welcomes new and prospective members to our breakfast from 9:50 am-11:30 pm They will discuss the congregation and be available to answer questions. Please RSVP to Joy: office@shamayim.org.

















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THANK YOU to everyone who attended the kickoff and to the many businesses and volunteers who generously contributed to making the evening a wonderful celebration of our community.

To our Madison Jewish Chefs, Restaurateurs, Food and Beverage Purveyors for providing such a delicious tasting buffet, desserts, and beverages for the kickoff event:

Adamah Neighborhood Table, Bagels Forever, Banzo, B'Tayavon/Fit 2 Eat, Full Compass Systems, General Beverage, Greenbush Bakery, Layla's, Let It Ride Cold Brewed Coffee, Maurie's, Fine Chocolates, Rocky Rococo, Seafood Center, True Coffee Roasters

To our Volunteer Home Bakers for providing a yummy assortment of desserts:
Linda Berman, Karla Buckstein, Vicki Mintz, Susan Roquitte, Alicia and Carly Schiff

To our Hosts Susan and Jonathan Lipp of Full Compass Systems for generously hosting this event.

To our entertaining MC for the evening Dan Mitchell.
To Dan Weiss, Bekah Blumenfeld, and Ellie Bogust for sharing their powerful personal stories with us.
To Steve Lipton for beautifully photographing the event.

To Alicia Schiff, Campaign Chair, the Kickoff Planning Committee, and FRD Committee for their time and dedication to making the evening a success.


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State Assembly Adopts Bipartisan Resolution Condemning Charlottesville Violence

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

The Wisconsin State Assembly voted unanimously on August 17 to adopt a bi-partisan resolution condemning the violence that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) opened the floor session by inviting interfaith leaders to offer a unity prayer. "This is a perfect opportunity for us to remind ourselves that what we have in common as human beings is much greater than any of the things that we call our differences," said Speaker Vos.

Rabbi Jonathan Biatch of Temple Beth El, Amarjot Singh of the Brookfield and Oak Creek Sikh Temples and Communities, Janan Najeeb of the Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition, Reverend Marie Onwubuariri of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin and Father Tim Kitzke of the Urban Ministry Archdiocese of Milwaukee took turns leading a prayer.

Assembly leaders then introduced Special Session Assembly Joint Resolution 1, which states that the "Assembly strongly condemns white supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and all those who rely on violence and hatred to advance their cause."

Every member of the Assembly rose to show their support for the resolution during a moment of silence.

"The evil that exists, the hate that is based solely on the color of one's skin or the heritage of their family, is one that we cannot ignore and we must clearly and emphatically denounce," said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna), one of the resolution's authors.

Representative JoCasta Zamarripa (D-Milwaukee), a co-author of the resolution, said, "There is no place for bigotry and prejudice in the great state of Wisconsin nor in our beloved United States."

Reading and Math Tutors Needed at Emerson School

By Marcia Vandercook
Jewish Congregations for Social Justice

The Jewish Congregations for Social Justice is a collaboration between the social action committees of the three synagogues: Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, and Temple Beth El. Among its other projects, JCSJ has "adopted" Emerson Elementary School as part of the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools adopt-a-school program.

We are now entering our fifth year of providing academic support to students in first through fifth grade. We have two kinds of volunteer opportunities.

New this year, Emerson is looking for adults who want to work with elementary-age children on reading skills. Reading mentors work one-on-one to help children build skills and discover the joy of reading. No special experience is necessary; the school provides the training.

If math is your preference, the school also uses mentors to work with children on basic math concepts and lessons. You don't have to be a math whiz – many kids need support with very basic math facts and strategies.

For both kinds of mentors, the teachers will provide instructions and materials each day, and the school will provide resources to help you become familiar with their programs. There will be a school mentor training on October 3 and a district-wide volunteer training on October 10.

You need to be able to commit one-half hour a week for one child or one hour for two children, at the same day and time each week. The school coordinator will work with your schedule to find a match that will work for you. Pairing will begin in October.

JCSJ is lucky to have this special relationship with Emerson and the opportunity to participate in this unique program. We would love to have you join us!

If you want to learn more, please contact Sandy Wright, sandywright11@gmail.com, or Marcia Vandercook, marcia.vandercook@gmail.com. You can also directly contact Lisa Stein. Emerson learning coordinator, at lstein@madison.k12.wi.us, or call (608)204-2069.

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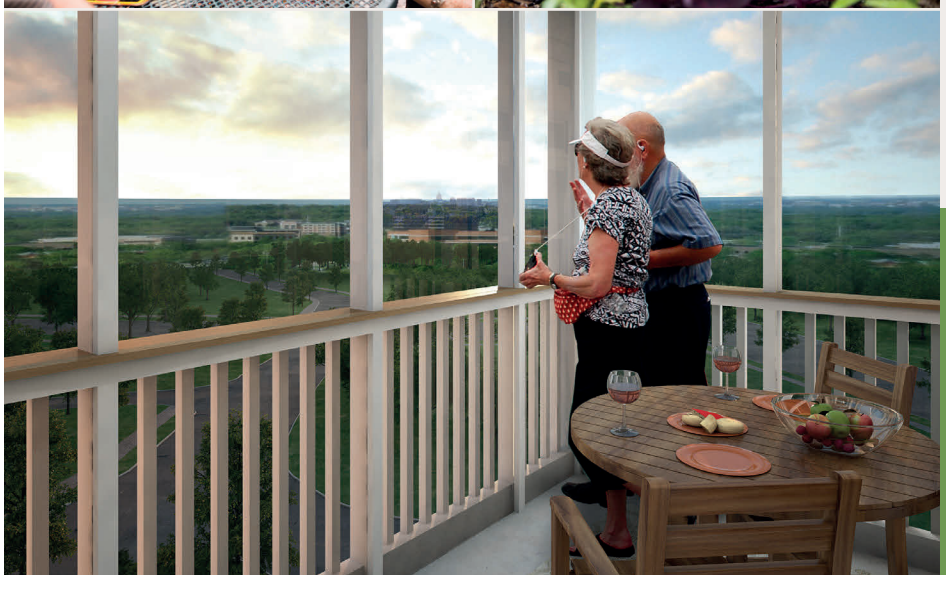

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Center for Jewish Studies

By Chad S.A. Gibbs
Project Assistant Center for Jewish Studies

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies is preparing for a full and exciting new year at the university. We begin the semester welcoming our new director, Tony Michels. Tony has been with the UW since 1998, where he is the George L. Mosse Professor of American Jewish History. Former director Simone Schweber will be spending a sabbatical year writing in Seville, Spain. History graduate student Chad Gibbs also joins the center this semester as the new project assistant.

In addition to a full slate of courses, the center will host several events of interest over the coming semester. Our program will begin with a luncheon seminar led by Elliot Ratzman titled "Jewish Theology Between Race and Anti-Racism." This RSVP-only seminar takes place October 10 in the CJS Conference Room 4233 Humanities.

Closely following Ratzman's talk, we will host the Kutler Lectures featuring Professor Roger Horowitz of the University of Delaware. Horowitz will bring extensive knowledge gained over years of research and the writing of his book Kosher USA to two talks titled "*Kosher USA*: How Coke Became Kosher and Other Tales of Modern Food" and "Is Kosher a Brand?: Ruminations on the Intersections of Jewish Law and the Secular Marketplace." These talks will take place in Room 209 of the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, October 18 and 19 at 4:00 pm.

Our center will also host Yale University Religious Studies Professor Eliyahu Stern who will talk on "Jewish Materialism" on November 2 at 3:00 pm in the Pyle Center's Vandeberg Auditorium. Professor Stern's forthcoming book of the same name details the ideological background to Jews' involvement in Zionism, Capitalism, and Communism.

Finally, we are excited to host a two-day conference, November 12-13, titled "The Highs and Lows of Sholem Aleichem: Yiddish Literature and the Pursuit of Popular Writing", at the Pyle Center, Rooms 325 and 326. Alongside scholars from UW-Madison and from across the US, the conference will welcome journalist Alisa Solomon (author of *Wonder of Wonders: A Cultural History of Fiddler on the Roof*) and fiction writer Adam Sachs (author of *Inherited Disorders: Stories, Parables & Problems*) to discuss the legacy of Sholem Aleichem.

One hundred years after his death, the Yiddish writer continues to capture the imagination. Conference papers will examine how the man behind *Fiddler on the Roof* and his works continue to leave an indelible mark on American culture. Of particular interest will be the question of how best to categorize Sholem Aleichem—as a writer for the masses or a stylist of the highest literary order.

The smaller Elliot Ratzman luncheon requires an RSVP, however, the remainder of these events are free and open to the public. We hope to see many of you this semester!

Complete and updated information on our courses, faculty, and events is always available on our website at jewishstudies.wisc.edu or by contacting us at events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu.



No Election? No Problem! Temple Beth El's 51st Annual Food-A-Rama Is Ready for 2017

After the tremendous success of the 50th anniversary Food-A-Rama on Election Day in 2016, Temple Beth El Sisterhood's annual Food-A-Rama is back and ready for 2017! Although no elections will be held this November in Madison, this annual election day luncheon and community gathering still features delicious food and community service.



The entire community is invited to Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, to enjoy Food-A-Rama's tasty corned beef sandwiches, kosher-style hot dogs, mediterranean vegetarian platters, scrumptious baked goods, and more. Dine-in, carry-out, and delivery options are available.

This year, delivery orders can now be placed online at food-a-rama.com; orders must be received by November 1 (five lunch minimum; Madison area only).

Dine-in hours are 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Bakery and deli sales are 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Deli items include frozen matzah ball soup and cabbage soup, fresh chopped liver, challah, and corned beef. Potato knishes, a historic recipe welcomed back for last year's 50th anniversary, will be available again. Be sure to pick some up for a tasty dinner or to freeze for later!

Bakery sales feature homemade pies, cakes, tortes, bars, and Jewish delicacies including rugelach and mandelbrot. Lottie Frank, Sisterhood co-president, says, "People line up before the event begins, and items sell out. Come early—it's definitely not to be missed!"

Leslie Kemp, Food-A-Rama chair and past Sisterhood president, says, "The room is abuzz. You never know who you'll meet, from within or outside the Jewish community. There's good food and good company. You can feel the camaraderie in the room."

Kemp notes that Food-A-Rama offers a rare chance to get a good corned beef sandwich. "People are eating healthier these days, but this is once a year—it's a treat. And for those who have been to New York City or Chicago, it's nostalgia—the corned beef, potato salad, dill pickle."



Food-A-Rama volunteers are hard at work preparing for this year's extravaganza. A typical year features 1,100 to 1,300 lunches served or delivered. Organizers prepare 550 pounds of corned beef, 200 quarts of matzah ball soup, 200 quarts of cabbage soup, 96 pints of chopped liver, 400 cookies, and much more.

A portion of the funds raised at this tasty event support many causes in the Madison area, including Camp Shalom scholarships, Temple Beth El, and other community organizations. In 2016, Dina Weinbach, then executive director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, said, "We receive close to 200 applications a year for financial assistance from families who are trying hard to make ends meet; families who have an average yearly income of $22,000; families with costly medical expenses; and families who can't afford a quality summer program for their children. Food-A-Rama and the Temple Sisterhood have our utmost thanks and gratitude for their support of the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund and for helping us to ensure that no child would be denied a Camp Shalom experience because of financial need."

In a new community donation this year, additional proceeds from Food-A-Rama will fund the annual tool budget for the Goodman Youth Farm, part of the Community GroundWorks nonprofit. The farm engages diverse populations in hands-on, agriculturally based education. Jennica Skoug, farm manager, called the planned donation "absolutely amazing" and noted that it "would make a big difference in our program."

Everyone is welcome to attend Food-A-Rama or place an order! For more information, contact Leslie Kemp at (608) 798-4212, email sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com, or visit food-a-rama.com.

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Jewish Education

Our Gan HaYeled Days

By Marla Becker
Director of Gan haYeled

At Gan HaYeled we take a holistic approach to education, focusing on the intellectual, emotional, social, physical, artistic, creative and spiritual potential of each child. We offer a wonderful mixture of observation, intentional planning, creative surroundings and active exploration of materials. The children and teachers engage together in the teaching and learning process.

Our mornings begin with the children entering school and looking for their nametags. They bring their nametag to the Question of the Day bulletin board. Children and parents have a special moment to discuss important topics like, "Do you like the rain?" The children answer by attaching their names to clothespins on the yes or no side of the bulletin board. How cute they are as they practice and develop their fine motor skills! The "cubby room" is their next stop where the children sign in with a sticker or perhaps eventually write their own names. What a joy it will be this year to watch them grow as they navigate the early morning ritual with more and more confidence and skill!



The children reflect upon their day in the writing center.

The two- to five-year olds greet their "core" teacher and create a plan for a 45-minute morning exploration time. Each week we set up two rooms for exciting and exploratory activities. One room focuses on science, nature, blocks, and manipulative areas, while the other room has more art, reading, dress-up, and writing centers. The children inform their core teacher where they are spending the early morning. In addition to the discovery type of activities, our children are learning to make choices and take ownership of their time. The centers are set up for interactive, hands-on activities. We follow the children's cues, adding more in depth activities and/or extending the length of time for each area.



All of us gather and sing songs for Shabbat!

What makes these learning centers unique is that they capture the interest of each child and enable them to discover each area based on their age and developmental stage. For example, one week our science center was created to explore the sense of touch using various fabrics. The two-year olds felt the various textures, squishing the fabric, moving it about, and throwing it on the ground, while the three and four-year olds observed the textures through a magnifying glass. Some of the students verbally expressed how everything felt, and our teachers provided additional vocabulary and encouraged them to use their newly found texture words in individual and group conversations.

We also integrate various areas of learning, such as exploring the High Holidays using Todd Parr's secular book This is My Hair. One page has, "This is my hair with spaghetti and meatballs in it." The children are delighted with the humor and yet are actively understanding the concept that we are all special. His books so easily help connect us to the themes of our High Holidays, which in simple or not so simple terms is a time of self-reflection. Our Gan chidren then created our own version of his book, This is My Rosh Hashanah hair. For example, one page says, "This is my hair with apples and honey in it." Using Parr's art style as inspiration, the children created their own page full of yarn, circles, eyeballs apples and honey. Another page has the prayer for fruit, written in Hebrew and transliterated Hebrew. To address kindergarten readiness, the sight words this, is and my are constantly reinforced throughout the book. We've even included an introduction to fractions as children count rectangles to show how many times to blow the shofar. How meaningful it is to integrate areas of learning! And yet, even with all this going on, we completely value that children have their own plans and ideas for the exploration time. We watch with curiosity and fascination as the children create their own morning experiences.

After exploration time, the children come together for a morning gathering. We sing songs, often corresponding with the holidays, such as "Dip the Apples in the Honey." This is followed by snack/recess. The children now have two playgrounds. Our new playground is currently being transformed into a wonderful nature area. Woodchips, a tree, tree stumps, a garden, sensory path, outdoor music area, water brook area, and sand box are all part of our quickly developing playground. As a special bonus, we're establishing a wonderful relationship with Federation teenagers who are enthusiastically contributing to the development of this play area.

We're not finished yet. After snack/recess, the children then have enrichment time, which includes art, music, science, movement, and Science experiments in Hebrew!

Suddenly, we are ready to enjoy lunch and recess together. We can't go home without a special time for reflecting on our day's adventures. The children illustrate/dictate something they enjoyed, learned, or experienced during the day. This goes in each child's reflection book which goes home with them at the end of the year! We're already eagerly anticipating a very concrete depiction of the tremendous intellectual, emotional, social, physical, artistic, creative, and spiritual growth of our Gan children.

Gan HaYeled is often a family's first experience into Madison's Jewish community. We value, encourage and provide many opportunities for building connections. We encourage families to join us for Friday Shabbat, share talents/interests, and professions with the children, volunteer in the classroom, and drive on field trips. Informal gatherings take place each month, such as monthly Shabbat or Havdalah potluck dinners, as well as monthly drop off Parents Time Out. We are also working with Jewish Social Services to spend Shabbat with the seniors once a month. Gan HaYeled families also partake in the various Jewish community events throughout Madison.

Families of all cultural and religious backgrounds are welcome at Gan. We integrate Jewish values and traditions, developing a positive Jewish identity in our children and a sense of belonging to a larger Jewish community. In doing so, we grow together, enriching all of our lives.



We love our friends.

Midrasha Welcomes New Interim Director

By Kimberly Rosenthal
Interim Midrasha Director

Shanah tova teens and families! Thank you for a warm welcome to the start of another year of Midrasha. I'm honored to be the new Midrasha Director and am looking forward to a year of growth through Hebrew language and Jewish Studies. What makes Midrasha amazing is the *ruach* (spirit) that students bring, which compliments the passions and expansive knowledge of our teachers. The incredible benefits of Midrasha are endless like students earning high school foreign language credit, being eligible for a $2,000 Jewish education award, and more!

This year we will be focusing on Jewish identity; our personal identity, the identity of Jewish teens, and the identity of the Jewish people. My Jewish identity and journey are far from linear, but the most impactful part was the time I spent in Israel teaching English to middle school students. During this time my love of the Jewish faith, people, and culture grew and I'm thrilled to bring that love and passion to students. To keep me grounded and energized in the work I do, I enjoy fitness, yoga, cooking, or being at home with my wife, brother, two cats, and lizard. My house and heart are full, but I'm always in search of a wonderful adventure like being your interim director of Midrasha.

To join in this identity search and adventure you can register at: https://www.jewishmadison.org/midrasha-hebrew-high-school/midrasha-registration.

If you have any questions please reach out at midrasha@jewishmadison.org.

With warmth and ruach,
Kimberly Rosenthal



Shana Tova from Ivrit B'kef!

Ivrit B'kef started last month and everyone was excited to come back after the summer or meet for the first time. In our first class we learned about Rosh HaShana and its costumes in Hebrew, we played and made shana tova cards for our families. Ivrit B'kef wishes you all a sweet and happy new year!

Looking forward to a lot of Hebrew fun ahead.



Shana Tova from Ivrit B'kef.



Rosh HaShana at Ivrit B'kef.

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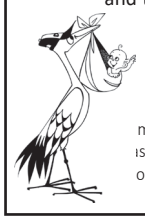

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Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer, Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach with music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel Volunteers
December 1

Capitol Lakes in the Grand Hall, 3:00 pm, 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
October 13, November 3

Oakwood West in Oak's Community Room, 3:30 pm, 6225 Mineral Point Rd
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer with the assistnace of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg
October 6, November 10

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

October Lechayim Calendar

NOTE: We have changed our location from Temple Beth El to Beth Israel Center. **Lechayim Lunchtime Plus will now be meeting at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, located on the corner of Mound Street and Randall Avenue.**

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 $10.23 for those under age 60.

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

MANY THANKS TO UW HILLEL ADAMAH CATERING FOR PROVIDING OUR DELICIOUS KOSHER MEALS!

Monday, October 2

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Shepards pie, market vegetable, fruit, cookies
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Frank Tuerkheimer presentation, "Bronislaw Huberman and the Heroic Origins of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra"

Monday, October 16

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	Roasted chicken with clementines and fennel, rice, roasted carrots and parsnips, rugelach, fruit
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Rabbi Renee Bauer presentation, "Jewish Advocacy in Challenging Political Times"

Monday, October 30

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Hickory smoked BBQ chicken, tszimmes, cous cous, fruit, rugalach
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Mark Stransky: Original piano music in variety of styles on themes inspired by people and nature

Next month's dates: November 13, 20, 27

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 Лехаима на Октябрь

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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. Все желающие присоединются к нам для отличной еды, встречи с друзьями и интересных программ. Лехаим является участником программы 'Питание Людей Старшего Возраста" округа Dane. Стоимость ланча составляет $10.23; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00, если возможно.

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Понедельник, 2 октября
11:30 - 12:00: Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Пирог пастуха, овощи, фрукты, печенье
13:00 - 2:00: Презентация Фрэнка Туеркхаймера «Бронислав Губерман и героическое происхождение Израильского филармонического оркестра»

Понедельник, 16 октября
11:30 - 12:00: Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
11:30 am -12:30 pm: Бесплатное измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лори Эдельштейн
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Жареный цыпленок с мандаринами и укропом, рис, жареные морковь и пастернак, ругала и фрукты
13:00 - 2:00: Рабби Рене Бауэр, презентация «Еврейская пропаганда в сложные политические времена»

Понедельник, 30 октября
11:30 - 12:00: Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Копченый цыпленок, цамес, кус-кус, фрукты и ругала
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Марк Странский - Оригинальная фортепианная музыка в различных стилях на темы, вдохновленные людьми и природой

Даты ноября 13, 20, 27

Lechayim Lights

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About our Programs

Monday, October 2

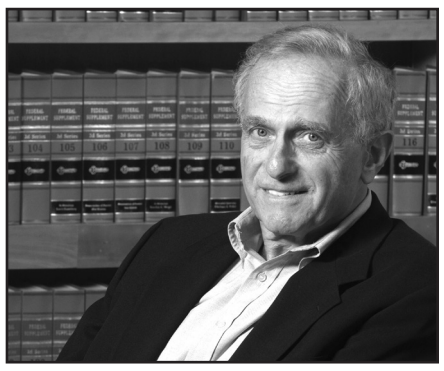
Professor Frank Tuerkheimer joined the University of Wisconsin Law faculty in 1970. Through the last several decades he has taught courses, written, and researched many aspects of the law. His latest course, titled Trials of the Holocaust, focused on defendants in the Nuremberg trials and the Eichmann and Frankfurt Auschwitz trials. As for service beyond the Law School and university community, Frank Tuerkheimer has worked as a Watergate prosecution staff member 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 West-



Rabbi Renee Bauer

ern District of Wisconsin, where, among other things, he initiated a model Clean Water Act enforcement program. Professor Tuerkheimer has also represented the Sierra Club and Natural Resources Defense Council.

In his talk, "Bronisław Huberman and the Heroic Origins of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra," 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 implementation was so abrupt that conductor Wilhelm Steinberg had his baton taken from him by Nazi thugs who entered the opera house where he was rehearsing. We'll find out how Wilhelm Steinberg left Germany and became



Professor Frank Tuerkheimer

William Steinberg, conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony. And we'll hear the story of violinist Bronislaw Huberman, who formed an orchestra of exiles in Palestine. Frank Tuerkheimer will go into the personalities and politics that created a remarkable orchestra of exiles.

Monday, October 16

Rabbi Renee Bauer has been serving our community throughout the years in many capacities, most recently in her role as Jewish Social Services Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach. She will present, "Jewish Advocacy in Challenging Political Times." Rabbi Renee brings a unique blend of her Jewish spiritual presence and humanitarian background to work on many issues related to both our personal and community experiences. She will update us on recent issues and news related to her work in supporting outreach and training efforts of the Jewish Social Services Refugee Resettlement Program that began last year. Rabbi Bauer was as a rabbi for six years at Congregation Mayim Rabim in Minneapolis and interned at a Jewish nursing home and the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center. She also worked as the executive director of the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice for nine years.

Monday, October 30

Mark Stransky will perform original flowing melodic piano compositions that are inspired by people, nature, and life experiences. He will give the inspiration behind each piece before it is performed. Mark is a physical therapy aide at Unity Point Health-Meriter in Madison. He has played piano for many years and gives a monthly Music and Healing concert at Meriter.

Our Core Values at Jewish Social Services

The months of August and September have brought significant turmoil to the United States. Charlottesville. Hurricane Harvey. The end of DACA for many teenagers and young adults in our community. Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Jose.

I feel so fortunate to have Jewish Social Services here in Dane County. Our team regularly revisits our core values to ensure that our programs, activities and actions are aligned with these values. It gives me hope for myself as well as for my children. It is important to me to show that we can make the world a better place.

Levy Summer Series – this summer we averaged over 90 registrants per luncheon, bringing together people of all ages who might not have met ever before.

Refugee resettlement – Since December, Jewish Social Services has resettled 30 individuals in Madison who could not safely return to their home countries. In addition, we worked to find housing, employment, and schools for another 12 people. These are individuals who had been resettled as refugees to other parts of the United States but had heard about how Madison truly "welcomes the stranger" and has employment options.

Case management – Our team works with senior adults who need appropriate housing. They help families to apply for food assistance or health insurance. They listen to people who are overwhelmed, and need to figure out their next step.

Chaplaincy – JSS and our community is fortunate to have a chaplain who can visit those who need spiritual or emotional support. She provides programs to our seniors where they live, when they cannot necessarily get out into the community at large.

If you would like to learn more about Jewish Social Services and our core values, or you would like to receive support or provide support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can be reached at (608) 442-4081 or on our website at www.jssmadison.org. Please join us at our Annual Meeting this year as well!





Happy October Birthdays!

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SAVE THE DATE
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This year's Annual Meeting will be held on

Monday, October 23 at 7:00pm

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All are welcome to attend.
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- Call Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4801 or email us at office@jssmadison.org **before 2:00 pm on the preceding Wednesday.**
- If you did not make a reservation but would like to come, **call Paul at (608) 442-4803** to see if there have been any cancellations.
- We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins.

Israel and the World

From Israel to Madison - Following the Music

By Shlomit Ezer and Tal Sheffer
Madison Schlichim

A few weeks ago, we realized there was going to be a long weekend, Labor Day, a holiday we didn't know about. As soon as we learned that, we decided it was time to check off one of our main items on our bucket list: a trip to Lake Superior.

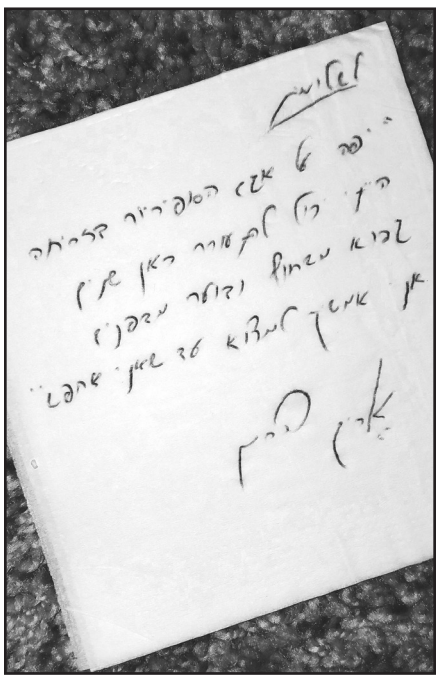
Going to Lake Superior was a dream of ours a long time before we even decided to go on Shlichut. A few months ago, when we were told we were going to be in Madison, we looked at the map and were excited to see that it's not far from Lake Superior.

The reason we wanted to go there is because of an Israeli song we both love. The song's name translates to "I'll Keep on Finding until I Begin to Search," by the Israeli musician Eric Berman. The song begins with a line about Lake Superior, describing how beautiful it is during the sunrise, and is a part of a four CD album collection which was written during Berman's road trip in the United States. I (Tal) bought this album for Shlomit's last birthday, along with a napkin on which Berman had hand written the first verse of the song and signed his name. What made the trip to Lake Superior even more special was the fact that right before we moved to Madison we went to see Berman in a concert and met him in person backstage. We told him about our dream to visit Lake Superior, and he was excited to hear that his song inspired us to do so.

And so, the week before Labor Day, we booked a place to stay north of Duluth and went on our own little road trip. We know that a five hours drive is not considered a long drive in the United States, but for us, who are used to driving in Israel, five hours is a lot. One can travel more than half of Israel from north to south in that amount of time, and that's usually the farthest anyone is going to drive there. Still, it was a fun drive and the view was beautiful, with the leaves beginning to change colors. We didn't realize that happens so early in the year! Fall in Israel is usually very short, and the colors of the foliage are not as impressive.

We stayed in a place right on the lake, and the view was beautiful. Hoping not to be disappointed, we went to sleep early that night and woke up at 5:00 am in order to see the sunrise on Lake Superior. Just like the song said, it was breathtaking. It was one of those rare moments when you realize your dream is coming true and you want that moment to never end. Eventually it ended because the sun came up and allowed us to hike and see the lake area.

Overall, it was an amazing trip and we couldn't have been happier. The reason we are telling you all this is not just to share our story with you, but also to give a personal example of how significant music can be in our lives. It can soothe us, make us feel and think, make us see things or people in a new light; it can touch something deep inside us or just make us feel good about ourselves. Music can also bring people together, but what's truly amazing about music is how universal it is: It doesn't matter who you are, where you're from, what your culture background is or what you believe in, everybody is touched by music, one way or another. Music connects people, and this is why we decided to post an Israeli music playlist every week on Facebook. We believe Israeli music can be a big cultural window into Israel, and we hope you can enjoy it even without always understanding the words. If there was something there that you liked in particular and want to explore other similar songs, or if you feel you really need to understand what one of the songs is talking about — we're always here and happy to help.



Napkin with the first verse of Eric Berman's song, written and signed by him



At Lake Superior, right after sunrise



With Eric Berman, after his concert

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Connecting with Israel

This Month in Israeli History: The Story of the Israeli Flag

October is a month full of Israeli history, with the Sinai War in 1956, the Yom Kippur war in 1973 or the Israel-Jordan peace treaty in 1994. But something else happened during this month, 69 years ago: on October 28, 1948, five months after the declaration of independence, Israel officially adopted the flag it has today. There was a big debate about the flag's design, and a special committee was created to address this issue.

A submission that was not chosen was the design suggested by Herzl, one of the fathers of Zionism. He did not live to see the establishment of Israel, but he described his vision for a flag in his book The Jewish State that was published in 1896. His flag consisted of seven golden stars over a white background: the white color representing a fresh start, the new and pure life he hoped for in the Jewish state. The seven stars represented seven hours of work, as he saw labor as one of the values on which the new Jewish state would be established.

The flag that was eventually selected was the flag of the Zionist Movement from 1897 was a Star of David between two blue stripes, representing the stripes on the Tallit.

Herzl's suggestion represents a fresh start, something completely new. The flag of the Zionist Movement, consisting of old Jewish symbols, represents the connection of Israel to all Jewish people. It was for this reason that, after a long debate, the flag we all now know was selected— The committee decided the connection of Israel to our joint Jewish heritage and to the rest of the Jewish people of the world must be reflected in the flag. To us, this decision is a reminder of the promise that was made back when Israel was only a few months old, a promise of Israel to belong to all Jews who seek this connection, and a declaration that we are all one people.

This is the story of our flag, that this month marks its 69th anniversary. Later this year we will celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary. If this event is important to you and you want to take part in thinking about it and planning it, we will be more than happy to see you in our Israel committee! We will meet after Sukkot and begin to imagine how our community can celebrate Israel's 70th Independence Day.

If you wish to join us, please contact Shlomit through Facebook, email or phone.
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Acharei HaChagim - After the Holiday

In Israel, September 1 is the day when children go back to school. From that time until the end of Sukkot there are more vacation days than school or work days, and so, in a way, the year only really begins after the holidays, or in Hebrew: "Acharei HaChagim". During the time of the holidays, until Sukkot, there is no continuity and so many projects only begin after Sukkot, when people start their regular routine. This term, "Acharei HaChagim", has become a phrase in Israel describing procrastination. The most classic example is "I'll start a diet 'Acharei HaChagim.'"

Each month we want to share with you a recipe from Israel. This month, we'll share the most Israeli food we could think of. Considering it is soon "Acharei HaChagim", we can also say now it is officially 'back to school' time, and what's more Israeli than sending your kids to school with a homemade hummus sandwich?

Hummus (from scratch)

Ingredients
1/2 lb chickpeas
1/2 cup Tahini
Juice of one lemon
Salt to taste
1 tsp baking soda
Water
Garnish: olive oil, paprika, parsley (optional)



Wash the chickpeas, cover with water and leave for a few hours or overnight. Once soaked, put the chickpeas in a pot, cover with water 2 inches over the surface, and add baking soda. Bring to a boil, and use a spoon to remove the foam that rises from the boiling water. Once the chickpeas are completely soft (when you take one out and can squash it completely between your fingers) remove from heat, add salt to taste and let cool for a few minutes. Save the cooking water and move most of the chickpeas into a blender (save some whole ones). In the blender, add the tahini, lemon juice and gradually add cooking water while blending. Stop to taste the hummus, and keep blending and adding water to reach the desirable texture. Once done, you can garnish it with some whole cooked chickpeas, olive oil, paprika, parsley or anything else you like. The hummus is best when eaten fresh and warm, but it can be kept refrigerated for a couple of days. Enjoy!

Go to the Source: Websites about Israel

For questions on how to support Israel and information about what is happening, please contact our Israeli Shlichim: Daniel, Jewish Federation of Madison Shliach at Israel@JewishMadison.org and Shirly, UW Hillel Israel Fellow at Israel Fellow@UWHillel.org

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