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Jewish Federation of Madison Welcomes New Executive Director

By Debbie Minkoff
Interim Executive Director

The Jewish Federation of Madison is thrilled to announce that Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig will begin as Executive Director of our organization beginning September 5, 2017. After a brief but thorough search process, led by Joe Shumow and a small team of selected volunteers, Paula was unanimously endorsed by our Board of Directors as our candidate of choice for this important position. Paula returns to her Wisconsin roots, after serving as senior rabbi of Temple Sinai of Long Island, working as a development consultant in the New York area, and most recently as the executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Indianapolis, Indiana. She has experience in creating, directing, and implementing a variety of educational, social, and service based programs. She is a skilled and experienced supervisor of many volunteer boards of trustees and professionals. She is a successful fundraiser, who is efficient, energetic, and dedicated multi-tasker. She has excellent communication skills and experience in managing all aspects of public relations.

Rabbi Winnig received her rabbinic ordination and Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. She also holds an MBA from SUNY- Empire State College.

As we look towards the future, we are confident in the vision and leadership that Paula brings with her to the position of executive director of the Jewish Federation of Madison. We look forward to welcoming Paula to Madison very soon. She will attend the Major Gifts event on Sunday September 10, and the Tzedakah Campaign Kick-Off on Sunday September 17. Please join us in giving Paula a warm Madison welcome when you see her!

On a Mission

By Tiz Goff
Community Outreach Coordinator

Interim Executive Director, Debbie Minkoff pulled me into her office at the end of June, and asked if I could attend the JFNA Campaigners' 2017 Mission trip, July 17-23. She said the itinerary was incredible and was thinking about going herself! I quickly secured childcare, registered for the trip, bought my



ticket, and planned my return to Israel after a brief 22 (and 24) year hiatus!

I hear this question all the time in the Jewish community: "where does my Federation donation go?" Well, this trip focused on Israeli programs funded by our (your!) donations to Federation.

This was the fourth year JFNA has run this mission to focus on the work, the training, and the visits to our overseas partner agencies to gain an understanding of how our dollars are making a difference in Israel. I think my itinerary will help you understand why I had goosebumps everyday while in Israel, and it was not because the bus was cold from the amazing air conditioner! The work that is done, the people who are helped, the lives that are improved thanks to Federation donations is so incredible and powerful; the pride I felt working at Federation and for donating to Federation was experienced daily. We are all making a difference!

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September 17





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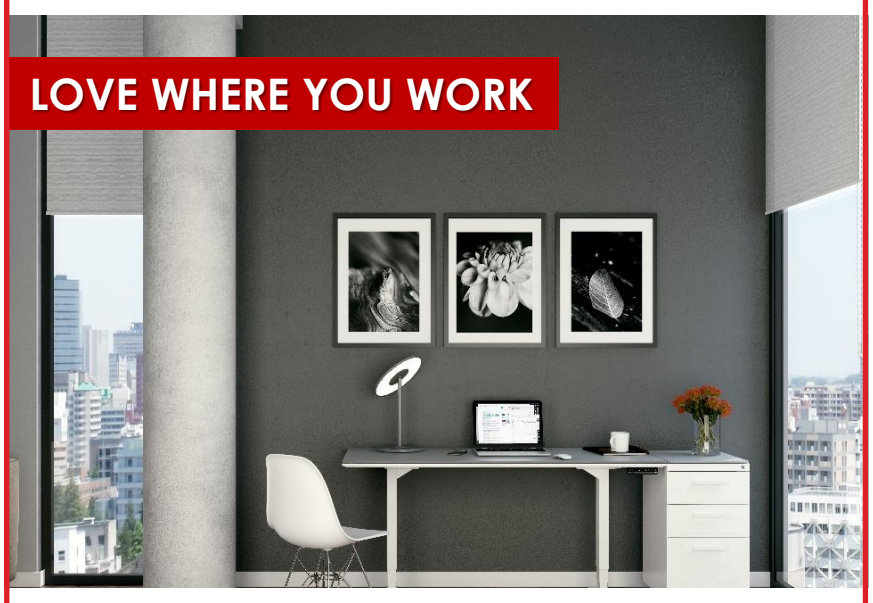

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Making a Difference
Tuesday, July 18
9:30 am: *Robin Kauffman Saran in conversation with veteran 'Olim' (immigrants)*
Oshra Friedman: An Ethiopian Jew with no possessions who became an Israeli who gives back
Lucy Motovilov: A Taglit-Birthright and Masa Israel alumna born in Siberia, who pays it forward at the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)

12:00 pm: *Taglit-Birthright "State of Mind" Innovation Center in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange*

Taglit-Birthright Israel, funded by Federation, provides free first-time, ten-day, educational trips to Israel for Jews aged 18 to 26. The trip aims to strengthen Jewish identity, build an understanding and a lasting bond with the state and people of Israel and to reinforce the solidarity of Jewish people worldwide. Taglit-Birthright Israel has brought to Israel over 500,000 young Jewish adults from 66 countries.

Israel is widely known as the "start-up nation" and is recognized as a major player in the fields of innovation, R & D and entrepreneurship. Taglit-Birthright Israel built the "State of Mind" Innovation Center in partnership with The Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange as a "must do" stop for Birthright groups. This exciting and cutting-edge Innovation Center allows each Taglit-Birthright Israel group to learn about the new advancements Israeli start-ups are making in different fields, such as science, medicine, security, space and more and includes a one-on-one meet-up with a leading Israeli entrepreneur.

4:00 pm: *American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)-supported "Accessible Health Zone" program in a Sports Center in Rishon LeZion.*

People with disabilities have far fewer options for fitness activities. Few health promotion programs are directed at or even accessible to people with disabilities. JDC's Accessible Health Zone aims to reverse these trends. It does this through a two-pronged strategy. First, it gives people with disabilities the tools and support networks they need for a healthier lifestyle. Second, it helps promote a supportive environment for healthy living by orienting their communities, including health and fitness professionals, appropriately.



Gorgeous Jerusalem evening showcasing Jewish Federations from 5 cities, 2 countries, and 7.5 people (woman at far left is pregnant).

Wednesday, July 19
11:00 am: *Visit JDC-supported employment efforts for Women in the Haredi, Arab and Ethiopian communities at the Herzl Lilienblum Museum*

Poverty and the growing gap between rich and poor in Israel are inextricably linked to chronic unemployment – hundreds and thousands of Israelis living permanently out of the workforce. JDC is tackling this situation head on, helping Israelis not just gain employment but develop a career, the ultimate tool for financial independence. We met with a cross section of Israeli society — Haredim, Arabs and Jews. JDC's programs helped them overcome physical, social and emotional barriers to work, allowing them to support themselves and their families with pride.

2:45 pm: *JDC-supported visit: "Photography with Joy"*

A vibrant group of Holocaust Survivors residing in Kfar Saba took part in a JDC Phototherapy course. Working with a therapeutic counselor, a team writer and other staff, Holocaust survivors embark on a creative journey following their memories, experiences and personal stories. Participants learn basic photography skills and are offered the opportunity to look at the world and at their own pasts—allowing them to capture their experiences with their cameras from a more comfortable present-day perspective.

Everyone Has a Story
Thursday, July 20
11:15 am: *Visits to Kiryat Gat & Sderot*

More than 350,000 of Israel's children are at risk of not having the opportunity to become independent, constructive members of society. Not surprisingly, the most dramatic numbers live in Israel's social and geographic periphery. The rise in the number of children and youth at risk remains one of the most serious social problems facing Israel. Particularly in the Negev and Galilee, priority areas for the State of Israel and the Jewish Agency, the already-widening socio-economic gap is consuming the future of literally tens of thousands of Israel's children. The premise of JAFI Youth Futures is that the cycle of deprivation and despair is broken by giving youngsters the opportunity to create new futures for themselves, building their self-esteem and belief in the future and giving them the tools to get there.

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Leisel Blockstein Award

By Hanna Ehrlich
Recipient of the Leilsel Blockstein Award

I'm honored to have been selected as recipient for this year's Liesel Blockstein award. I've been involved with Madison's Jewish community for as long as I can remember, whether volunteering at the Hadassah Collector's Corner with my grandmother, or helping my dad prepare 500 latkes for the Beth Israel Hanukkah party. I've enjoyed participating and am thankful for the role it had in shaping my high school experience. Beginning in eighth grade and continuing through my senior year, I attended Midrasha. Midrasha allowed me to learn more about Judaism, but it also provided an opportunity to meet and connect with other teens who shared my interest in continuing their Jewish education. In the summers, I have worked as a counselor at Camp Shalom. Since campers come from all walks of life, I enjoyed teaching them about the Jewish traditions observed at camp, such as the Hebrew songs we sing and Shabbat programs held on Friday afternoons.

For the past three years I've also sat on the MOUSY Board as both corresponding secretary and co-president. Along with social events for local Jewish teens, MOUSY (under the guidance of the wonderful Deb Hoffman) also carries out social action events, such as assembling lunches for homeless shelters, making blankets for patients in the UW Children's Hospital, and teaming up with other Madison youth groups and Jewish Social Services to deliver Rosh Hashanah gift baskets to nursing homes. This past year, my co-president, Talia Ivry, and I introduced MOUSY's first ever Passover Hametz Drive, which we hope to see continued in the future.

In the coming school year I'll attend Brandeis University, where I plan to study anthropology. At Brandeis, I intend to maintain my connection to the Jewish community by joining Hillel. Although I'm sad to leave Madison, I look forward to continuing to participate in the Jewish community wherever I may go in life.



Save the Date...
Please stop by the
Jewish Federation of Madison's table
at the Willy Street Fair
Sunday, September 17,
11am-7pm
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Statement by Jewish Federation of Madison About the March in Charlottesville

We are horrified by the brazen public demonstrations of bigotry and hate in Charlottesville, Virginia over the weekend of August 12, 2017. The xenophobic, prejudiced ideology ascribed to by white supremacists, white nationalists, the Ku Klux Klan, and neo-Nazi groups has no place in our society. We unequivocally condemn the deliberate attempt by these groups to instill fear and cause injury and death in acts of domestic terrorism.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families of Heather Heyer, and Virginia State Police Lt. H. Jay Cullen and Trooper-Pilot Berke M.M. Bates. We pray for a speedy and full recovery to all those wounded.

The United States of America was founded on the self-evident truth that "all people are created equal." Our diverse society celebrates differences and stands in solidarity to oppose bigotry and combat hatred. Americans have proudly defended these values against the forces of evil at home and abroad. Thousands of courageous leaders battled and sacrificed for civil rights and over 400,000 service members gave their lives fighting the Nazis in World War II.

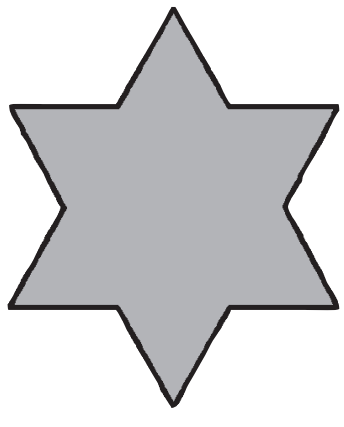
We will not allow the revival of the racist, anti-Semitic creeds of the past, which aim to tear at the fabric of our embracing society.

We call upon all people, including our community leaders and public officials, to speak out forcefully and denounce hate in all of its manifestations.

We will not be cowed ever again by torchlights, whether carried by Klansmen, white supremacists, neo-Nazis or Nazis.

We recommit ourselves to building bridges of understanding and collaboration among people of all faiths, races, ethnicities and genders.

We pledge to work towards purging hate from our society and politics and upholding the fundamental values upon which America was established.



Simchas & Condolences

Mazel tov on the wedding of

Ellie Hobart Feitlinger, daughter of Susie Hobart and Billy Feitlinger, to Gregory Ryan

Kendra and Jonathan Sager

Condolences to the families of

Joel Kupferberg, husband of Merilyn, father of Jeff (Jen Lynch) Kupferberg and Karen (Jon) Anderson

Euna Staniforth, mother of Donald (Anne) Staniforth and Susan (Dan) Bird

Robert "Bob" Kasper, father of Debbie (Mark) Edge; grandfather of Ashley (Brian) Rojas Edge and Elyse Edge

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

In memory of Warren Randy
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In memory of George Terry Bryan
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In memory of Susan Winnig
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In memory of Howard Goldberg
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In honor of Howard Goldberg's birthday
Stephen and Linda Kailin

In memory of Joel Kupferberg
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In honor of the birth of Ellis, grandson of Nan and Jim Youngerman
Susie Hobart and Billy Feitlinger

In honor of the wedding of Shaina Root Robbins, daughter of Ken Robbins and Louise Root Robbins, to Joe Pasich
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In memory of Warren Randy
Diane Seder and Bruce Rosen

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Reading Mentors

New this year, Emerson is looking for adults who want to work with elementary-age children on reading skills. Come help children build skills and discover the joy of reading.

Math Mentors

If math is your preference, we also need 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.

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. Let the school coordinator know your schedule, and she will try to find a match that will work for you. Pairing will begin in October.

Madison Jewish Congregations for Social Justice is lucky to have this special relationship with Emerson and the opportunity to participate in this unique program. There are many kids who need mentors – please join us!

If you want to learn more, please contact Sandy Wright, sandywright11@gmail.com, or Marcia Vandercook, marcia.vandercook@gmail.com. If you're ready to go, just contact Lisa Stein. Emerson learning coordinator, at lstein@madison.k12.wi.us, or call 204-2069.



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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS



Matzah Balls take on Kickball

Thursdays, September 14, 2017 through October 26, 2017
Demetral Park, 601 North Street, Madison, WI 53704
Rain Date (if needed): Time and details TBA

Please come out and cheer on the Matzah Balls! Or, interested in playing kickball? Please contact Tiz Goff, outreach@jewishmadison.org and let her know! We will play at 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, or 8:30pm. This Jewish Federation of Madison-sponsored coed team has been around for years, and sure do love when spectators meet us at the field!



Major Gifts Dinner

Sunday, September 10, 2017
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Nakoma Golf Club, 4145 Country Club Road, Madison, WI 53711

5:30 pm Cocktails
6:30 pm Dinner & Program
$5000 minimum contribution
For more information or questions contact info@jewishmadison.org

Jewish Federation of Madison at Willy Street Fair!

Sunday, September 17, 2017
11:00am - 7:00 pm
Willy Street Fair, 900 Willy Street, Madison, WI

Contact Tiz Goff outreach@jewishmadison.org.
Jewish Federation of Madison will have a table at the Willy Street Fair! Information on how to get involved will be available for anyone interested. Please stop by and say hello!



Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff Flavors of Jewish Madison

Sunday, September 17, 2017
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Full Compass Systems, 9770 Silicon Prairie Pkwy, Verona, WI 53593

Contact main office (608) 278-1808
info@jewishmadison.org

Featuring a tasting buffet menu by Madison's Jewish chefs, restaurateurs, and food purveyors.
Performance: Piano Fondue.
MC: Dan Mitchell
Personal Stories Program:

- Dan Weiss - 2016 Young Leader Award recipient
- Midrasha Hebrew High School, Gan HaYeled Preschool, and Jewish Federation of Madison Outreach Program participants

5:30 pm Doors Open & Registration
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Program & Entertainment
RSVP Required. Email rsvp@jewishmadison.org
Call (608) 278-1808
Please indicate if you have a seating preference and how many people you are RSVP'ing for (including all first and last names).
This event is free and open to the community.
Attending the kickoff event implies a commitment to donate to the 2017 Tzedakah Campaign.



Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
7:30pm - 9:30pm
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building
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Board of Directors Meeting for the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Hadassah's Walking Adventures

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

The Jewish History of the University of Wisconsin

With historian Jonathan Pollack
Everyone is welcome. Free. Handicap accessible.
Time: Sunday September 17, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Followed by Madison Hadassah break at Adamah Café, Hillel)
Location: Meet at Colectivo Coffee, 583 State Street (across from Urban Outfitters)
RSVP: Please reserve your space by calling (608) 770-6521 or email us at MadisonHadassah@gmail.com. Please let us know if you have any questions
Tour highlights: The tour will cover important points of State St. and Langdon St from Fraternity Row, past Hillel and Memorial Union up to the University buildings

Trace the complex history of the Jewish experience at the University of Wisconsin on a walking adventure with Jonathan Pollack, history instructor at MATC and Honorary Fellow in UW-Madison's Center for Jewish Studies.

Trace events and trends between the 1880s, when the University of Wisconsin at Madison hired its first Jewish professor, and now. Explore how the Jewish presence in a small Midwestern town university evolved over 165 years to a point where it's listed among the top ten Universities for Jewish students with roughly 4200 undergraduate students, 1000 graduate students and a robust community of professors, a vibrant cultural and religious Hillel community, a large Jewish studies department and much more.

Join Madison Hadassah for Refreshments at Adamah Cafe, Hillel

Learn about Madison Hadassah's Evolving Activities and Opportunities for You

Sunday, September 17, 2:00-4:00pm (immediately after the Jewish History Walking Adventure)
Adamah Cafe, Hillel

Learn about Hadassah as a Bridge to Peace in the US and Around the World • Share your ideas for Madison Hadassah's future Help start a Young Professionals and Parenting Division of Madison Hadassah • Explore opportunities to join Madison Hadassah's ever-evolving planning team

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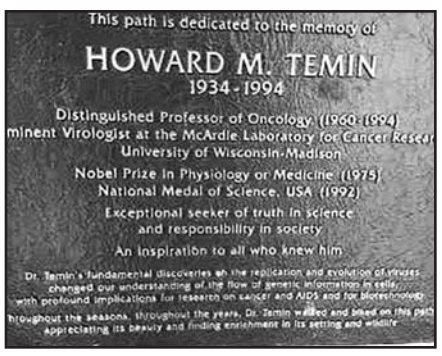

Howard Temin Lakeshore Memorial Path in honor of Dr. Howard Temin one of two Jewish Nobelaureates at the University of Wisconsin. Temin, a cancer researcher was awarded for discoveries in molecular biology of cancer. Dr. Joshua Lederberg was awarded for his discoveries in genetics.



Joseph and Rachel Jastrow, the Jewish Royalty of UW. Joseph was the 1st Jewish Professor at UW. Rachel Jastrow, the sister of Henrietta Szold who founded Hadassah, was a suffragette, writer, editor and founder of Madison's Hadassah Chapter (3rd in country).



University of Wisconsin Hillel, founded in 1924, was the 2nd Hillel Foundation in the US. The UW Hillel has had many famous rabbis and directors, including Max Tiktin who started the Havurah movement.

Save the Date!

Madison Hadassah invites you to an afternoon of Wine and Chocolate at the home of Choclatier, Cherie Mandel

Sunday, October 22, 2017
2:00pm - 4:00pm

For questions and updates call (608) 770-6521
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2:30 pm: *Ethiopian National Project's (ENP) SPACE (School Performance and Community Empowerment) visit Makif Hey School in Ashdod*

We met the kids who benefit from Federations' support that helps them reach for the stars, as I gained insight on the stories that make ENP's work so very critical and impactful.

Presence Matters
Friday, July 21
7:30 am: *Rescuing Jews in Special Circumstances with Arielle de Porto and Bradley Sherman*

Arielle is JAFI's expert in facilitating Aliyah from countries of rescue. She was instrumental in bringing the Yemenite families that recently arrived from Yemen to Israel. Arielle talked about her work in these delicate situations in countries where Israel did not in the past or does not currently have diplomatic relations (such as Yemen, Syria, Iran, Cuba, Pakistan, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, etc).

11:10 am: *Susan's House*

The JDC-supported Susan's House is an innovative social business that empowers high-risk teens by employing them in a unique art workshop. The program targets teens that have dropped out of a formal educational framework, and who are not working or in treatment. Teens work each day creating beautiful hand-made glass jewelry, stationery, and Judaica, with the guidance of top artists and the support of a social worker. Through their work, the teens gain self-esteem, valuable business and interpersonal skills, and a sense of responsibility. At the conclusion of the visit we were given the opportunity to purchase these beautiful hand-made artifacts made by the at-risk youth.

Bringing It Home
Sunday, July 23
9:00 am: *Pre-caucus program in the new JDC Center for Young Adults, in Musrara, Jerusalem*

JDC's Center for Young Adults offers immigrant and disadvantaged young adults the skills and information on which to build productive adult lives. Services include counseling regarding higher education and vocational training; employment readiness and life skills, such as financial literacy. Centers help participants make decisions in critical areas spanning army, family, education and employment, easing the youth to adulthood and preventing chronic unemployment and poverty later in life. Community-building and leadership opportunities allow young adults to give back. Optimistic and determined, they are willing to invest their energy and "sweat equity" to improve their lives and their neighborhoods.

Lessons Learned

What did I learn? Well, how much time do you have? This experience reaffirmed my belief that when I give to the Jewish Federation of Madison, my money helps those who need it for education, food, shelter, and the hope of a future. The people in the Federation-supported programs are thriving and thankful for the support they have received because of the donations. People want stories - stories about hope and rebuilding and success. I listened to these stories every day. We even had a Federation professional on the mission trip who was relocated from Ukraine to Israel thanks to the Federation! She always knew she would give back because so much help was given to her and her family; she didn't know then that she would be working for Federation now!

This trip is hard to put into words because it was really emotional. But bottom line, the work of the Jewish people is never done, but at least what we are doing is really incredible work!



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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.

Apple Picking at Eplegaarden

Sunday, September 10, 11:00 am
2227 Fitchburg Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53575

Kick off this fall (and stockpile for Rosh Hashanah) with this quintessential autumnal activity! Bring the whole family and a picnic lunch for a fun apple-picking experience with friends. Register at tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/applepicking2017

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Dinner Get-Together

Thursday, September 14, 7:00 pm
Location TBD

Come meet, greet, and eat your way through a tasty family-style meal with fellow 20- and 30-somethings in the Jewish community. Dinner will be $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Hungry and ready to mingle? See you there!

RSVP so we have enough seats around the table(s). Contact Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org with questions.

Singles Creating Community Coffee

Friday, September 15, 9:00 am
Pancake Café, 724 S. Gammon Rd

Start your Friday with some lovely conversation.

Cancer Support Group Potluck

Sunday, September 17, 6:30 pm
Please contact office for location

A support group for those whose lives have been touched by cancer. The group meets monthly on Sundays to address the mutual needs of those patients and caregivers who confront cancer. If you'd like more information, please contact Rabbi Biatch rabbi@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123.

Shalom Sukkot

Sunday, September 24, 10:30 am

Schmooze and groove with friends at this special Sukkot-themed Tots 'n' Tunes geared toward the youngest members of our community.

Sukkah Decorating, Pizza in the Hut, and Sukkot Service

Wednesday, October 4, 5:30 pm

Join us in the Sukkah with your own decorations or join in the crafts we'll have available! At 6:15 pm do a mitzvah by dwelling in the Sukkah, and enjoying a meal! Register for pizza and salad from Roman Candle Pizza (gluten free option available) as we perform this mitzvah and enjoy each other's company. At 6:45 pm usher in the holiday with a Sukkot service in the sukkah!

RSVP at tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/sukkah_decorating_2017

Shabbat Starts Here

Friday, October 6

"Shabbat Starts Here" is our newest opportunity to welcome 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! Please register for dinner by Friday, September 29 at https://tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/shabbat_starts_here_october_2017.

Yizkor, Simchat Torah Family Ed Program, Taco Dinner and Simchat Torah Service

Wednesday, October 11, 5:00 pm

Our Simchat Torah celebration 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 ten 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

For those congregants accustomed to observing consecration for new Religious School students on this holiday, please look for this ceremony on a new day, Friday, November 3, 6:00 pm.

RSVP by October 8 for dinner.

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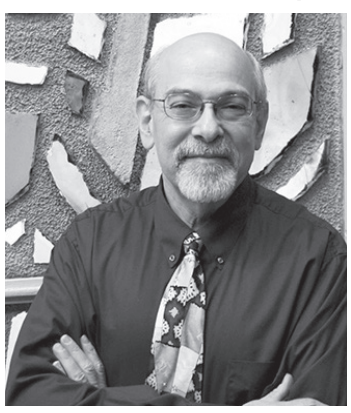

who created the music for 75 prime-time network series and is best known for the iconic sounds of Seinfeld. Look for more details coming soon!

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Our services combine traditional prayers with contemporary poetry, readings, and songs. We are participatory and encourage our members and friends to lead elements of the service, sing along, share English readings, chant Torah and Haftarah, and blow shofar. We meet in the historic Frank Lloyd Wright auditorium of the First Unitarian Society.

Our services last several hours; we encourage everyone to take breaks and sit outside on the lawn or chat with a friend in the lobby. Many people come and go throughout these days.

We hold youth programming for all ages over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: a tot service for children 0-5 years of age, a children's service for kindergarten through 5th graders, and discussions for 6th-8th graders and 9th-12th graders. We'll also have a Rosh Hashanah dinner for young adults this year. For a full listing of our programming, please visit our website.

During the afternoon of Yom Kippur, our Yizkor service provides space for individuals to remember loved ones who have passed away. Later in the day some gather for meditation. Just before Neilah, our closing service, we have a creative Avodah program. This is an opportunity for participants to share poetry, songs, or any other offerings for the community.
We organize two community potlucks over the High Holidays – one on Erev Rosh Hashanah and one for break fast at the end of Yom Kippur.

Don't forget to make reservations for our potlucks and child care. For more information, please visit our website at www.shamayim.org or contact the office at office@shamayim.org or (608) 257-2944.

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Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur service times are listed on page 16. Please contact the office for more information, including how to register to attend Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Anyone attending High Holy Day services at BIC for the first time may do so for free, as can college students.

Fall holiday programming in addition to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services is described here, with other September calendar highlights:

Synagogue Life and Ritual 101

Thursdays, August 31 and September 14, 7:00 pm

In this "Guide for the Perplexed," Rabbi Barth will attempt to reveal all you ever wanted to know about shul life and ritual but may have been scared to ask. These sessions may help anyone feel a little more at home and comfortable during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. All are welcome, especially guests.

Maimonides on Teshuvah (Repentance)

Wednesdays, September 6 and 13, 7:00 pm

Approaching the *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe), Rabbi Barth will lead an exploration of the way in which Maimonides guides us with a clear and relevant philosophy of sin and repentance, starting with primary texts in original Hebrew and with English translation, then exploring more modern thinkers. All are welcome — no experience with rabbinic texts or knowledge of Hebrew required. Each session is independent. Prior attendance is not required.

MOUSY Goes Boating

Sunday, September 10
1:00-4:00 pm

Get your bearings with MOUSY of Beth Israel Center as our Jewish high school teens meet at Wingra Boats on Lake Wingra to paddle our way into a playful Sunday afternoon. After hearing the sound of the shofar with Rabbi Barth, we welcome any and all first-time or avid boaters to join the fun on the water, then pizza at The Roman Candle. For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org).

Schmooze with Rabbi Barth

Tuesday, September 12
11:00 am -12:00 pm
Lakeside Street Coffee House
Tuesday, September 26
11:00 am-12:00 pm
Colectivo on the Square

Enjoy coffee or your beverage/nosh of choice with Interim Rabbi 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.

S'lichot Program and Service

Saturday, September 16, 8:45 pm

The night of S'lichot opens a season of deeper inner reflection and exploration. We will approach S'lichot by first viewing and discussing The Quarrel, a compelling film exploring faith, challenges, and reconciliation. After the film, all are welcome to our musical and reflective S'lichot service (at 11:15 pm), featuring traditional and modern poems and songs through the customary midnight hour.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, September 17
10:15-11:30 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 2017-18 dates on your calendar: September 17, 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.

MOUSY Rosh Hashana Gift Bags

Sunday, September 17
12:45-3:45pm

MOUSY joins the Jewish Madison area high school youth groups for our annual Rosh Hashana Gift Bags event on Sunday, September 17, 12:45 pm-3:45 pm. We will make bags and deliver them to local Jewish seniors. Co-sponsored by Matty of Temple Beth El, Heifetz BBYO, and Congregation Sha'arei Shamayim youth groups, in conjunction with Jewish Social Services. For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org). What a mitzvah!

Rosh Hashanah Children's Services

Thursday and Friday, September 21 and 22, 10:30 / 11:00 am

On both mornings of Rosh Hashanah, Beth Israel Center offers age-appropriate services for school-age children from 10:30 am through the end of services, as well as a one-hour Preschool Family Service at 11:00 am. Contact Beth Copelovitch (education@bethisraelcenter.org) for more information.

Tashlich Nosh

Thursday, September 21, 4:00 pm

Looking for a casual setting to meet people from our congregation or reconnect with old friends? Come to Vilas Beach on Rosh Hashanah afternoon for a nosh and to schmooze before ceremoniously casting your sins into Lake Wingra. The Tashlich service will end in time to walk to Beth Israel Center for Mincha (at 5:45 pm).

Zemirot/Songs of Shabbat

Saturday, September 23, 12:30pm

Sing new songs and recall old ones with Rabbi Barth during and after Shabbat Kiddush lunch. All are welcome, whether or not you can sing. We'll begin singing when we've finished eating, so the start time listed is only approximate. Zemirot (Shabbat songs) are an old tradition, and we'll add modern songs and melodies to some of the old standards.

Cemetery Visits (Kever Avot)

Sunday, September 24
noon and 1:00 pm

Rabbi Barth will guide the traditional pre-Yom Kippur visits to Beit Olamim (at noon) and Forest Hill (at 1:00) cemeteries.

New Faces for a New Year at UW Hillel

By Aaron Seligman

With a new school year just under way, UW Hillel has been excited to reconnect with students returning to campus, and to welcome many new students. This year's Welcome Week at the end of August came with an additional challenge, with the first UW home football game on a Friday evening, coinciding with the first Shabbat on campus for many students—though it did provide the opportunity for a unique "Shabbat tailgate" experience. In addition to new students and events, Hillel has several new staff members, from a variety of backgrounds.

Sunita Murthy, a Michigan native, has been in Madison for three years and was previously an administrative assistant at SSM Health. As Hillel's office operations manager, she is "excited to provide current, past and new students innovative programs and activities to enhance and be involved in Jewish life." Sunita enjoys spending her free time with her two-year-old adorable grandson, 'Jeeping' with her husband and teaching 'Masala Bhangra' (a Bollywood themed workout-dance).

As a development associate, Becky Jollay comes to Hillel with a background in urban planning at UW; she previously allocated federal grants throughout the state for the Wisconsin Bureau of Community Development. She is "optimistic about the future of our pluralistic mission. By engaging students from an array of Jewish backgrounds and affiliations, we harness an extraordinary responsibility to cultivate a safe atmosphere here at UW." Originally from Columbus, Georgia, Becky enjoys cooking from scratch, harvesting her garden, and crafting with friends.

Lizzy Wallis (introduced briefly in August's MJN article on social justice programming), is a St. Louis native who interned for Hazon, where she showed others how to connect sustainable living to Judaism. She also studied abroad at the Arava Institute in Israel, working toward peace and cooperation with indi-

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For the Love of Art and Judaism: The Midwest Jewish Artists' Laboratory

By Rachel Herbsman
Participant

I grew up on the West Coast in a secular—at times militantly secular—but very sentimental Jewish home. I didn't go to camp or have Jewish friends. We didn't have a rabbi to go to when times were difficult and other than my parent's political views, I knew nothing about Israel. But we made a monthly pilgrimage to Los Angeles and there my grandparents and great-grandparents, with tears in their eyes, spoke to me in Yiddish. Even my dad would speak Yiddish. It was all a bit mysterious and I didn't ask many questions.

Thirty-five years later I moved to Madison and joined the Madison Jewish Artists' Lab. Things began to fall into place.

I'm a painter. I have been for many years but the Jewish Artists' Lab fuels much more than the artist in me. I've been on a path of introspection since I joined. As a group we've read Jewish texts, both modern and ancient, read stories and books by Jewish authors, listened to music written by Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen, and examined and discussed artists from photographers to cross-stitchers. I wouldn't be able to list here the many authors, poets, musicians and visual artists we've discussed and studied, ancient to contemporary.

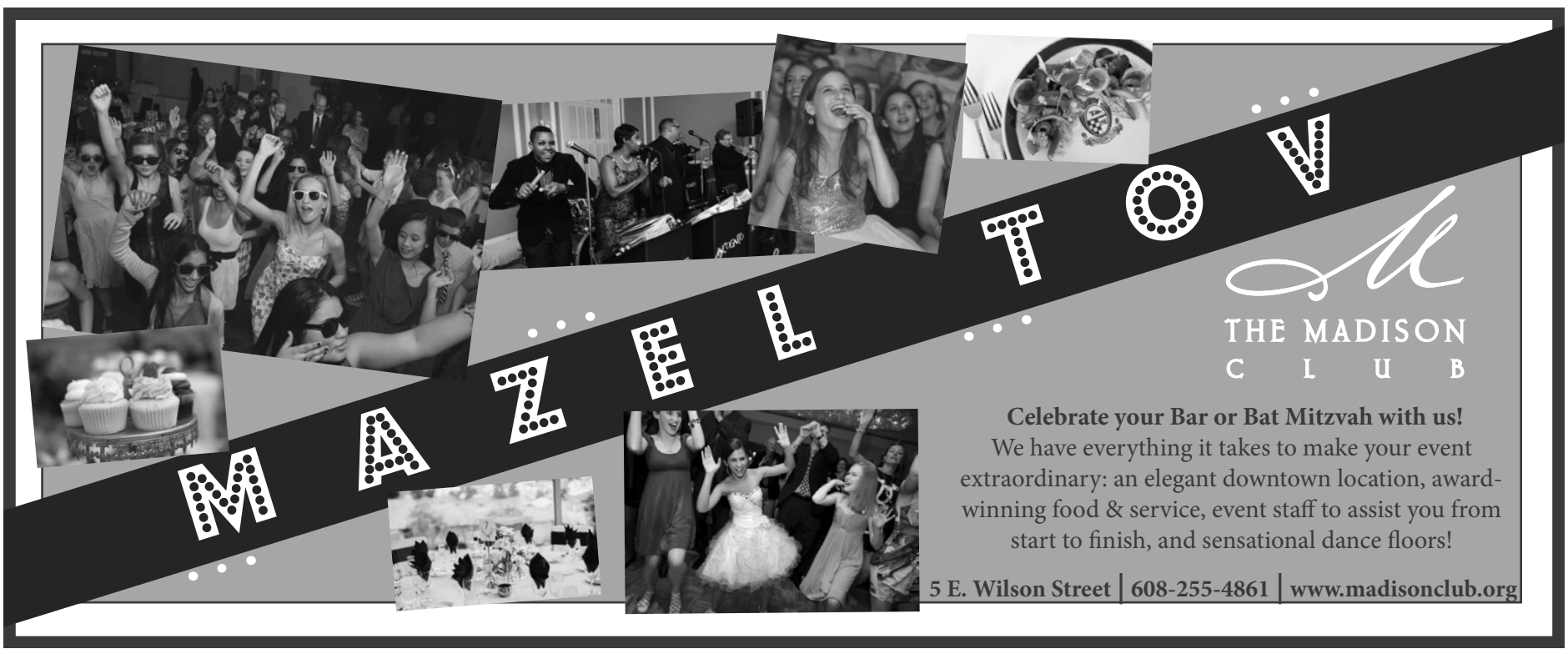
But one of the many things I've learned, and I really needed to learn, was that the American Jewish experience is peculiar, and varied and alive and well and living in Madison! I am legitimately a Jewish artist, though my subject matter isn't particularly Jewish. Being a Jewish artist means more to me than paint on canvas.

The first lab, or class we had took place at Hillel. Rabbi Andrea Steinberger brought the Torah scroll out of the ark and we looked at it. We didn't read it. We quietly looked and I saw the blackness of the letters and the whiteness where there were no letters. And it was beautiful. The artist in me saw the most perfect design. The space where there were no words being equally important to the space with words. Each mark "painted" with love and devotion. This is pretty fundamental stuff in the art world. I didn't expect to see it in the mother of all texts, the holiest, the Torah.

Each year we have a theme that's chosen by the members of the Midwest Jewish Artists' Lab. We are five states, six Labs and sixty-five artists exploring new connections. Many of us attend a midwest retreat to usher in the theme of the year and go back to our respective towns to spend the year fully exploring the theme through Jewish text, modern fiction, popular music, fine art and architecture, poetry, plays and lots of discussion. We end the year with an exhibition, each of us making something that reflects our year of learning.

Rabbi Andrea Steinberger is the project manager for the 2017/2018. Lab will be taught by community rabbis and teachers and will meet in a variety of locations throughout the year, with an exhibit at UW Hillel in late Spring. Applications for the 2017-2018 year can be found at www.uwhillel.org. Please read our blog at www.madisonjewishartistslab.org.





Save the Date for Fall Events at Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies

Kutler Lectures with Professor Roger Horowitz
Wednesday, October 18, 4:00 pm
Pyle Center Room 209
702 Langdon St.
"Kosher USA: How Coke became kosher and other tales of modern food"

Thursday, October 19, 4:00 pm
Pyle Center Room 209
702 Langdon St.
"Is Kosher a Brand?: Ruminations on the intersections of Jewish law and the secular marketplace"

Lecture by Professor Eliyahu Stern
Thursday, November 2, 3:00 pm
Pyle Center, Vandeberg Auditorium
"Jewish Materialism"

Two-Day Conference: The Highs and Lows of Sholem Aleichem
Sunday, November 12, to Monday, November 13
Pyle Center Room 325/326
702 Langdon St.
"The Highs and Lows of Sholem Aleichem: Yiddish Literature and the Pursuit of Popular Writing." This conference will seek to reassess Sholem Aleichem's mass reception as well as the category of popular Yiddish culture.

Keynote address by Professor Alisa Solomon, reading with acclaimed novelist Adam Sachs, evening sound salon with Henry Sapoznik
Speakers: Professor Jeffrey Shandler, Professor Alyssa Quint, Professor Gabriella Saftran, Professor Saul Zarrit, Professor Ben Schreier, Professor Marcus Moseley, Professor Mikhail Krutikov
Detailed schedule will follow.

All events are free and open to the public. Complete and current information about our events is available on our website at **jewishstudies.wisc.edu** or by emailing events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu.

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Apple Coffee Cake for a Sweet New Year

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Grease and flour a 2-quart springform pan
Topping:
1/2-3/4 cup brown sugar
2 tsp cinnamon
2 apples sliced and diced

Batter:
Lightly cream
1/4 lb butter
1 cup sugar
Add
2 eggs
Add
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour
1 cup sour cream or plain yoghurt
Mix
Layer 1/2 batter at the bottom, add 1/2 the topping, repeat. Melt 3 Tbsp of butter and pour over the four layers.
Bake for 45-60 minutes. Enjoy. Happy New Year.



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Thursdays - 3:45 - 5:30 pm at Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound Street, Madison, WI
Semester 1 = $234
Semester 2 = $324

Sign-up and pay for both semesters by September 1, and pay $522, that's two free class sessions!

Fee includes snacks and materials. Cost includes a $20 non-refundable processing fee per semester.

Online registration opens August 1st, 2017.

For more information, contact Shlomit at (608) 278-1808 or israel@jewishmadison.org.

Weekly Programming Includes:

- Ochel - a light after-school snack to refresh everyone for learning together
- Ma'agal - a group time for talking about the day of the week, weather, Hebrew month, weekly updates from the children, songs, and group games
- Limeedah - lessons of the day focused on the weekly theme involving fun worksheets, card games, vocabulary review, stories, and more
- Tachanot - stations for kids to experience learning through various media such as crafts, videos, dance, games, and music
- Siyuum - closing activities and reivew

Ivrit B'Kef Calendar 2017-2018

Semester 1 = 10 classes	Semester 2 = 18 classes
9/14	1/25
9/28	2/1
10/19	2/8
10/26	2/15
11/2	2/22
11/9	3/1
11/16	3/8
11/30	3/15
12/7	3/22
12/14	4/5
	4/12
	4/19
	4/26
	5/3
	5/10
	5/17
	5/24 - Open House and Final Performance

As State Budget Impasse Continues, Legislators Debate School Choice Expansion

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

Republican members of the State Assembly and State Senate are negotiating a potential expansion of the statewide school choice program as part of an effort to end the state budget standoff.

State law requires the budget bill to be signed into law by June 30 of odd-numbered years but, as of this writing, the budget is more than seven weeks overdue. Legislative leaders spent much of this summer struggling to reach agreement on funding for transportation and K-12 education.

There appears to be consensus between Senate and Assembly Republican leaders to increase the income eligibility limit for the statewide school choice program, though the two houses disagree on the exact amount.

Senate Republicans proposed increasing the income eligibility limit for the statewide school choice program from 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 220% FPL. Assembly Republicans would rather see income eligibility set at 300% FPL.

The non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates that increasing the eligibility limit to 220% FPL could result in an additional 550 students participating in the program.

Senate Republicans would also like to allow school choice private schools to offer virtual education.

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Record Wisconsin Birthright Participants with Chabad

By Mendel Matusof
Rabbi, UW Chabad

Birthright Israel, taking young Jewish adults on a ten-day free trip to Israel, has been in operation since 2000.

Rabbi Mendel Matusof at the UW Chabad didn't lead his first Birthright trip until 2008, but in the nine years since, Wisconsin Birthright has only grown and grown!

This past May, Chabad organized four full buses of UW students traveling on Birthright. Rabbi Mendel, staffing his 15th trip, led three of them (the fourth bus traveled a week later) throughout the Holy Land.

"It was extremely hard, but it was so worth it," says Rabbi Mendel. "Leading 123 students, with Jewish pride and the Badger spirit - there is nothing like it."

All three buses had designated tour guides, security and student counselors. They traveled together as Rabbi Mendel bounced around between the buses, taking care of issues as they arose, and sharing nuggets of Jewish wisdom and history whenever possible.

With such a large group, Rabbi Mendel wanted to do something unique for them, not regularly done on a Birthright itinerary. He organized a fully catered 4-course outdoor Shabbat dinner in the beautiful Rehavia neighborhood of Jerusalem. "I wanted them to realize that they were part of something special," he said. "So many UW students celebrating Shabbat together in the Holy Land, it was very uplifting."

Due to Rabbi Mendel Matusof's incredible track record with recruiting and bringing so many UW students to Israel, Birthright has chosen the UW Chabad as a recipient for some exclusive funding. Birthright Israel Collaborative Enhancement Project (BICEP), sponsored by Seed the Dream Foundation, has awarded the UW Chabad a $10,000 grant. This generous grant will help pay for a part-time hire to help Chabad with all their Birthright work. It will also provide some funding for the much-needed follow-up programming, so critical to ensuring Birthright's lasting impact.

As a part of this BICEP program, Chabad has also been paired up with a national Israel education organization called CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America). CAMERA will provide Chabad with educational material and resources to help properly educate students about Israel.

Rabbi Mendel is currently planning his Birthright trip #16 on January 1, 2018, and #17 on May 22, 2018. For more information please contact him at rabbimendel@uwchabad.com







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Camp Shalom...Wet, Hot, Fun Summer!

By Ellen Weismer
Director, Camp Shalom

At Camp Shalom we sing the song *Rise and Shine*; it tells the story of Noah's building the ark and gathering the animals 2x2 to escape the 40 days and nights of rain. With all of the rain this summer we felt like our Minkoff Center was the ark. The weather taught us all a lot about being flexible and though there were some activities that needed to be altered due to weather, overall it was a fun start to summer!

Some of the highlights at Camp Shalom included Yom Yisrael, planned by our full-time Israeli staff Yuval Aidan and Shir Moyal. All of the campers were able to make chocolate balls and pita, play a game that sent them on an Amazing Race around Israel, and learn new Hebrew words. They also participated in Israeli programming twice a week where they learned about Israeli culture and the land of Israel.

The first two late-night programs were rainy so we had to hold the programs indoors. However, the food carts and camper performances helped to make it a fun night for everyone. We raised almost $2000 in the Camp Shalom raffle, which helped us to reach our Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund goal this year. The Gimel campers slept at camp and since the weather cleared up were able to sleep outside in tents for both overnights. With over 30 tents each session it was one of the biggest tent camping years we have seen out here at Shalom. And the Aleph and Bet campers were so excited to play in the foam pit and participate in a day of programing based on Dr. Seuss books during first session and to go on a Magic School Bus adventure during second session.

Maccbiah was a BIG highlight for all of the second session campers. The camp was split into four teams and the theme this year was Harry Potter. The Sorting Hat made a guest appearance and helped divide the campers into their teams. The day was filled with good sportsmanship, fun competitions, tons of ruach (spirit) and we ended the day with a performance by the UW Marching Band.

Carnival was a highlight for the campers during session 3. All of the groups created booths inspired by different story books. The campers had the opportunity to visit the booths, to dunk their counselors in the dunk tank, to climb the Boulders climbing wall and to enjoy some delicious treats.

Shabbat was a special time each week for all of the campers. They learned new songs, heard a special original story written and told by Ellen, the Camp Director, and ate delicious challah that was generously provided each week by Clasen's Bakery.

This year Camp Shalom introduced a new aspect of programming called Megama, specialty programming. The choices we offered this summer were Arts and Crafts, Camp Games, Creative Writing, Dance, Foreign Languages, Hiking and Nature, Foreign Languages, Frisbee, Lacrosse, Painting, Soccer, STEM and Theater. The campers chose one activity for the entire session and were able to learn new skills, create quality performances and have fun!

Campers were excited that our Mitzvah Mensch program was back this year. Campers learned all about Mitzvot (good deeds) and behaving like a mensch. Campers who went above and beyond were rewarded with a rubber bracelet that says "Mitzvah Mensch" and were recognized at the end of the day for their Mensch-like behavior. This program is just one of the many things that sets Camp Shalom apart from other camps. Each day we emphasize a new value or Jewish tradition for the campers.

Camp Shalom served more than 500 campers, ages K- 5th grade this summer. A huge thank you to the incredible 90+ staff members who worked tirelessly each day to develop new programs, create memories for all of the campers and to give the campers an unforgettable Camp Shalom experience. See you next summer!

















Summer of the Rain

By Lisa Fiend-Kalupa
Director Camp Shalom
Noar-Borgrim

If you have ever been lucky enough to work at a summer camp, you know that past summers are rarely referred to by their calendar year. Maybe it's the camaraderie of having overcome something together, or maybe it's the after-the-fact humor we find in situations that challenge us in the moment, but when I talk with counselors I worked with in the '80s and '90s, we don't talk about the summer of 1988, or the summer of 1996. All these years later we are still likely to name summers by something that challenged us in our daily work. So, when we reminisce, we still laughingly refer to "the summer of the bees" (when juice pitchers were set down six feet away at lunch to attract the bees while our campers ate); or the summer of the lice (which led to us doing noon lice checks of every camper, every day); or the summer of the tornado…or even the summer of the broken jar of tahini (don't ask). And so, I suspect that this summer will forever be known as the "summer of the rain," which forced us to do LOT of rescheduling of activities! But the magic of summer camp is that those challenging moments have a way of leading to the most enduring and cherished memories—Zombie Tag in the rain, mad dashes to the bus in a downpour, dressing up counselors in local thrift shops and even rain-soaked outdoor cooking which, as it turns out, can produce some wickedly good vegetarian chili.

I suspect our second-session 9th graders will remember the bike trip that brought them all racing back to camp in a downpour. And I'm guessing our first-session 7th graders will remember an impromptu dance party under the shelter at Devil's Lake. And, without question, we will all remember sheltering in the basement during a tornado warning on our first overnight and then getting to come upstairs for a three-hour dance party before pitching our tents in the Oolam. And while none of us appreciated the day a power outage caused us to end camp early, it will undoubtedly live on in the form of "remember that summer when..."

Weather aside, it was a busy summer at Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (NOBO). We hosted the largest number of campers we have ever enrolled, raising caps on enrollment both sessions in order to include as many interested campers as possible. With combined 6th-9th grade enrollments of 135+ campers, we had a lot of program planning to do—and plan we did!

On a daily basis, campers had a variety of different on-site activities to choose from and participate in. Our Israel specialists planned a wonderful Yom Israel, and our program director planned a day long Messtival! during first session and a ruach-filled Maccabiah during second session. Bubble Soccer and the Boulders climbing wall were both popular choices with our active campers this summer, as were slip-and-slide sports, capture the flag, and other big outdoor games. For those who liked activities that are a little quieter, we offered everything from Fashion Runway and Murder Mystery Theater activities, to terrarium, candle and piñata making.

Of course, one of the unique features of NOBO is that it also offers campers daily opportunities to participate in off-site programming. We continued most of our yearly favorites - boating, log rolling, photo scavenger hunts, visits to farms, parks, pools and Troll Beach. We love being able to offer biking opportunities at camp, too, and while some of our bike trips were rained out this summer, many campers did have the opportunity to bike along the Military Ridge Trail to either Mt. Horeb or Verona. State park trips also continued to be camper favorites. Art museums, and opportunities to paint or write poetry while out in the community were offered throughout the summer as well. We roller skated, played frisbee golf, and hit the wave pool and the roller coasters at Mt. Olympus. With south central Wisconsin serving as our extended campus, there were a lot of great places for us to visit and explore!

Our week-long specialty blocks this summer included a variety of options for our campers as well. Cooking activities continued to be one of the most popular choices, as were all sorts of sports activities. Those who love to use their imagination chose theme weeks based on mythology, bees, Harry Potter, The Hunger Games, or Dungeons and Dragons. Some campers chose photography project weeks or DIY project weeks, and we made use of our beautiful surroundings with a variety of nature-themed activities and projects.

The weather was not as cooperative as we would have liked for our overnights this summer and kept our 6th to 8th graders on-site, but we still had a great time! Our 9th grade campers were able to complete their three-night overnights and to engage in a lot of great programming while they were away. They were hosted during the first session by Camp Chi in the Dells area, and by Beber Camp in Mukwanago during the second session. Ropes course and waterfront activities were highlights of both trips, and the second session group even spent a day at Six Flags! This was the largest group of 9th graders we have ever "graduated" from NOBO. We look forward to seeing many of them across campus next year in the role of Camp Shalom Counselors in Training.

Saying good-bye to all our campers at the end of the summer is never easy, but we look forward to seeing them again—and to welcoming new campers—in 2018. Only ten more months to go. Let the countdown begin!











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S'lichot Program & Service, Saturday, September 16
8:45 pm

Erev Rosh Hashana, Wednesday, September 20
6:00 pm evening services

Rosh Hashana (first day)
Thursday, September 21
8:00 am - 1:00 pm main sanctuary
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Youth Program (K-7)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Preschool Family Service
4:00 pm Taschlich at Vilas Beach
5:45 pm Mincha (at BIC)

Rosh Hashana 2
Friday, September 22
8:00 am - 1:00 pm main sanctuary
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Youth Program (K-7)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Preschool Family Service

Kol Nidre, Friday, September 29
6:00 pm main sanctuary
An hour of meditation follows services.

Yom Kippur
Saturday, September 30
9:00 am main service
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Youth Program (K-7)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Preschool Family Service
3:00pm Study Jonah with Rabbi Barth
4:00 pm Mincha
7:30 pm Final Shofar
Break Fast sponsored by the Board of Directors
11:00 pm Psalms on the Water (spiritual words and songs on Lake Wingra)

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Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 20
7:30 pm Exclusive YJP Brisket Dinner at Hotel Red

Rosh Hashanah (first day)
Thursday, September 21
5:00 pm Shofar in the Park & Apple+Honey Competition – Hoyt Park

Rosh Hashanah (second day)
Friday, September 22
5:30 pm Shofar Ceremony (Call for location)

Yom Kippur -(Call for location)
Friday, September 29
6:15 pm Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 30
10:00 am Morning Service
6:15 pm Neilah - Closing Service
7:25 pm Bagels & Lox Break Fast

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UW Chabad
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Erev Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 20
6:15 pm Evening Service
7:30 pm Dinner at the Madison Senior Center 330 W Mifflin St

Rosh Hashana (first day)
Thursday, September 2
10:00 am Morning Services
12:00 pm Shofar Sounding
1:30 pm Holiday Lunch
3:00 pm Mincha Service
3:30 pm Tashlich Service
7:30 pm Evening Service
8:00 pm Dinner

Rosh Hashana (second day)
Friday, September 22
10:00 am Morning Services
12:00 pm Shofar Sounding
1:30 pm Holiday Lunch
3:00 pm Afternoon Service

Erev Yom Kippur
Friday, September 29
5:30 pm Pre-fast dinner
6:30 pm Kol Nidrei Service

Yom Kippur
Shabbat, September 30
10:00 am Morning Service
5:10 pm Afternoon Service
6:10 pm Neilah Closing Service
7:22 pm Fast Ends & Break Fast

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim
First Unitarian Society,
900 University Bay Drive
(608) 257-2944
www.shamayim.org

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 20
5:00 pm Vegetarian potluck
7:00 pm Services in the main sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah (first day), Thursday, September 21
9:30 am Services in the main sanctuary
9:00 am Tot services (0-5 years old)
10:00 am Children's services (K-5th grade)
10:00 am Discussion (6th-8th grade)
10:00 am Discussion (9th-12th grade)
3:00 pm Tashlich – call office for neighborhood gathering
6:30 pm Young adult potluck dinner

Rosh Hashanah, (second day), Fri day, September 22
9:30 am Services in the main sanctuary
12:30 pm Picnic lunch

Kol Nidrei, Friday, September 29
6:00 pm Services in the main sanctuary

Yom Kippur, Sat., Sept. 30
9:00 am Tot services (0-5 years old)
9:30 am Services in the main sanctuary
10:00 am Children's services (K-5th grade)
10:00 am Discussion (6th-8th grade)
10:00 am Discussion (9th-12th grade)
2:00 pm Yizkor
3:00 pm Discussion
4:30 pm Avodah
6:00 pm Neilah
7:30 pm Break Fast potluck

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611 Langdon St.
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Erev Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 20
6:00 pm Reform and Conservative Services
7:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Dinner

Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 21
9:00 am Conservative Service
10:00 am Reform Service
5:00 pm Tashlich and Nosh
6:00 pm Conservative Service
7:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Dinner

Rosh Hashanah
Friday, September 22
9:00 am Conservative Service

Yom Kippur
Friday, September 29
5:00 pm Pre-Fast Dinner
6:00 pm Reform and Conservative Services

Yom Kippur
Saturday, September 30
10:00 am Reform and Conservative Services
12:00 pm Yizkor Service
5:00 pm Conservative Service
5:45 pm Reform Service
7:40 pm Meal to Break the Fast

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2702 Arbor Drive
(608) 238-3123
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Selichot
Saturday, September 16
10:30 am High Holy Day Shabbat Morning Boot Camp Session 1
7:30 pm Film screening "Lives Restarted: From the Holocaust to Memphis: Stories of Courage and Resilence" a documentary by Waheed Alqawasmi Discussion led by Rabbi Jonathan Biatch
9:15 pm Ice Cream Social
10:00 pm Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah Evening, Wednesday, September 20
5:45 pm Shalom Rosh Hashanah (geared toward ages 0-8) led by our clergy
7:30 pm Evening Services led by our clergy with music by the choir

Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 2
8:45 am Family Service led by our clergy and Les Goldsmith
10:30 am Main Service – for adults Led by our clergy with music by the choir
10:30 am Youth Program for ages 7–12 Led by Nicole Jahr and Les Goldsmith
10:30 am Teen Program for ages 13 – 18 Led by Kim Rosenthal, youth engagement coordinator
10:30 am Child care offered for ages 0–6
When service ends Community Tashlich at Lake Wingra led by our clergy and Les Goldsmith Tashlich Nosh to follow in the Weinstein Community Court

(Temple Beth El continued)

Shabbat Shuvah
Friday, September 22
7:15 pm Dedication of Memorial Plaques
7:30 pm A Special Shabbat Service of Healing and Wholeness led by our clergy

Saturday, September 23
10:30 am High Holy Day Shabbat Morning Boot Camp Session 2

Erev Yom Kippur
Friday, September 29
5:45 pm Shalom Yom Kippur (geared toward ages 0-8) led by our clergy
7:30 pm Kol Nidre and Evening Services led by our clergy with music by the choir

Yom Kippur
Saturday, September 30
8:45 am Family Service with music by our clergy and Les Goldsmith
10:30 am Main Service Led by our clergy with music by the choir
10:30 am Service and programming for ages 7–12 Led by Nicole Jahr, Director of Lifelong Learning and Les Goldsmith
10:30 am Teen Programming for ages 13–18 Led by Kim Rosenthal, youth engagement coordinator
10:30 am Child care offered for ages 0–6
1:30 pm Yom Kippur Discussion topic to be announced
3:00 pm Afternoon Service, including Yizkor (Memorial) Service led by our clergy
5:30 pm Neilah (Concluding) Service led by our clergy
Light "Break-the-Fast" to follow in the Weinstein Community Court

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1722 Regent St
(608)231-3450
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Erev Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 20
6:45 pm Evening Service

Rosh Hashana (first day)
Thursday, September 21
10:00 am Morning Services
12:00 pm Shofar Sounding
2:00 pm Mincha Service
2:30 pm Tashlich Service
7:30 pm Evening Service

Rosh Hashana (second day)
Friday, September 22
10:00 am Morning Services
12:00 pm Shofar Sounding
2:00 pm Afternoon Service

Erev Yom Kippur
Friday, September 29
3:15 pm Mincha Afternoon Service
6:15 pm Kol Nidrei Service

Yom Kippur
Shabbat, September 30
10:00 am Morning Service
12:30 pm Yizkor Memorial Service
5:00 pm Afternoon Service
6:00 pm Neilah Closing Service
7:25 pm Fast Ends and Break Fast

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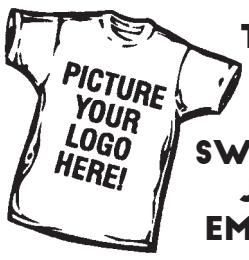

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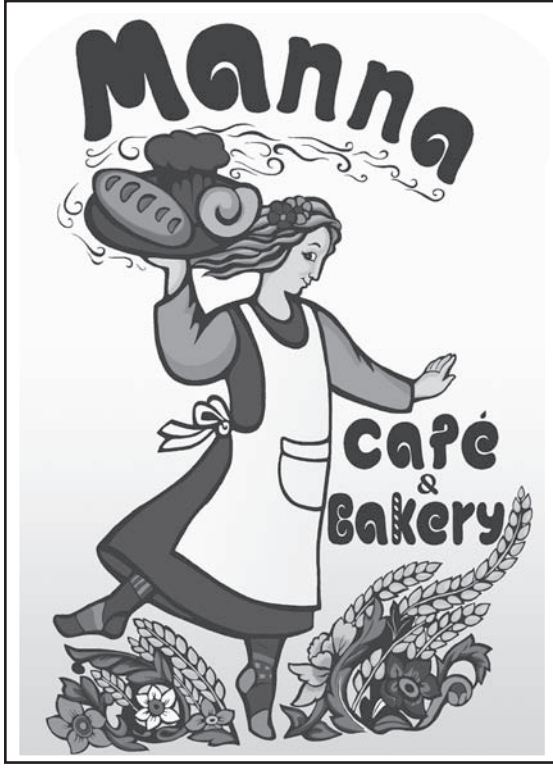

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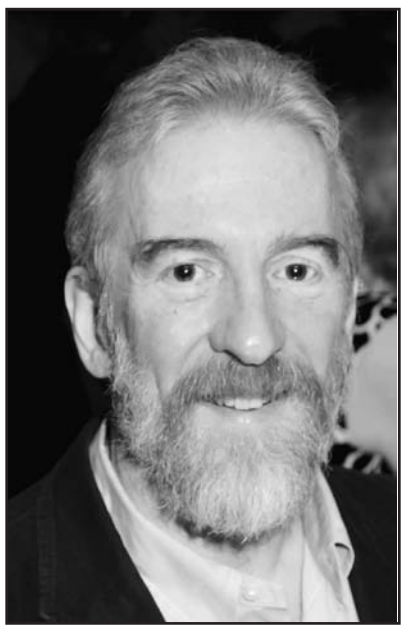
Rosh Hashannah Greetings

(Mis)Reading Poetry; Will our Voice be Heard?

By Rabbi Samuel Barth
Beth Israel Center

There is a beautiful Hebrew love poem written by "Rachel" (Rachel Blaustein, 1890-1931), a stirring and poignant poet who came to live in Israel and is buried in the famous cemetery near Yam Kineret. Her love for another leading figure in the early days of the Zionist vision was unrequited, and close to the end of her life she wrote "Hatishma Koli …" ("Will you hear my voice, you who are so far from me"). Her question, "Will my voice be heard?" in truth is among the most abiding and compelling in Jewish life today.


Rabbi Samuel Barth

I have had the privilege in recent years to travel and visit a number of congregations; sometimes as a guest scholar, but also for more extended periods to serve for a year as Interim Rabbi. It is a joy to have come to Madison for this year to serve the Beth Israel Center community, to offer support, care, teaching and rabbinic companionship. The depth of care for each other and for a living and vital Jewish tradition is palpable within the community, and the welcome extended to me and my family has been heartwarming.

And yet, I feel the same yearning among the Beth Israel community that I have felt elsewhere, for really, we are one community, and the deep issues of our Jewish lives, our souls, are the same regardless of the label or denomination of the congregation within which we find ourselves. We wonder if our voice is heard; are we heard by family and friends, are we heard by leaders and teachers? Are we heard by our rabbi? And perhaps most enigmatically, is our human, finite voice heard by God, by the infinite, the transcendent Source of Holiness?

There are no guarantees…I wish that there were. This is a busy world, we walk many paths, recall so many encounters, those that are ephemeral and those that are profound and abiding. I believe that it is within our sacred spaces, our synagogues, and among our holy circles of community members that we have the opportunity truly to be heard. It is my hope to find the time to listen to as many voices within the Beth Israel Center community as possible in the coming year, and I invite also any members of our wider Madison community to join me for a schmooze, a cup of coffee or a walk (or to drift on a lake in a kayak).

I hope that the practice will be contagious and that we will learn to listen to each other even more, and that the listening will be to the heart and soul that lies beneath the words and the questions. Perhaps that is why "Shema …." (LISTEN!) lies at the heart of so much Jewish life.

And I believe that as we turn to each other, that we will find the opportunity, like Elijah, to hear the "kol demamah vedakah…" (the still small voice) that can speak within each of us. I am very conscious that our various prayer books are full of prayers, and that we spend many hours journeying through those pages. I hear from many people around the country that somewhere in the midst of these days there are to be found moments of encounter, moments that the numinous and ethereal become almost tangible … even if but for a moment. We ask the question of God: "Will You hear my voice?" This year, I invite us to ask— and to expect, and to demand — an answer.

I have begun to find response with the Beth Israel Center congregation to songs (old and new) and to some perhaps slightly creative approaches to study and celebration. Looking to move beyond words, we invite all in the community to share an hour of gently guided contemplative meditation after the conclusion of Kol Nidrei service. And, for those who feel we may have spent too much time indoors on Yom Kippur, please join us at 11:00 pm (after Neilah and break-fast) to take some kayaks onto Lake Wingra and join voices for our "Psalms on the Water" program.

The new sanctuary and classrooms of Beth Israel Center are a spiritual delight; but the real inner soul of BIC is the love and care I have seen for each other — and the way in which it is a makom kadosh, a place of holiness where young and old alike are able to gather to share the words, melodies and teachings of the long history of our People. Come "taste and see how good it is!"

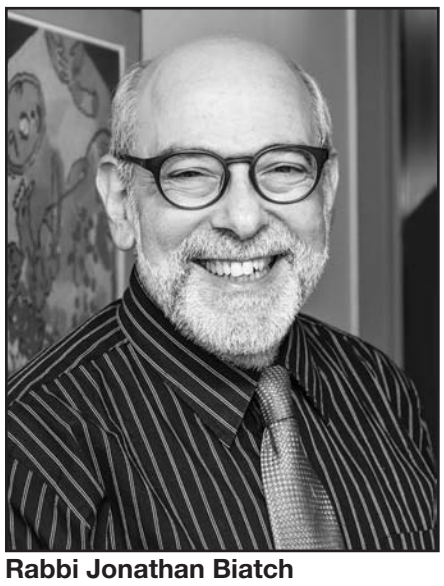
My greetings to all in the Madison community for a good and a sweet year, in which we find success in the worthy endeavors of our lives, in which our hearts are supported and our voices … heard.

Leshannah tovah tikateivu
Rabbi Sami Barth

Words from Rabbi Biatch

By Rabbi Jonathan Biatch
Temple Beth El

From the members, volunteer leadership, and professional staff of Temple Beth El, we wish you, dear reader, a very happy and healthy New Year of 5778 ahead.


Rabbi Jonathan Biatch

Our world and our lives are like puzzles, with many pieces needing to be brought together.

Whether in our family or our community, or the work in which we're engaged, our lives consist of pieces — emotions, relationships, events that we initiate, or things that happen to us — and it is our task to assemble these pieces together into the life we wish for ourselves.

Sometimes, life's pieces fit together easily; sometimes not. Pieces of our lives can go missing, or parts might break off here or there. And even when we think we've completed a beautiful pattern from all those pieces, we run our hands over the smooth, lacquered surface and detect the seams, the bumps, and the missing tabs and pieces.

Still, our goal is to discover, or create, or preserve a sense of wholeness, despite parts that, from time to time, fall away.

The same goes for the world that in which we live. Its pieces need to be brought together with humanity's skill, intention, truth, defense of the weak, and a desire to enable the world to progress. And despite the obvious seams and the uneven surface, we can still hope to contribute to a world moves toward repair and perfection.

In Psalm 89, we read, "the world will be built through acts of love." And it is humanity's job to provide love, order, and repair to our physical world. It is our job to put these pieces together.

I wish us all success in placing each piece in its proper place.

Becoming an Author in our Book of Life in 5778

By Rabbi Andrea Steinberger
Hillel at the University of Wisconsin

On behalf of Hillel at the University of Wisconsin I wish everyone in the Madison Jewish community a healthy and meaningful High Holy Day season.


Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

Each year as the summer days grow shorter and we begin September, we feel the pull once again of the High Holidays, a season which causes us to be introspective. We anticipate the sound of the shofar, we enroll our kids in school, and we find our seats in the synagogue. We remind ourselves that we are approaching a new season, one ripe with opportunities to change and grow.

And in the High Holy Day *machzor*, or prayer book, we encounter the metaphor of opening the book of life. The words on the page are dramatic as we face the solemn questions of the coming year, asking who shall live and who shall die? There are a variety of theologies that one might turn to when reflecting on these words. One might surmise that God is all powerful and is the One who determines our fate each year. Or perhaps one understands that our fate in the coming year is determined exactly at this moment as we read the words on these days of awe. But for today let us contemplate the notion that we have the opportunity to be an author in our own book of life. Although we sit together in the synagogue, we will go our separate ways this year. Some of us will celebrate simchas. Others will face sorrow. Some of us will marry, and others will part ways. The metaphor of the Book of Life allows us these moments to ponder what we are leaving behind in the new year and what the time ahead will be like for us. We note that all of this is not in our control, but some of it is.

The text of this intense liturgy continues with more nuanced questions such as:

Who shall be at peace and who shall be pursued,
Who shall be at rest and who shall be tormented.

These words beg of us, not just "who shall live?" but "what does it mean to really live?"

We could read these words, each of us alone in our homes away from the world. And yet we sit, shoulder to shoulder in the synagogue as one unit, to remind us that we do not have to face our struggles alone. We can choose to support and encourage one another.

We can extend ourselves, in the spirit of community, to our fellow human beings.

May we begin this year with intention, reaching out to others in our family and in our community. May we decide to really live, knowing and respecting one another's names and identities, caring about our fellow humans, seeking connection with one another: Jews, Christians, Muslims, people of all races, ethnicities and gender identities, political views. Let us agree to support and encourage each other, noting our differences and similarities, reaching out in relationship and connectivity.

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There is so much that is uncertain about the next year, so much that is not in our control. And yet, as we approach this new season, let us consider what is within our ability. Let us allow ourselves to be an author in our own book of life. What will this year hold for us, for our families and for our nation? We hope and pray that it will be a year of growing understanding across differences.

May we have the strength to really live this year, not just living in our own routine, but contributing toward a greater harmony. May we and our families be inscribed in the Book of Life this year. May it be so.

Being Mindful of the Power of Our Words

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman
Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Words have power. What we say — or don't say — has tremendous impact on our relationships with our children, spouses, or friends, on our work commitments, and on our daily interactions. The questions we ask, the kindness we show, the inconsistencies we point out, the injustices we speak out against, the patient reassurances we give, all reflect our priorities.


Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

Words can bring comfort or they can cause disappointment. They can generate hope or they can stoke anger. They can create and destroy, build or tear down, inspire or divide.

Jewish tradition underscores the importance of being mindful of what we say by its strong opposition to speaking evil of others. The sages remarked that when we do this we harm three people: the one who speaks the hurtful or hateful words, the one about whom they are spoken, and the one who hears them (Arachin 15b).

We are responsible not only for what we say but also for what we hear. We are obligated not only to refrain from using language that hurts others but also to refrain from listening when others are speaking harsh or unkind words.

But even more than refraining from gossip, we also have a responsibility to use our words to comfort a friend, to encourage a child, and to persuade others to make ethical and just decisions. The more we consider our impact on others the more we can live out our deepest values. As we move our attention to the High Holy Days, my focus for this year is to be mindful of what I say and how I say it, to be courageous when difficult conversations need to be initiated, to be compassionate when a loved one is hurting, and to be thoughtful when a problem needs to be addressed.

On behalf of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, I wish the Madison Jewish community a shanah tovah, a new year filled with health and happiness. All are welcome to share these holidays with our community and to join us for meals, services, and programs at this special time of year.



Elevating our Environment

By Rabbi Yona Matusof
Chabad Lubavitch of Madison

As we are on the threshold of the new year 5778, it is a time of reflection on our raison d'ętre. I will share with you an excerpt from a free translation of a letter from Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, OBM.


Rabbi Yona Matusof

"...It has often been pointed out that [a] person's mission in life includes also "elevating" the environment, in accordance with the Divine intent in the entire Creation and in all its particulars, by infusing holiness and G-dliness into all the aspects of the physical world within reach."

Significantly, this finds expression in the special mitzvot which relate to the beginning of the year, in the festivals of the month of Tishrei:
the mitzvah of the sukkah, where sukkah represents the "inorganic kingdom";
the mitzvah of the "four kinds" — etrog, lulav, myrtle and willow — which come from the "vegetable kingdom";
the mitzvah of shofar on Rosh Hashana, the shofar being a horn of an animal;
and all of these things (by virtue of being Divine commandments, mitzvot) are elevated through the person carrying out the said (and all other) mitzvot, whereby he elevates also himself and mankind, both in the realm of doing as well as that of not doing. The latter is represented in the mitzvah of the fast on the Holy Day, the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur.

Thus, through infusing holiness into all four kingdoms of the physical world and making them into "vessels" (and instruments) of G-dliness in carrying out G-d's command, a Jew elevates them to their true perfection.

Taking into account the assurance that G-d does not require of a human being anything beyond his capacity, it is certain that, notwithstanding the fact that only a few days remain until the conclusion of the year, everyone, man or woman, can achieve utmost perfection in all the aforesaid endeavors, according to the expression of our Sages of blessed memory "by one `turn,' in one instant," since the person so resolved receives aid from G-d, the absolute Ein Sof (Infinite), for Whom there are no limitations.

May G-d grant that the efforts to achieve utmost perfection in the outgoing year and the good resolutions to achieve perfection in all the above mentioned matters each day of the coming year, should bring down upon everyone G-d's blessings in all needs, material and spiritual, also in complete measure "Out of His full, open, holy, and ample Hand."

And, very soon indeed, the complete blessing given to all the Jewish people and to each individual, "And (G-d's) Sukkah — the Holy Temple — will be in Shalem, the city complete with goodness and holiness, Jerusalem, at the true and complete Redemption through our Righteous Moshiach."

Rabbi Mendel and Henya, Rabbi Avremel and Mushka, Faygie and I, extend our blessings to each and every one of you to be inscribed and sealed for a good and sweet year, a year of true peace, prosperity and love.
Shana Tova U'metukah.

Think BIG

By Rabbi Avremel Matusof
Chabad Lebuvitch

In my next life, the one with lots of spare time, I would really like to write a book about the correlation between the worlds of Judaism and entrepreneurship. Living as we do in such a start-up focused economy in Madison, it's only natural to notice some corollaries. I would like to share one with you in this High Holidays message.


Rabbi Avremel Matusof

Thinking BIG: The most successful start-ups place as their goal the solution to an all-pervasive problem. Google's mission is "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful". Facebook's mission is "to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected". Those are but two examples of very ambitious mission statements of start-ups that have gone on to become huge companies.

Now dream with me please, for a moment: what would your life look like if you jettisoned all of the accumulated negative baggage of the past, and on a fresh mental sheet of paper, decided to go BIG—not a band-aid solution, not just incremental change as the goal (of course all personal change happens only in small increments, but I refer here to the end goal), but a revolution in your own life; the obliteration of that pesky bad habit (aka sin) that is so self destructive, or the beginning of that new good habit (aka Mitzvah) that uplifts everything else in your life.

Jews always think BIG, and like any good start-up founder, we're never afraid of being called naïve or unrealistic for it. Collectively, we pray (that itself is big thinking) 3 times a day for the ultimate global Redemption with Moshiach. That's slightly more ambitious that organizing the world's information! Individually, we strive for total control of our thoughts, speech and actions— slightly more demanding than making the world more open and connecting.

As we pray for health, prosperity and nachas for the coming year of 5778, let us also think BIG for ourselves and our people. Pick a mitzvah that tugs you out of your comfort zone, and let that be your BIG goal for the new year. And may your start-up life be wildly successful, may you "go public" with it, and may it lead you to a sweet new year of life and personal and collective redemption.

Jewish Education

Circle Game

By Marla Becker
Director, Gan HaYeled

"…And the seasons they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return we can only look
Behind from where we came
And go round and round and round
In the circle game"
- Circle Game by Joni Mitchell

Six rounds of seasons ago, I moved from southern California to Madison, Wisconsin, with my husband, three children and two dogs. I also brought along incredible memories of the Jewish preschool I had founded, where I had spent the previous three years. It was no surprise that the first words out of my mouth upon meeting our rabbi in Madison were "Let's start a Jewish preschool!"

I immediately learned that Madison already had a special Jewish preschool, Gan HaYeled, which for years had been touching so many lives. At that point I decided to return to my career as a public school teacher, but life is funny sometimes, and before I knew it, I found myself teaching in a Jewish setting again at Madison Jewish Community Day School (MJCDS) for the next six years. My experience at MJCDS was an incredible journey where I continued to think about young children and how each child approaches the world, with their own way of processing, learning, experiencing and interacting with others.

It is an absolute honor to be spending my days now at Gan HaYeled preschool. The warm, nurturing environment created by loving, personable teachers is evident the moment you enter the space. A wonderful, culturally Jewish atmosphere permeates the building, and not just from the scent of freshly baked challah on Shabbat. Connections made to the world around are evident through playful approaches to math, science, language arts and much more.

As the seasons go round and round, we hold onto the precious experiences. We can't entirely return, but we can stay connected from where we came.

There are some exciting adventures coming our way at Gan HaYeled:

- New playground
- Redecorated "Feels like home" classroom
- Learning environment filled with a wonderful mixture of observation, intentional planning, creative environments and active exploration of materials
- Daily reflection time documented in a scrapbook for each child
- Monthly Shabbatot with the elderly
- Science experiment time in Hebrew with Shlichah Shlomit
- Kindergarten readiness
- Drop-off babysitting, one Sunday per month
- Monthly potlucks

As we approach the Jewish New Year, we look forward to taking the Gan HaYeled we have loved all these years and moving it into this new chapter.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our school, our doors are open. Please contact Marla Becker at gan@jewishmadison.org.



Shlomit can't wait to meet you!

Ivrit B'Kef

Shlomit is getting excited for a year full of fun activities in the Ivrit B'Kef after-school program. She is preparing fun games, puzzles, crafts and many other activities to help your children connect with their Jewish identity through Hebrew. They will meet every Thursday, beginning on September 14, 2017. This program is appropriate for children ages five to seven.

For more information or to register visit www.JewishMadison.org, or call (608) 278-1808.

Please come visit us. The doors are open!

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If you're not already receiving the Jewish Federation of Madison weekly event announcement email, please send us your email address so we can send you timely information about community programs, services, and special events.

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Reflecting on our Partnership 2Gether Experience

BY NAN & JIM YOUNGERMAN

As we say goodbye to Daniel, Shirly and Ariya, we naturally reflect on their rich contributions to our community. Most memorable for us was our involvement in the November 2015 Partnership 2Gether (P2G) Israeli visit, when thirteen Israelis from TiberiAs came to participate in the Madison Marathon. We had the pleasure of hosting Ruvik Smaja. During his stay, his wife, Iris, and their four children sent a beautiful Shabbat Shalom video. That was our first introduction to Ruvik's loving family.

We had fun at events during the days prior to the run, getting to know others in the group and sharing what we think is special about Madison. On race day, we had a blast cheering for Ruvik and the other runners: "Go Ruvik!" "Go Yochai!" "Go Adi!" "Go Ruti!" or "Go Israel!" when we forgot names or a few runners came by together. Each runner unfurled the Israeli flag at the end of the race, and it was truly a moving experience.

Fast forward to April 2017 when we reconnected with Ruvik after attending a wedding in Haifa, about an hour and a half drive from TiberiAs. When we first made our plans to attend the wedding we alerted Ruvik, who eagerly extended an invitation to host us and our Madison friends, Deena and Peter Williams.



Deena and Or sharing photos of Madison and family.

Prior to our departure, Daniel assisted us in making the logistical plans and communicating with Ruvik and Yochai. Nan posed questions about the details of our visit talking through WhatsApp. Yochai was clear in his response: For you Nan, anything is possible !!

In Haifa, the four of us waited with excitement for Ruvik to pick us up and bring us to his home north of TiberiAs. His wife, Iris, and his children Or (16), Matan (12), Leav (8) and Itay (3) greeted us with excitement and warmth. After a home cooked meal, we all went to the community Yom HaShoa observance where we met Yochai and his family and other runners and their families. Or sang a beautiful solo, Ash and Dust, during the ceremony. The whole community was there, and we were very moved by the young people who participated. Afterwards, Ruvik and Iris hosted everyone for dessert and conversation. We felt warmly welcomed by our Israeli friends and honored that they had brought their families to meet us. As the evening drew to a close, Ruvik and Yochai made plans for the next day's adventure.

We started the following day at 8:00 am sharp with coffee and pastries at Cafe Aroma, the Israeli equivalent of Colectivo. Next, we took a boat ride on Lake Kinneret, heading out from the police station where Yochai is the deputy officer. We were on the lake when the sirens went off and all of Israel observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the Holocaust. We could see the people on the beach standing still and the cars all coming to a halt. When we returned to the police station we were greeted by at least a dozen motorcyclists with their bikes, the rapid response team from Tel Aviv. The day before they had dealt with a terrorist threat at a Tel Aviv hotel which had been publicized throughout Israel. When we met them, they were just young men eating snacks and willingly posing for pictures with us. Next, we drove through the Golan along the Syrian border, making several stops along the way at historical markers where battles were fought and lives were lost. The close proximity to Syria and no man's land was evident. We observed both the beauty and the danger of this area in northern Israel that our hosts are so committed to protecting. We ended our tour with a late lunch at an artist kibbutz, a peaceful respite from a dangerous border. That evening Ruvik and Iris hosted several families from the P2G experience. We had discussions on many topics including education, US and Israeli politics, military service, family life and sports.

On our final morning, after saying our farewells to Ruvik, Iris and the children, Adi and Ruti gave us a tour of a few significant historical sites in TiberiAs. We stopped for a quick snack, and they then delivered us to the bus station where we caught the bus to Jerusalem.

We felt deeply enriched by our TiberiAs experience. We have cemented our special relationships with our Israeli friends, and we look forward to seeing them again soon.



Boating on Lake Kinneret.



Our two dear friends from Partnership2Gether enjoying each other's company and the end of our day together



Ruvik, Iris, Leav (8), and Matan (12)





Two very moving memorials to the Yom Kippur War. Yochai and Ruvik clearly are friends who will never forget friends and always defend Israel with love, commitment and honor.

Jewish Social Services

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Welcome Caren Minkoff to the JSS Team!

Caren Minkoff is joining our team as a part-time social worker this fall. Caren is a native of Madison and returns to Madison after ten years of working as a social worker in Chicago. Caren earned her master's in social work from the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois- Chicago. Caren most recently worked as a school social worker for a public charter school in Chicago. She looks forward to reconnecting to her Madison roots and hopes to provide quality, supportive services to those served through JSS.



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About our Programs

Monday, September 11

Bill and Bobbie Malone are both historians as well as musicians. Bill is an emeritus American history professor from Tulane University. Bobbie was most recently director of the Office of School Services at the Wisconsin Historical Society, creating books of Wisconsin history for classrooms. Bobbie came for this job in Madison in 1995. As the "historian of American country music," Bill has hosted Back to the Country on Madison's WORT Community Radio on Wednesday mornings for the past 21 years. His most recent book is Sing Me Back Home: Southern Roots and Country Music (University of OK Press, 2017). Bobbie's recent book is Lois Lenski: Storycatcher (University of OK Press, 2016) that just won the 2016 Foreword INDIES Editor's Choice Award for Nonfiction. Bill and Bobbie will talk to us about and perform old-time country duets of songs from the Great Depression.



Bill and Bobbie play September 11.

Monday, September 18

In a presentation entitled: Amsterdam: A Northern Promised Land, Franklynn Peterson will present some of his research on the Jewish people and communities of Amsterdam from early migrants from the Roman Empire through the Inquisition and World Wars to the present day. Despite heroic efforts to hide Amsterdam's Jewish population, at least 30,000 were lost to the Nazis. Today, the Jewish Quarter and people thrive again, with three synagogues and an interesting Jewish Museum. Franklynn will help us learn more about this history and take us on a photo tour inside the Jewish Museum. He will add his observations on how reconstruction around peace and respect highlight the current state of relations in Amsterdam today.

Franklynn's interests in history, culture and the human condition come from many sources - as a citizen, husband, father, and grandfather. And, professionally, as a photo artist, photo journalist, editor, writer and social and political activist. Franklynn's work has appeared in various magazines, newspapers, exhibits and documentary films. He has joined in and led activist work and protest in advocating on issues such as peace and justice, worker rights, and environmental protection. Although Franklynn has done extensive work throughout the U.S. and internationally, he has strong Wisconsin roots from his youth in Port Edwards (central WI), graduating from UW-Madison with B.S. in Sociology and Mass Communication, and living and working in Madison since 1977.

Monday, September 25

The Retro Swing Band is an ensemble formed as a senior recreation band. Members are music educators and experienced musicians who are retired or have flexible work schedules. The group features original arrangements culled from the personal collections of

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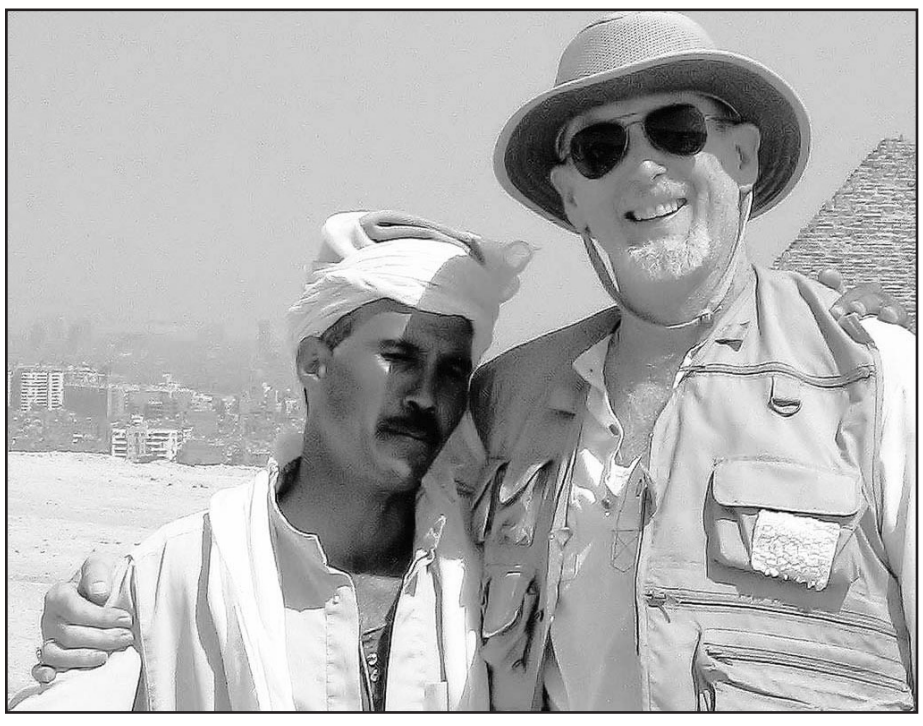

Franklynn Peterson.

Programs

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its members as well as unpublished arrangements mostly from musical styles of the 1930's – 1950's. You will hear selections of big band music including music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Woody Herman, Tommy Dorsey and others. The band was organized and had its first performance in 1996.



Retro Swing band.

September 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.

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Monday, September 11

11:30am-12:00pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00pm-1:00pm	Braised balsamic chicken (vegetarian option: tofu), roasted potato, market vegetable, babka, fruit
1:00pm-2:00pm	Old-time Country Duets - Bill and Bobbie Malone

Monday, September 18

11:30am-12:30pm	Complimentary blood pressure check with nurse Lori Edelstein
11:30am-12:00pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00pm-1:00pm	Vegetarian lasagna, haricots verts almondine, market fresh salad, fruit, brownie
1:00pm-2:00pm	Amsterdam: A Northern Promised Land -Franklynn Peterson

Monday, September 25

11:30am-12:00pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00pm-1:00pm	Coconut Curry chicken (vegetarian option: tofu), saffron rice, market vegetable, fruit, cookie
1:00pm-2:00pm	Retro Swing Band - Vintage music from 1930s - 1950s

Next month dates: October 9, 16, 30

Happy August and September Birthdays!

Genrikh Babich
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Календарь Лехаима на Сентябрь

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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, 11 сентября
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Курица, тушеная в бальзамическом соусе (вегетарианский вариант: тофу), жареный картофель, овощи, бабка, и фрукты.
1:00-2:00 Дуэт Билл и Бобби Мэлоун играют народную музыку старого времени.

Понедельник, 18 сентября
11:30-12:30 Бесплатное измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Вегетарианская лазанья, фасоль с миндалем, свежий салат, фрукты и шоколадное пирожное.
1:00-2:00 Амстердам: северная обетованная земля - Франклинн Петерсон

Понедельник, 25 сентября
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Цыпленок под соусом из кокосового ореха и карри (вегетарианский вариант: тофу), рис с шафраном, овощи, фрукты и печенье.
1:00-2:00 Retro Swing Band - Винтажная музыка 1930-х-1950-х

Даты в октябре: 9, 16, 3

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Back-up Volunteer Photographer: At JSS events, take photos which may be used for promotional materials and social media.

Bikur Cholim/Friendly Visitor: Opportunities to make brief drop-in visits with several elderly women in memory care - Verona, Middleton and southwest Madison. We are also seeking a friendly visitor for an elderly newcomer in Sun Prairie. These visits can be made at your convenience.

Volunteer at the Oakwood Shabbats: Help the residents of Oakwood Village welcome Shabbat one Friday per month, 4:00 pm.-5:00pm. Seat guests, pour wine and juice, distribute challah and interact with Oakwood Village residents and their families.

Youth Volunteering, Youth Group Projects and B'nai Mitzvah Projects: Come talk with us about doing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services. There are also opportunities for older youth and youth groups to volunteer and contribute to the community, develop new skills and have fun. Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808 or (608) 442-4083 direct for a brochure or to discuss doing a mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services.

Double your Volunteering Mitzvah: Check with your human resources department to see whether your company has a policy of matching employees' community volunteer hours with a monetary donation to the agency for whom the employee volunteers. What a great way to enhance the benefits of your volunteer work!

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



Our monthly Shabbat gatherings, with wine donated by Frank Liquor, includes candle lighting, challah, singing, and discussion.

Attic Angel Place in the Garden Room, 2:30 pm
8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place
Music by Les Goldsmith and with the assistance of Angel Volunteers
September 8

Capitol Lakes in the Grand Hall, 3:00 pm
333 West Main Street
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.
September 15, October 13

Oakwood West in Oaks Community Room, 3:30 pm
6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods
With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg
September 1, October 6

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Hillel

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viduals from the Middle East. Lizzy enjoys all things nature—hiking, bicycling, and cooking—and is excited to explore these activities in and around Madison.

Tal Sheffer is new to Madison (with his girlfriend and community shaliach Shlomit Ezer) as an Israel Fellow. He is excited to be at Hillel because it "gives the Jewish students an opportunity to explore and celebrate their Jewish identity the way they want to. As an Israel Fellow I can learn a lot from the students about their lives and culture, and bring Israel and my Jewish identity as well." In his native Jerusalem, he was a guidance counselor in the Israel Arts and Science Academy and a 10th grade philosophy teacher. He also worked as a journalist and copywriter. He is an amateur drummer and photographer, and enjoys watching documentary films.

Aaron Seligman, a Madison native, is Hillel's assistant director. He most recently helped educators become civically active in their communities at a national leadership development organization. After law school at UW, he practiced commercial and political law, and previously taught Spanish with Teach for America in Washington, D.C. He is on the JFM board and an active Matzah Ball athlete. Aaron lives with his wife, Jami, and daughter, Mara.

This terrific crew joins our staff of Rachel Garfinkel, Director of Engagement; Eli Milovets, Birthright Israel coordinator; Jason Kierce, Director of Food Operations; Ben Clark, Adamah Assistant Manager; Rabbi Andrea Steinberger; and Greg Steinberger, Executive Director. Of the coming year, Greg says, "We look forward to best serving the needs of the Jewish community on campus and the larger Jewish community through creative and meaningful programs, expanding social justice work and a new fall menu for Adamah."

In addition to getting familiar with students and the campus community at Hillel, staff are eager to connect with the broader Jewish community. Please reach out, follow our social media, and of course, come visit! Shabbat, high holidays, and many programs are open to all.

HEBREW CLASS - IVRIT KALLAH

Mondays, starting September 18th

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Calendar for 2017-2018

Semester 1: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
Semester 2: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

Location: Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI
Cost: $18 for the year to cover materials (try the first class free)

For any questions: Please contact Shlomit at israel@jewishmadison.org
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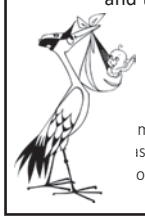

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Israel and the World

Shalom from the New Shlichim

Shalom Madison! We are Shlomit and Tal, the new Israeli shlichim. Shlomit will be working mostly at the Jewish Federation of Madison and Tal will be working mostly at UW Hillel.

We just arrived from Jerusalem at the beginning of August as the shlichim for the Madison Jewish community, and are very excited to begin. We decided to go on Shlichut because we believe in the importance of creating connections within the Jewish peoplehood, between the diaspora and Israel. We want to learn from the American Jewish community about Jewish life here, as well as bring Israel to you.

After we were offered Madison as the place for the shlichut, we could not have been happier. Ever since we learned we were coming, everyone kept telling us that this is the best, most beautiful city with the nicest people. So far it seems like everyone was right. We feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to be here, and hope to become a part of your community.

Now that we told you why we have come, we would like to introduce ourselves:

Hi! I'm Shlomit, 26 years old, born and raised in Jerusalem. Just a few weeks ago I finished my BA. in cognitive science and biology at the Hebrew University. During that time I worked at a lab in the Genetics Department of the university. Prior to that, I worked as a guidance counselor in several programs, including in Austin's Camp Shalom and in my role at the IDF in the Education Corps. Among my interests are science, arts and crafts, cooking and writing. Tal and I met while working together in a boarding school three and a half years ago.

Hi everyone, I'm Tal! I'm 32 years old and I was born and raised in Herzliya, which is a city near Tel Aviv. I have a BA in philosophy and history from Tel Aviv University and a teaching diploma from Kerem Institute for Humanistic Jewish Education in Jerusalem. For the past four years I've lived in Jerusalem and worked there as a guidance counselor in a boarding school for gifted high school students, and I also taught 10th grade philosophy. During my free time I enjoy playing the drums (don't worry about the neighbors, I left my drums in Israel), photography, watching documentaries, reading and writing poetry and hanging out with Shlomit.

So this is us. Sorry if our names are a little hard to pronounce, but hey- now you know another word in Hebrew! Shlomit comes from the word "Shalom," meaning peace and also hello. Tal literally means dew.

We are both so excited to be here. Over the next few weeks we look forward to meeting with you, the people of this community, and making Madison our new home for the near future. So, if you have any questions about us, about Israel, or if you just want some dinner company - please contact us! Our emails and Facebook accounts are the same as Daniel and Shirly's, the last Shlichim:
Shlomit - Shlomit Shlicha Madison, Israel@jewishmadison.org
Tal - Tal UW Israel Fellow, Israelfellow@uwhillel.org

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To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:
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