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From Your Executive Director: Federation Receives Legacy Gift from Cheryl Rosen Weston

As we begin the New Year, it is my pleasure and honor to announce that long time community member and activist, Cheryl Rosen Weston, who died in March, left a large bequest to the Jewish Federation of Madison. Cheryl was active in many community organizations in addition to the Jewish Federation of Madison which she served as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. She was also a member of



the Beth Israel Center board and was President of Jewish Social Services and UW-Hillel. Cheryl was also a member of Hadassah.

Cheryl was a lawyer and served as a full-time member of the UW Law School faculty. For many years, Cheryl was CEO and Chair of the Douglas Stewart Company. Cheryl felt strongly about helping to relieve human suffering, working to seek peace and mutual respect among people and helping all people live with human dignity.

Her gift of $780,000 will be used, at her request, to fund three different program areas of the Federation for the next ten years. She requested the money be divided equally between

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Shana Tova from our Family to Yours!

By Alicia Shiff
President of Jewish Federation of Madison

With a new year, comes new opportunities to enrich the lives of Jews of all ages, here and abroad.

We are excited about the planning, programming and activities already underway as I write these words.



For instance, we're hard at work mapping out another great school year with our Gan HaYeled preschool and our engaging Midrasha Hebrew High School program.

We are also working with our Partnership2Gether (P2G) colleagues in Israel to plan programs to take place both in Madison and in Israel.

And no mention of the Madison Federation would be complete without anticipating another great summer of laughter, learning and fun at Camp Shalom, Camp Noar Bogrim and the Aquatic Center. Yes, summertime living is easy out at the Goodman Campus.

We're also looking ahead to our second year with our stellar shlichim, Shlomit and Tal. We cannot wait to see what they will come up with next to bring Israel to life here in the Midwest.

Finally, I hope you will mark your calendar to join us on Sunday, September 16 for our 2018 Tzedekah Campaign Kick Off. Come have a blast tailgating—including watching the Green Bay Packers on the amazing large screens at our host, Full Compass. We will be grilling, snacking and even judging a chili cook off!

In closing, we are grateful for all you do to support the Jewish Federation of Madison with your time and the generous contributions that make all this possible. May you all enjoy a happy, healthy and sweet new year!



Upcoming Events and New Faces at the Mosse/ Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies

By Chad Gibbs
Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies is preparing for another full academic year of courses, events, and outreach. This semester we are happy to welcome our new financial specialist, Avianca Taylor to our administration team. Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies graduate student, Preston Atwood will also join the Center as the new project assistant.

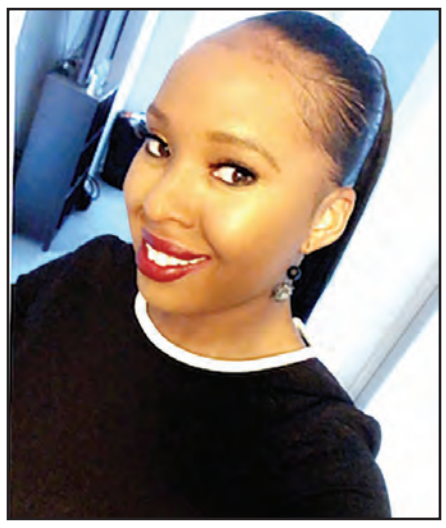
Thanks to the generosity of the Bernie D. Goldstein family, we are currently remodeling our student lounge and will be opening a new student lounge in the fall. Bernie D. and Lenora Goldstein are also providing scholarships for the Greenfield Summer Institute and giving annual gifts for upkeep of the student lounge, a reference library of course books for students, and a Holocaust books section.

In addition to a full slate of courses, the center will host several events of interest over the coming semester. We will hold the next installment of our Kutler Lectures series featuring Professor Eddie Portnoy of Rutgers. Portnoy is author of the recent book Bad Rabbi: And Other Strange but True Stories from the Yiddish Press among other works. His talks will take place in the Alumni Lounge of the Pyle Center (702 Langdon Street) at 4:00 pm on October 17 and 18.

We have scheduled the Tobias Lecture featuring Professor Anna Shternshis of the University of Toronto on November 14. Shternshis works on Jewish life in the Soviet Union and is author of the recent When Sonia Met Boris: An Oral History of Jewish Life Under Stalin. Her talk will take place at 4:00 pm in Varsity 3, Union South.

In the spring semester, we look forward to the biennial Conney Conference on Jewish Arts in New York from the evening of March 31 to April 2, 2019. This event is an initiative of the Center and the Conney Project on Jewish Arts, a far-reaching educational program that aims to raise awareness of the contributions of Jewish artists and scholars and to encourage and support new scholarship and production in the field. Following the conference, we will host a lecture on "The Jews of China" by Susan Stamberg at 4:00 pm on April 11 in the Pyle Center, Room 325/326.

Our lectures are, as always, free and open to the public. We hope to see many of you over the coming academic year! Complete and updated information on our courses, faculty, news, and events is always available on our website at jewishstudies.wisc.edu or by contacting us at events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu.



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This year, from May 19 to 22, Madison is hosting our partners and we need host families for our Israeli partners. These are great people with whom we look forward to collaborating.

Learn more about our Israeli partners and the programs:
https://www.jewishmadison.org/partnership2gether
If you are interested in hosting, please contact Shlomit at israel@jewishmadison.org or (608) 669-8042.

Thank you!



Executive Director

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scholarships and staff training for Camp Shalom; programs that provide activities for middle school, high school and college youth concerning social justice as well as cultural and social activities, specifically including opportunities for Jewish youth to interact and join with members of diverse members of the Greater Madison Community; and facilitation of joint activities between the Jewish community and members of other faiths and diverse organizations within the Greater Madison area which promote social justice, religious tolerance and the advancement of well-being for all community members, and to support leadership training for Federation members and staff in the effective advocacy of these goals.

JFM Board President Alicia Schiff will appoint committees to work on creating the programs Cheryl envisioned with her gift. Please be in touch we her if you would like to participate on one of the committees.

Cheryl will be honored posthumously with the Ben Minkoff Community Service Award at the Federation's annual meeting on November 18, 2018. Cheryl's daughter Samantha Weston along with her grandchildren will accept the award in Cheryl's honor.

We are so grateful to Cheryl for this magnificent donation and will do everything we can to honor her memory though the programs she has gifted to us. Wishing you all a sweet and healthy New Year.

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From Winter Welcome to Summer Skills: Finding a Community and Learning Opportunities at UW Hillel

By Lindsey Levy, UW Class of 2021
UW Hillel is a beneficiary organization of the Jewish Federation of Madison

One cold, Friday night in December a friend convinced me to join her for Shabbat at Hillel as we debated over what to do for dinner. "It's a free meal, why not?" she said, and eventually I gave in and agreed to go with her. Little did I know that I would find an incredible community of like-minded people waiting to welcome me with open arms. For the first time since moving 850 miles from home, I found some familiarity, and in that, comfort. Soon enough, Hillel became my go-to study spot and a regular Friday night dinner locale. Second semester I became involved with JLF (Jewish Learning Fellowship) and my network at Hillel started to expand.

As freshman year wound down, I thought about how I wanted to spend my summer in a fun and meaningful, yet educational way. Looking to find an internship within the scope of my English and nonprofit management majors, I immediately thought of Hillel. My firsthand knowledge of the organization's impact as well as Hillel's success in fundraising and programming made it an excellent fit for me. Before I knew it, it was first day on the job as a management intern and I had no idea what to expect.

Over the summer, I learned so much about what goes into successful nonprofit management, found clarity in my future career path, and had fun along the way. Within my first week, I sat in on scheduling meetings and big-picture discussions, spoke with the Director, Greg Steinberger, about Hillel's mission and was putting my ideas for a new brochure into action. My supervisors encouraged me to voice my opinions and made me feel heard, despite my being the youngest person in the office. Not only was I experiencing what went into the day-to-day operations at Hillel, I was learning to collaborate with my co-workers on different ideas and ways to navigate problem-solving.

One of the best parts about interning at Hillel was getting to see how everyone's passion for the community inspired passion in one another. On multiple occasions I found myself talking about the impact of Judaism and Jewish programming simply because everyone was listening and eager to take what I said and apply it to future programs. It was an incredible environment to learn from and I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to do so. I started this internship with nothing but a desire to learn more about the nonprofit sector, but I am leaving with twelve new colleagues, eight weeks' worth of knowledge, and one life-changing experience.


Lindsey Levy

Micah Ariel-Rohr Joins UW Hillel as Director of Engagement

By Micah Ariel-Rohr, Director of Engagement of UW Hillel
UW Hillel is a beneficiary organization of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Hello Madison, thanks for having me here!

As the new Director of Student Engagement at the UW Hillel, I couldn't be happier to work with Jewish students in a community like Madison with a long tradition of scholarship and service. I come to UW Hillel from Chicago having most recently been a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools, and spent time working in outdoor and cycling industries.

At Hillel, I'll help students develop their own identities as Jewish adults and support them as they find ways of engaging with the Jewish community.

Here are just a few ways I'm excited to spend time with students this year:

• Connecting with new students at welcome events like our (second) Shabbat Tailgate, and both traditional and innovative holiday observances like a kayaking tashlich!

• Answering life's big questions through Hillel's immersive Jewish Learning Fellowship and other learning opportunities

• Sharing meals at Adamah Neighborhood Table, Hillel's Kosher Café,

• On Birthright Israel, exploring our connections to Jewish communities both at home and abroad.

I hope you'll stop by our Hillel to say hello and share what makes the Jewish community here meaningful to you! My wife, Julia (a Ph.D. student in the School of Business), my dog Zissel, and I look forward to settling in and getting to know the people that make Madison such a special place.


Micah Ariel-Rohr





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Your Federation Dollars at Work: Helping At-Risk Youth in South Tel Aviv

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

Shai Pinchai, 23 years old, worked hard to get to college because kids from his poor neighborhood in south Tel Aviv rarely did so.

Now, Shai, a participant in Federation's partner The Jewish Agency for Israel's Choosing Tomorrow scholarship and service initiative, has developed the Thinking Far program for fifth-graders. During four sessions at his old school and another one nearby, Shai and other mentors help the vulnerable students take practical steps toward achieving their dreams, from graduating high school to choosing a career.

"I was inspired to create Thinking Far by members of my own family who have not realized their personal potential for success, because of regional influences," he said. "I think it's very important that Choosing Tomorrow provides training and support for generating social change, and a chance for students to initiate their own projects in our own neighborhoods."

Shai's personal growth and now that of his students is possible due to your contributions to the Jewish Federation of Madison's annual Tzedakah campaign. Thank you.



Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of

Ezra Ben Weiner, son of Deborah Hirsch and Seth Weiner, and grandson of Steve and Susan Hirsch

Mazel Tov on the engagement of

Erika White, daughter of Linda and William White to **Alex Horner**

Mazel Tov on the marriage of

David Deutsch, son of Judith Burstyn and Stephan Deutsch, to Rachel Lubman, daughter of Richard Lubman and Sue Feinberg (z"l)

Condolences to the families of

Joel Levi Heilprin, son of Richard Heilprin (z"l) and Myra Levine

Charlotte "Toni" Burdeen, mother of Barry Burdeen and Michelle Jackson, grandmother of Max Burdeen, and Spencer and Brooke

Jeff Kassel, fiance of Lynn Silverman (mother of Johannah and Benjamin Hansen), father of Eli (Donnay) Kassel, brother of David Kassel and Laurie (Bob) Wallace, uncle of Adam Wallace, friend of Alex Silverman and Jory Ross

Paul Bernard Goldman, father of Amie Goldman (David Gundersen), and grandfather of Lucie Gundersen

Stanley Jarrow, grandfather of Laura (Josh) Lang, and great-grandfather of Jacob and Brian Lang

Margarita "Rita" Dvoskin, wife of Anatoly Dvoskin, mother of Maria (Igor) Milovets, grandmother of Elizabeth and Maxim Milovets

Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

Major Gifts Dinner

Thursday, September 6, 6:00 pm
Quivey's Grove Restaurant, 6261 Nesbitt Road, Fitchburg, WI 53719
Cost: $45 per person

Jewish Federation of Madison Major Gifts Dinner for the 2018 Annual Tzedakah Campaign – I Heart Jewish Madison. Please join us for an elegant evening with true Wisconsin fare. Attendance implies a willingness to pledge a minimum of $5,000 to Jewish Federation of Madison's 2018 Tzedakah Campaign and other Jewish Federation of Madison programs.

RSVP to: office@jewishmadison.org or call (608) 278-1808. Please let us know if you need transportation assistance. Contact Paula J. Winnig at (608) 442-4070 or pjwinnig@jewishmadison.org.

More program details coming soon.

Ivrit B'kef

September 13, 20, 27, 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm
BIC, 1406 Mound St., Madison, WI 53711

Learning Hebrew through fun activities for students K-2nd grade. Registration and more information at JewishMadison.org.

Contact Shlomit Ezer at israel@jewishmadison.org.

Annual Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff

Sunday, September 16, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Full Compass, 9770 Silicon Prairie Pkwy, Verona, WI 53593

Join us to kick off the Jewish Federation of Madison's 2018 Annual Tzedakah Campaign – I Heart Jewish Madison – with a Jewish Madison style tailgate party!

- Giant screen broadcast of the Packers vs. Vikings football game
- Kosher tailgate food
- Veggie chili cookoff

Team up with the Jewish Federation of Madison to support Jewish life and essential programs locally, in Israel, and around the world.

Contact Kimberly Rosenthal at (608) 442-4077 or eadmin@jewishfederation.org for more information. Please RSVP online.

Thank you to our hosts, Susan & Jonathan Lipp of Full Compass Systems! *This event is free and open to the community. Attending the kick-off event implies a commitment to donate to the 2018 Tzedakah Campaign.*

Matzah Balls Play Sand Volleyball Playoff Game

September 17, Time and Court TBA
Olbrich Park, 3527 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53714

The Matzah Balls, our co-ed sports team, is playing Sand Volleyball this season. Come cheer the team on as a spectator.

Contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org for more information.

First Day of Midrasha

Wednesday, September 26, 6:15 pm
Beth Israel Center

We are excited to begin anew. Join us!

Contact Kim Rosenthal at midrasha@jewishmadison.org for more information.

Tributes

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

In memory of Theodore Legatt,
Richard Lynch, Frank, Tiny, Stella, and Team Stormy

Commissioning a Torah: The Back Story of Working with a Female Torah Scribe

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman
Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

In 2011, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim received funding from the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation to commission a Torah. After much research and discussion, we decided to work with a soferet, a female scribe, who had never before written a Torah. While it was a risk for our congregation—we had heard stories of scribes not being able to complete the entire scroll because of the immensity of the project—we strongly wished to support a woman entering the field of sofrut (Torah scribery), especially someone who had the skills to write a Torah but had never had the opportunity to do so.

We worked with Soferet Jen Taylor Friedman, who is believed to be the first woman to have written a Torah, and she referred us to Rabbi Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli whom she had mentored. Born in Northern Ireland, Rabbi Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli had lived in Canada, Jerusalem, and Sweden, and currently lives in Hamilton, Ontario. She has studying Talmud and the laws of sofrut for several years, is a skilled artist, and is one of few women who has received smicha (rabbinic ordination) from an Orthodox rabbi.

We signed a contract in the fall of 2012 and Rabbi Lavery-Yisraeli immediately began writing our Torah. She periodically sent us photographs of her work, and with excitement we tracked her progress. During the process of writing our Torah, Rabbi Lavery-Yisraeli gave birth to her son and took time off to be with him in those first few months. We joked that ours was the first Torah contract ever that had a provision for a maternity leave.

In 2015, we held a siyyum (celebration) to welcome the Torah into our congregation. Rabbi Lavery-Yisraeli travelled from Gothenburg, Sweden with her husband and their son. At the celebration she described the process of writing our Torah (including when she spilled a full cup of coffee on the parchment), taught Talmud and feminist theory, and filled in the last letters of the Torah with members of our community.

Traditionally, the largest donors receive the honor of completing the Torah, but in order to democratize this ritual, we offered members the opportunity to buy raffle tickets of $18 each with a limit of five per person. We chose six people this way, and we gave the honor of the seventh to Judith Zukerman Kaufman z"l who had been a teacher of Torah in our congregation and the Madison Jewish community for decades.



Rabbi Yonah Lavery-Yisrael

In our modern age, when a sofer completes a Torah they send photographs of each column to Jerusalem, where an ultra-Orthodox organization uses computer software to check the Torah for errors. However, because Rabbi Lavery-Yisraeli is a woman, they refused to let her use the software to check it. As a consequence, we discovered a few months later that our Torah had some minor errors.

By that time, Soferet Taylor Friedman had purchased the software, and our congregation was the first to use it. Two of our b'nai mitzvah students took photographs of every column of the Torah (245 in all), submitted them to Soferet Taylor Friedman, and she ran them through the software. Two other teenagers with excellent Hebrew skills took the report we received and meticulously combed through it, distinguishing between halachic errors that needed to be corrected, and specks of dust which the software inadvertently identified as errors. Two of our members then drove the Torah to Rabbi Lavery-Yisraeli and she corrected the errors.

This past June, Rabbi Lavery-Yisraeli and her family drove the Torah from Hamilton to Madison and spent a lovely evening with us. We discussed ethics, social justice, and halachah in Jewish communities, and she reflected on the writing of her first Torah.

The process of commissioning a Torah from Rabbi Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli was significantly more complex than had we used a more established sofer, but it was undoubtedly worth it. We received a magnificently written Torah, gave a soferet the opportunity to write her first Torah, and formed a friendship with a groundbreaking leader in Jewish life.

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Emerson School: Looking for Mentors

By Marcia Vandercook
Jewish Congregations for Social Justice

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If you can spare an hour each week during the school year, you can make a positive difference in a child's education. We have two kinds of volunteer opportunities during the school day and another type of activity in the early evening. All activities occur at the school on East Johnson Street.

Reading Mentors

Emerson is looking for adults who want to work with elementary-age children on reading skills. Come to school to 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 do not 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.

Family Programs

We also help with special events at the school on a few Tuesday evenings during the year. We help with activities such as pumpkin carving on harvest night, rocket launching on science night, and serving food for the international dinner. This is a great opportunity for teenagers looking for volunteer hours.

Madison Jewish Congregations for Social Justice is lucky to have this special relationship with Emerson and the opportunity to participate in this unique program. Come join us! If you want to learn more, please contact Marcia Vandercook, marcia.vandercook@gmail.com.



Who We Were
Shalom Madison, 1868

By Jonathan Z. S. Pollack

In addition to providing Jewish people with opportunities for celebration and self-examination, the High Holy Days are a time when many Jews who are religiously unaffiliated, or simply new to town, decide to join a congregation. In that spirit, this month's column asks: How would someone have described Madison's Jewish community one hundred and fifty years ago, using the ways we describe Jewish congregations today?

How big is Madison's Jewish community?

The answer is hard to determine—after all, how do you define who is Jewish?—but the closest estimate is roughly 30 households across Dane County, including the city proper, Sun Prairie, Black Earth, and the unincorporated communities of Middleton Junction (near the present-day Junction Road/Mineral Point intersection), Pheasant Branch (near the present-day Century Avenue/Branch Street intersection), and Mendota (present-day Troy Drive, at the railroad bridge).

Are there synagogues in Madison, and if so, what are they like?

There is one Reform temple in Madison, Shaarey Shomayim, located on West Washington Avenue between Fairchild and Henry Streets. The congregation began holding services for High Holidays in 1856 and built their building in 1863. Most Jews in Madison belong to it. The new rabbi is Joseph Thuringer, who also runs the religious school and teaches German on the side. There have been occasional attempts to run services according to Orthodox standards, but the congregation has always used the Minhag America prayer book created by American Reform leader Isaac Mayer Wise. This means that services are conducted in English, one day of the two-day holidays is observed, and there is no Musaf service. Families sit together in pews; although the congregation has a balcony, that is a choir loft, which is seldom used.

What is the religious school like?

Synagogue records indicate zero bar mitzvahs. Rabbi Thuringer has been described as "old-world" and "harsh." There is one classroom for approximately a dozen children.

How does the congregation treat interfaith families?

Quite well! Several members of the synagogue board are married to non-Jews. Shaarey Shomayim member Leopold Steiner's non-Jewish brother-in-law, August Kutzbock, was the architect who designed Shaarey Shomayim's building. The non-Jewish of member spouses are never mentioned in the (surviving) minutes of the congregation.

Is there a Jewish neighborhood, and if so, where is it?

Although Jews live around Dane county, most of them live west of the capitol, on streets parallel to West Washington, between Henry and Bedford.

What is the Jewish community like economically? What do Jewish people do for a living?

Retail, retail, retail. There are no specific niches where Jewish entrepreneurs dominate, but Jewish merchants operate general stores in outlying areas and the "suburbs" of Madison near the University. More successful Jewish families run department stores and high-end clothing stores. Jewish merchants in rural areas outside of Madison usually are connected to larger Jewish-owned businesses on the Capitol Square. There is one Jewish doctor, one Jewish dentist, and there are no Jewish attorneys. The University has a few Jewish students, but no Jewish professors. One Jewish family deals in hides and skins.

So, are Jews comfortable living in Madison in 1868?

Absolutely! Jews are members of Masonic lodges and other fraternal organizations around Madison, prominent non-Jews helped fund the synagogue's building campaign, and Shaarey Shomayim officer Samuel Engel is in his second year serving on the Madison City Council. Madison's Jewish community is strong and growing!

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September Events

01 Selichot (CSS)
Saturday, September 1, 7:00 pm
Led by Cantorial Soloist Michele Rozansky. Please bring a dessert to share.

01 Selichot (BIC)
Saturday, September 1, 8:45 pm
Havdalah, film, discussion, service.

01 Selichot Service (TBE)
Saturday, September 1, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

02 Breaking Water (BIC)
Sunday, September 2, 9:30 am
Learn about going to the mikvah as preparation for High Holy Days.

06 Men's Club Book Group Meeting (TBE)
Thursday, September 6, 2018, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels by Jon Meacham.

08 Shabbat Morning (CSS)
Saturday, September 8, 9:30 am
First Unitarian Society, Atrium Building
Torah Study at 9:30 am; 10:30 am Service; 12:30 pm Kiddush lunch

08 Welcome Back Pizza and Mini Golf (TBE)
Saturday, September 8, 2018, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Vitense Golfland, 5501 Schroeder Rd., Madison
Come share your summer adventures, reconnect with your Temple friends and make some new ones. We'll gather in the Community Room across from the concessions counter near the entrance of Vitense Golfland to enjoy a pizza dinner before playing any of the three mini-golf courses (1 indoor, 2 outdoor). Everyone is welcome.
$7.00 Pizza Only • $13.00 Pizza and Mini Golf age 12 and under
$15.00 Pizza and Mini Golf age 13-59
$13.00 Pizza and Mini Golf age 60 and over

09 10 11 Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9 - Tuesday, September 11
See page 11 for service times.

09 Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags (BIC, CSS, JSS, TBE)
Sunday, September 9, 11:00 am
Madison area Jewish high-schoolers help JSS assemble and deliver gifts to Jewish residents of senior living facilities.

09 Family Apple Picking (CSS)
Sunday, September 9
Start the new year with a bit of sweetness. Please call the office for the exact time and location.

12 Kesher Film Series - West of the Jordan River (TBE)
Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Doors open at 7:00 pm. Movie begins at 7:15 pm. Discussion follows the screening. Admission and snacks are free.
Producer Amos Gitai gives us a portrait of the occupied territories and their citizens, both Israeli and Palestinian, who are trying to overcome the consequences of occupation. "West of the Jordan River shows the human ties woven by the military, human rights activists, journalists, mourning mothers and even Jewish settlers. Faced with the failure of politics to solve the occupation issue, these men and women rise and act in the name of their civic consciousness." The Kesher Israel Committee rates this film for those age 18 and over.

15 Weekly Children's Services Resume (BIC)
Saturday, September 15, 10:30 am
Age-appropriate services for babies through seventh graders are held every Shabbat when Talmud Torah is in session. Visitors are always welcome.

15 Merchav HaLev Mini-Retreat (BIC)
Saturday, September 15, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Come on Shabbat Shuvah for an afternoon of meditation, chanting, and teachings focused on embracing impermanence.

16 Kever K'rovim/Cemetery Visits (BIC)
Sunday, September 16, 10:00 am at Beit Olamim, Noon at Foreset Hill
Rabbi Forester leads visits to loved ones' graves.

18 19 Yom Kippur
See page 11 for service times.

19 Lucky Start (BIC)
Wednesday, September 19, 9:00 pm
Young adults meet up with each other and Rabbi Forester at Lucky's 1313 on Regent Street after the BIC Breakfast.

21 Singles Creating Community Coffee Klatch (TBE)
Friday, September 21, 2018, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
True Coffee, 6250 Nesbitt Road, Fitchburg, WI

22 Shabbat Z'mirot (BIC)
Saturday, September 22, 12:30 pm
Sing a little after Shabbat kiddush lunch.

23–30 Sukkot
Sunday, September 23 - Sunday, September 30
See page 11 for service times.

23 Yom Rishon (BIC)
Sunday, September 23, 10:00 am - 11:15 am
Preschoolers and their grownups come learn about Sukkot with Education Director Beth Copelovitch.

23 Decorate the Sukkah (CSS)
Sunday, September 23, 3:00 pm
Meet at the First Unitarian Society, Gaebler Lawn, to decorate the sukkah. Please bring a snack to share, please RSVP.

23 Picnic Lunch and Apple Picking (TBE)
Sunday, September 23, 2018, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Eplegaarden, 2227 Fitchburg Road, Fitchburg, WI
Bring your picnic lunch and join us at Eplegaarden for some fall fun. We'll enjoy our lunches outside at the picnic tables near the entrance to Eplegaarden. We'll have a chance to shake the four species of Sukkot as we finish up our lunch before heading uphill to pick apples. Everyone is responsible for purchasing the fruit they pick. Please RSVP to let us know you're coming.

25 Progressive Sukkot Dinner (BIC)
Tuesday, September 25, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Starting at 4:00 pm in a sukkah near BIC, enjoy appetizers through dessert in sukkot within easy walking distance.

25 Singles Creating Community Dinner (TBE)
Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Oliva, 751 N. High Point Road, Madison, WI

27 Wine & Cheese in a Sukkah (BIC)
Thursday, September 27
Nosh, schmooze, and learn a little with Rabbi Forester. Location TBD.

30 East Side Sukkah Hop (BIC, CSS)
Sunday, September 30, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
The 10th Annual East Side Sukkah Hop, hosted by members of BIC and CSS.





(CSS) Mara Glinberg creates a "practice Torah" out of butcher paper and wood dowels, the exact weight of a real Torah, to teach the community how to do hagba (lifting the Torah.)





(BIC) Elana Matthews and Willie Needelman and Beth Copelovitch and Jon Rozenfeld help prepare food for our annual visitors, Camp Ramah of Wisconsin's Machon Eidah



(BIC) Rabbi Forester visits with BIC campers and staff at Camp Ramah of Wisconsin

Beth Israel Center Regular Shabbat Services

Friday evening

We begin gathering at 5:00 pm to schmooze and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45 pm.

Saturday morning

Pre-service singing warm up begins at 9:15 am. Our worship begins at 9:30 am. We enjoy a communal kiddush lunch every week. Visitors always welcome.

Weekday services

Our regular weekday minyan schedule is Sunday mornings at 8:15 am, Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 am. Sunday through Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm. Please contact the office to ensure a minyan, and check our website for additions to the regular schedule, as well as notices of when a minyan is especially needed so someone in mourning or observing a yahrzeit can say kaddish.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Shabbat Services

We celebrate Shabbat each week. We hold Friday night services and potlucks twice a month, as well as Saturday morning services twice a month. We have Torah study every Saturday morning.

Temple Beth El Regular Services

We celebrate Shabbat as a community on Friday evenings. Services begin at 7:30 pm followed by an oneg Shabbat. First Friday of the month, we gather at 5:45 pm for a 6:00 pm service. On Saturdays we have Shabbat Torah Study 9:00 am - 10:00 am. When celebrating a b'nai mitzvah, Shabbat morning services begin at 10:30 am.

For more details about congregational Shabbat services visit their websites or call their offices.



(TBE) We celebrated our many wonderful volunteers at a special Shabbat Service on July 20.



(TBE) Our annual Men's Club Retreat took place on August 5.



(TBE) Madison's Jews' Next Dor held Torah on Tap at the Great Dane Pub on Thursday, August 9.



(BIC, CSS, TBE, JSJ) Jewish community gathering for the Pride Parade.

Legend

Beth Israel Center (BIC)
1406 Mound Street, Madison, WI 53711
Office phone number: (608) 256-7763
Email: office@bethisraelcenter.org

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim (CSS)
First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, Atrium Building, Madison, WI, 53705
Office phone number: (608) 257-2944
Email: office@shamayim.org

Temple Beth El (TBE)
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI 53711
Office phone number: (608) 238-3123
Email: info@tbemadison.org

Unless otherwise noted, events take place in the congregations' buildings. Call or email for more information for any specific event.

Shanah Tova
Have a Sweet New Year from Madison Hadassah

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

Pheasant Branch Walking Adventure
Sunday, September 16, 10:30 am

As summer winds down, Pheasant Branch is a great place to witness fall colors and large flocks of birds on migration passing through.

Choose between two walks or just bring a folding chair and enjoy the view. Walk 1. A short uphill walk to view the Pheasant Branch wetlands from above Walk 2. A three-mile hike on level board walks and paths around the beautiful reserve.

Both hikes will end at the Pheasant Branch's bubbling springs (boils.) Watch hundreds of swirling boils where 1,100 gallons of water bubble up through the soil every minute creating the Pheasant Branch springs that flow through the marsh, the reserve, and finally into Lake Mendota.

Directions:
From entrance to Middleton Hills (coming from Century Ave.)
Take the first right onto Pheasant Branch Rd.
Park at the third Pheasant Branch Conservancy parking lot on your right
Everyone welcome. Walk 2 and sitting are handicap accessible.
Please RSVP so we know to expect you. Email: MadisonHadassah@gmail.com
Call: (608) 770-6521 Check Facebook: www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison

Wingra Woods Indian Mounds Walking Adventure
At UW Arboretum
Sunday, October 21, 10:30 am

Mid-October most trees have dropped their leaves. Mid fall is a perfect time to view the Indian mounds and wildlife underneath. Watch for more information.

Park at WINGRA SPRINGS PARKING LOT, one half mile northeast of the Visitor Center on Arboretum Drive.



A delightful chat with the Allen Centennial Garden Director during the August walking/sitting adventure



Betsy Haimson at Pheasant Branch Overlook. Anyone on the September walking adventure can choose between a guided walk around Pheasant Branch or uphill to overlook, both walks ending at springs.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Chabad of Madison
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(608) 231-3450
ChabadMadison.com

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9
7:00 pm Evening Service

Rosh Hashana (First Day)
Monday, September 10
10:00 am Morning Services
12:00 pm Shofar Sounding
2:00 pm Mincha Service
2:30 pm Tashlich Service
8:00 pm Evening Service

Rosh Hashana (Second Day)
Tuesday, September 11
10:00 am Morning Services
12:00 pm Shofar Sounding
2:00 pm Afternoon Service

Yom Kippur Services Location TBD
Erev Yom Kippur
Tuesday, September 18
3:15 pm Mincha Afternoon Service
6:45 pm Kol Nidrei Service

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 19
10:00 am Morning Service
12:30 pm Yizkor Memorial Service
5:00 pm Afternoon Service
6:00 pm Neilah Closing Service
7:45 pm Fast Ends & Breakfast

Community Sukkot Dinner
Sunday, September 23, 7:00 pm

Simchat Torah
Monday, October 1, 7:15 pm

UW Hillel
610 Langdon Street
(608) 256-8361
www.uwhillel.org

Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9
6:30 pm Reform and Conservative Services
7:30 pm Dinner

Monday, September 10
9:00 am Conservative Services
1:00 pm Reform Services
1:00 pm Lunch
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Tashlich in Kayaks
5:30 pm Tashlich and Nosh
6:30 pm Conservative Services
7:30 pm Dinner

Tuesday, September 11
9:00 am Conservative Services
1:00 pm Lunch
6:00 pm Time for Gathering and Reflection for 9/11

Yom Kippur
Tuesday, September 18
5:30 pm Pre-Yom Kippur Dinner
6:30 pm Reform and Conservative Services

Wednesday, September 19
10:00 am Reform and Conservative Services
12:00 pm Yizkor Service
5:30 pm Afternoon (Mincha/Neila) Service
8:00 pm Break the Fast Meal

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First Unitarian Society
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Atrium Auditorium
(608) 257-2944
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www.shamayim.org

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9
5:00 pm Vegetarian potluck
7:00 pm Services in the main sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
Monday, September 10
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)
3:00 pm Tashlich - call office for location
6:30 pm Young adult potluck dinner

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
Tuesday, September 11
9:30 am Services in the main sanctuary
12:30 pm Picnic lunch

Kol Nidrei
Tuesday, September 18
6:15 pm Services in the main sanctuary

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 19
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
7:45 pm Break Fast Potluck

Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound Street
(608) 256-7763
www.bethisraelcenter.org

S'lichot Program & Service
Saturday, September 1
8:45 pm Film, discussion, service

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9
5:45 pm Services

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
Monday, September 11
8:00 am - 1:00 pm Services
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Children's Programs (K-7)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Preschool Family Service
4:00 pm Taschlich Nosh at Vilas Beach
5:30 pm Mincha, at BIC

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
Tuesday, September 11
8:00 am - 1:00 pm Services
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Children's Programs (K-7)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Preschool Family Service

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, September 18
6:15 pm Mincha
6:45 pm Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 19
9:00 am Services, including Yizkor
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Children's Programs (K-7)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Preschool Family Service
3:00 pm Study *Sefer Yonah* with Rabbi Forester
4:15 pm Mincha
7:50 pm Final Shofar, break fast follows in the social hall

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2702 Arbor Drive
(608) 238-3123
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Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Evening Services

Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 10
8:45 am - 9:45 am Family Service
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Main Service. Childcare available for children age 0-6 featuring holiday-themed activity and music. RSVP required.
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Youth Service
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Tashlich & Nosh

Friday, September 14
7:15 pm - 8:45 pm Shabbat Shuva-A Service of Healing

Erev Yom Kippur
Tuesday, September 18
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Kol Nidrei Service

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 19
8:45 am - 9:45 am Yom Kippur Family Service
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Yom Kippur Morning. Childcare available for children ages 0-6 featuring holiday-themed activity and music. RSVP required.
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Yom Kippur Youth Service
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Afternoon Adult Study
3:00 pm - 6:30 pm Yom Kippur Mincha, Yizkor and N'ilah (concluding) Services
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Break-the-Fast

Sukkot
Sunday, September 16
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Build Sukkah

Sunday, September 23
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Picnic and Apple Picking
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Erev Sukkot Service

Simchat Torah
Sunday, September 30
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Simchat Torah Celebration
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Conclusion of Sukkot Yizkor Service

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Camp Corner

Hip Hip Hooray for Hot Summer Days!

By Ellen Weismer
Director of Camp Shalom

As the school year begins we want to take some time to reflect on the amazing summer we had out at Camp Shalom and Noar-Bogrim. This summer was Camp Shalom's 65th summer and our 19th summer out at the Goodman Campus. You can see the highlights from our summer in the pictures here.



The yellow team watched on as their counselors played in an epic game of basketball



Friendships made at Shalom last a lifetime

We are so thankful to our corporate sponsors who help to make our scholarship program possible. This summer we offered $110,000 in scholarships to 96 campers. The 2018 Corporate Sponsors were:

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Clasen's Bakery

Camp Shalom programming is not limited to the summer. We also offer school break camps and volunteer opportunities for camp families when school is not in session. Stay tuned to the Madison Jewish News and the Monday morning emails for more information about Camp Shalom programming.



Campers created rafts for their counselors to race across the Goodman Aquatic Center pool

Wishing everyone a joyful
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The victorious green team waited anxiously for the Maccabiah results



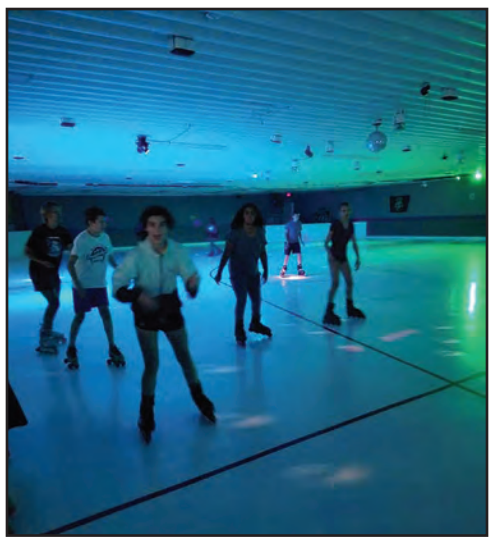
Camp Shalom campers lined the pool to watch an activity



NOBO campers played in the sand at a local beach



The NOBO 9th graders tested their skills at a ropes course



NOBO campers enjoyed skating on a rainy day

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Want more Camp Shalom?

Camp Shalom Winter Camp
December 26-28, 2018
Located at the Goodman Campus. Buses will be available. Register online beginning in November.

Camp Shalom Spring Break Camp
March 26-28, 2019

Camp Shalom 2019 Dates
March 6: Registration for returning families and children of alumni
March 7: Registration for new families
Session One: June 24-July 12
Session Two: July 16-August 2
Session Three: August 6-16

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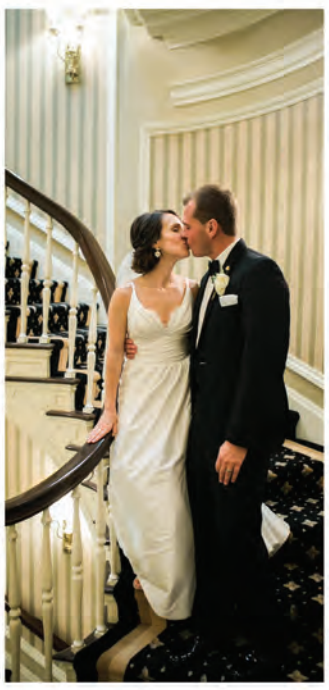





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Midrasha 2018-2019: We Can't Wait to See You!

By Kim Rosenthal
Director of Midrasha

All the amazing teachers and I are excited to welcome you back for another year of Midrasha. This year we have some of the old favorites for classes as well as some new additions like Social Action in Israel, art, as well as special events and speakers. There is one small, but big change, which is the start time of Midrasha:
6:15 pm-7:00 pm Hebrew
7:05 pm-7:55 pm Jewish Studies Class 1
7:55 pm-8:05 pm Snack
8:10 pm-9:00 pm Jewish Studies Class 2

With this new schedule we are hoping to accommodate the many families that have asked for Midrasha to end earlier, even if only by 15 minutes. The shorter class time is to allow teachers to prepare to teach their next class and students to get a break before settling into their next subject. The locations will remain the same as shown in the schedule below:

Fall Semester:
Sundays
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI
(608) 238-3123
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
9/30, 10/7, 10/4, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

Wednesdays
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison, WI
(608) 256-7763
6:15 pm - 9:00 pm
9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5 - Chanukah Party, 12/12

Spring Semester
Sundays
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI
(608) 238-3123
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/28

Wednesdays
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI
(608) 238-3123
6:15 pm - 9:00 pm
1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/14 - Midrasha Seder, 5/1 - Graduation

Registration can be found online at https://www.jewishmadison.org/midrasha-hebrew-high-school.
See you September 26!


This is how we crack an egg.


Oh, I understand now!


Look at these delicious banana muffins we made!


It's time to devour them!

Gan HaYeled Wishes You Shalom 5778-5779!

By Marla Becker
Director of Gan HaYeled

I am thrilled to begin my second year at Gan HaYeled Preschool. We're looking forward to continuing the expansion and growth we began last year, including enrollment which has increased by over 50 percent.

As we continue to acknowledge and respect that each child explores the world in a multitude of ways, we persist in enriching our entire curriculum through science, art, play, movement, nature, kindergarten readiness, nutrition, theater, outdoor play, Judaics and more!

The theme for this new year is "pathways". There are a multitude of directions we can venture with this theme, as we address the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual wholeness of the children. For the beginning of the year, we will explore "cyclical pathways" (circles/cycles). Some examples of how we will connect the theme are as follows:

Science

We will spend the month introducing and delving into fascinating concepts of the water cycle through hands on experiments.

Outdoor Play

Our new circular sensory path includes rocks that have glacial striations, wood cookies, thyme, grass and other areas for the kids to explore.

The new mud kitchen area is beyond ideal for immersing oneself in water play through scientific investigation as materials are combined, mixed, transferred and changed. The mud kitchen helps facilitate language development through descriptive words, scientific questioning and exploration, and storytelling through imaginative role play.

High Holidays

From Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah, the high holidays are filled with cyclical elements (starting a new year, a harvest cycle, completing the cycle of reading the Torah and starting again)

Kindergarten Readiness

Exploring letter shapes/sounds that include the curve of the magic "c"—c/b/a/d/g/o will be highlighted in our indoor upper/lowercase alphabet garden.

Art

The art area this year will focus on the children taking "personal ownership" of the area, giving them responsibility for maintaining the materials. Various mediums and materials will be neatly arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner by color, material and medium. Working together as partners with the children, the preschoolers will learn to respect and create in this area.

We will also be incorporating Vincent Van Gogh's famous painting, "Starry night" by highlighting his use of circular, swirling movement and expressionist brushwork. Using this as inspiration, the children will eventually create their own starry night, as if they were looking at the sky through the roof of the sukkah.

As we journey onward at Gan, we absolutely love and thrive when we have the community involved with our days. If you have any ideas, talents, hobbies, or connections to share or would even like to read a story to our children, please contact mbecker@jewishmadison.org.

Little Picassos Free Art Program

By Leora Saposnik

While visiting with families at The Road Home's shelter a few years back, I met a family whose youngest daughter was a bright ray of sunshine. Volunteering to play with children, was a dream job; after all, it's what I love to do! Since I'm an artist and art teacher, I would usually come armed with a basket of art supplies, and each time, I noticed how much the kids loved to have access to art, especially Jade. Jade lit up around art; it soon became clear how much she would love to have art classes, and how much I would love to have Jade and her family as part of my life. After a few years of having regular art play dates with Jade, she suggested we expand this to include more children. I thought it was a brilliant idea!

The resulting Little Picassos free art program is now in its fourth year. Thanks in large part to The Road Home, an organization which helps homeless families get back on their feet, the American Girls' Fund for Children, the fabulous staff at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center, and other local business support, we are able to offer a very high-quality art program for children who are transitioning from homelessness into housing, or who are otherwise economically challenged. The teaching staff includes Leora Saposnik, Jade's mother, Mary, and another parent who lives in the Housing and Hope apartments run by The Road Home. We have also been lucky to have volunteer teens from both Briarpatch, and Beth Israel Center join us.

The program was born out of my love for children and art, and Jade's sweet sense of giving. So many of us try to figure out ways in which we can both enjoy life, and add a drop of hope into this sometimes challenging world. Pablo Picasso believed that "every child is an artist. "Unfortunately, every child does not have equal access to art education. Little Picassos seeks to redress this imbalance. The program introduces children to a wide range of art history, art styles and media—including mosaic, ceramics, self-portraiture, batik, fiber arts, graffiti, papermaking, printmaking, and so much more.

Little Picassos is held on Saturdays between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. This allows parents to shop at the adjoining food pantry, as their children play, create, and learn. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 are welcome to join us for one class, or all of them. At the end of the year, our program has its Gallery Opening Celebration (this year it will be held on June 1, 2019), at which the children's art is displayed and the entire community is invited to delight in these fabulous artists. In the past we have had a community choir join us in celebration, last year the Wisconsin State Journal showcased our artists, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods provided delicious snacks; and probably the most fulfilling of all, one of our participants was so overwhelmed to see her self-portrait framed next to her artist statement, that she burst out crying. It is fabulous to see our students gain confidence and assurance that they are loved and appreciated.

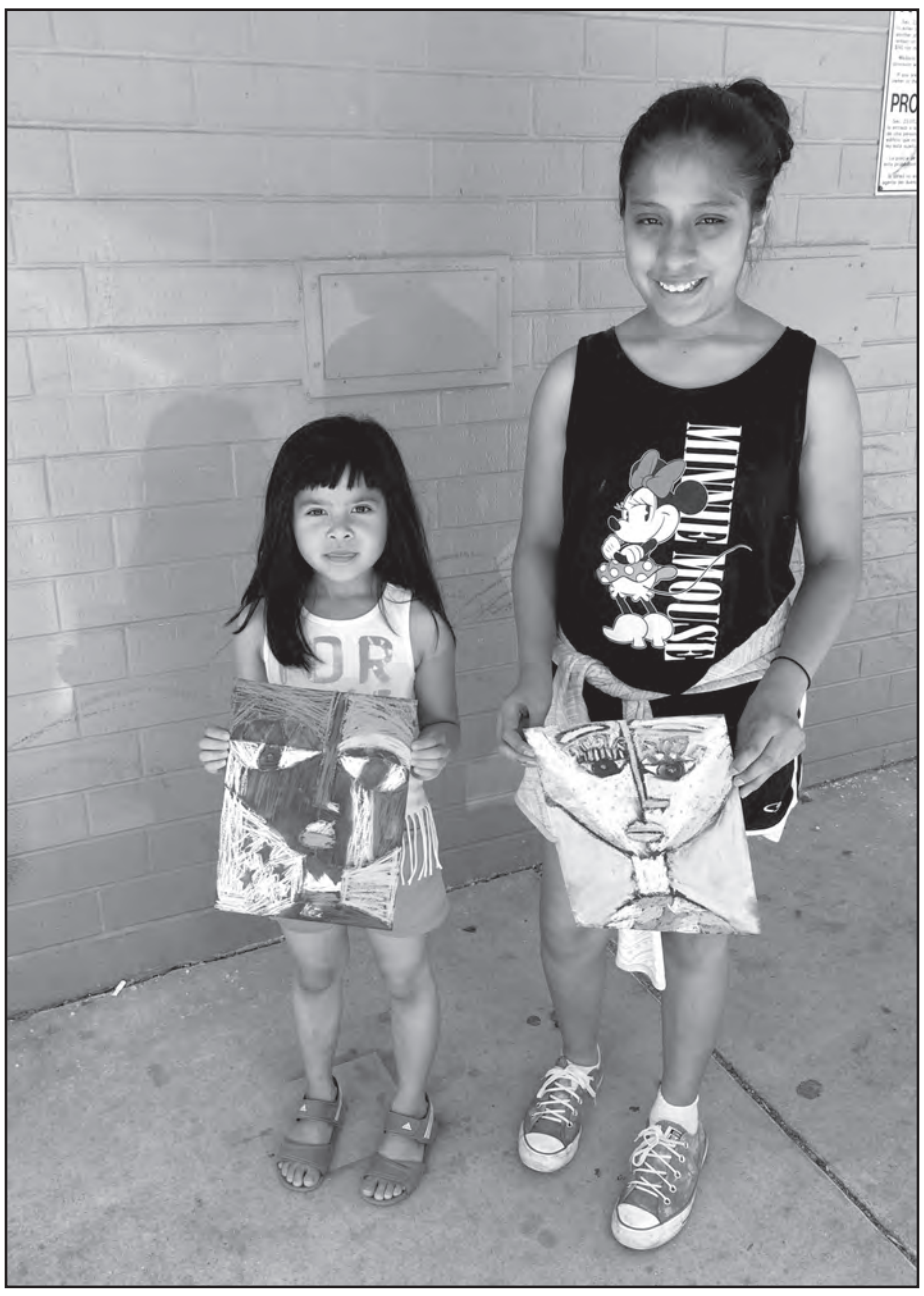
Mary, Jade, and I have been extremely fortunate to be surrounded by fabulous kids, who produce amazing art. And we are grateful for the letters of support we have received from parents:

~We've been blown away by the quality of art program that Ms. Leora offers through Little Picasso. It could easily be an art class for adults if you see the high-quality instruction and material provided. The best part of the class, though, is how Ms. Leora has been so warm and welcoming towards everyone.
~For certain parents like me it is not possible to pay for educational or recreational programs and Little Picassos provides that opportunity for children to learn and interact with other children.
~Little Picassos has had a great impact on my daughter because now she is a more social person and capable of creating and doing a good job in the art class as well as in her elementary school. I am very grateful that this program exists, and I hope that my daughter will return to this class in the fall.

The 2018-2019 program begins October 6. If you would like to learn more about the program, or support us in any way with donations of supplies or money, please feel free to contact Leora at leoraleh@yahoo.com.



Art is Yummy: learning about the artist Wayne Thiebaud



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Thursday, September 13
Time: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (ish)
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Traveling Exhibit:Stitching Histories From the Holocaust tells the story of Hedwig Strnad and her husband Paul through the letters to their Milwaukee cousin and the dress designs they sent in the hopes of getting visas. Hedy and Paul were ultimately killed in the Holocaust, but her dress designs survived. The centerpieces of this exhibit are the eight dresses lovingly created by the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Costume Shop. These dresses provide visitors with a tangible connection to the loss of talent in the Holocaust.

Accompanying Stitching Histories are two more family stories of immigration: The Oelsner family fled to Japanese-occupied Shanghai in 1939, the only place that they could go without a visa. Their daughter Edie was born there and the collection reflects the family's journey from Nazi Germany, to war-torn Shanghai, and ultimately to the United States.

Mary and George Stern escaped to the United States in 1938 and settled in Racine, WI.

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September 28

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3:00 pm - 4:00 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.
Rosh Hashanah Tea: September 14
Shabbat: October 5

Oakwood West in Oak's Community Room
3:30 pm
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Rosh Hashanah Tea: September 12, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Shabbat: September 21, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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JSS Organizes Statewide Advocacy on Refugees

By Rabbi Renée Bauer
Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach, Jewish Social Services of Madison

At a recent visit with my 97-year-old grandmother we were talking about her arrival in the United States as a refugee fleeing Nazi occupied Austria over 75 years ago. I told her that I now work for a HIAS affiliated refugee resettlement agency (Jewish Social Services of Madison) and asked if HIAS (formerly Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) had helped her family. She smiled and said, "Yes, my father ate lunch there every day when he arrived in New York. My mother and I spoke English, so we got jobs right away. He did not have good English, so he would have lunch at HIAS." The work I am doing at Jewish Social Services had new meaning to me as I heard her recount her father's connection to HIAS.

My grandmother continued by saying, "It is funny. They used to call me a refugee but now they call me a survivor." She, as are all the refugees who we resettle today, is both a survivor and a refugee. She survived the trauma of fleeing her home as a young woman and succeeded in building a new life in this country. She is also a refugee because she meets the international definition of a refugee as someone who fled her homeland due to persecution—harassment, threats, abduction, or torture, because of their race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group.

Many Jews in our community have similar stories of family immigration to the United States. The American Jewish community is populated in large part with descendants of people who fled persecution abroad and found safe haven in this country. Not only do we find the command to help and not oppress the stranger 36 times in Torah but we know the plight of the stranger in our families' lived experiences.

Right now the doors of this country that were open to our families are shutting on others who are fleeing persecution and violence in their home countries during the worst refugee crisis in recorded history. The current refugee admissions goal of 45,000 is the lowest in the 38-year history of the U. S. refugee resettlement program. In order to reach this goal, the United States must resettle an average of 3,750 refugees each month but has averaged between 1,500-2,000. With fewer than two months left in the fiscal year we'll be lucky to reach 20,000.

On a local level, JSS has resettled 49 refugees this year. These are more refugees this year than last, despite the fact that Wisconsin has had less than one third of the arrivals we did at this same point last year.

As citizens of this country in general and as Jews in particular, we must act against the movement to keep desperate people seeking safety out of the country. We must do so now because the administration is currently deliberating the number of refugees they will allow in the next fiscal year. This number, which will be stated as part of an upcoming Presidential Determination, will be announced in the end of September. A group of advocates and a recently resettled refugee family convened by JSS brought our concerns to Senator Baldwin's staff last month to educate her about the real impact that resettlement has had on families worldwide and here in Wisconsin. Similarly, a group also met with Senator Ron Johnson's staff as well as other elected officials earlier this year.

The Baldwin meeting followed a half a day training co-sponsored by JSS with HIAS national staff. Thirty Jewish community leaders, rabbis, high school students, interfaith refugee advocates and refugee leaders from Dane County, Milwaukee, Kenosha and Oshkosh came to UW Hillel to learn about communications and messaging, relationship building, and civic engagement. Six Wisconsin synagogues were represented at the training.

In January, HIAS was one of five non-governmental organizations to receive the Genesis Prize Foundation grant to strengthen the capacity of local leaders in four communities across America to advocate in support of immigrants and refugees. HIAS chose Madison and JSS as one locality because they were "inspired and energized by the significant on the ground organizing, volunteering and deep communal learning about refugees in Wisconsin."

The HIAS training provided tools for future advocacy regarding all issues related to JSS clients and community. At this essential time, we hope to continue to build this team with more community members who will join us to advocate for refugees, older adults, people with limited incomes, disabilities, and health issues. May the upcoming holidays inspire us to act, and may 5779 be a year of safety and justice for all people. For more information please contact JSS at info@jssmadison.org or (608) 442-4081.



Meeting Senator Baldwin's staff

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12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Program

Details to come in the October issue of Madison Jewish News.

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Levy Series Wraps Up

By Paul Borowsky
Volunteer Engagement and Event Program Manager

Sunlight streams through the large windows reflecting off a sea of maroon umbrellas out on the patio. They are cooled and contrasted by the rolling green grass out on the golf course just beyond. Inside the dining room, the tables are set, the snacks are out, and soon there are dozens of conversations going, friends and colleagues greeting each other – the Levy Summer Series has begun.

The idea of this series began with a proposal brought by Jeff Levy in 2012 to Terrie Goren, who was Executive Director of Jewish Social Services at that time. Jeff proposed a series of presentations over the summer months in a unique setting, accessible, with great food, and an opportunity to bring people together to enjoy each other's company and learn about an array of topics of particular interest to the Jewish community. And, what about a generous sponsorship to keep the series affordable?

An easy offer to accept! Louise Goldstein was the Volunteer and Events Program Manager at that time and the lead staff person in charge of the series. After retiring from JSS in 2015, Louise now enjoys the Levy Series as a member of the audience. As former staff people, both Louise and Terri look upon the Series as a great asset and source of pride in JSS programming. From the start in 2013 the Series has drawn large numbers, and a diverse crowd of interested and engaged participants. This year we had over 240 participants, averaging between 90-110 attendees for each presentation.

Jeanne Silverberg, who is a faithful attendee along with her husband Joe, summed it up by saying, "What a wonderful gift this is!" I agree. Thank you to Jeff Levy, our speakers, committee members, volunteers, staff, and all our participants for another wonderful season of friendship and learning!



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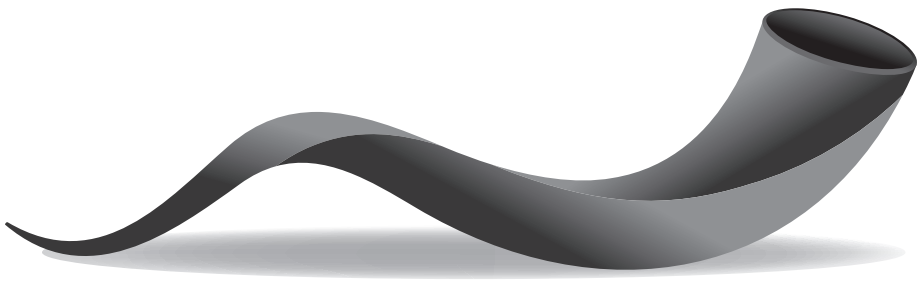

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Rosh Hashan

Eating Our Way into Personal Reflection This Year

By Rabbi Andrea Steinberger
Hillel at the University of Wisconsin

I am honored to have the opportunity to wish the Madison Jewish community a happy new year as we come into 5779. Greg and I and our family wish each of you a year of blessing and of renewal!

Rosh Hashanah provides us with the opportunity to immerse ourselves in spiritual matters, which can be, at times, a physical experience for us. The brash, loud sounds of the shofar might enter our ears, might resonate in our bones, might allow us to shed our usual toughness for a few moments, might startle us to make necessary changes in our lives. The melancholy melody of "Who shall live and who shall die?" might allow us to remember those whose physical presence we miss so much alongside us. The casting of breadcrumbs into the lake at tashlich might give us the ability to part ways with our mistakes, leave them in the water, take time to make amends with those we have hurt, and throw away what we need to let go of.


Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

Living in Madison and working with our many talented shlichim (Israel fellows,) who come to spend a year or two in our community, has taught me more customs for Rosh Hashanah which I have come to cherish. Many shlichim have insisted on a Rosh Hashanah seder of sorts at Hillel as we begin the new year. The seder consists of fruits and other foods that represent some positive aspect that we wish to acquire as we enter the year. This custom is of Sephardic origins (Turkey, Spain, Africa, Yemen, Iraq) and is present at the dinner table on Rosh Hashanah.

Some families make sure to have a pomegranate on their table so that participants can enjoy eating its seeds and tasting the sweetness of a new year. Also, each pomegranate is said to have 613 seeds inside it. Some say that this number represents our earnest attempt to fulfill the 613 commandments in the new year. Others say that the seeds represent fertility and the possibility that awaits each of us in the new year.

It is customary for families to have symbols on the table that use a pun to promote a wish that they have for the coming year. Families today might have a head of a fish, or even a sheep, on their Rosh Hashanah table! They say a blessing encouraging all present to "be the head and not the tail" in their pursuits in the new year. Some vegetarians are squeamish about a fish or sheep head and will use candy fish or a drawing of a fish to represent this hope.

Another powerful and punny custom is to include food whose name is used to scare away our enemies and even our own inclination to do evil. For example, families will place dates and beets on the holiday table. The Hebrew word for date is tamar. The blessing includes the words "yitamu soneinu," may the wicked cease (their schemes). In Aramaic, beets are called "silka." Their holiday blessing contains the word salak, which means "go away." As we eat these foods we pray that our enemies (internal? external?) will disappear in the coming year.

Today we can make our own puns and even in English if that comes easier to us. Some that I have seen in recent years are raisins for each of us to be "raisin expectations" for the new year; another are peas for us to hope for "peace" in the new year. Or how about lettuce as in "lettuce find happiness this year."

May each of us take an active part in finding our own physical ways to feel our way into the new year. Gaining a sense of spiritual awareness, whether it is through the prayer book in the synagogue, through taking a walk to the lake, or in participating in a holiday meal, will allow each of us to find the connection, to ourselves and to one another, that we each so desperately need as human beings.

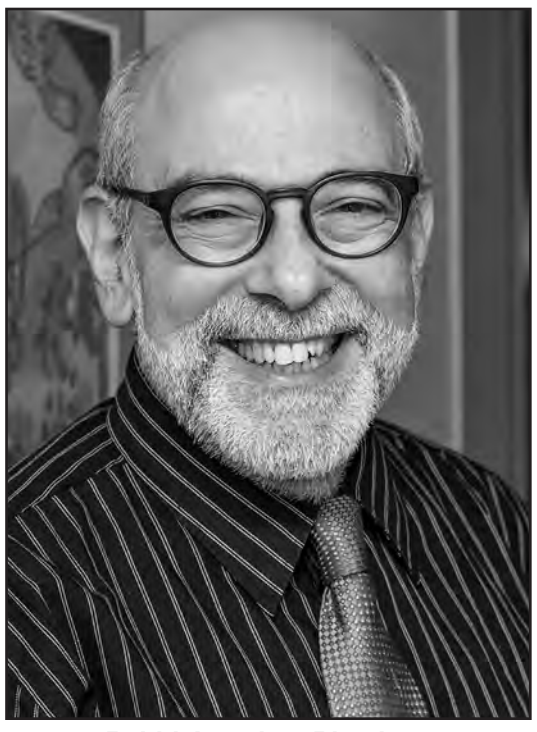
May we each find a renewed sense of spirit in the new year. And may our enemies cease and our nation and our world know peace.

Shana Tova Tikateivu. May it be a good year for all.

Finding Joy, Delight and Exultation this Holiday Season

By Rabbi Jonathan Biatch
Temple Beth El

My congregation and I extend our most sincere wishes to you for a happy and healthy New Year ahead. May we all achieve what we want for ourselves!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Maimonides has written about the reason we traditionally do not recite Hallel—prayers of joy and praise of God's salvation and miracles—at the time of the Jewish New Year. He indicated that "these are days of repentance, awe, and trepidation, and they are not days of excessive joy."

I believe, however, that through an examination of this holiday season, we can indeed find moments of joy, delight, and exultation. We simply need to be open to these experiences throughout the holidays.

At this holy season, we learn the true extent of our human gift of free will: We search for repentance because we desire liberation from our hardened soul. This is a reason for celebration.

We experience a journey from guilt about our behavior to understanding more about our human motivations; and we progress from our commitment to do better, to its fruition. Our serious work pays off.

We have the leisure to learn, worship, study, eat (except for Yom Kippur, of course), and sing, and not feel encumbered by work responsibilities. Our family and our friendship circles become joyful havens for our emotion-laden minds.

Repentance, awe, and trepidation: These are available to us in full measure at this holy season. But, so are joy, exultation, and pleasure. May we find the full breadth of experience on Rosh Hashanah and may our worship through Yom Kippur bring us all of these human qualities.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu!

Wishes for a Good Year from Beth Israel Center's New Rabbi

By Rabbi Betsy Forester
Beth Israel Center

On behalf of Beth Israel Center's members and staff, we wish you Shanah Tovah Um'tukah, a sweet and good new year. What a privilege and joy it has been to get to know the Madison Jewish community and to be warmly welcomed as Beth Israel Center's new rabbi.

The High Holy Days ask us to do something that can be as challenging as it is important: to listen for that "still small voice" and heed its call. Hearing the shofar blasts helps us awaken and open our hearts so that we can see our lives more clearly. The liturgy of our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services also knocks on the door to our souls, offering words and ideas to help us in the process of renewing our lives. The well-known "Un'taneh Tokef" piyyut (liturgical poem) that we recite in our synagogues on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur cuts to the core of what it means to be a human being striving to flourish in a complicated world.

The Un'taneh Tokef speaks of our hearing the "still, small voice." It is no simple feat to be able to hear the voice of one's life that calls us from within. That voice can be terrifying in its honesty. For all of our achievements, when we hear it at this time of year, we realize how fragile our lives are. Our inner fortresses cannot protect us from the fear that we are unworthy of the trust that has been placed in us by the gift of being alive. The angels tremble, as do we, as we reckon with our mortality and our fervent hope that our lives hold meaning and purpose.

If one were to chart the familiar phrases of "Who shall live and who shall die...Who by fire and who by water…" one would find that the structure of the poem yields to a sense of complete randomness. There is, in fact, no discernable pattern to the poetic pairings

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nah Greetings

Rabbi Betsy Forester

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of possible outcomes for each person in the year ahead. We recite the words as if all is ordained, hoping that there is meaning in our lives and in our deaths, and yet the structure of the poem tugs at the uncertainty all human beings feel as we encounter a world that often seems to bend more toward chaos than order.



Rabbi Betsy Forester

And yet there is hope for all of us, regardless of what awaits us in the coming year. We can imbue our lives with meaning and find reward in how we live. The author of the piyyut believes—as I do—that we make our lives meaningful through a three-fold, ongoing, and interwoven process of t'shuvah, t'fillah and Tzedakah. Through t'shuvah (repentance and return), we can reflect on our behaviors and bring them back to center, to the sacred core of our best possible selves. We can take responsibility for our small part of making our world more whole. Through t'fillah (prayer and self-reflection), we can bring that "still, small voice" to our consciousness and tap into the underlying, connective holiness that pervades all life as we offer praise, seek healing, and express gratitude. Through Tzedakah (justice and charity), we can work to ensure that our world--and our very lives--can be vessels through which and from which goodness and compassion flow.

The Un'taneh Tokef reminds us that we can, in fact, thrive on that narrow bridge between hope and despair, between order and chaos, making manifest our hope that our lives have meaning. Getting to know the Jewish community of Madison gives me faith in the power of the human spirit to rise above chaos and build a world of hope and compassion. May 5779 be a year of purpose and fulfillment for us all.

The Mitzvah of Teshuvah

By Rabbi Yona Matusof
Chabad Lubavitch of Madison

We are on the threshold of the Jewish new year 5779. This year is a leap year, in which we have two Adars for a total of 13 months.



Rabbi Yona Matusof

Technically, the purpose of a leap year is that it makes up the "lag" in time of lunar years vis-a-vis the solar years, to ensure that our festivals should occur in their proper seasons of the year (Pesach in the spring, etc.)

In a deeper sense, our leap year is a periodic reminder of the fact that every Jew has the G-d-given capacity to make up for the days that, for one reason or another, have not been fully utilized in matters of Judaism.

Moreover, even if certain aspects of one's conduct were not as they should have been, a Jew has the ability, with the proper resolve and determination, to rectify completely all failures and deficiencies of the past. This is the mitzvah of teshuvah.

This is the unique and special preeminence of the mitzvah of teshuvah in that it is accomplished 'in one moment'. Teshuvah transcends the element of time and the physical world. In one moment, we can transform the past and set the proper stage for the whole future.

It is understandable that if all matters of Torah and mitzvot have to be done with true joy, in keeping with the principle, "Serve G-D with joy," surely the mitzvah of teshuvah should be fulfilled with profound joy.

Surely there is no contradiction involved here, even though teshuvah is associated with earnest introspection and profound regret. It is cause for the greatest possible rejoicing that the Almighty has given every Jew the capability and strength to do teshuvah, together with the assurance that when a Jew resolves to avail themselves of this opportunity, their teshuvah will be accepted.

Thus, when a Jew undertakes to do teshuvah and does it with joy, it takes one out of all constraints, including the constraints of one's former conduct. This includes conduct which, though good at the time, could have been even better. Also the kind of conduct which, though good at the time, could often times have been even better.

On behalf of Rabbi Mendel and Henya, Rabbi Avremel and Mushkie, and Faygie and myself, we 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.

Standing at a Threshold

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman
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Several years ago, Shaarei Shamayim commissioned a Torah to be written by Rabbi Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli, a soferet, or female Torah scribe. In the process I developed a close and meaningful relationship with her, and a few weeks ago she mailed me a lovely gift—a mezuzah scroll that she had written for me. The writing was so striking that I did not want to enclose it in a box. While perhaps a bit non-traditional, I wanted to be able to see the words of the Shema, written with such intention and beauty, on my doorpost every time I entered or exited my home. The parchment still sits on my shelf, neither rolled up nor displayed on my doorpost.



Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

A mezuzah is a Jewish marker of a threshold, a liminal or in-between space. In addition to being a symbol of a Jewish home, the mezuzah reminds us that we are crossing from one place to the next, from the known to the unknown, and that our lives are full of movement and transition. It ritualizes both time and space, drawing our attention to what is unstable and unpredictable.

As my teacher Rabbi Richard Hirsh writes, "Thresholds are, implicitly, places of uncertainty. What seems clear on either side becomes imprecise at the point where such distinctions become blurred. Consequently, liminal space can be associated with anxiety…or opportunity."

As we move through the month of Elul, a time when we prepare ourselves spiritually for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we reflect on the year that has passed and consider the year to come. We stand at a threshold, being called to change and live up to our best selves, examining our actions from a year that has passed and exploring how we will do teshuvah and turn toward our best selves.

This liminal space can fill us with anxiety as we grapple with our actions and inactions, with words spoken and unspoken, with disappointment, anger, and regret. But it also offers us opportunity, of finally making the changes we know we need to make – of deciding to do things differently, of making amends, and of being thoughtful about how we move forward.

The mezuzah contains the sacred words of the Shema, which beckon us to remember that there is holiness in our world. The Shema is a reminder to listen deeply and to walk through the world with awareness. It is a reminder of the responsibility we have to future generations and to those who live in our midst.

My mezuzah awaits my simple action of taking it off the shelf and affixing it to my door. I do not do it lightly, because the scroll is a symbol of transition and uncertainty, as well as holiness and opportunity. It will cause me to reflect deeply on who I am and where I am going this Elul, as I dwell in a liminal space and stand at the threshold of a new year.

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.

Israel and the World

Israeli Innovation and Tikkun Olam

By Shlomit Ezer
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It is incredible how time flies, but once again Rosh HaShanah is upon us. As a new Jewish year begins, we have a wonderful opportunity to look back at the past year and consider our accomplishments: in our personal lives, as communities and societies. Along those lines, we would like to shed light on some recent Israeli accomplishments in the field of innovation.

Israel is often referred to as the "start-up nation". Many of you have probably heard that important inventions originate in Israel, such as the flash-drive, Waze, Mobileye, drip irrigation system and more. Oh and, of course, the cherry tomato. All are important technologies that are used very widely, but those are not the inventions we want to discuss today. Today we are talking about Israeli innovations that, in the past Jewish year, have helped save lives and make the world a better place: where the Israeli start-up nation and the value of tikkun olam meet.

The first story is from a very recent event that you have all heard about: the rescue of the Thai soccer team from the cave. Earlier this summer, a group of twelve boys and their soccer coach were trapped in the depths of a cave. It took days before they were tracked down, and many more days before they were rescued. This event was heavily covered as the entire world watched with concern about the lives of the children. Among the people who heard about it was Uzi Hanuni, the CEO of Maxtech Networks in Yavne, Israel. Maxtech is an Israeli high-tech company that developed a method of mobile communication for places where there is no communication infrastructure, such as underground. As soon as he received the news about the soccer players plight, Hanuni decided to send a team from the company equipped with their special, one-of-a-kind technology, free of charge. Their devices were used by the rescue teams to communicate as they explored the caves looking for the trapped group. It was used on all the rescue journeys, and allowed communication and coordination in a setting that, otherwise, would not have been possible. Having access to this technology was a major factor in the ability of the rescue crew to reach the cave and return everyone to safety.

Another important, recent innovation is from the field of medicine and biology. Israel has great research facilities, many of which strive to find cures to countless diseases affecting the lives of people all over the world. A recent advance in technology, by a company called IceCure Medical, was used this year for the first time to treat liver cancer. The first operation was done in Zefat, in the north of Israel, at Ziv Medical Center. The breakthrough treatment invented at IceCure is based on killing the cancer cells by freezing them with liquid nitrogen. The device allows precise targeting of the tumorous cells, and recently was used to target the metastasis after the main tumor was removed in surgery. Being able to freeze only the wanted cells is a breakthrough as it enables doctors to leave intact more of the healthy tissues and organs rather than cutting them out , therefore causing less damage to the organ's function. The treatment had previously been successfully performed on patients with breast and kidney cancer, but this year in Zefat was the first time it was used for liver cancer—a highly complicated surgery. Now that this treatment has been performed successfully, and has been approved by the FDA, it can offer better chances of survival to people who suffer from cancer all over the world.

These are only two examples of the many efforts and success stories made in Israel every day. Research labs, start-up companies, inventions in the fields of security, environment, medicine and more—all abundant in Israel and make a change in people's lives every day. Why is this happening in such a small, young country? Only seventy years and fewer than nine million citizens? This question has been raised many times. The main claim is that since the dawn of modern Zionism and around the establishment of the country, Israel has faced many challenges and has had few resources. Therefore, it has put much of its energy into research, development and problem-solving. As this new year begins, we hope that the spirit of innovation continues to thrive and contribute to the repairing the world, one step at a time.



Innovative procedure performed in Zefat for the first time



Interview with Uzi Hanuni at ILTV studio

Ellah's Honey Cake

Ellah, my (Shlomit's) grandmother, came from Poland and brought the Jewish-Polish traditions and cooking with her to Israel. The many pages of hand-written recipes in Polish were lost somewhere along the way, but my mother was lucky enough to cook and bake with her and learn the recipes firsthand. This allowed her to pass some of the traditions on.

Honey cake is one of the most traditional Rosh HaShanah foods, symbolizing the sweet year we wish for. This cake is a combination of honey and spice cake. This is one of the family's favorite recipes. We usually wait for Rosh HaShanah to make it, so it does not become mundane and can maintain its uniqueness. Luckily, Rosh HaShanah is almost here!

Ellah's Honey Cake

Ingredients:

- **1 cup honey**
- **1 cup brown sugar**
- **3/4 cup oil (canola or vegetable)**
- **4 eggs**
- **1 cup strong coffee (preferably espresso)**
- **1/2 tsp baking soda**
- **1 tsp baking powder**
- **2 1/4 cups white flour**
- **1/2 tsp ground cloves**
- **1 tsp ground cinnamon**
- **1 tsp ground ginger**
- **1 tsp ground allspice**

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix together the sugar, honey, and oil. Mix in the eggs, one by one, whisking well. Add the coffee, baking soda, baking powder, flour and spices. Mix until combined. Pour into two oiled rectangle cake pans. It is optional to add chopped almonds or pecans on top. Bake for about 45 minutes. Use a wooden skewer to check for readiness: poke the cake all the way through and if the skewer comes out dry, the batter is fully baked.

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Connecting with Israel

Israel National Trail – Beit Guvrin National Park

By Tal Shafer
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When I was in 6th grade, my school went on a trip. During my schooling, I had gone on many different trips, but this specific trip was one of the best, and I would like to tell you about this amazing place, so you can enjoy it as well.

If you love history and hiking (as I do), The Israel National Trail might have the perfect place for you. It is called Beit Guvrin National Park, and it is located in southern Israel, about 37 miles from Jerusalem. The park is an important archaeological site, where you can visit the remains of the ancient city of Tel Maresha, walk through the pages of history from the First Temple period to modern times, and explore the amazing caves, which are the main attraction there for most visitors.

The City of Tel Maresha has a fascinating story. It existed during the First Temple period and was destroyed twice: the first time, in 112 BCE, and the second, in 40 BCE. During the Roman and Byzantine eras, the city was named Eleutheropolis and had a big Jewish population. If you are interested in archeology, evidence of a Roman civilization can be seen in the many archaeological discoveries made at the site, including an amphitheater and Roman mosaics. The amphitheater is one of only four amphitheaters in Israel and it has 3,500 seats. Evidence of Christian presence can be found there as well, with the remains of several churches, including Saint Anne's Church, which dates back to the Byzantine era. The church was renovated by the Crusaders in the 1100s.

Other great attractions at Beit Guvrin are the painted Sidonian burial caves, which were the family tombs of Apollophanes, the leader of the Sidonian community in Beit Guvrin. These amazingly decorated family tombs have burial niches along both sides of the caves and a bed like structure at one end for the Sidonian patriarch. The caves also have paintings of real and mythic animals, and paintings of a man and woman playing music instruments at the tomb of the musicians.

Although there is a lot to see at Beit Guvrin, its number one attraction has always been the caves, and in particular, the Bell Caves. In total there are at least 800 bell shaped caves in the park (and 2,000 in the area), some of which are linked by underground tunnels that connect groups of 40–50 caves. The caves were quarried for chalk during the Early Arab Period (4th-9th century) and their colors are beige and limestone. There is also a three-foot-wide hole in the cave ceiling where chalk was extracted. Some of the caves in the park are so big, that one of them even holds private events. The largest cave is over 16 feet high and is airy and easily accessible.

Unlike many of the places we mentioned on the National Trail, this is a National Park and hence has opening hours and an entrance fee. Before you go, make sure you check that it is open. The entrance fee is relatively low; 28NIS (about $8) for adults and 14NIS (about $4) for kids.

Hope you enjoy!


A view of the northern part of the park


The Tel Maresha trail


The Bell Cave

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