Jewish Federation OF MADISON

Madison JEWISH NEWS

September 2015
Elul, 5775 - Tishrei, 5776

Inside This Issue

Jewish Federation Upcoming Events 5
Simchas & Condolences 6
Congregation News 8-9
Jewish Social Services.....12-13
Rosh Hashanah Greetings.....15-21
High Holy Days Schedule 17
Jewish Education 22-23
Lechayim Lights 25-27
Israel & The World 28-29

The Jewish Federation of Madison Begins its 75th Anniversary Tzedakah Campaign

While we continue to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing people and events that have helped to shape the last 75 years of the Madison Jewish community, we launch into our campaign season. With a goal of raising $1,018,000 we are counting on your help to make it a year to remember!

One of the beautiful aspects of donating to the Federation is that your one gift goes towards helping so many vital causes. How often do you wish that you can be in more than one place at a time? Through the Federation, at any hour of the day, you can be virtually anywhere on the globe; making a vital difference in Jewish lives here in Madison, in Israel and in over 70 countries around the world.

Your donation helps to restore hope to families in crisis in Madison and in the Ukraine. Your donation helps to send religious and completely secular Jewish college students from the University of Wisconsin and other great schools on Birthright Israel together to truly awaken and explore their Jewish identity. Your donation helps to fund Gan HaYeled Preschool as well as provide trauma counseling to Israeli school age children who suffer from post-traumatic stress. Your donation allows you to stand shoulder to shoulder with Jews around the world in solidarity, offering support in places that are once again facing bigotry and hostility.

For 75 years, the Jewish Federation of Madison has been raising money to enhance the lives of Jews in Madison and all around the world. It is something we come together to do every year. It is the power of the collective – the ability to make a world of difference when we stand together. Now as we prepare to usher in the New Year, we are asking for your help.

Wherever there is a Jewish community, the Federation is at work. And with your donation, so are you. Rebuilding. Supporting. Strengthening. Changing Jewish lives for the better in countless ways.

Please give to the 75th Anniversary Tzedakah campaign.

www.JewishFederation.org

Save the Date:

Jewish Federation of Madison
Annual Meeting
November 15, 2015, 4 PM
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman
Jewish Community Campus

Jewish Federation OF MADISON

The 75th Anniversary Tzedakah Campaign has Officially Begun!

Wait!!!!!!!!

How can we start the Tzedakah Campaign without a Kickoff party???

Instead of a Kickoff party, this year we are having our **75th Anniversary Diamond Gala!**

So dust off those dancing shoes and be sure to register online at www.JewishMadison.org!

See the back page ad for more information.

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Madison, Wis.
Permit No. 1341

JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON
6434 Enterprise Lane
Madison, Wisconsin 53719

Change Service Requested



Create a Jewish Legacy

The Madison Jewish Federation is currently on a campaign to enroll 75 or more members of the community to indicate their intent to leave at least part of their estate to the Jewish Federation. A non-binding statement of intent is now available – you can find a link to it on the home page of the Jewish Federation of Madison at www.JewishMadison.org or please use the form on page 31 of this edition of the *Madison Jewish News*.

Making the Federation part of your legacy is a vital way to help ensure the continued health of Jewish institutions and culture in Madison.

Larry Tabak, who recently completed his Declaration of Intent to Create Your Jewish Legacy form, explained his rationale. "Doing something now, rather than making a mental note to do it sometime in the future, is like checking off a task on a long to-do list. I simply converted the beneficiary of one of my IRAs to the Jewish Federation of Madison. This reflects the realities of my family – my children are now out of college and growing more independent and it's sensible to shift the beneficiary of a portion of my estate."

Filling out and submitting the form is not in any way legally binding. But it indicates your intent to include the Jewish Federation of Madison in your legacy. Thanks for helping us reach the goal of 75 participants!

JewishMadison.org

The central information source for the entire Madison Jewish community

Jewish Federation OF MADISON

Jewish Federation of Madison expresses its sincere appreciation to these businesses for their generous support of our website.

SILVER SPONSOR

Madison Computer Works

- Fast on-site and in-store service
- Desktop, notebook & tablet sales
- Data backup & recovery
- Malware protection & removal
- Notebook repairs & upgrades
- Network setup & troubleshooting
- Wireless networks and routers
- Cloud integration & security
- Cisco Select Certified Partner
- Microsoft® Office 365 SMB Champion

info@madisoncomputerworks.com

Ph: 608.231.8000 Fax: 608.231.8019
353 Island Drive Madison, WI 53705
www.madisoncomputerworks.com

SILVER SPONSOR

rubin's
contemporary furniture



Featuring American Leather
Comfort Sleepers

MADISON and MILWAUKEE

317 E. Wilson Street, Madison • 608.255.8998
670 S. Whitney Way, Madison • 608.274.5575

www.rubinsfurniture.com

Promote your business by becoming a Federation website sponsor

The central information source for the entire Madison Jewish community

Three annual sponsorship opportunities available:
Platinum $10,000 Gold $5,000 Silver $2,500

Website sponsorship offers you the opportunity to promote your business among our community's 6,000 members. In addition to a good business opportunity, you'll be supporting vital services that serve both the Jewish and general community.

The Jewish Federation of Madison website serves as the central information source for the entire Jewish community. More than 2,000 individuals visit JewishMadison.org each month. Members of other Jewish communities who are planning to move to Madison also depend on the Federation website for information about where to live, work, and shop.

As a Federation website business sponsor, you'll receive the following recognition in appreciation of your support:

■ Your business name and logo will be prominently displayed on the Jewish Federation website homepage. Your business logo will also link to your website.

■ Your business will be featured in an individual recognition announcement in every issue of *the Madison Jewish News,* which has a monthly circulation of 2,600 households and 6,000 individuals. The announcement will be given preferred placement and run in full color in the first few pages of the newspaper. The announcement will also include a photo of your choice, which you can change as often as you choose.

■ You'll be invited as our guest to the Federation Annual Dinner, our November event attended by our community's leaders. You'll also receive complimentary passes for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool.

Extra benefits for Platinum and Gold sponsors:

At the platinum level, your business will receive exclusive sponsorship rights for the entire website within your business category. Therefore, your organization will be the only website sponsor within your area of business.

At the platinum and gold levels, your business will receive larger logo displays on the website homepage and larger newspaper recognition announcements.



For information about becoming a website sponsor,
contact Tiz Goff, Community Outreach Coordinator,
773-620-4404 or outreach@jewishmadison.org

Scenes from the JBPR Lunch





A special thanks to Ron Luskin for interviewing Mr. Jay Loewi and moderating the groups' lively discussion.

Our next Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable event will take place later this fall.





JewishMadison.org PLATINUM SPONSOR

Community.

BMO Harris Bank is proud to support the Jewish Federation of Madison.

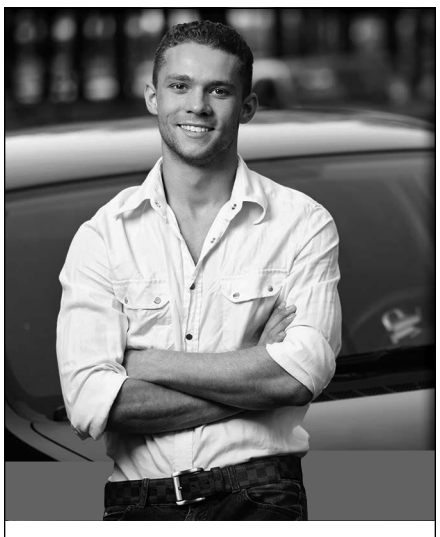
BMO Harris Bank

BMO Harris Bank N.A. Member FDIC. bmoharris.com

Laughter and Creativity Flowed at Let's Paint Night

The Let's Paint event was filled with 28 budding artists on a beautiful summer evening at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus. The artist, Theresa Kim, led the group in creating a 4-canvas painting of a Tree of Life. The group filled the building with laughter, conversation and creativity. While the print transfer of the Tree of Life was challenging for some, everyone left with a smile on their face due to the connections they made with new friends. The paintings were unique, just like the members of our amazing Jewish community.





SMART AUTO LOANS MEAN WHEEL SAVINGS

We offer car loan rates as low as 2.99% APR[1], and a choice of auto loan terms up to 72 months[2]. Whether you're buying a new or used vehicle we'll help you get your financing in place, so you're on the road quickly.

HOME SAVINGS BANK
1895 120 YEARS 2015

home-savings.com
608.282.6000

Equal Housing Lender | Member **FDIC** | NMLS# 457895

[1]APR is Annual Percentage Rate. Rate includes a 0.25% reduction for electronic payments out of a Home Savings Bank checking account. Your rate and maximum loan term may vary based on your creditworthiness. Rate accurate as of 6/15/15. Subject to credit approval. [2]Monthly payment for term and rate shown would be $15.19 per $1,000. Maximum term of loan may vary with the age of the car, and a down payment may be required. Contact us for more details.

CAMP SHALOM
SINCE 1954

Many Thanks to our Camp Shalom Raffle Donors

Dragonfly Hot Yoga
Seafood Center
Vom Fass
Seacret
Thirty-One Satchell Love
Wisconsin Historical Library
LittleomBIGOM
Nitty Gritty
Steam Plus Carpet, Tile and Upholstery
GO<ID.org
Goodman Aquatic Center
Listen to Your Mother
Society for Spinal Cord Research
Elly Sauer
The Olmstead Family
Happy Hour Crafts
Harbor Athletic Club
Gotham Bagels
Miller's and Sons
The Little Gym

We really appreciate your support!

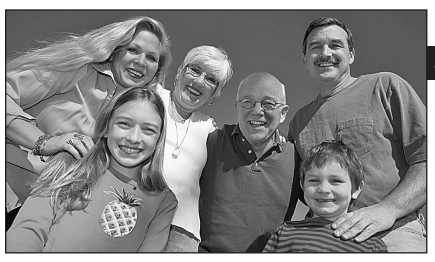


Shoes for the Whole Family!

Visit us on Facebook!

Sizes 5-15, Widths 2A-6E

30 CERTIFIED SHOE FITTERS & 7 PEDORTHISTS ON STAFF



Morgan's Shoes
Hilldale Shopping Center, Madison • 608-238-3509
www.morganshoes.com

Trust Your Feet to Morgan's Shoes

INSTY-PRINTS® *DESIGN / PRINT / SIGNS*



Graphic Design
Bindery & Finishing
Promotional Products
Direct Mailing Services
Full-Color Digital Printing
Large Format Banners & Signs
Copies, Faxes and much more!

1112 S. Park Street • Madison, WI 53715 • PH: 608.255.3922 • FX: 608.255.6926

Madison **JEWISH NEWS**

Published monthly by
JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53719
608-278-1808 | Fax: 608-278-7814
JewishMadison.org | info@JewishMadison.org

James Stein, President
Dina Weinbach, Executive Director
Laura Toso, Editor
Tiz Goff, Advertising Manager
Brenda Carlson, Advertising Design and Layout
Printing by: News Publishing Company, Inc., Black Earth

Copy deadline is at noon on the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. If the 15th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, copy must be received by noon the preceding Friday. If the 15th is on a holiday when the Federation is closed, copy must be received by noon the preceding weekday. All copy must be submitted on a CD or by email attachment to info@jewishmadison.org in Microsoft Word. Copy embedded in an email, handwritten or typed hard copy will not be accepted. Photographs may be submitted, but the preference is they arrive as an email attachment in a high definition resolution. JPEG format is preferred. Photographs embedded in an email will not be accepted. The name and telephone number of the individual submitting the copy must be included on all submissions. The Madison Jewish News and the Jewish Federation of Madison accept no responsibility for errors or omissions. All material is accepted on a space available basis, is subject to editing, and is governed by policy.

Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

Yad B'Yad Playgroup
Wednesdays, September 9th and September 30th



Join us for this traveling playgroup for children babies to 2 year old and their caregivers! Great opportunity to connect for both the little ones and their grown-ups!

For location, contact Tiz Goff, (773) 620-4404 or email outreach@ jewishmadison.org



Midrasha New Parent Info Session
Wednesday, September 9th
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison

This informative session for new Midrasha parents is the week before Midrasha classes begin. For further information, contact Ellen Weismer at (608) 278-1808 or email program@jewishmadison.org



Jewish Dialogue Sessions on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Wednesday, September 9th
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Capitol Lakes, 333 W. Main Street, Madison

Join us for a unique dialogue moderated by Harry Webne-Behrman, a professional mediator, using materials from the Jewish Dialogue Group.

Would you like to have a constructive, respectful conversation with other Jewish people whose views about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are different from your own? Are you interested in talking about your experiences, feelings, convictions, and questions in an environment that promotes mutual understanding?

To register and reserve a spot, please contact Sara at office@shamayim.org.

This program is funded by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison and co-sponsored by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Jewish Federation of Madison, Temple Beth El and UW Hillel.

Future Sessions ~ all are at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm and open to all
October 28 – Jewish Federation of Madison, 6434 Enterprise Lane
November 11 – Jewish Federation of Madison, 6434 Enterprise Lane
December 14 – Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive



Schmooze & Tunes
Fridays, September 11th thru December 4th
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Weekly music classes for very young children, between the ages of 3 months – 3 years, and their caregivers. Each week, following the music portion of class, we have schmoozing time and a delicious, homemade challah snack. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

Register online at www.JewishMadison.org. For more information, contact Rachel at gan@jewishmadison.org or call (608) 278-1808.

Jewish Federation of Madison 75th Diamond Gala
Saturday, October 17th
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Madison Marriott West

Join us for this wonderful event as we celebrate 75 years with dinner and dancing! See more details on the back page. To register for this event, go to www.JewishMadison.org or call (608) 278-1808.

75th Diamond Anniversary GALA

Madison Marathon Run2Gether Team
Sunday, November 8th, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

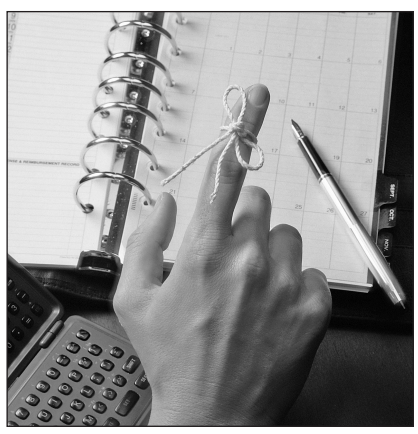
Join our team and 10 visiting Israeli marathon runners! Get 10% off registration by joining the Federation Marathon Delegation. Sign up for either the half or full marathon at www.madisonmarathon.org.

Stay tuned for more activities for runners and non runners the week of November 4th-11th! For more information, contact Israel@jewishmadison.org



Jewish Federation of Madison Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 15th, at 4 p.m.
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus

Join us as we highlight the successes of the past year. Other business includes the election of the Board of Directors and Officers.



Legislative Update from the Wisconsin Jewish Conference

By Michael Blumenfeld

Governor Walker signed the 2015-17 state budget into law on July 12, one day before announcing his presidential run. He issued over 100 vetoes to the two-year spending plan.

As the Legislature begins to re-convene for the fall legislative session, topics to watch include: a potential ban on the sale and use of fetal body parts, which if enacted, UW-Madison believes could halt biomedical research currently conducted on campus; a new legislative initiative to address dementia; and additional public assistance reforms.

Items signed into law as part of the state budget that we identified as priorities for the Jewish community include:

Long-term Care Redesign: Between now and April 1, 2016, the state's Department of Health Services will develop a plan to re-vamp Family Care and IRIS, two Medicaid programs that provide services to people with disabilities and the elderly. As a result of these changes, it is very likely that national, for-profit insurance companies will begin operating these two programs. The new version of Family Care will be available statewide by January 1, 2017—this means that individuals with disabilities and older adults living in Dane County will no longer receive services from the county and instead transition to the statewide Family Care program.

BadgerCare Plus coverage for childless adults: The Department of Health Services will submit a request to the federal government to implement several changes to BadgerCare Plus eligibility for childless adults, including: a 48 month enrollment cap, monthly premiums and a requirement to undergo a yearly health assessment. Individuals engaging in "high-risk" behaviors will be charged a higher premium. DHS will also request permission from the federal government to require drug screening and testing for childless adults applying for BadgerCare Plus.

Drug Testing for Public Benefits: In addition to requiring childless adults applying for BadgerCare coverage to pass a drug test, the budget bill also requires drug testing for FoodShare (food stamps), W-2 for non-custodial parents, Transform Milwaukee Jobs Program, and unemployment insurance. These changes need approval from the federal government before they can take effect.

Human Trafficking Funding: The Department of Children and Families will receive $2 million to provide services to child victims of sex trafficking.

Transportation Assistance for Elderly and People with Disabilities: Provides a 1% funding increase for county assistance in the provision of specialized transportation services for the elderly and people with disabilities.

"Performing the Jewish Archive": The Unsilencing of Jewish Musicians

By Melissa Miller

What if a suitcase tucked away at the back of your closet held the key to a lost musical world? How can a once-vibrant tradition of Jewish music-making, silenced in the twentieth century by displacement and war, inspire audiences of today? The research of Teryl Dobbs, Chair of Music Education and Jewish Studies affiliate at UW-Madison, aims to revive this forgotten artistic past. Along with an international research team, Dobbs has received a $2.5 million grant from the United Kingdom's Arts and Humanities Research Council to perform rediscovered musical, dramatic and literary works by Jewish artists for modern audiences.

The grant, entitled "Performing the Jewish Archive," will fund five international performance festivals. Two of these festivals will take place in Madison, the only U.S. site chosen for the project, on August 30, 2015 and May 2-5, 2016. Works performed will include chamber music by the musical group Bach Dancing & Dynamite, as well as klezmer tunes and cabaret theater. The August chamber music concert will feature works by several Jewish composers whose destinies were determined by the Holocaust. Two of the composers, Erwin Schulhoff and Dick Kattenburg, perished in prison camps during the war. Their lively and joyful musical compositions, however, contrast starkly with their tragic fates. As Stephanie Jutt, Professor of Flute at UW-Madison and one of the musicians to play at the August concert, notes, these men were "early crossover artists" who wove the dynamic themes of American jazz into their classical works.

The May festival will focus strongly on young people's music-making, in order to bring to life the grant's central theme of *Care for the Future: Thinking Forward Through the Past*. This theme is particularly dear to the heart of Dobbs' work, as she focuses on children's musical experiences. A highlight of the concert will be a piano sonata by a 12-year-old Polish-Jewish girl named Josima Feldschuh. The daughter of a composer from Warsaw, Josima perished in the Holocaust. But now, more than a half-century later, her work has been unearthed by musicologists at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Thanks to these efforts, Feldschuh's musical voice will be heard not only in Madison, but also at the other festival sites of Leeds, England and Terezin, the Czech Republic. Additionally, the May festival will comprise a collage concert that features local musical groups such as the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Madison Youth Choir. As Dobbs explains, participating in this concert will encourage these young people to "consider their own place" in musical history.

Ultimately, the investigators on the project expect these performances to spur on the discovery of more treasures. Dobbs says that she hopes audience members will be moved to search for trunks of music and other artistic works in their own attics and continue to bring forgotten Jewish art to light.

The performances mentioned above are free and open to the public. For more information, including a concert schedule, see: www.music.wisc.edu/performing-the-jewish-archive.



Save the Date: Third Annual Sister Rose Thering, OP Jewish/Catholic Program

Thursday, October 8, 5:30 PM
Edgewood College, Washburn Heritage Room, Regina Hall, Monroe Street Campus

Hannah Rosenthal and David Bossman will lead this special evening of remembrance, conversation and learning: ***Nostra Aetate* – In Our Time: Celebrating 50 Years, Building Bridges In Our Time.**

Sister Rose Thering, OP was a woman ahead of her time for our time. She devoted her professional life of teaching and learning to enhancing the relationship between Roman Catholics and Jews. Her doctoral study was instrumental in the seminal declaration of Nostra Aetate issued by the council known as Vatican II in 1965 whose purpose was in part to heal the historic breach between the Catholic Church and Judaism.

Hannah Rosenthal is currently President and CEO of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. She worked in the State Department from 2009-2012 as the Special Envoy and head of the Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism.

David Bossman is professor of Jewish-Christian Studies and Executive Director of the Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University. Bossman knew and worked with Sister Rose at Seton Hall.

Presented by Edgewood College and UW Hillel, with support from the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

***Eden June Frank**, daughter of Justin and Jamie Frank, granddaughter of Lottie and Joel Frank*
***Judah Winston Schwartz**, son of Jeffrey and Devra Schwartz, grandson of Darlene and Stuart Schwartz*
***Rory Benjamin Sherman**, son of Adam and Sarah Sherman, grandson of Bettine and Dan Lipman*
***Eleanor Rose Talerico**, daughter of Alice and Lew Talerico, granddaughter of Nancy and Richard Peidelstein*
***Isaac Rakower Barak**, Ariel Barak and Rachel Rakower, grandson of Phillip Barack and Sara Glassman Barak*
***Madeline Rose**, daughter of Daniel Sklansky and Christine Zimmerman, granddaughter of Carol Ottenstein and Ron Sklansky*
***Theo Asher Williams**, son of Josh and Kristen Williams, grandson of Deena and Peter Williams*
***Joshua Eliaz Harris**, son of Jodi and Rob Harris, grandson of Lawrence and Beatrice Harris*

Mazel tov on the engagement of:
Elissa Brown**, daughter of Rozan and Brian Anderson, to **Nate Stewart
Diana Frank**, daughter of Holly and Fred Frank, to Adam **Poftelnek

Mazel Tov on the marriage of:
Jeremy Kane**, son of Jonathan Kane and Janet Mertz to, **Allison Young
Benjamin Frenz**, son of Janet and Bryon Frenz to, **Becky Rosenblatt

Condolences to the families of:
***Ralph Musin**, father of Ira Marc Musin*
***Archie Loeb**, father of Jan Loeb (Marc Shovers), grandfather of Sam and Ben Shovers*
***Robert Littky**, husband of Loretta, father of Wendi (Craig) Joseph, grandfather of Hannah, Talia, Benji and Ezra*
***Mary E. Flax**, mother of Marshall (Lisa) Flax, grandmother of Rebecca and Elliot Flax*
***Susan Halloway**, daughter of Harry and Bell Halloway, sister of H. Stephen (Helen) Halloway and aunt of Josh Halloway*

Hadassah Presents *Every Heart Counts: Fitness-Fun-Friends*

On Sunday, November 1, 2015, join a wonderful group of women to exercise and learn about fitness and keeping your heart healthy!

Lee Eckhardt will be our luncheon speaker. She is co-director of UW Health's Cardiac Arrest Prevention Program which is designed to understand the reasons for a heart event in a patient and to determine the best course of action to reduce risk in all family members. Dr. Eckhardt is a clinical cardiac electrophysiologist who is board certified in Internal Medicine, cardiovascular diseases, and clinical cardiac electrophysiology. In addition to her professional expertise, she is dedicated to health and fitness!

If you attend the November 1st program, you will:

- Enjoy the camaraderie of great women of all ages, interests, and styles.
- Understand how symptoms of heart attacks are different for women and men.
- Get your exercise for the day!
- Learn about nutrition for athletic performance.
- See that a heart healthy lunch can be terrific.
- Have loads of fun!

Hadassah built its first hospital in Jerusalem in 1918. Since then, Hadassah has supported health care professionals who deliver quality patient care and conduct world class medical research. Here in the United States, Hadassah groups all over the country promote healthy living through programs such as our current initiative, Every Beat Counts: Hadassah's Heart Health Program™ .

Here in Madison, we are sponsoring **"Every Heart Counts"** on Sunday, November 1, where women will gather for a fun and educational event. Much of heart disease is preventable and we would like to enable women to better understand heart disease and walk away with tools to build a healthier lifestyle.

The event will offer coffee/bagels, speakers, exercise, a healthy lunch and the guaranteed to be interesting lunch speaker, Dr. Lee Eckhardt. Registration will open on Wednesday, September 16. Go to Madison Hadassah website: http://www.hadassah.org/Madison Wisconsin, or go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison.



Lee Eckhardt

An Evening With Visiting Author Zeldis McDonough Thursday, October 22



Everyone is invited to meet Yona Zeldis McDonough, author and fiction editor for Lilith magazine, and discuss three of her most recent books. Read more about it and other Hadassah events at: www.hadassah/madison or call 608-770-6521.

"Quality Care, Compassionate Communication"
PROUD MEMBER OF THE MADISON JEWISH COMMUNITY
SONDEL FAMILY Veterinary CLINIC
MADISON MAGAZINE'S 2015 GOLD BEST OF MADISON
1848 WALDORF BLVD. | MADISON | 497-1392
WWW.SONDELFAMILYVETERINARYCLINIC.COM

Dr. Neal Katz PODIATRIST • FOOT SPECIALIST
SERVING ALL AGES AND FOOT DISORDERS
Provider for Medicare, Medicaid, Dean and Physicians Plus HMOs, Independent Insurance Carriers and Preferred Provider Networks.
NEW PRIMARY OFFICE:
664 W. Washington Avenue, Madison
ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS:
East Madison and Stoughton
608-241-0848 • www.feetbegood.com

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

Mazel Tov on the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sack
Ken and Dee Stein

Mazel Tov on the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Joseph
Ken and Dee Stein

Mazel Tov on the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner
Ken and Dee Stein

Mazel tov on the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Edelman
Ken and Dee Stein

Mazel tov on the grandson of Dan and Bettine Lipman
Ken and Dee Stein

In memory of Archie Loeb, Jan Loeb's father
Diane Seder and Bruce Rosen

Looking for a Meaningful High Holiday Experience?

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

We are located in the historic Frank Lloyd Wright auditorium of the First Unitarian Society.

Offer warm and welcoming services that combine traditional prayers and contemporary music.

Hold lively children's services and teen discussions.

Tickets are never required.

Rooted in traditional practices and contemporary customs, we believe that Judaism should be both intellectually compelling and spiritually fulfilling. We welcome interfaith couples, the GLBT community, and Jews by choice. We are a Jewish Reconstructionist and Renewal congregation.

Contact us to learn more about our children's education program, adult classes, and holiday celebrations:

www.shamayim.org or 608.257.2944.

Shaarei Shamayim
Inclusive Jewish Community

Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

Beth Israel Center

September at Beth Israel Center will be very busy! We'll celebrate the New Year and other fall holidays, finish registering students for the Melton Adult Jewish Learning Program, kick off the Talmud Torah school year and joyously welcome three young women to the Torah as b'not mitzvah!

All Beth Israel Center programs and services are open to anyone who would like to see what our traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Some events do require registration. And tickets are required for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Prospective members and students may request complimentary High Holiday tickets by contacting Elissa Pollack, Executive Director at elissa@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763.

In addition to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services (times are listed on page 17), here's some of what's going on at BIC in September and early October:

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Picnic

Friday, September 11
5:45pm
Hoyt Park, 3902 Regent Street

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors. Services begin at 5:45pm in the Hoyt Park shelter closest to Regent Street and are followed by a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Paper goods and soft drinks provided. Please bring vegetarian food to share.

Tashlich Nosh

Monday, September 14
4:00pm
Vilas Beach

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 a bit before ceremoniously casting your sins into Lake Wingra. The Tashlich service will end in time to walk to Beth Israel Center for Mincha (at 5:45pm).

Torah & Mindfulness Mini-Retreat

Saturday, September 19
2:00-5:00pm

This Shabbat afternoon mindfulness retreat will draw from *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation* by Rabbi Alan Lew. It will include opportunities for practice, as well as Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon's teaching about mindfulness, Yom Kippur liturgy and the theology of The High Holidays. The retreat is co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

Mikvah Education Programs

Sunday and Monday,
September 20 & 21
7:00pm

Rabbi Ben-Gideon will lead two nearly identical mikvah education programs – for women on Sunday and men on Monday. Come learn about mikvah traditions, explore *kavanot* (short intentional texts), have the opportunity to immerse in our beautiful new mikvah and socialize a bit.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, September 27
10:00-11:15am

Come experience family education for preschoolers at its finest! Each session includes 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 5776 sessions on your calendar: October 18, November 22, December 13, January 31, February 21, March 13, April 10, May 1.

Sukkot Celebrations

Sukkot begins on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, and there will be something happening in the BIC sukkah nearly every day!

Monday – services at 9:30am (indoors), followed by Kiddush in the sukkah

Tuesday – services at 9:30am (indoors), followed by Kiddush in the sukkah

Wednesday – Kesharim dinner for Jewish adults looking to make and deepen connections

Thursday – Happy Hour in the sukkah

Friday – Shabbat-Sukkot potluck dinner following Friday evening services

Saturday – Shabbat morning services at 9:30 (indoors), followed by Kiddush in the sukkah. After lunch, enjoy the Shabbat Afternoon Sukkah Stroll. We'll walk and nosh and schmooze from sukkah to sukkah into the evening, ending with Havdalah in the Westmorland neighborhood. Times and locations will be posted on the Beth Israel Center website.

Sunday – Hoshana Rabbah services begin at 8:15am, and the annual East Side Sukkah Hop, hosted by members of both Beth Israel Center and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, will commence later in the day.

Erev Simchat Torah Celebration

Monday, October 5

Enjoy a casual dinner at Beth Israel Center and then celebrate Simchat Torah with joyous Hakafot (dances). RSVPs will be required for dinner. Contact Beth Israel Center or subscribe to our e-newsletter for more information.

Except where noted, programs are held at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. Sunday through Friday, please enter from the parking lot (off Randall). On High Holidays, Shabbat morning and other times when we gather in the main sanctuary or social hall, you may enter from Mound Street or the parking lot.

Visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or call us at (608) 256-7763 for service schedules and other programming information.

Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning is Coming to Madison!

Beginning this Fall, the renowned Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning will be offered at Beth Israel Center. This pluralistic Jewish learning program goes far beyond one-shot lectures or short-term seminars, challenging adult Jewish learners to engage in Jewish learning in a serious and comprehensive way. Each lesson is designed to inspire and enlighten students, irrespective of their prior experience or background.

The local faculty will be Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. Classes will meet most Sunday mornings from October 11, 2015 through May 22, 2016. Thanks to an Innovation Grant from Jewish Federation of Madison, Madison students will pay only $265 for the first year, plus the cost of the reader. Regular tuition is $500 per year. To register, go to www.events.com/meltonmadison. Space is limited.

Taste the Fruits of the *New Year* with us ... Then sample what we have to offer the rest of the year!

Temple Beth El is offering High Holy Day entry cards regardless of membership for $75 per adult per holiday. Children included at no extra cost. Full-time college students and military personnel may request their complimentary entry cards.

Our congregation wishes you a sweet and happy New Year!



Temple Beth El is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism and is located at 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI 53711

TEMPLE Beth El

Learn more at www.templebethelmadison.org or call us at 608.238.3123

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Celebrate the High Holy Days with Shaarei Shamayim

Not sure where to spend the High Holy Days? Shaarei Shamayim invites you to join us for our services, potlucks, discussions, kids' programming and other events. Since its founding, we have never required visitors to purchase tickets. We want you to feel welcome, whether you are a relative of a member, a long-time friend of the congregation or a guest checking us out for the first time.

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 have 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. Bring your kids and celebrate with our community. For a full listing of our programming, please consult our website.

During the afternoon of Yom Kippur, our Yizkor service provides the 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 257-2944.

Temple Beth El

Our events listed below are open to the community. Check out our Temple Beth El website at www.templebethelmadison.org for more information on our worship times and special events. All events 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. Please contact David Hoffert, Executive Director, at 608-238-3123 or executive@tbemadison.org for membership information.

Summer Office Hours: 8:30am-4pm M-TH, 8:30am-2pm Friday.

Regular Office Hours resume after Labor Day: 9am-5pm M-TH, 9am-3pm Friday.

Our office will be closed: Monday, September 7, Monday, September 14, Wednesday, September 23, Monday, September 28, Monday, October 5.

First Day of Hebrew School: Wednesday, September 9, 2015

First Day of Religious School & Café Panim: Sunday, September 20, 2015

Join us for High Holy Days

Check out our High Holy Day season of events including apple picking, family yoga, young adult apples and honey cook-off, break the fast, as well as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services at http://www.templebethelmadison.org/high-holy-days-2015-5776/. High Holy Day entry cards are available for $75/holiday per adult. Full-time college students and military personnel may request their complimentary entry cards. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact David Hoffert, Executive Director at executive@tbemadison.org or 608-238-3123. Contact David about membership if interested.

Shabbat Dinner Get-Together

Friday, September 4 at 7:15pm
Nile Restaurant, 6119 Odana Rd.

Enjoy an informal, relaxing dinner with others who are also unwinding from the week. Come with friends or come to meet new people, we will get to know each other as we share a meal to welcome Shabbat. Please RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org. Before dinner, everyone is invited to join us at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, for pre-service Oneg Shabbat nosh at 5:30pm, Shabbat Services at 6pm.

The Selichot Experience

Saturday, September 5
7:15pm

Begin Your High Holiday Experience with Us

7:15pm — Film and High Holy Day Learning with Rabbi Biatch "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" MPAA Rating R

9:15pm — Ice Cream Social with a Build-a-Sundae Bar

10pm — Selichot Services designed to help you prepare for the coming High Holy Days. We will be changing the Torah covers to white ones during this service.

Visit our website for more info. RSVP for the evening appreciated but not required to Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org.

High Holy Day Fair and Welcome for Nicole Jahr, Director of Life Long Learning

Sunday, September 6

9:15am — Informal Meet and Greet with Nicole

9:30am — High Holy Day Fair: Choose Your Path! Explorations for all levels and ages of learners.

• "Walking the Path" Activities for Families

• Adult Expeditions Along the Pathway of the High Holy Days: Arriving at Repentance and Forgiveness

• Add Your Scroll to the Ark "Days are like scrolls…write on them only what you want remembered." To enter into the High Holy Day mindset, add your prayers and aspirations for the future on your personal and private scroll, and place it in the Goodman Sanctuary ark.

10:35am — Welcome Ceremony for Nicole Jahr, Director of Lifelong Learning

10:50am — Eat & Greet with Nicole Jahr

Sisterhood Gift Shop open from 9:15am — 11:30am

No charge, but please RSVP by August 28, 2015 online or to Aleeza Hoffert, Director of Community Engagement at engage@tbemadison.org or 608-238-3123. Visit our website for more info.

Pre-Rosh Hashanah Picnic Lunch & Apple Picking

Sunday, September 13 at 11am
Eplegaarden, 2227 Fitchburg Rd., Fitchburg

Come and pick apples for your Rosh Hashanah table with us. Please bring lunch for your family. Meet at the picnic tables at 11:00am and we will go pick apples together, take a hayride and then all meet back to enjoy our lunches and conversation. Each family is responsible for purchasing the fruit they pick. Please let Aleeza know you're coming at 608.238.3123 or engage@tbemadison.org

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Film Series

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel committee started a 5 film series in August. All films are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Doors Open at 7:00pm, with movies beginning at 7:15pm. Israeli snacks provided. See full description of the September film in nearby article.

Wednesday, September 16, "Lady in Number 6"

Wednesday, October 21, "Munich"

Wednesday, November 18, "Ruth"

Wednesday, December 16, "Noodle"

Like Us on Facebook!

Friends of Jewish Federation of Madison can get timely programming updates, tell us what you "like," and spread the word about the work we do with your generous support. See photos from recent events, add yours to our albums, encourage friends to join you in supporting Jewish Federation of Madison, and more. Find us at **www.facebook.com/jewishmadison**.

Pizza, Havdalah and Mini Golf

Saturday, September 19
6pm Pizza Dinner | 6:30pm Havdalah and Mini Golf (Practice range option too)
Vitense Golfland
5501 West Schroeder Road

Welcome Back from summer! Join us! All ages welcome. Register on our website or with Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org.

Tots and TUnes

2015 Sundays ~ Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 22 & Dec. 6
2016 Sundays ~ Feb. 7, Feb. 28, Mar.13 & Apr. 3

9:30am-10:30am in the Adult Lounge

Fun for all children, newborns to 5 year olds!!!

There will be singing, crafts, challah and juice. Come hang out with leaders Lynn R., Sarah P. and Kenny L. as they teach the tots about Shabbat and Jewish holidays through songs and crafts!

Pizza & Sukkah Decorating

Sunday, September 27 at 11:30am

Add your personal touch! Beautify our sukkah!

Co-sponsored by Men's Club. $5/person, $15 max per family. Register online or to Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org

Sukkot Service

Sunday, September 27 at 6pm

Shalom Sukkot Preschool Program

Tuesday, September 29
9:30am-10:30am

Singing, crafts, story time & snack! Come smell an etrog, shake the lulav, and so much more.

Come with your preschooler and join us for a fun-filled holiday-themed hour.

Meal for Porchlight Men's Shelter

Wednesday, September 30

Lend a helping hand as we prepare and serve a meal for the Porchlight Men's Shelter. See our website for more info.

Grades 9-12

For questions about MaTTY, our High School Youth Group, please contact Naomi, at matty@templebethelmadison.org.

Annual Rosh Hashanah Gift Bag Donation for the Madison-area senior citizens:

Sunday, September 13th from 11am-2pm at a home in Madison. This event is a joint Madison area youth group event. RSVP to matty@templebethelmadison.org by Tuesday, September 8.

Party in the Sukkah with MaTTY!
Saturday, September 26 at 6:30pm
At a private home in Middleton

Join MaTTY, Temple Beth El's high school youth group, as we kick off the new school year! We will build and decorate a sukkah, enjoy a delicious vegetarian potluck dinner, and roast marshmallows in the campfire. The event is open to all 9th-12th graders! This is a great first event for new members because we will all be kicking off the new year together.

RSVP online or to matty@templebethelmadison.org by Tuesday, September 22.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor (20- & 30-Somethings)

Madison's Jews' Next Dor ("dor" means "generation" in Hebrew) is for the Jewish 20- & 30-somethings in and around Madison. We're open to all young adults and organized through Temple Beth El (http://www.templebethelmadison.org)

Apples & Honey Cook-off Shabbat

Friday, September 11 at 6:30pm
Private home near Monroe Street

Show off your culinary talents. Enter Madison's Jews' Next Dor's Apple and Honey Cook-off. Everyone present will be judges and enjoy our apple and honey themed-dinner.

Be sure to carefully read the rules at www.templebethelmadison.org/our-community/young-adults/ in advance, to ensure your dish qualifies for judging. No competition would be complete without prizes, but you must enter to win.

Of course, you can come welcome in Shabbat with us and wish your fellow Jews' Next Dor friends a sweet new year, without entering a dish. Please bring beverages (doesn't have to be apple and honey-themed).

RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org for the address.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, September 17 at 7pm
Check our website for location.

Hungry and ready to mingle? All 20- and 30-somethings of the Jewish community are invited to meet, greet; and eat our way through a tasty family-style dinner together. Dinner will be $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org.

Temple Beth El's Kesher Israel Committee Presents: The Lady in Number 6

Date: Wednesday, September 16
Location: Temple Beth El lounge
Doors open: 7:00pm
Show starts: 7:15pm
Discussion follows the movie. Free snacks and schmooze time included.
Run time: 38 minutes
Rating: Highest Rated: Open to All

The Lady in Number 6 is a short, Oscar winning documentary (86th Academy Awards) which tells the story of 109-year-old Alice Herz-Sommer, a Prague-born concert pianist who survived Theresienstadt. Alice says she survived the concentration camp due to her love of music and her positive outlook on life. Alice lived for forty years in Israel before migrating to London in 1986. The "Lady in Number 6" refers to her North London apartment where she continued to live until her death on February 23, 2014.

Dana Stevens, Slate movie critic, stated, "This documentary has been referred to as '38 minutes of pure joy'… Please forget all about the Oscars and just see it."

Exciting New Staff and Programs at UW Hillel

By Jennifer Jennings

A new school year has begun, and UW Hillel is excited to announce several additions to our staff and new initiatives. UW Hillel is gearing up for another year filled with holiday celebrations, student-led events and exciting programming.

Welcome our new staff

UW Hillel welcomes three new staff members this fall: Amy Kasmir, Assistant Director of Programming, Adam Polacek, IACT Coordinator-Birthright Israel and Shirly Gill-Raiz, Israel Fellow.

Amy Kasmir moved to Madison from Washington DC where she worked at The George Washington University as well as the Institute of International Education. A native of the Philadelphia suburbs, Amy holds an Honors B.A. in Media Studies from Penn State University's College of Communications and The Schreyer Honors College. In addition, she received her M.A. in Higher Education Administration from The George Washington University's Graduate School of Education and Human Development. In her free time, Amy enjoys reading, traveling, engaging in anything pop culture and spending quality time with her husband, Jeff, and dog, Charlie.

Originally from Orlando, Florida, Adam Polacek was a proud brother of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity at the University of Florida. Adam majored in Sociology with a concentration in Business. After college, Adam lived in Israel where he worked as a MASA English teaching fellow in Netanya. He is excited to be in Madison taking on his new role as IACT Coordinator, recruiting for Birthright Israel. Adam loves to play basketball and is a huge Orlando Magic fan.

Shirly Gill-Raiz (Israel Fellow) was born and raised in Jerusalem. She has a B.A. in International Relations and History of the Jewish Nation from Hebrew University. Now she is in the middle of getting her M.A. in Conflict Resolution. She worked as a foreign writer for an Israeli newspaper and website and in the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel's operation room (SPNI). Shirly is married to Daniel, the Madison community Shaliach, and enjoys dancing, listening to music and learning about new places and cultures.

New Initiatives

UW Hillel is pleased to announce three grant-funded initiatives this fall that will enhance programmatic offerings. For information regarding any of the following opportunities, please contact Rabbi Andrea Steinberger at asteinberger@uwhillel.org.

The Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory, supported by the Covenant Foundation, is now accepting applications. This year will mark the third year of the Jewish Artists' Laboratory. The Madison Jewish Artists' Lab program will select a cohort of artists. The Laboratory will meet twice monthly at UW Hillel. These meetings — facilitated by UW Hillel faculty and outside experts — will include opportunities for Jewish text study, discussions of topics and themes relating to Jewish art, and occasions for critical evaluation of participants' work. An exhibit of participants' work will be mounted in late spring 2016. Applications are now open.

Thanks to the generosity of a private donor and the Shalom Hartman Institute, UW Hillel will offer the IEngage Fellowship. IEngage is a year-long program intended to promote thought leadership about Israel. The program is intended for student leaders who are ready to engage in a values-based discussion about Israel, Jewish aspirations for a nation-state, and challenges within and outside of the Jewish people to the reality of a Jewish homeland. Students will participate in a total of six seminars throughout the school year and spend a week in Israel studying at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Jewish Geography: The Jewish Learning Fellowship is generously supported by the Daniel M. Soref Charitable Trust. Jewish Geography is a 10-week seminar for undergraduate students who are intellectually curious and interested in learning more about their heritage. The fellowship will grapple with questions of Jewish identity, values, and responsibility.

Updates from Adamah Neighborhood Table

Adamah Neighborhood Table reopened on August 17 to much fanfare. With a new chef, Jason Kierce, at the helm and new staff in the kitchen and in the café, UW Hillel is very excited about the new year. Jason previously worked at Graze, Liliana's, Blue Marlin, Johnny Delmonico's and Cento before signing on with Blue Plate Catering. Adamah Neighborhood Table has launched a meal plan program especially for Statesider residents in addition to regular customers. For more information, visit www.adamahmadison.com. In addition, students are excited to find Adamah's grab and go items available at Gordon Commons, a UW-Madison dining room.

Join us for the High Holidays!

UW Hillel welcomes community members to join us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We will be offering Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Services; registration and tickets are required for community members who plan to attend services. The cost of tickets for each holiday is $180; if you plan on attending both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, tickets are $250. Individual meals are $18 for adults, $10 for youth ages 6-18, and $5 for children ages 1-5. Please register for services and meals on our website www.uwhillel.org.

Best wishes to the entire Madison community for a healthy, successful year ahead.



New Hillel staff Adam Polocek, Amy Kasmir, Shirly Gill-Raiz, plus community Shliach Daniel Gill.

Challahgram

Save the Date! Challahgrams are coming back! Please mark Friday, October 9th as the day you can send a Challah from UW Hillel's Challah For Hunger to a family member, friend, coworker, or anyone else in the Jewish community! More details to follow.



Please contact Tiz Goff outreach@jewishmadison.org or 773-620-4404 for more information.

JAM (Jewish Adults of Madison)

is a monthly adult group who meets to socialize, learn, travel and attend entertainment events together now that the focus is back on them! Everyone is welcome!



With a fun open house in a member's home and a social dinner under our belts, we are ready to plan more events! Please join us! For more information, please contact Laura Felz, lefelz@charter.net or Tiz Goff, outreach@jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404.

Need Teshuvah? There's an App for That

MJCDS Sponsors Virtual Goat to Help You Prepare for Yom Kippur

Did you ever feel like taking your regrets, sins or painful memories from this past year and tossing them off a cliff?

If so, come on over to Madison's dedicated eScapegoat page http://mjcds.escgoat.com/.

Let the program guide you on a brief walk through the desert, then offload your sins to a virtual goat. Everyone's anonymous atonements will show up on our community's page.

This will be the second year that Madison Jewish Community Day School has sponsored a special goat for Madison's Jewish community.

"Part of our educational approach is to promote multiple ways of connecting with Jewish tradition and history," says Head of School Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon. "Our virtual goat will give everyone in Madison a way to prepare for the holidays that is truly unique."

"Last year was the first time we tried it. It was an oddly cathartic experience to post a shortcoming," says Ben-GIdeon. "Just the act of articulating and typing the words into the computer was a new mode of preparing for Yom Kippur for me."

Last year submissions to Madison's page came from both adults and children. They included: "Losing faith," "I'm sorry for being judgmental," and "Sometimes I'm mean to my brother."

One particularly witty poster wrote: "Sure, I'll add a few goats to the herd: impatience, judgment, vanity...whoa, ingratitude--quit chewing on my pant leg!"

The eScapegoat is a lighthearted yet meaningful way to talk about Yom Kippur. It was created in 2013 by G-dcast, a San Francisco-based new media studio with the goal of giving every Jewish child and adult the chance to learn the basics with zero barriers to entry. G-dcast has produced over 200 animated shorts and mobile apps that make Jewish stories come alive for preschoolers, teens and adults.

Tens of thousands of users have engaged with the history of Yom Kippur and placed their sins on the eScapegoat in past years. The quirky, educational app is a hit in the press, with major coverage by The Wall Street Journal, NPR, CNN, and Jewish newspapers from coast to coast and internationally.

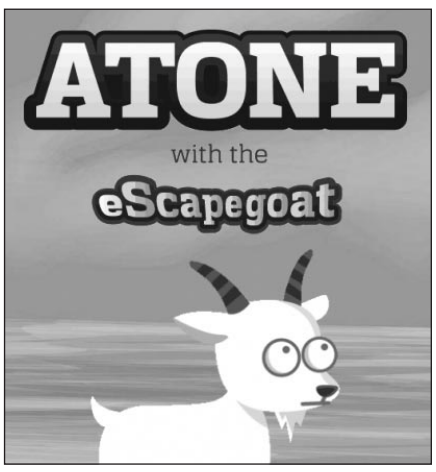
Now, the app is back for the third year, and has spawned community pages like Madison's, opportunities to examine this ritual and its modern iteration in smaller communities looking for deeper learning with a community connection.

"Despite high synagogue attendance on Yom Kippur, literacy of the scapegoat story in Leviticus 16 is very low," said G-dcast founder and executive director Sarah Lefton. "This program is a fun way to engage people in learning about a colorful and highly meaningful Biblical text that has lessons for us today about the importance of personal and communal atonement."

"All of our work makes Jewish learning easy and effortless for people from all backgrounds," Lefton explained. "But, most importantly, eScapegoat is fun and lets you connect with others around your regrets, no matter how tame or edgy they are."

Madison Jewish Community Day School's webpage will also include a link to the goat, at www.mjcds.com.

MJCDS is a K-5 Jewish elementary school. Our outstanding curriculum of both general and Jewish studies is taught by experienced, highly-qualified educators in a caring Jewish environment.



MJCDS educators challenge and nurture each student, fostering curiosity, independent thinking, leadership skills and a lifelong love of learning. Contact info@madisonjewishdayschool.com or www.mjcds.com for more information.

FREE GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES
when you place an ad in
Madison Jewish News!
Contact Tiz Goff at
outreach@jewishmadison.org

Madison Mallards
Warner Park "Duck Pond"
2920 N. Sherman Ave.
Madison, WI. 53704
608-246-4277
mallardsbaseball.com

The Shoe Box
Black Earth, WI
1314 Canal St.
Black Earth, WI. 53515
608-767-3447
Visit The Bargain Box Across the street!
Steve Schmitt - Owner
theshoebox.com

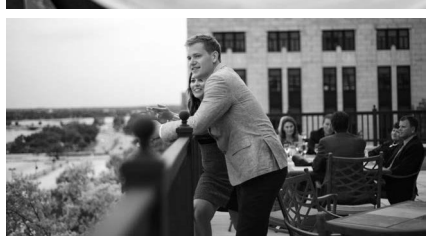
All Star Fun Rookies Food & Spirits
Hwy 14 & 78 North
Mazomanie, WI. 53560
608-767-5555
rookiesfood.com

No carpet we remove will end up in a landfill.
– Jim Garner, CEO
Sergenian's has diverted over 8 million pounds of carpet waste from our local landfills since February 2007.
Sergenian's 85 Years FLOOR COVERINGS
Wisconsin's first and only comprehensive carpet reclamation program.
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL INTERIORS SINCE 1930.
Mon. & Thurs. 9:30-8 • Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:30-5:30
Sat. 9:30-4 • Sun. 12-4
2805 W. Beltline Hwy at Todd Drive
Sergenians.com • 608-271-1111



NOTHING COMPARES TO
THE MADISON CLUB
A PLACE TO MEET AND RETREAT FOR YOUR NEXT SPECIAL EVENT
• Elegant meeting spaces • On-site catering and event planning
• Personalized service • Enviable downtown location





THE MADISON CLUB
5 E Wilson Street Downtown Madison
www.madisonclub.org 608-255-4861
Photos courtesy of Tim Fitch Photography, Paulius Musteikis, MThree Photography, and Jenna Kutcher

Assisted Living as exceptional as you



Set atop the highest point in Madison, Coventry Village invites you to view assisted living in a whole new way.
Warmth & Hospitality
With moments that surprise and delight
Health & Wellness
Lifestyle360 programs for happier, well-rounded days
Dining & Nutrition
Five Star Dining Experience, filled with flavor and flexibility
Call 608-829-0603 for a tour.

COVENTRY VILLAGE
FIVE STAR SENIOR LIVING
7710 South Brookline Drive • Madison, WI 53719
608-829-0603
www.CoventryVillageWI.com
©2015 Five Star Quality Care, Inc.

Jewish Social Services

A Beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Madison www.jssmadison.org

Volunteer for Jewish Social Services!

Add something special to your life – Volunteer for Jewish Social Services. Volunteer application at www.jssmadison.org/becoming-volunteer or call 608-442-4083 for information

Our mission: Our dedication to service will improve the quality of life and maintain the dignity of our clients in a compassionate and caring atmosphere. Volunteers will enhance the ability of the agency to achieve its overall mission.

Friendly Visitors develop on-going, one-to-one relationships with a senior or person with disabilities in a nursing home, assisted living facility or living in his or her own home. Volunteers uniformly say that this is a very rewarding activity that brings meaning and a wealth of feeling to their lives. *Commitment is about an hour a week for a minimum of six months.*

Bikur Holim means visiting those who are sick. The Talmud says that such a visit removes 1/60th of the person's illness, but really the good that is done through a simple visit is immeasurable.

A la Carte Volunteering

Choose "single servings" of volunteer opportunities if that's what best fits your life.

Driver Connection volunteers provide rides to appointments and community events. You'll only be called when we need you, and you only drive when you're available.

OddJobbers: The really easy way to be really helpful! Can you change light bulbs and hang a few pictures? Program a remote control? Reach something high? OddJobbers do these and similar tasks for seniors and people with disabilities. To be an OddJobber, you don't need to be able to do everything; you just have to like being helpful.

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 Louise Goldstein at 608-608-278-1808, ext. 227 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!

Deducting Expenses Incurred while Volunteering

Some expenses incurred during volunteer work are deductible. Volunteers should keep records and save receipts for these expenses. Check with your tax advisor about these deductions.

Thank you

JSS would like to thank the anonymous donor who had a case of Ensure sent to us for a client undergoing chemotherapy. We don't know your name, but we thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

JSS Job Opportunity: Volunteer Program and Senior Group Program Specialist

Jewish Social Services (JSS) is looking for a dynamic individual to lead our agency's volunteer program and develop and implement our senior group programs. The position is responsible for developing volunteer activities, recruiting, screening, scheduling, training and supervising volunteers for all programs. In addition, as the Senior Group Programs Specialist, this person will staff various programming committees as well as be responsible for designing, marketing, coordinating and implementing all senior group programs.

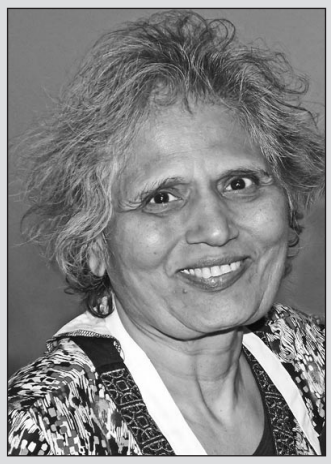
Self-motivation, attention to detail and excellent organizational and inter-personal skills are a must; volunteer management and group programming experience recommended.

This is a full-time position that reports to the Executive Director. Position requires travel in personal vehicle; valid driver's license required. The position is available in December, 2015. For a more complete job description, go to www.jssmadison.org org or contact the office at 608-278-1808.

Lechayim Volunteers Stay Connected

Volunteer Harsha Keister also has this to say about Lechayim, which meets on most Mondays during the academic year: "I come to Lechayim because I feel connected and there is a strong support from staff, volunteers and participants."

How about a weekly commitment that still allows you the flexibility you need in your schedule? We will accommodate your appointments, work schedules, emergencies, vacations and extended time away during the winter. You will have fun and get to know some remarkable people.



"It's a lot of fun and very rewarding ... each hug, smile is dear to me.

~Harsha Keister, Volunteer at Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus

Volunteers set up, serve, clear, welcome participants, lead Yoga from a Chair or take blood pressures, socialize with participants and make sure that everyone feels welcome and included. Volunteers arrive at different times and stay for varying amounts of time within the 11:00-2:00 time frame, depending on their tasks; most volunteers do not stay the whole time. Training is provided in preventing cross-contamination, emergency procedures, customer service and other topics.

The first Lechayim this fall is on September 21, 2015. Contact us now to get in at the beginning! You can read more Lechayim volunteers' comments at www.jssmadison.org/volunteer/volunteer-projects.



EXPERIENCE A HIGHER STANDARD OF CARE

› Personalized, RN Plan of Care
› Certified Nursing Assistants
› Flexible Schedules
› No Contract
› Personal Care
› Meals & Medication Reminders
› Light Housekeeping
› Errands & Shopping

BrightStar Care®
A HIGHER STANDARD OF HOME CARE
608 441 8620 · www.brightstarcare.com
Independently Owned & Operated

Celebrating 27 Years!
SprintPrint
Promises Delivered
Print
Large Format
Direct Mail
Graphic Design
www.sprintprint.com
(608) 277-7500
2790 S. Fish Hatchery Rd.
Madison, WI 53711

yoga • pilates • meditation
workshops • teacher training
est. 1984
www.moundstreetyoga.com
MOUND STREET YOGA CENTER
1342 Mound Street, Madison
Mention this ad and receive $5.00 off purchase of a 5 or 10 class pass

Some Scenes from the Levy Summer Series











Photos by David Lipman

Photos by Louise Goldstein





Complete financial solutions.

At Baird, we have the deep expertise to address your complete financial picture. From investment and estate planning services to preparing for a child's education or your retirement, our talented professionals have the breadth of skills and experience to help you achieve great outcomes – and the commitment and caring you want at every step along the way.

The Laufman Brown Group
Private Wealth Management

Mark D. Laufman
Managing Director

June H. Brown
Financial Advisor

Richard M. Rieder
Assistant Vice President
Senior Client Specialist

Nicole L. Thomas
Client Specialist

Baird
8000 Excelsior Drive, Suite 302
Madison, WI 53717
608-831-1100 . 800-888-4792

BAIRD
Private Wealth Management

Baird does not offer legal advice.
©2015 Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated. Member SIPC. MC-44199_A.

Quality of Life
for your Loved One

- Companionship (including cueing, monitoring and activities)
- Care Management
- Meal preparation and clean up
- Light housekeeping and laundry
- Medication reminders
- Personal care (bathing, dressing and grooming assistance)
- Assistance with walking
- Running errands and driving to appointments
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Care
- Up to 24-hour Care and Live-in
- RN Supervised, Bonded & Insured
- Much more



SENIOR Helpers®
Care and comfort at a moment's notice.
FREE In-Home Assessment
608-729-5365
www.seniorhelpersmadison.com

Here's an easy way to make a charitable gift that costs you nothing today:

INCLUDE A BEQUEST TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON IN YOUR WILL



For more details about how to leave a bequest, please contact Dina Weinbach, 608-278-1808 x4070 or email: dina@jewishmadison.org.

By simply including this one sentence in your will, you can enrich our community and help those facing hardship around the world for generations to come:

I give $_____ [or____% of my residuary estate] to the Jewish Federation of Madison, Wisconsin.

- If you already have a will, you can easily add this charitable bequest with a supplement, called a codicil.
- If you need to make major changes to your will, you can include this charitable bequest in your updated document.
- If you don't have a will, now's the time to make one to ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes, not by strict state intestacy laws. And if you have minor children, a will is essential to ensure that they're cared for by someone you choose, not by a court appointed guardian.

BETHKE
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.

251.2222
Emergency Service 24/7



Furnaces • Boilers • Air Conditioners
Humidifiers • Duct Cleaning
Preventative Maintenance Plans

bethkeheating.com

We all win when you THINK LOCAL FIRST!

Dane Buy Local™

danebuylocal.com

A walk in the woods led me to ...



the front row.

OAKWOOD VILLAGE
UNIVERSITY WOODS
Life's explorations continued.

Life at Oakwood Village University Woods offers an array of opportunities for cultural pursuits. In our Center for Arts and Education, you'll enjoy plays, speakers and musical performances – including recitals and concerts given by accomplished performers. You'll also find opportunities to discover and share your own talents through writers' groups, art classes and more.

Call today to schedule a personal appointment and discover what's waiting for you at Oakwood Village: 608-230-4266. Or visit us online at www.oakwoodvillage.net.

Oakwood Village University Woods • 6205 Mineral Point Road • Madison, WI 53705

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Find us on Facebook

Happy New Year!

A people who have been around as long as we have know a thing or two about bringing in the new year. We know that it's not only about celebration. It's about reflecting on our past year and resolving to be kinder and more generous in the coming one.

And here's a sure way to do that – give to the Jewish Federation of Madison. You'll be nurturing and sustaining our people wherever they're in need. Helping thousands to connect to their Jewish identity wherever there's a longing. Sweetening the new year for our entire global Jewish community.

Please give as generously as you can. You'll make 5776 very sweet indeed!



Jewish Federation OF MADISON

THE **STRENGTH** OF A PEOPLE.
THE **POWER** OF COMMUNITY.

www.JewishMadison.org
(608) 278-1808

Rosh Hashanah

A Time To Reflect and Renew



Titchadeish – Greeting for a Year of Renewal

By Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon

Beth Israel Center

Are we grateful enough? Do we express thanks enough for the ways in which we are blessed? Despite living in a world of relative physical hardship, the rabbis who created our ritual traditions were inspired to create many opportunities for us to express our gratitude.

Most of these opportunities are comprised of blessings that we are meant to say when we enjoy the fruits of our world—*Hamotzi*—or participate in the ritual life of our people—Kiddush. If we wear an article of clothing for the first time, we can say the blessing Sh'hechiyanu. And if I am standing next to you when you say any of these blessings, I will respond Amen, I agree!

There is, however, another option. When we see a friend enjoying a new garment of clothing, we can go beyond saying Amen by saying to them *Titchadeish*, may you be renewed. This beautiful expression tells our friends and family that we hope they are renewed through their new acquisitions.

This tradition began at least in the middle ages around the occasion of acquiring a new garment, and its use has spread such that it is now a common way to respond to someone who tells you about a significant purchase. This does not apply to buying more floss when we run out, it is meant for significant purchases that we intend to have an impact upon our lives.

This Rosh Hashanah, our Beth Israel Center family will say *Titchadeish* to one another as we celebrate these holidays in our new building for the first time. We will be expressing to ourselves and to one another our hope that the hard work we have seen realized before our eyes has its

(Continued on page 18)

Community, Ritual, Justice and Torah

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

This past June Shaarei Shamayim celebrated its 25th anniversary and welcomed a new Torah into the congregation. Watching our members complete the last letters of the scroll was an incredibly moving experience. The writing of this Torah, unique in that it is only one of a dozen written by a *soferet* – a female scribe, meant a great deal to our community. Our desire to commission this Torah is rooted in our belief that liberal Jewish communities can and should learn from knowledgeable teachers, take ownership of traditional Jewish rituals and practices, and make them our own. Over the years we have been inspired to see our Torah not only as an ancient text but also as a living text, a sacred object that can move us to care for others and work for justice.

Our community's connection to Torah is varied – we respect its history, chant its words on Shabbat, debate the interpretations of its teachings, gravitate to its aesthetics, and commit to living by its principles. Over the years I have continually witnessed the deep connection that our members have developed for Torah – and how being in community fosters that love of Torah.

No wonder this was such an important undertaking for our community. Too often in Jewish life only a select

(Continued on page 18)

A Good and Sweet Year, A Year of True Peace

By Rabbi Yona Matusof

Chabad Lubavitch

We are ushering in the year 5776, a year of *Hakhel* — the special Mitzvah which was observed once in seven years, in the post-Shemittah [Sabbatical] year. It required the gathering (*"Hakhel"*) of the people, men, women, and children, in the *Beth Hamikdosh* [Holy Temple], for the purpose of strengthening and stimulating them in their adherence to Torah and Mitzvos.

Like all matters of Torah, the precept of *Hakhel*, too, is reflected in various aspects of the daily life. One such aspect will be the subject of this message — in connection with the present days of introspection leading to resolutions which are the prerequisites for the new and better year in all respects.

The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson OB"M, shared the following insight: "The significance of *Hakhel*, in a spiritual sense, is that it indicates and demands to take account of and the gathering of all one's thoughts, words and deeds, in order to orientate them toward, and place them in, one's inner *"Beth Hamikdosh"*, with wholehearted submission to the King's command — the Will of GD.

This year, we must undertake a special "stock-taking" in the spirit of Hakhel, with a firm resolve to:

Change those thoughts, words, and deeds in the daily life which require a change;

Repair and improve those which require more perfection;

And instill more enthusiasm and vitality, to the extent of realizing the full revelation of GDliness in the personal life, in the environment, and in the world at large.

Although at first glance it may appear that an action in the past is no longer under human control: the past is gone, and no person can retrieve it and alter it

(Continued on page 18)

May This Year Be One of Health, Happiness and Contentment

By Rabbi Jonathan Biatch

Temple Beth El

From my family of Joshua, Samantha, and Rabbi Bonnie Margulis, and from the family of Temple Beth El, we send greetings and love for the New Year to come to the readers of the *Madison Jewish News*! May this year be one of health, happiness, and contentment!

At this time of year, the most prevalent form of Jewish expression is prayer. But just what is worship?

There is the venerated fable of the boy who knew no Hebrew word, prayer, or concept. Yet he used his flute in the sanctuary, to the joy of the Rabbi and the consternation of the assembled, to offer his prayer.

So how might we offer our prayer at this New Year holiday, and in the year to come? What will be our expression of worship?

To worship is to stand under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in the sunlight, or a grain of sand, and be completely in awe of these creations.

To worship is to work with dedication and skill. It is also to pause from work and listen to a strain of music. And it is to be cognizant of the human ability to participate in the acts of life.

To worship is to seek communion when one is lonely. We are thirsty for companionship, and we cry out for the rain of friendship.

To worship is to ignite fire in our heart and soul. We move through deeds of kindness toward acts of love.

To worship is to accept the mystery within us reaching out to the mystery beyond. It is living with a silence that yearns to speak. It is to open the window of the moment to the sky of the Eternal.

May our lives be full, and may we indeed have a year of fullness and peace!

Rabbi Jonathan Biatch is the rabbi at Temple Beth El.

Removing the Stumbling Blocks in the New Year

By Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

Hillel at the University of Wisconsin

It is my honor to bring greetings from the Steinberger family and all of the staff at the Hillel at the University of Wisconsin, Madison to the Madison Jewish community as we approach a New Year.

We are beginning to notice that the long summer days are getting shorter, and darkness is coming earlier each night. For Jews, the shortened length of each day reminds us that the High Holy Days are approaching. These days are our opportunity to view the world with a sense of awe and the desire to change. The days of awe motivate us to take a closer look – at ourselves as individuals; and at the world, with its marvels and its limitations.

One way to get ourselves to this point of introspection is to take a closer look at the Torah readings for these days. On Yom Kippur we read from the Book of Torah called Leviticus. The purpose of these readings is to teach us that each of us has the opportunity to be holy. Each of us has the capacity to bring holiness into our lives and into the lives of those around us. Every act, great or small, can bring us closer to holiness.

In the afternoon of Yom Kippur, and the climax of the day, Reform Jews read the Torah verse "You shall not insult the deaf nor place a stumbling block before the blind" (Leviticus 19:14). In Hebrew, the sin of placing a stumbling block before a blind person is referred to as *lifnei iver lo sitten michshol* (before the blind do not place a stumbling block), or succinctly as *lifnei iver*.

(Continued on page 19)

Shanah Tova שנה טובה

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah:
Erev – Sunday, September 13, 2015
First Day – Monday, September 14, 2015
Second Day – Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Yom Kippur:
Kol Nidre – Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Yom Kippur Day – Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Please call in advance for admission and ticket policies

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

Selichot (Sunday, September 6)
8:00 PM .....Selichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah
5:45 PM .....Services

Rosh Hashanah (First and Second Days)
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM .....Services
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM .....Youth Program
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM .....Preschool Family Service

Tashlich (First day only Monday, September 14)
4:00 PM .....Tashlich at Vilas Beach

Kol Nidre
6:00 PM .....Services

Yom Kippur
9:00 AM ..... Services
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM ..... Youth Program
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM .... Preschool Family Service
4:15 PM ..... Mincha
7:55 PM ..... Final Shofar
Break Fast sponsored by the Board of Directors

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

Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:00 PM .....Reform
6:00 PM .....Conservative
6:00 PM .....Orthodox
7:00 PM .....Dinner

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
10:00 AM .....Reform
9:00 AM/ 6:30 PM .....Conservative
9:00 AM/ 6:30 PM .....Orthodox
12:30 PM.....Lunch
5:30 PM ..Tashlich on Lake Mendota for all Services
7:00 PM.....Dinner

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
9:00 AM .....Conservative
9:00 AM .....Orthodox
12:30 PM.....Lunch

Erev Yom Kippur (Tuesday, September 22)
5:30 PM .....Dinner

Kol Nidrei
6:30 PM .....Reform
6:30 PM .....Conservative
6:30 PM .....Orthodox

Yom Kippur
10:00 AM/6:00 PM .....Reform
10:00 AM/5:45 PM .....Conservative
10:00 AM/5:45 PM .....Orthodox
7:50 PM .....Break the Fast

*High Holiday Meals: Students, $13/meal
Community Members: Adults, $18/meal; Youth ages 6-18, $10/meal; Children ages, 1-5 $5/meal

Chabad Lubavitch House
1722 Regent Street
(608) 231-3450
www.chabadofmadison.com

Selichot (Sunday, September 6)
12:45 AM .....Selichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah
7:00 PM .....Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
10:00 AM .....Shacharit
12:00 PM .....Shofar Blowing
2:00 PM.....Mincha
2:30 PM .....Tashlich
5:00 PM.....Shofar in the park (location TBA)
7:50 PM .....Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
10:00 AM .....Shacharit
12:00 PM .....Shofar Blowing
2:00 PM.....Mincha

Erev Yom Kippur (Tuesday, September 22)
3:15 PM.....Mincha
6:45 PM.....Kol Nidrei

Yom Kippur Day
10:00 AM .....Shacharit
12:30 PM .....Yizkor
5:15 PM.....Mincha
6:30 PM .....Neilah
7:36 PM.....Fast ends

Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive
(608)238-3123
www.templebethelmadison.org

Selichot (Saturday, September 5)
7:15 PM .....Movie and Discussion
9:00 PM .....Ice Cream Social
10:00 PM .....Selichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:00 PM .....Services
8:30 PM .....Services

Rosh Hashanah
8:45 AM .....Family Service
10:30 AM .....Service for Adults and Youth (Grades 7-12)
10:30 AM .....Youth Service (Grades 2-6)
1:15 PM (approx.).....Tashlich, Lake Wingra (Nosh to follow at TBE)

Kol Nidre
6:00 PM .....Services
8:30 PM .....Services

Yom Kippur
8:45 AM .....Family Service
10:30 AM ....Service Adults and Youth (Grades 7-12)
10:30 AM .....Youth Service (Grades 2-6)
1:30 PM .....Discussion
3:00 PM .....Afternoon Service, including Yizkor (Memorial) Service
5:30 PM.....Neilah (Concluding) Service
Break Fast after conclusion of Services

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

Erev Rosh Hashanah
5:00 PM .....Vegetarian Potluck
7:00 PM .....Services

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
9:30 AM.....Services
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 location)

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
9:30 AM.....Services
12:30 PM.....Picnic Lunch

Kol Nidrei
6:15 PM .....Services

Yom Kippur
9:30 AM .....Services
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)
2:00 PM .....Yizkor
3:00 PM .....Meditation
4:15 PM .....Avodah
6:00 PM .....Neilah
7:45 PM .....Break Fast Potluck



Jewish Federation OF MADISON

6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison
608-278-1808
www.JewishMadison.org

Beth Israel Center

Continued from page 16

intended effect, aiding in the renewal of our community.

We know that a building is not a community. We have been working very hard throughout the years of the planning and building process to remember that even if we had no building, we would be members of a wonderfully caring and thoughtful community that is dedicated to the modern living of Jewish tradition. At the same time, over these past months, I have witnessed the effect walking into our new sanctuary has had on members of our community. Their eyes go wide with amazement and with understanding of all the possibilities this new room holds for holy experiences.

When we say *Titchadeish* to one another in the coming weeks, we will express our gratitude to one another and our mutual hopes for continued communal renewal in our new spaces and in our new year. It is my honor and privilege on behalf of the entire Beth Israel Center family to wish the entire Jewish community of Madison a year of renewal and blessing.

Titchadeish!

Rabbi Ben-Gideon is the rabbi at Beth Israel Center.

RESTAINO & ASSOCIATES REALTORS

Experience. Integrity. Results.



Wishing the community a happy and healthy new year!

Steve Schwartz
ABR, CPS, SRES

- *Top Producing Madison and Dane County Agent*
- *Accredited Senior Real Estate Specialist*
- *20 Years Experience*
- *Exclusive Buyer Agency/ Exclusive Seller Agency*
- *Residential Resale, Homes, Condos, New Construction, Waterfront Property*
- *UW Madison Alum*

RESTAINO & ASSOCIATES TOP PRODUCER

Restaino & Associates Realtors
2945 Monroe Street, Madison • 608-695-4068
SSchwartz@restainohomes.com • www.SteveSchwartzrealestate.com

Chabad

Continued from page 16

— this is really not so. On the contrary, in the fullest assurance that GD watches over each and every one, and aids every good intention and deed, everyone can embark upon his or her preparedness for the New Year with complete confidence. And even if certain matters in the bygone year give cause for profound regret, there is, at the same time, the overriding joy in the realization that the Almighty has given the ability to convert even willful transgressions into accomplishments. It is also self evident that when something is done with joy and confidence, it is accomplished with a greater measure of success"

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.

Rabbi Yona Matusof is the rabbi of Chabad Lubavitch of Madison.

Shaarei Shamayim

Continued from page 16

few decide who will write the community's Torah. In our congregation the decision was a lively, communal process which allowed us to clarify our values and make decisions that reflected those values. We also felt that anyone should have the opportunity to complete the Torah, so we raffled off the honors of filling in the last letters of the Torah. With a limit of five tickets per person, completing the Torah was democratic and egalitarian.

Throughout the weekend we developed a real connection with our *soferet*, Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli, and her family. While our Jewish practices and perspectives are different, we share some fundamental values – the importance of intellectual integrity, respect for the creative process, and a willingness to break boundaries when they are inconsistent with our beliefs and lived experience.

This is what community, ritual, justice, and Torah is all about. As Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur approach, our challenge is to fully embrace these core values and practices. May Torah inspire us to think carefully, critically, and wisely. May Torah inspire us to develop a sense of mystery and to see beauty in the midst of a world plagued by war, poverty, and hatred. May Torah inspire us to challenge the world that is and to fight for the world as it ought to be.

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.

Rabbi Zimmerman is the rabbi at Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

Manna Café & Bakery

Celebrating 10 years of nourishing the soul

We thank you for your support and wish you all a happy new year!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 10

Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sat./Sun. 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

611 NORTH SHERMAN AVENUE | MADISON | 608-663-5500

www.mannacafe.com

Temple Beth El's Weekly Welcoming of Shabbat

Starting October 2, 2015

Shabbat Starts Here!

TEMPLE Beth El

- 5:30 p.m. Family Fridays Shabbat activities for kids
- 5:45 p.m. Family Fridays Shabbat service with songs & stories
- 6:15 p.m. Informal family-friendly buffet dinner provided* or bring your own
- 7:15 p.m. Shabbat greeting & gathering before the evening service
- 7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
- 8:45 p.m. (approx.) Oneg Shabbat following the service

**Pay what you can, suggested donation $5/person.*
Everyone is welcome! Come for all or part of the evening.

TEMPLE BETH EL | 2702 ARBOR DRIVE | MADISON, WI 53711 | LEARN MORE AT WWW.TEMPLEBETHELMADISON.ORG

Hillel

Continued from page 16

We might ask ourselves: Why does the Torah prohibit us from placing a stumbling block? And why in particular does the Torah mention the blind person? Was this a common action? Did people regularly try to make a blind person stumble? Because there are so many other laws that protect people who have physical disabilities, most of the ancient rabbis thought that we likely do not need to take this Torah verse literally, but rather it must teach us something metaphorically.

Most rabbinic sages would say that *lifnei iver* warns us not to give bad advice to another person. We might hear about a financial investor who has been caught knowingly giving bad advice to his clients, or a person who watches an illegal act in his organization but does nothing to stop it. These practices are prohibited in *lifnei iver* – not placing a stumbling block before the blind.

And then came Nehama Leibowitz (1905-1997), a renowned Israeli Bible scholar who made the Torah text come alive for so many of her students and continues to do so even after her death. She says about this verse:

"But the Torah teaches us that even by sitting at home doing nothing, by complete passivity and divorcement from society, one cannot shake off responsibility for what is transpiring in the world at large, for the iniquity, violence and evil there. By not protesting, not marking the …danger spots, you have become responsible for any harm arising therefrom, and have violated the prohibition: 'Thou shalt not put a stumbling block before the blind…'"

These words, written so many years ago, feel so relevant today. It feels more and more that society is becoming divided – between those that have and those that have not; between those who feel enraged and unprotected and those like me, and possibly you, who may feel like sitting home and doing nothing, who may feel a sense of passivity and detachment from others in society.

We might take these words from Nehama Leibowitz today and ruminate about them. We might ask ourselves, "What am I doing by not doing anything? What kind of stumbling block do I place before another person when I do nothing to help those who feel weak, who feel as though there is no one to protest the wrongs done to them?"

This year as our holy days of awe arrive, may we strive to remove the stumbling block that separates us – from our loved ones and from our neighbors. May we overcome the urge to succumb to passivity, to inactivity, to doing nothing when we could do something. Striving to be holy in our lives means engaging ourselves -- in our marriage, in our family, and in our community; it means removing the stumbling blocks of passivity, and agreeing to become active players in our own lives.

May we each find ourselves capable of these holy acts in the coming year. May we rejoice in our own health and in shalom for all people in 5776. L'shana tova tikateivu. May we be inscribed for a good year.

Rabbi Steinberger is the rabbi at the Hillel at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

Wishing the Jewish community a Happy and Healthy New Year

Jewish Federation OF MADISON

Copps™

PRICES EFFECTIVE 8/27 – 9/16/2015

VALID AT: 620 S. WHITNEY WAY AND 261 JUNCTION RD., MADISON AND 3650 UNIVERSITY AVE., SHOREWOOD HILLS STORES

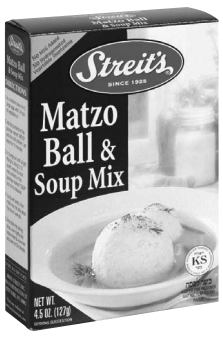
celebrate

ROSH HASHANAH

Kedem Sparkling Juice
Selected 25.4 Oz. Varieties
$2.50 WITH CARD



Streit's Matzo Ball & Soup Mix
Selected 4-6 Oz. Varieties
$1 WITH CARD

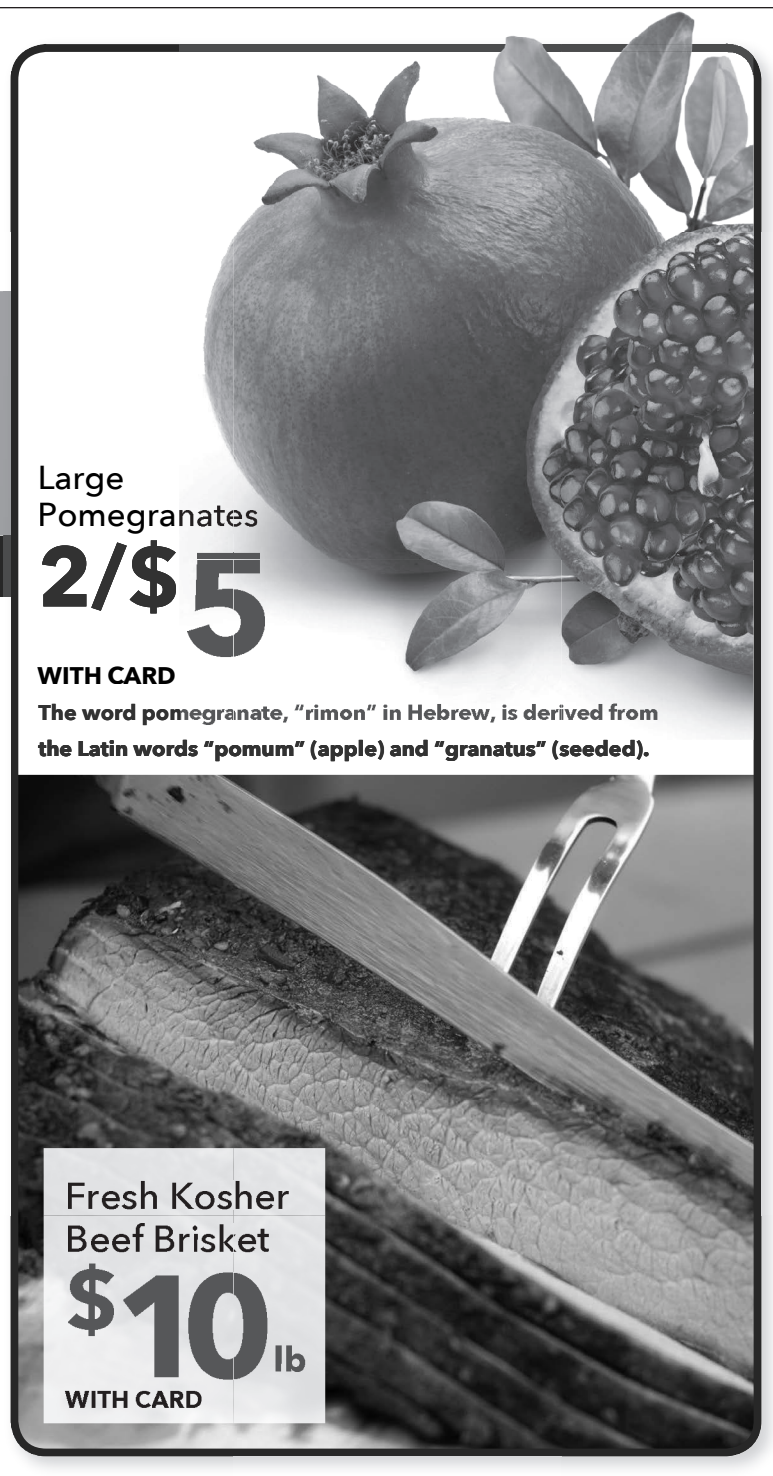




Zelda's Honey Loaf or Apple Honey Loaf Cake
14.75-15.50 Oz.
$4 WITH CARD



Kedem Apple Juice
64 Oz.
$2.50 WITH CARD



Large Pomegranates
2/$5 WITH CARD
The word pomegranate, "rimon" in Hebrew, is derived from the Latin words "pomum" (apple) and "granatus" (seeded).

Fresh Kosher Beef Brisket
$10 lb WITH CARD

SEE IN-STORE FLYER FOR MORE SPECIALS

Sweet Recipes for a Sweet New Year



On Rosh Hashanah, the focus tends to be on sweet foods, to express our hope for a sweet new year. One of the most popular and well-known food customs for this holiday is dipping apple slices in honey.

Another interesting tradition is to eat a "new fruit" on the second night of Rosh Hashanah. The meaning of this ritual is to remind us to appreciate the fruits of the earth and being alive to enjoy them. A pomegranate is often used as this new fruit. The symbolism for blessing and eating pomegranate is that we wish that our good deeds in the new year will be as plentiful as the seeds of the pomegranate.

As you gather around the table and celebrate with family and friends, perhaps you'll enjoy trying a new recipe or two with ingredients with added meaning.

Shana tovah! Wishing you a sweet new year of blessings and abundance!

Pear and Pomegranate Salad with Gorgonzola and Champagne Vinaigrette

Ingredients:
8 cups baby spinach or romaine lettuce
1 ripe pear, cut in half
1/3 cup pomegranate seeds
2 ounces Gorgonzola (or substitute another cheese)
Champagne vinaigrette (recipe follows)
Fresh cracked pepper
1 Tablespoon honey

Champagne Vinaigrette:
1/4 cup champagne vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
1 Tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
2 Tablespoons olive oil

Directions:

In a decorative bowl or platter, add the spinach or romaine. Cut the pear into fans, and then slice again on the diagonal, add the greens, crumble the Gorgonzola onto the salad and then drizzle with about half of the vinaigrette. Top with fresh cracked pepper and lightly drizzle the whole salad with the honey. Serve immediately.

Champagne Vinaigrette:

In a small bowl or glass jar, add all the ingredients except the olive oil. Mix well, then slowly drizzle in the olive oil to combine. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Pomegranate Chicken

Ingredients:
1 chicken
1 pomegranate
2 cups Pom (or similar) pomegranate juice
2 Tablespoons corn or potato starch
1 large bunch leeks, cleaned well and sliced into rounds
1-2 heads heads fennel, sliced into wedges (reserve fronds/tops and roughly chop)
1/4 bunch tarragon, chopped
salt
pepper
3/4 cup honey
2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 Tablespoons olive oil

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Remove the pomegranate seeds and discard the skin. Place the chicken in a roasting pan and sprinkle the leeks, fennel and 1/3 of the pomegranate seeds around, over it and inside the crevice. Combine the salt, pepper, olive oil and most of the tarragon and fennel fronds in a bowl and rub it all over the chicken. Mix remaining wet ingredients in the same bowl, then whisk in the corn or potato starch until smooth. Pour over the chicken and vegetables and roast for about an hour and a half or until the skin is crispy and, when pierced with a knife, the juices of the chicken run clear. Use the rest of the pomegranate seeds as a gorgeous colorful garnish together with the extra tarragon and fennel fronds.

Salmon with Leeks

Why leeks? There's a growing tradition among some Jews to include other symbolic foods that evoke wishes for G-d to bless and protect us in the year ahead. Leeks are one of those foods because the ancient Aramaic word for leeks (karsi) sounds like yikarsu, the word for "cut off" or destroy.

Ingredients:
8 medium leeks, (about 3 pounds), whites and light-green parts only, quartered lengthwise and halved crosswise (clean after cutting until no grit remains)
2 Tablespoons olive oil
Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
1-1/2 pounds salmon fillet, halved lengthwise then crosswise
Lemon wedges, for serving

(Continued on page 21)



Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!

FIRSTWEBER Group REALTORS®

Sherry Lessing • 608-828-5115

First Weber's "Top" Realtor

Your relocation specialist. Whether you're moving into, out of, or just around town.

lessings@firstweber.com • www.sherrylessing.com

MADISON TOP
One Source Marketing



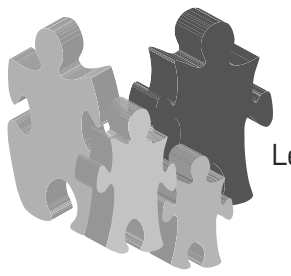
T-SHIRTS
CAPS
MUGS
SWEATSHIRTS
JACKETS
EMBROIDERY

www.madisontop.com
1-800-362-2787

Proud supplier of Camp Shalom T-shirts and accessories since 1974!

Happy Rosh Hashanah!

1111 STEWART ST., MADISON, WI 53713
608-277-9111 • Fax: 608-277-9666



J. Wexler Law S.C.
Legal solutions for families in transition

Divorce and legal separation are difficult enough without destructive, expensive court battles. There is a better way.

At J. Wexler Law, we use the collaborative model to find legal solutions for families in transition. It is a better approach for people who have been in significant relationships, especially when children are involved, because it allows people to continue to have a relationship after the formality is over. It is the least confrontational way to get the best outcome.

We apply the same principles to the other areas of family law we practice.

Cohabitation Agreements / Premarital Agreements
Grandparents' Rights / Paternity / Child Custody
Child Support / Alimony / Maintenance / Children's Rights
Post Judgement Modifications / Domestic Abuse

Janice K. Wexler
Attorney At Law

www.jwexlerlaw.com
info@jwexlerlaw.com

6702 Stonefield Road, Middleton, WI 53562
Phone 608-203-6365 Fax 608-234-5960

L'Shana Tova Tikotavu

Recipes

Continued from page 20

Directions:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. On a large rimmed baking sheet, toss leeks with oil; season with salt and pepper. Roast, tossing once, until beginning to soften, 12 to 15 minutes.

Remove leeks from oven, toss with pan juices to coat, and push to edges of baking sheet. Arrange salmon pieces in center, and season generously with salt and pepper.

Return to oven; roast until salmon is just opaque throughout, 10 to 15 minutes (depending on thickness). Serve salmon with leeks and lemon wedges.

Tzimmes

Ingredients:

9 medium carrots, (about 1 pound), peeled
4 sweet potatoes, (about 2 pounds)
1 cup bite-size pitted prunes, (about 6 ounces)
1 cup dried apricots, (about 5 ounces)
2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/3 cup fresh orange juice
1/4 cup honey
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2-1/2 teaspoons orange zest, (from one orange)
1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cut carrots into 2-inch pieces. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil, and lower heat to medium; add sweet potatoes in their skins, and cook for 20 minutes, adding the carrots after 10 minutes. Drain in a colander, and set aside until cool enough to handle.

Peel sweet potatoes, and cut into 1-inch chunks. Place in a large bowl along with carrots and remaining ingredients. Mix well, and transfer to a 2-quart baking dish.

Cover with foil, and bake for 30 minutes, basting with pan juices after 15 minutes. Remove from oven, and serve immediately.

Sour Cream Apple Coffee Cake

Ingredients:

For the topping/filling:
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
2 Tablespoons sugar
1 cup walnuts or pecans
1-1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup cake flour
4 Tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

For the cake:
4 large egg yolks
1 cup sour cream
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups cake flour
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
12 Tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
1 apple, peeled, cored and sliced into 1/4" thick wedges and tossed with 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Line the bottom of a 9" springform pan with parchment paper – grease and flour the sides and bottom.

Make the topping/filling: In a food processor combine both sugars, walnuts and cinnamon. Pulse till nuts are coarsely chopped. Remove 1/4 cup and put aside (for the filling). Add the flour, butter and vanilla and pulse briefly till mixture is crumbly. Set aside (this will be the topping).

Make the cake: In a medium bowl lightly whisk the yolks, 1/4 cup of the sour cream and vanilla. Combine the dry ingredients in a mixer bowl and beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Add the butter and remaining 3/4 cup of sour cream. Mix on low speed until dry ingredients are moistened, and increase speed to medium – beat for 2 minutes. Scrape down the sides. Add the egg mixture in 3 batches, beating for 20 seconds after each addition. Scrape down the sides.

Pour 2/3 of the batter into your prepared pan, using a small angled spatula to smooth the surface. Sprinkle with the reserved filling and top with the sliced apples. Use a spoon to dollop the remaining batter over the top and gently smooth. Sprinkle with the reserved topping.

Bake for 55 to 65 minutes, or until a cake tester comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on a rack for 10 minutes. Loosen the sides of the pan with your small metal spatula and remove. Cool completely before wrapping.

Walnut Honey Cake

Ingredients:

3 ounces walnut halves (about 3/4 cup)
Unsalted butter, room temperature, for pan
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pan
1 cup raw honey, plus 2 to 3 Tablespoons more for glaze
1 cup unsweetened applesauce
3 large eggs, room temperature
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with rack in center. Spread walnut halves in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Toast in oven until fragrant, tossing occasionally, 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer nuts to a plate; let cool. Pulse nuts in a food processor until finely chopped, about 10 times. Set aside.

Butter and flour an 8-1/2-inch springform pan; set aside. In a large bowl, combine honey and applesauce; whisk until honey is mostly dissolved. Add eggs, and whisk until fully combined.

Into a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, salt, and ginger. Stir into honey mixture. Using a rubber spatula, fold in walnuts.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake cake until golden brown on top and a cake tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 55 minutes.

Transfer pan to a wire rack; let cool until sides of cake begin to pull away from pan, about 15 minutes. Remove cake from pan, and place on a serving plate. While cake is still warm, use an offset spatula to gently spread remaining honey on top as a thin glaze. Serve warm.

HERE'S TO A SWEET NEW YEAR
Agrace
Care & Support Through the Stages of Serious Illness
800-553-4289 agrace.org

L'SHANA TOVA!
May you be blessed with good health and happiness in the new year.

First Weber Group Realtors
Sue Goldstein, Realtor
First Weber Group Inc.
608-276-5203 • goldstes@firstweber.com

Rosh Hashanah Greetings!
Wishing you and your loved ones peace and harmony in the New Year!
CRESS FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICE SINCE 1869
www.cressfuneralservice.com

WEST
3610 Speedway Road • 238-3434
MIDDLETON
6021 University Avenue • 238-8406
EAST
3325 E. Washington Avenue • 249-6666
SUN PRAIRIE
1310 Emerald Terrace • 837-9054
STOUGHTON
206 W. Prospect • 873-9244
McFARLAND
5801 Hwy. 51 • 838-0655
DEERFIELD
201 Bue Street • 764-5369
WAUNAKEE
5785 Hwy. Q • 849-4513

Wishing everyone a joyful
Rosh Hashanah
MILWAUKEE VALVE
INNOVATION IN EVERY VALVE
1075 Water Street, Prairie du Sac
643-8565 • www.milwaukeevalve.com

Jewish Education

Kyra Rubin Named Liesl Blockstein Family Scholarship Award Recipient

Editor's Note: Liesl and Bill Blockstein, of blessed memory, were vital and contributing members of the Madison community for all of their lives here. Liesl worked very hard to establish a senior program with Jewish Social Services, including the Monday Lechayim lunch time program. She also devoted many hours of work to B'nai B'rith and Jewish Women International.

The Blockstein Family Scholarship Award is sponsored through Jewish Women International (JWI). JWI originally began as a B'nai B'rith organization in 1897. Over the decades, JWI has grown and evolved, as have Jewish women, into a strong, independent and influential force making significant contributions to the lives of millions at home, in Israel and the world. JWI continues its pursuit of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, through its many programs on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community and Interfaith Communities, as well as its 60 year relationship with the Children's Home outside of Jerusalem, Israel. The spirit of JWI was embodied in the kind of woman that Liesl Blockstein was. The recipient of the award must share this same spirit. The scholarship to honor her name and her work is given to a deserving Jewish woman who has distinguished herself in high school and in the community. May the memory of Liesl Blockstein serve as a blessing.

My Jewish identity as a female 18 year old really began within the walls of Temple Beth El; Tot Shabbat, Sunday School and Hebrew School were critical experiences in giving me a foundation of Judaism: the Hebrew language, services, the reading of the Torah, chants and songs, the Jewish holidays and the practice of Judaic traditions. After my Bat Mitzvah, Midrasha gave me the opportunity to discuss freely with my peers and teachers anything and everything related to Judaism and its role in my life as a teen in a rapidly changing world. I was encouraged to think critically and speak up about complex topics such as spirituality, my Jewish identity and international conflicts of the past and present. Some of the most thought-provoking and engaging discussions I've ever had were in Midrasha classes, because I was given the space to explore my ancient Jewish heritage as well as its implications in a modern world and my role in it.

Outside of the school year, I've spent a significant part of each summer, from kindergarten through this past summer, going to Jewish camps. Camp Shalom gave me a very strong sense of belonging in the Jewish community at a young age and made Judaism really fun. It also prepared me for overnight camp at Camp Interlaken JCC in Eagle River, WI, where, for the past 7 summers, I've explored my faith and forged friendships with other Jewish kids from around America, Israel and beyond – all while having a blast in the north woods of Wisconsin. Through being a camper, an Ozo and a first year counselor, I've not only been able to explore my own Judaism and Jewish community at Camp Interlaken JCC, but I have also been able to help provide *kehilah kedosha* for my campers as well.

My Jewish education and summer camp participation have helped me to develop a strong understanding of Judaism and my values, which I use to guide my actions and choices every day.

Family and community have always been very important elements in my life, and both MaTTY and NFTY, Reform Jewish youth groups, provided this immediately upon joining. When I was old enough to attend my first event, I was greeted with hugs and an enormous amount of love as soon as I walked through the doors of my first Kallah. Initially, I was overwhelmed by the energy and compassion, but the love exuded by each member was real. NFTY allowed me to put my Jewish values into action, to speak and act out against injustice and inequality. Through the many leadership and social action opportunities that NFTY provided, I was able to do everything from pack bags of food for the local Ronald McDonald House, to take part in a national gun violence prevention campaign as the NFTY Northern Social Action Vice President. Additionally, as a member of NFTY, I was able to travel from coast to coast as I attended the National Convention for NFTY in Los Angeles, California, and Atlanta, Georgia, growing my Jewish community even further. My NFTY region was composed of teenagers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and (in theory) North and South Dakota. I'm delighted to say that I continue to keep in touch with friends I made from all Kallot as well as from both conventions -- I even toured colleges around the country with the friends I made from different regions! I loved the religious, social-action based and community based components that went into each NFTY Kallah, and NFTY helped me grow as a Jewish person as well as a leader in my community. It also broadened my world and enriched my social, emotional and spiritual life.

As a NFTY member, I was not only fortunate enough to expand my Jewish family from one coast to the other, but during the summer of 2013, I was also given the incredible opportunity to attend the NFTY-EIE High School in Israel Summer Session. I took Hebrew and Jewish history classes while having the historic sites I was reading about in my very backyard. I traveled from the Golan Heights in the North to Eilat in the South, participated in archaeological digs, hiked Masada, left a prayer in the Western Wall, crawled through old war bunkers, and floated in the Dead Sea. As a 16 year old, I was able to witness the places that I was studying in my classes! Some of our trips included traveling to Kibbutz Yahel and Lotan in the Arava Desert, Tel Aviv, the Galilee, the Old City of Jerusalem, Yad Vashem, Masada and Tsfat.

Through my membership and participation in my Jewish Ccommunity, I have developed a deep sense of belonging, a strong identity and a direction for my future, to bring about social justice. Judaism has given me a multitude of experiences and opportunities, and though I'm only 18 years old, I have traveled across the country and around the world. Now I am off to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as an undergraduate freshman and I'm extremely excited to continue my involvement in Judaism through studying Hebrew, attending Hillel, and hopefully studying abroad in Israel, just to name a few. I hope never to stop grappling with controversial and complex issues through the Jewish lens that my community has provided, I hope always to take action against injustice as my Jewish values have taught me and I hope to use the many Jewish experiences I have been provided to make a meaningful impact on my new community here in Chapel Hill and beyond.



Kyra Rubin



Calling All Kids! Come Dance with Yonim!

Registration for the Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe is now online at www.jewishmadison.org/yonim.

The Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe is an incredible opportunity for all kids ages kindergarten through 12th grade. The Yonim curriculum focuses on helping ALL dancers develop technique and gain performance experience, and provides exposure to different kinds of music and rhythm. Yonim also provides an opportunity to learn Hebrew terms and Israeli culture at the same time as developing authentic, long-lasting friendships. For more information go to www.jewishmadison.org/yonim



Summer Fun at Gan HaYeled Preschool and Camp Shalom Katan!


Yonatan on the carousel at the zoo.


Firefighters at Camp Shalom Katan! Hephzi, Eve, Lolly, Sydney and Cora.


Playing is hard work!


Camp Rally with special visitor, Ruby!


Solly, Eve and their summer butterfly friends.



Walking back from our field trip to the fire station.


Playing with a parachute at the zoo!


Yonatan, Solly and Talya welcoming Avner back to camp!


Busy day of reading Put Me in the Zoo, related face painting and enjoying popsicles!

YOUR B'NAI MITZVAH IS OVER...WHAT NOW?

MIDRASHA

Since 1975

IT'S WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!





Midrasha begins on **Wednesday, September 16th.**
Midrasha meets on Wednesdays at Beth Israel Center in the fall and at Temple Beth El in the spring. Sunday Hebrew classes meet at Beth Israel Center all year. For more information or to register go to **www.jewishmadison.org/midrasha**

TEMPLE Beth El
Jewish Federation OF MADISON
בית ישראל BETH ISRAEL CENTER


Summer is here and so are popsicles!


Talya on the carousel at the zoo.


Sophie, Orly, Talya, Yonatan, Jaime and Naomi filling the slide!



UPCOMING FAMILY EDUCATION EVENTS

Organized by the Family Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Look for more details in future editions of the *Madison Jewish News* or check online at www.JewishMadison.org

Madison JEWISH NEWS — In Print — Online

Business, Professional, & Service DIRECTORY

HIGHLIGHTING AREA BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONALS AND SERVICES

Advertising

FREE GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES
when you place your ad in
Madison Jewish News
in print or online.
Contact Tiz Goff, 773-620-4404 or email: outreach@jewishmadison.org

Automotive

AMERICAN CAR CARE CENTERS
West Town Monona Tire
Gary Pivotto, President
453 South Gammon Rd., Madison • 833-1735
www.westtownmononatire.com
UNIROYAL BFGoodrich MICHELIN AMERICAN RADIALS YOKOHAMA

Donate Your Vehicle

Turn your tzoris into a mitzvah! Call 278-1808 to donate your used vehicle to Jewish Social Services.



Education

MIDRASHA
Since 1975
Hebrew High School for grades 9-12.
Contact Ellen Weismer for information:
program@jewishmadison.org

Food and Dining

Bagels Forever INC.
Ship Bagels Anywhere In The U.S.A.



Call **608-231-2427**
or fax 608-231-1249
P.O. Box 5547
Madison, WI 53705
Order Online:
www.BagelsForever.com

Food and Dining

Offering a variety of deli items including smoked salmon, lox & spreads
SEAFOOD CENTER
Madison's Seafood Source for over 30 years!
Heritage Square • 274-5255
Willy East • 294-0116 | Willy West • 836-1450

Israeli Dance

Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe
welcomes all kids K-12th grade!



For more info contact:
Cathy at yonim@jewishmadison.org

JewishMadison.org



www.jewishmadison.org

Lawn and Garden

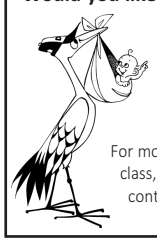
274-9981
MADISON HORTICULTURAL SERVICES
Serving homeowners & businesses since 1982
- MOWING
- PRUNING
- EDGING
- AERATING
- SPRING & FALL CLEAN-UP
- PLANTING TREES & SHRUBS
- BARK MULCH INSTALLED



Howard Lerner, Owner
www.madisonlawn.com

New Baby?

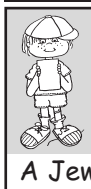
Are you pregnant or recently had a baby? Would you like to meet other Jewish caregivers and their little ones ages 0-2?



***Shalom Baby** is designed to help Madison families celebrate the arrival of their Jewish newborns and welcome them to the Madison Jewish Community.*

For more information on joining a playgroup or class, or receiving a Shalom Baby gift basket, contact **Tiz Goff at 773-620-4404** or email **outreach@jewishmadison.org**

Preschool



HILDE L. MOSSE GAN HAYELED PRESCHOOL
A Jewish education for your child.
A Jewish community for your family.
Call 278-1808 or email:
gan@jewishmadison.org

Promotional Products

MADISON TOP
One Source Marketing



T-SHIRTS • SWEATSHIRTS • JACKETS • CAPS • MUGS • PENS • NOTEPADS • CAN COOLERS
LETTER OPENERS • IN-HOUSE EMBROIDERY • COMPUTERIZED GRAPHICS
www.madisontop.com
1-800-362-2787
1111 STEWART ST., MADISON • 608-277-9111

Special Events

judy schreiber's
RSVP
since 1977 ~ **238-5698**
Providing personal service for ...
• Invitations • Stationery
• Wedding and Party Consulting
• Personalized Gifts
rsvpjudys@aol.com

Social Services

JSS **Jewish Social Services**
Caring. Connections. Solutions.
Programs & Services
Volunteering Opportunities
Upcoming Events
278-1808 • www.jssmadison.org

Tribute Donations

Recognize and celebrate all of life's occasions with a Tribute Donation to Jewish Federation of Madison.
www.JewishMadison.org

Welcome to Madison

- *Are you new to Madison?*
- *Are you looking to get more involved in Madison's amazing Jewish community?*
- *Have you been here for years, but are looking for a new social circle or activity group?*

Shalom Madison is for you! Tiz Goff will help link you to the Jewish Community through your interests and availability.

Contact Tiz at outreach@jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404 for more info.

For information on directory advertising, please contact Tiz Goff, 773-620-4404 or email outreach@jewishmadison.org

Harry J. and Belle Goodman, parents of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman

Lechayim Lights

JSS

A Beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Madison — A Senior Adult Program of Jewish Social Services

September Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 (direct) or louise@jssmadison.org no later than 12:00 p.m. the preceding Friday. **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 you can afford. The cost of the meal is $7.50 for those under age 60.

MANY THANKS TO BLUE PLATE CATERING FOR PROVIDING OUR KOSHER-STYLE MEALS!

Monday, September 7, *Labor Day, Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, September 14, *Rosh Hashanah, Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, September 21, *Meet in the Temple Beth El Community Court*

11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Farmer's Quiche, Garden Salad, Fruit Cup, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Gourmet Cookie
1:00-2:00 The Retro Swing Band

Monday, September 28, *Sukkot, Lechayim does not meet*

October dates:
October 12, 19 and 26

Присоединяйтесь к нашему столу, увлекательной беседе и интересным программам на встречах «Лехаим. Больше чем обед»

Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эль (Temple Beth El), по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 608-278-1808, прямой 608-442-4083 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 14:00 часов пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовит *Blue Plate Catering*. **Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу.** Стоимость обеда - $7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00

Понедельник, 7 Сентября День Труда, Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 14 Сентября Рош ха-Шана, Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 21 Сентября Встреча в Бет Эль Сообществе

11:00-12:00 Измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Крестьянская запеканка, овощной салат, фрукты,печенье с белым шоколадом и орехами макадамия
1:00-2:00 Ретро свинг музыкальная группа

Понедельник, 28 Сентября Суккот, Лехаим не состоится

Даты в следующем месяце

12, 19 и 26 Октября



Mark Your Calendar for the Lechayim Fall Kick-Off

Be sure to be there on Monday, September 21, when Lechayim Lunchtime Plus begins another year of great meals and great conversations. Greet old friends and enjoy discovering wonderful new friends! Because the Social Hall at Temple Beth El will be set up with chairs for Yom Kippur, we'll be meeting in the beautiful new Community Court! And once again, our friends from the Retro Swing Band will be on hand to inaugurate another year. Don't forget to make your reservation by noon on September 18 and let us know if you need transportation with Transit Solutions. The suggested cost of the meal for those over age 60 is $6.00.



Making Lechayim Reservations

- When you check in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
- Call Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808 or 608-442-4083 (direct) or email louise@jssmadison.org **before noon on the preceding business day.**
- Reservations cannot be taken after noon on Fridays or over the weekend.
- If you didn't make a reservation in time but would like to come, **call Louise before 10:00 a.m. on Monday** to see if there have been cancellations.
- We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins.

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions provides door-to-door service for $1 round trip, payable to the driver. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 (direct) or louise@jssmadison.org by 2:00 p.m. the Friday before Lechayim to make a reservation. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Please contact us if you need to cancel a ride.

For changes, updates or new information about any Jewish Social Services program, check our website at

www.jssmadison.org

Lechayim Lights

About our Programs

Every now and then the lunar calendar by which Jewish holidays are set gives us a number of Mondays in a row when JSS is closed for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. 5776 turns out to be one of those years and the first Monday in September is Labor Day, another day when JSS is closed, and we can't blame the Jewish calendar for that.

Therefore, our first Lechayim of the season will be on **Monday, September 21,** the only Monday in the month that is not a holiday. Because the Temple Beth El Social Hall will be full of chairs set up for Yom Kippur, we will be meeting in the Community Court, which will be a bit of a treat! The Retro Swing Band will bring their classy sounds of the Big Band era and swing music in general, with lots of old standards to please every taste.

These guys are good; you don't want to miss them!



Enjoy the classy sounds of the Retro Swing Band on Monday, September 21.

Photo ID Required for November 3 Election

This includes information from the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc., Elder Law and Advocacy Center.

Photo ID's are now required for elections, starting with the November 3, 2015, general election. The Government Accountability Board (GAB) has additional information at http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation implemented a policy to help people obtain a free state ID card so that they may vote. Go to http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/driver/drivers/apply/idcard.htm to learn how you can get one.

Absentee ballots must be accompanied by a photo ID. These can be submitted retroactively for ballots that have already been returned by absentee voters. Check with the City of Madison clerk, (608) 266-4601 or www.cityofmadison.com/clerk for information. Check the Government Accountability Board website http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id for updates on the absentee voting process and other voter photo ID information.

Jewish Social Services will have information at Lechayim regarding what is an acceptable photo ID, applications for a Wisconsin Identification Card from the Department of Transportation and petitions in situations when documentation is unavailable. Contact JSS at 608-278-1808 if you need help obtaining a voter photo ID.

Important Phone Numbers

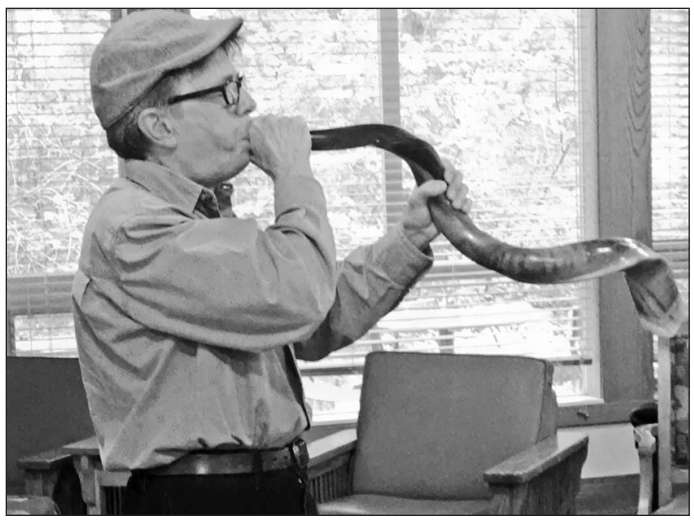
AARP	866-448-3611
Access to Independence	608-242-8484
ADRC	608-240-7400
Alzheimers' & Dementia Alliance	608-232-3400
Area Agency on Aging	608-261-9930
Dane County Veteran's Service	608-266-4158
Domestic Abuse Intervention Service	608-251-4445
Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline	608-261-9933
Independent Living	608-274-7900
Jewish Social Services	608-278-1808
Madison Senior Center	608-266-6581
MSCR	608-204-3000
Metro Paratransit Reservations	608-266-4466
PLATO	608-262-5823
RSVP Driver Escort	608-238-7787
Safe Communities	608-441-3060
SAIL	608-230-4321
Social Security Administration	866-770-2262
Transit Solutions	608-294-8747
West Madison Senior Coalition	608-238-7368
West Madison Senior Center	608-238-0196

Rosh Hashanah Teas

Wednesday, September 16, 1:30-2:30 at Capitol Lakes Retirement Community, 333 West Main Street, in the Grand Hall. Bob Factor will blow the shofar and Yid Vicious Klezmer Ensemble will entertain.

Thursday, September 17, 1:30-2:30 at Oakwood Village University Woods, 6225 Mineral Point Road, in the "Oaks" Community Room. Karen Shevet Dinah will blow the shofar.

Residents at these locations, their friends and families are invited to welcome Rosh Hashanah 5776 with coffee, tea, honey cake and the blowing of the shofar. For information, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 (direct) or louise@jssmadison.org.



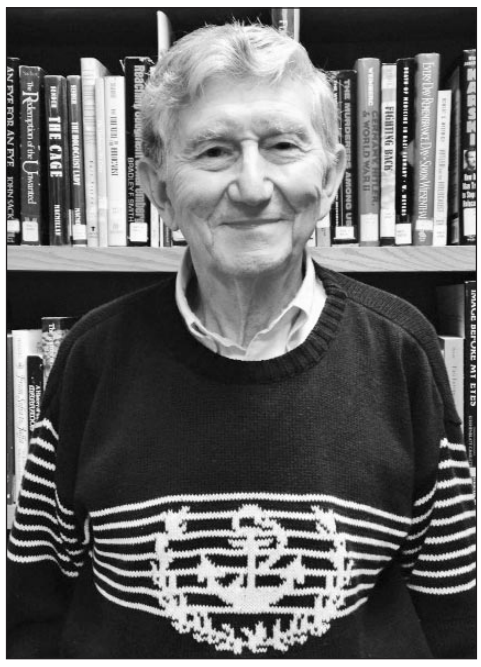


Spotlight: Allyn Bress

By Pamela Phillips Olson

"I want to be a naval officer," Allyn told David, his older brother, a successful Harvard-educated lawyer. Growing up in Norfolk, Allyn developed a lasting love for the sea and ships.

"I was seven when my mother died. My father and older brothers and sister closed ranks protectively around me, showering me with love and encouraging me to excel. When I was twelve, I joined the Boy Scouts and attained the rank of Eagle Scout in just nineteen months, a state record. In 1943, I became a Bar Mitzvah in Temple Beth El in Norfolk."



Allyn Bress

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

Wanting Allyn to get a quality education, his father enrolled him in Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, a prestigious boarding school, where he achieved academic excellence and mastered French. Allyn encountered anti-Jewish sentiments but rose above prejudice by confronting it, blunting it and making lasting friends.

He followed his brother Henry's career path to Annapolis and began a distinguished military service career, including certification as a Naval Interpreter of French. The Navy selected him for study at Webb Institute, where he earned a Master's degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. Allyn subsequently worked with Admiral Hyman Rickover to design, develop and construct nuclear submarines. He met Presidents Hoover and George H.W. Bush, and attended a gathering in Caracas with JFK. As a young officer during the Korean War, he was chosen to escort Generalissimo Chang Kai-Shek through his submarine.

Determination and loyalty stand out in Allyn's character. In 1951, his father died during summer cruise while Allyn was at the Naval Academy. The family decided not to tell him. But an acquaintance sent a condolence note. When he received it on board ship, Allyn was grief stricken.

"I think my father may have died," Allyn told the chaplain. After the Red Cross confirmed it, he requested emergency leave, but it was denied. He then typed a formal request and sent it up the chain of command, risking retaliation. The admiral supported his 'gutsy' request, granting the leave.

On a blind date, in New York, Allyn found deep and lasting love with Françoise, a beautiful, bright French woman. They traveled the world, raised their son, Michael, bilingually and moved to Madison in 2012 to be close to Michael, daughter-in-law Mollie and two grandchildren, Margaux and Ian; tragically, Francoise passed away soon after their move.

Now alone, Allyn writes his memoirs, travels to visit friends and family and volunteers for many diverse community activities, recently joining the Beth El choir.

Transitions

Happy September Birthday

Alice Loew
Allyn Bress
Beatrice Epstein
Florence Lederman
Hilde Adler
Harsha Keister
Jerry Stotsky
Karen Sielaff
Lyudmila Konovalova
Mary Jane Gavin
Merilyn Kupferberg
Sam Jacobs

Mazel Tov

To Dawn Berney, on her appointment as Jewish Social Services Executive Director.

To David Lipman, on the birth of his nephew Rory Benjamin Sherman, son of Sarah and Adam Sherman.

Best wishes for your wellness

Nena Dyhr

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



Our monthly Shabbat gatherings include wine donated by Frank Liquor, candles and challah, singing and discussion.

Attic Angel Place at 2:30 in the Garden Room
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 4, December 4

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall
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 UW-Hillel Foundation.
September 11, October 9

Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room
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 18, October 2

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

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, *Operation Immunization*, will be held at Lechayim in October, from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your immunization-related questions and concerns. Please note: immunizations will not be given. The next Health Assessment, on arthritis, will be held in November.

Shalom from Jewish Social Services!

JSS volunteers visit seniors who are new to Madison, bringing a gift bag with information, treats and a few surprises. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org to request a visit. Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for supporting this program.

Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 (direct) or email louise@jssmadison.org.



If it's something we can help you with, we'll have a volunteer OddJobber contact you.

Israel and the World

My Year Abroad at an Orphanage in the Ukraine

By Menucha Baila Matusof

I recently returned from a year of volunteering in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, at the Pancion orphanage that is organized by Chabad. It is hard to believe how different a reality exists just a plane ride away. I knew very little about orphanages, let alone Jewish ones. There are dozens of such orphanages all over Ukraine run by the local Chabad emissaries. As the weeks passed, I got used to living in Ukraine. My role was to be a big sister, a mentor and a fill-in mom. I also hoped to share with them Jewish pride and love of Torah. I communicated mostly in Hebrew and lots of hand gestures, but picked up the language slowly. Gradually, I got to hear each girl's story. Slowly, one by one, they opened up a battered heart and let someone new in again, someone they knew would eventually leave……

I see two sisters, Sonya and Maria, join the Pancion family. Two malnourished, beaten and lonely girls slowly put on a few pounds. They tell me of the violence, the fright and of the starving nights lying in bed, too cold to move. Alone. They are in the orphanage because their drug-addicted parents cannot take care of them.

Who can resist Rishe's laughter and good humor, her ever-present smile lighting up her face? Rishe is excellent company; she cracks jokes, invents stories and is a possessive hugger. Rishe is 14 years old and brain damaged with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. She came when she was only four years old.

Nadia is our youngest member. She is only five. As I kiss her goodnight I reflect how, if I was ever sad or afraid, I would crawl into my mother's bed for comfort. I stroke her head and sing to her each night, as she cries into her pillow for her mother, unsure of why she can't live at home with her. I want to wrap her in my arms and make things okay for her, but how can I?

The orphanage is also home to girls who have fled war-torn Donetsk. We open the doors for many refugees as they struggle to reestablish themselves in a new place.

When Chanukah arrives we celebrate with joy and warmth. We stand around the menorah, arms around each other, singing and staring into the lights. I see their souls reflected in the flickering flames. Pure, holy souls, given such a difficult task in a confusing world. Will their brightness be revealed?

One of the highlights of my year was helping to organize and prepare for the wedding of one of our girls. Racheli came to the orphanage in 7th grade, because her mother was unwell, and her grandmother could no longer care for her. She never knew her father. After she graduated high-school, Rabbi and Mrs. Glick, the local Chabad emissaries who have been running the orphanage for over 15 years, facilitated her year in Israel. When she returned, she got engaged to a boy whom she had met in high school, and they have dedicated themselves to a Torah lifestyle. The girls were thrilled, and talked about it as sisters would, getting new outfits and preparing dances. It was one of the most touching weddings I have ever attended.

Every morning I woke the girls up and dropped them off at school hugging each one. When teacher-parent conferences came, I went in their parents' stead. I attended all the school performances, and helped them with their school work. As I walked them home after school, they fought for my attention to share their ups and downs of the day. There is nothing they loved more than hearing that I spent all day either cooking or shopping or planning activities for them. Our birthday celebrations consisted of big cakes, gifts and lots of hugs and kisses. The best gift they could receive was confirming that their birth was purposeful, that they are treasured in this world. They matter. That very fact that they were born is a cause for celebration!

Living in the orphanage this past year has given me a deep appreciation for the life I have. All my family and friends are so much dearer to me. My personal struggles seem so insignificant.

As summer approached, it became clear to me that we needed to organize a program for these girls. They would benefit so much from a real Jewish summer camp experience. I truly believe in the adage 'when there is a will there is a way.' Within two weeks we had over 110 girls signed up from over 10 cities all over Ukraine. Most came from broken families, shelters and orphanages and had never experienced the feeling of acceptance, the warmth of a hug and the smile of a good friend. Camp Yeka was born! Together with a few friends we spearheaded a fundraising mission. We sat down and did the math, and realized we needed $63,000 to make it happen. Thank G-d people answered our call and we managed to raise $57,000. I am still working on raising the remaining balance.

Camp Yeka offered an oasis of security and hope. The Lubavitcher Rebbe said "no Jewish child should be forgotten or given up on." We wanted these girls to know we loved them. We were dedicated to this cause because we believed that two weeks of Jewish camp could make a difference to last a lifetime. The hardest part was saying goodbye. The girls were heartbroken and so were we. They pleaded with us to return. "Please don't forget about us," they said. I hugged and cried with them, and I promised them that I would never forget them. I will carry them in my heart forever. I send them a message each Friday to wish them a Shabbat shalom and to let them know I am thinking about them. I hope to be able to raise the funds again, and return next summer for another Jewish camp experience with my girls.

If you would like more information, please contact me at menuchabailam@gmail.com. You may follow our progress on facebook at Camp Yeka Girls and at yeka.rallybound.com/ menuchabaila.





Go to the Source: Websites about Israel

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

To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:
http://www.JewishMadison.org
http://www.timesofisrael.com
http://www.ynetnews.com
http://www.haaretz.com
http://www.jpost.com
http://www.iba.org.il/world

My Kotel Experience

By Jamie Frankel

Editor's note: Jamie Frankel is a senior at Madison West High School and the recipient of a Jewish Federation of Madison teen stipend for travel to Israel. She went to Israel this summer for 28 days as a participant in the BBYO program: International Leadership Seminar in Israel (ILSI).

As a feminist, I was somewhat apprehensive about going to Israel, a place where religious men and women live with a strict dress code and women are unequal to men in certain respects. When I arrived in Israel, I was blessed with the ability to join a group called Women of the Wall (WOW) and fight for gender equality at the Kotel (Western Wall). This experience revealed the perplexing situation for religious men and women in Israel.

Currently, there are two places to pray at the Wailing Wall; there is an egalitarian section and there is a divided men and women's section. There you see orthodox men with tallitot, tefillin, and of course kepas or hats. However, it is atypical to see women wearing these items unless you visit the wall on Rosh Hodesh, when the WOW come to daven. This group peacefully protests, through prayer and singing in the women's section, to create change with regard to prayer at the Kotel. Today, WOW has gained the legal recognition of women's rights to pray out loud, with tallitot, tefillin and Torah at the Kotel. There is one catch; Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, Administrator of the Western Wall, enforces regulations that ban women from accessing the Torah scrolls at the Kotel and bringing in Sefer Torahs as well. The majority of people that support Rabbi Rabinowitz and oppose WOW are ultra-orthodox men, however even a few women take the same stance.

A ruckus engulfed us at the wall; about 100 men hollered and whistled. They were held back by three rows of barriers and a few policemen and women. An older religious woman blows a whistle to drown out the noise of the 300 women praying and singing. Sporting colorful tallitot and kepas, with some wearing the tefillin as well, they gave me a siddur and asked me to join in song. About halfway through a prayer, a few men began to get violent. The agitators hurled full water bottles at us and hit a girl in the head. Following that, they flung a burning hot cup of coffee. Shortly after, we learned the woman who was supposed to smuggle in the Torah was arrested that day and the Torah was confiscated. Obviously we weren't able to have a Torah portion.

This situation is a reminder of how tradition is still central to some while others have adopted more modern and progressive views. Overall, it seems sad to me that the orthodox men, although fighting with great conviction for what they believe in, would take away from others' prayers and time at Israel's most holy place. I applaud the bravery and the determination of the WOW (and male supporters) to exercise their rights and peacefully change a situation they believe to be sexist and unjust. I believe that for the sake of Israel and Jewish people across the world, the Jewish people must stand united rather than fight amongst themselves. Jews must learn to hold strong to their own beliefs and yet be tolerant of other interpretations and views. The Wailing Wall is a battleground for Jews struggling to answer the question, should the orthodox Jewish tradition be upheld, even if it treats women as second class, because it is tradition? The Women of the Wall have answered no, and I return from Israel posing the same question to you.



Jamie Frankel



Women praying at the Western Wall

Couple Who Survived Holocaust Make Aliyah in their 90s

Holocaust survivors, Feiga and Felix Bandos, an elderly Jewish couple from Wisconsin, have recently proven it is never too late to make aliyah. The couple, both in their 90s, arrived in Israel in August and headed to their new home in the Judean community of Efrat.

The couple met and married at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany. After escaping the Nazis they immigrated to Sweden, and several years later they relocated to Wisconsin, where they lived until now.

"A few months ago they told me they wanted to move to Israel and live next to us. I didn't quite believe it, but when I saw they were serious about it and had already submitted the relevant forms and applications, I was very excited," said Marilyn Broder, the couple's daughter, who has been living in Efrat for over 25 years.

Throughout the years the couple had visited Israel often to see their daughter, who made aliyah in the mid-1980s, and their grandchildren.

"We are thrilled to have made aliyah – in the time we have left we want to be close to our family," the couple said.

"In recent years the local council has absorbed hundreds of immigrant families, both from the U.S. and other countries," Efrat's Mayor Oded Revivi said. "In the coming months the construction of about 1,000 new housing units will be completed, some of which will be inhabited by new immigrants. It is a great privilege for us to take part in the absorption of the Jewish Diaspora."



New immigrants Feiga and Felix Bandos

Looking for a meaningful gift?

Make a secure online tribute donation at JewishMadison.org

Making a tribute donation to the Jewish Federation of Madison is a thoughtful way to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion while helping those in need here and around the world.

Your tribute donation will help support more than 20 essential local agencies and programs that serve both the Jewish community and the community-at-large, as well as humanitarian programs in Israel and 70 other countries worldwide.

We'll mail a notification card to the person you're paying tribute to or the family of the person you're remembering. When you donate online you can also send a personalized E-card to your recipient. Make your gift online today.

This article is about Judaism, its history and the development in the USA (part 4).

История и сущность иудаизма, его развитие в США

(окончание)

Заканчиваем разговор о **развитии реформизма в США**. Радикальная ревизия принципов реформизма в отношении национальных и религиозных традиций иудаизма нашла выражение в новой декларации Центральной конференции американских раввинов (ЦКАР, 1943 год), провозгласившей совместимость сионизма и реформизма и призвавшей своих членов к прекращению антисионистской деятельности. К началу 1950-х годов новые принципы реформизма были приняты почти всеми общинами США. В резолюции ЦКАР (июнь 1967 года) сказано: "Мы заявляем о своей солидарности с государством Израиль и его народом. Их победы – наши победы. Их испытания – наши испытания. Их судьба – наша судьба".

В 1972 году ЦКАР вступила во Всемирный еврейский конгресс. Реформистское движение в США стало уделять много внимания духовной жизни, а также освещению Холокоста (Катастрофы). Было выпущено новое пособие для раввинов, в котором нашли отражение многие изменения в еврейской жизни (равенство полов, центральное значение Израиля и т. п.). Союз американских еврейских конгрегаций издал новый комментарий к Торе и новую пасхальную Хаггаду. Этим изданиям предшествовал процесс превращения реформизма в развернутую систему практических предписаний. В реформистских общинах стали широко практиковаться дополнительные молитвы, которые читаются в дни поста, всеобщее распространение получили церемонии бар-мицтва и бат-мицтва, подчеркивается важность соблюдения субботы. Распространилось преподавание основ иудаизма в дневных еврейских школах и летних лагерях, организовываются летние поездки школьников в Израиль с целью изучения религии и жизни страны.

Подготовку реформистских раввинов осуществляет колледж в Цинциннати, имеющий отделения в Нью-Йорке и Лос-Анджелесе. Реформистские раввинаты Нью-Йорка и Лос-Анджелеса организовали обучение как совершать обряд обрезания в синагоге. Хотя реформистское движение стремится создать собственную систему религиозных постулатов и посвящает этому специальную литературу, оно все еще далеко от принятия общеобязательного кодекса законов иудаизма. Как правило, реформистские раввины настаивают на выполнении лишь тех постулатов, которые соответствуют практике конкретных общин.

Особое внимание реформистское движение уделяет получившим широкое распространение в США смешанным бракам. В 2002 году в этой стране 53% приверженцев реформизма состояли в смешанных браках. При этом 60% реформистских раввинов отказываются освящать подобные браки без прохождения нееврейским супругом гиюра. Подавляющее большинство раввинов требуют, чтобы как еврейские, так и нееврейские супруги соблюдали ряд еврейских традиций и воспитывали детей как евреев. В 1983 году ЦКАР приняла резолюцию, по которой дети от смешанных браков признаются евреями независимо от того, кто из родителей еврей.

Проблема однополых браков вызывает разногласия в реформистском движении. Большинство раввинов отказываются регистрировать подобные браки, но в последние годы растет число тех, которые участвуют в таких брачных церемониях. В рамках реформизма существуют группы, поразному относящиеся к вопросам медицинской этики и к праву женщин занимать пост раввина.

Реформизм в США отличается социальной активностью. Для сторонников этого направления общественная деятельность – основное выражение их принадлежности к еврейству. Реформистский Центр религиозного действия в Вашингтоне стремится применять социально-этические принципы иудаизма к современным социальным и политическим вопросам. В 1960–70-х годах многие реформистские раввины и конгрегации участвовали в борьбе за гражданские права и в движении против войны во Вьетнаме.

Центральная конференция американских раввинов – основная реформистская организация. На конгрессе конференции в Питсбурге в 1999 году был принят новый вариант Питсбургской платформы. В платформе подчеркивалось, что основным достижением реформистского иудаизма является принятие ряда положений, которые диктует современность. Отмечалось, что реформизм стремится решить задачу по достижению полного равенства в религиозной жизни между мужчиной и женщиной.

В последние десятилетия на многих конференциях реформистов говорилось о значении, которое движение придает созданию прочных еврейских общин, двери в которые открыты для людей всех политических взглядов и любой сексуальной ориентации, для тех, кто хочет принять иудаизм, для отдельных личностей и смешанных семей, которые хотят создать еврейский дом.

С начала 2000-х годов наблюдается рост числа членов движения. Так, если в 1990 году в США 35% евреев были связаны в той или иной форме с реформистскими синагогами, то в 2001 г. этот показатель увеличился до 39%. Теория и практика реформизма совершенствовались в соответствии с запросами быстро меняющейся современности. В настоящее время реформистское движение – самое популярное течение среди евреев в США.

Консервативный иудаизм – религиозное течение, которое возникло в середине XIX века в Германии и США на почве политических, социальных и духовных перемен, связанных с эмансипацией. Идеологи консервативного иудаизма выступали за постепенные реформы, не чуждые основам Торы и иудаизму в целом. Иудаизм, считали они, является живым и динамичным организмом, способным приспосабливаться к изменениям в окружающем мире, хотя сама суть его вечна и неизменна. Они приветствовали приобщение евреев к европейской культуре в рамках секуляризированного общества, понимая неизбежность изменений в религиозной жизни. Этот процесс объяснялся на примере всей еврейской истории, в основе которой лежит тенденция приспособления религиозных законов к жизненным нуждам. Они не отвергали новшеств при условии соблюдения основных принципов религии.

В 1829 году в сефардской общине Филадельфии впервые была введена проповедь на английском языке и сделаны сокращения в отдельных молитвах при сохранении верности основам традиционной литургии. Попытки сотрудничать с представителями реформизма в целях объединения еврейских американских религиозных общин под общим руководством не увенчались успехом. Еврейские общины США формировались по образцу децентрализованных протестантских конгрегаций, что обеспечивало свободу действия отдельным общинам. Несмотря на то, что большинство раввинов, иммигрировавших в США в середине XIX века, принадлежало к реформистскому течению (в 1880 году лишь 12 из 200 американских синагог не были реформистскими), крупные центры консервативного иудаизма сложились в Филадельфии, Нью Йорке и Балтиморе. Вокруг этих общин сформировалась группа неортодоксальных евреев, которых объединяло несогласие с реформизмом. В 1867 году была основана раввинская школа, которая выпустила первых четырех консервативных раввинов. Таким образом, консервативный иудаизм в США стал, по сути, реакцией не на ортодоксию, а на реформизм, по сравнению с которым он и считался консервативным. Окончательный разрыв консервативного иудаизма с реформизмом произошел в 1885 году в связи с Конференцией реформистских раввинов в Питсбурге, на которой была выдвинута радикальная платформа, допускавшая несоблюдение кашрута и других предписаний религии.

В 1886 году выходцами из Западной Европы была основана Еврейская теологическая семинария (ЕТС) для воспитания раввинов в духе "исторического иудаизма". Основатели семинарии получили образование в университетах, тогда как большинство еврейских эмигрантов 80-х годов происходило из Восточной Европы, где религиозная жизнь сохраняла строго ортодоксальный характер. Руководители консервативного иудаизма стремились укрепить связь с ортодоксальными раввинами, но их попытки создать ассоциацию ортодоксальных синагог США не удались из-за отказа ортодоксов признать раввинский авторитет выпускников ЕТС.

Основатели семинарии теперь определили свою позицию как традиционную в духе западного еврейства, а не как ортодоксальную. Превратившись из мировоззрения в религиозное течение, консервативный иудаизм создал свои учреждения. В 1901 году союз выпускников ЕТС образовал ядро организации, получившей в 1920 году название Американское раввинское собрание. В 1913 году была создана Объединенная синагога Америки, являющаяся организацией консервативных общин. С 1929 года она объединила всех раввинов консервативного иудаизма. К этому времени уже была проведена реформа синагогальных установлений: отменено разделение синагог на мужскую и женскую части, введено сопровождение молитвы органной музыкой и т.п.

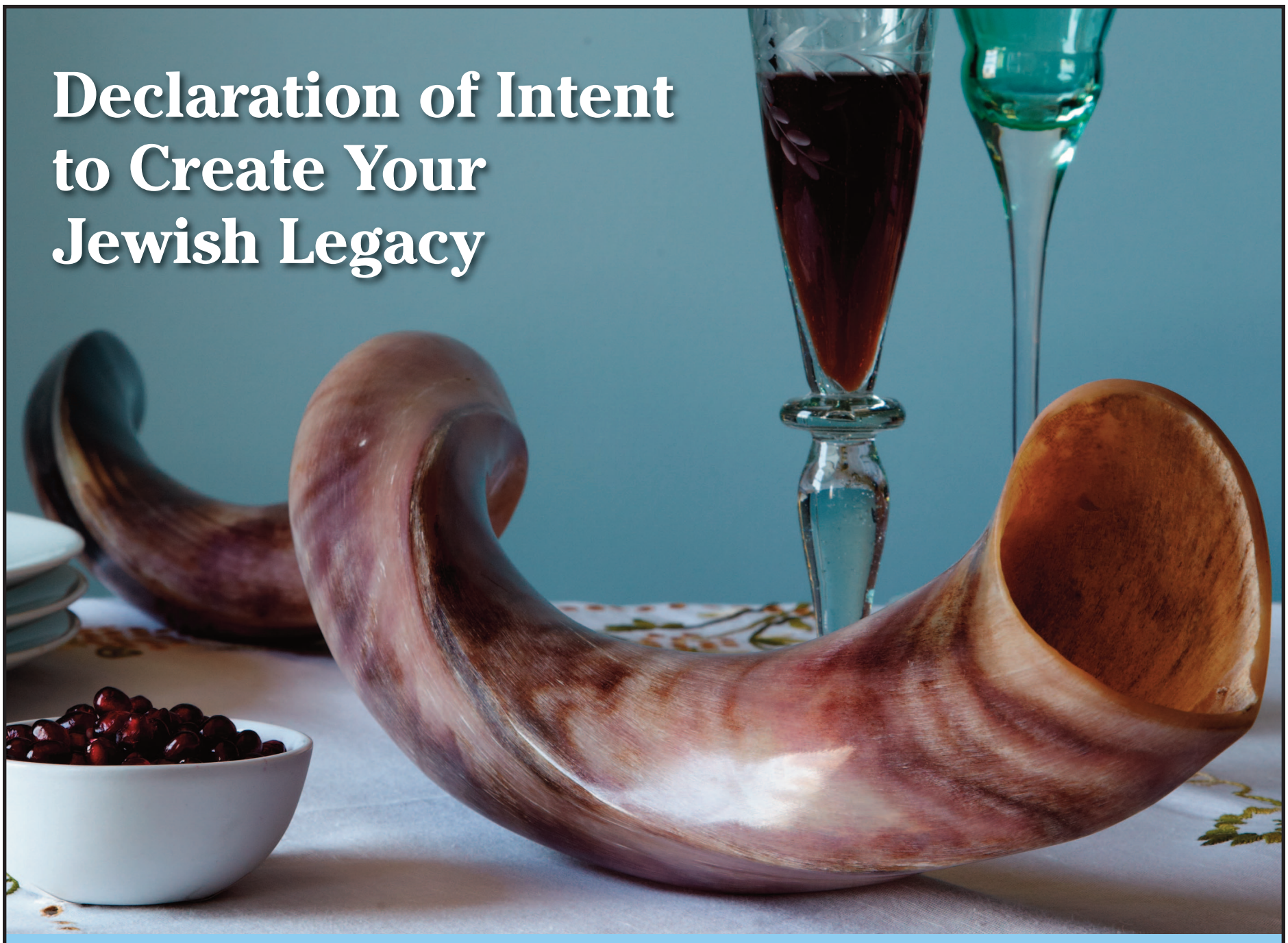
1930–40-е годы ознаменовались борьбой молодых руководителей Американского раввинского собрания за внесение изменений в нормы Торы. Так, в 1936 году было предложено узаконить развод, признанный раввинскими инстанциями. Это предложение натолкнулось на сильное сопротивление ортодоксов и не было принято. Попытки ясно определить религиозное мировоззрение и практику консервативного иудаизма, как четко отличающиеся от присущих ортодоксальному еврейству, наталкивались со стороны представителей ЕТС и других раввинов на сопротивление новшествам, которые привели бы к резким различиям между консервативным иудаизмом и ортодоксией. Так, с 1970-х годов некоторые круги консервативного иудаизма вели борьбу с ортодоксами за право женщин получать звание раввина. Вместе с тем, наблюдается снижение влияния ЕТС и усиление радикальных реформистских тенденций, проявившееся в отмене запретов ездить на автомашинах в субботу в синагогу и пользоваться микрофоном во время субботней службы.

После Второй мировой войны консервативный иудаизм охватывал значительную часть евреев США. В 1950 году почти половина американских евреев принадлежала к консервативному иудаизму. В последующие годы наметился отход молодого поколения от религии, что к 1970 году привело к снижению приверженцев консервативного иудаизма до 40%. В 1986 году консервативный иудаизм насчитывал около 850 конгрегаций. В 1970-х годах отношения между консервативным иудаизмом, реформизмом и ортодоксией обострились в связи с требованием последней изменить израильский Закон о возвращении таким образом, чтобы только обращение в иудаизм, произведенное в рамках ортодоксальной синагоги, считалось законным. В 1957 году по инициативе Объединенной синагоги Америки (ОСА) был создан Всемирный совет синагог, объединяющий общины и синагоги консервативного иудаизма во всем мире. Руководители консервативного иудаизма активно участвуют в сионистском движении. ОСА открыла в Иерусалиме центр, включающий синагогу, молодежную гостиницу и общинный центр.

Мы рассказали о трех движениях в современном иудаизме. Отношения между ними сложны и запутаны. В разные годы количество приверженцев каждого из движений изменялось. Такое положение актуально и сегодня. Не в этом ли проявляется свобода выбора (своего рода демократичность) в иудаизме!

Like Us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/jewishmadison.

Declaration of Intent to Create Your Jewish Legacy



Hear it. Your parents heard it. So did your grandparents, and their grandparents. The sound of the shofar – powerful blasts that have stirred the souls of Jews for generations. This year when you hear the shofar, imagine it echoing down through the years. When you leave a Jewish legacy, that's exactly what you make happen. It's a gift ensuring that what you cherish most about Jewish life will resonate for generations to come. To learn more about creating a legacy, contact Lynn Kaplan at (608) 278-1808 ext. 4076 or lkaplan@jewishmadison.org.

The Jewish Future. Make It Real.

It is with deep satisfaction and an abiding commitment to my community that I sign this declaration so that my intended contribution can provide for future generations and ensure continuity of services and programs in the Jewish community.

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____ Email _____

❑ I have already included the Jewish Federation of Madison in my estate plan.

- ❑ I will provide the Jewish Federation of Madison with documentation of my commitment.
- ❑ I prefer to convey my commitment verbally.

My charitable plan includes:

- ❑ Bequest in my will
- ❑ Distribution from my trust
- ❑ Designation from my retirement plan
- ❑ Recommendations from a donor advised fund
- ❑ Gift of life insurance
- ❑ Other (specify) _____

❑ I intend to include the Jewish Federation of Madison in my estate plan and will make this provision during the next _____ months.

Privacy Statement

- ❑ I prefer to remain anonymous and do not want recognition.
- ❑ To encourage others to make commitments that will ensure a vibrant future community, I permit my name to be recognized and listed in printed materials. My name should appear as follows:

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Please return to:
Jewish Federation of Madison
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719

Jewish Federation OF MADISON

THE **STRENGTH** OF A PEOPLE.
THE **POWER** OF COMMUNITY.

www.JewishMadison.org
(608) 278-1808

Jewish Federation
OF MADISON

75th Diamond Anniversary GALA

The Jewish Federation of Madison honors our esteemed past presidents

Join us for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing

Saturday, October 17th, 2015

Madison Marriott West

♦ 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception ♦ 7:45 p.m. Havdalah
♦ 8:00 p.m. Dinner, program and dancing

~ Cocktail Attire ~

To register for this event, go to www.JewishMadison.org or call 608-278-1808

DIAMOND SPONSOR

GB

BRILLIANT SPONSOR

FULL COMPASS
PRO AUDIO | VIDEO | AV | LIGHTING
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Anonymous

SPARKLE SPONSOR

ROSEN LAW OFFICES

Bauer & Raether Builders, Inc.

BAIRD

Bagels Forever

CRESS
FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICE
SINCE 1869

GalinEducation

RPB CPAs
Reilly Penner & Benton LLP

SHINING SPONSOR

CUNA MUTUAL GROUP

Thank you to our sponsors for their support of this special evening.