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Miriam Singer-Sulman Young Leadership Award Presented

Local veterinarian and community leader, Dr. Jesse Sondel will receive the Jewish Federation of Madison's 2017 Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leaders award in recognition for the numerous hours he devotes to serving the Federation and other local organizations. Jesse announced to his parents Sherrie and Paul at age seven that he would become a veterinarian, a path he pursued diligently throughout his formative years by raising a variety of animals. He received his degree in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Wisconsin in 2003 and now is head of a private veterinary practice in Madison. Jesse is a proud alum of the Federation's Gan HaYeled preschool program, Camp Shalom and Midrasha programs. Jesse was a camper and counselor at Camp Interlaken for fifteen summers where he came to know the young woman who became his wife Emilie. Jesse was a longtime hockey player and has passed the love of the game onto his daughter Jordan whom he now coaches along with her teammates. He is also a caring dad to his son Evan. Jesse volunteers for the local Humane Society, extending his caring for animals to assisting in providing medical care to rescued animals. Jesse has served on many Jewish Federation of Madison committees, most recently serving as chair of the nominating committee. He is always willing to help anyone in need, whether, furry, feathery or human. Miriam Singer Sulman was a much admired, dynamic young leader. In addition to the recognition given to the recipient of the Miriam Singer Sulman award, the endowed fund, established by Miriam's parents Isadore and Ida, enables the recipient to attend the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly.



Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award

Svetlana Govorukha is the 2017 Andrea J Stein Jewish Community Professional Award recipient. This award, established by the Stein family, is awarded annually in honor of Andrea Stein, a dedicated volunteer and editor of the Madison Jewish News, following her sudden death in 2013. This award is given annually to a Jewish community professional who promotes Jewish community outreach, engagement and action that best serves K'lal Yisrael.

A native of St. Petersburg Russia, Svetlana studied at the State University of Economics and Finance. Before leaving St. Petersburg, she worked for Gillette in the finance department.

Svetlana arrived in Madison with her husband Alex and their son Viktor on Viktor's fifth birthday, June 4, 2001. They welcomed Dmitriy to their family two years later.

Svetlana joined the Jewish Federation of Madison in 2005 and took over as the finance director in 2007.
She manages all financial operations for Federation and is known for her warmth, professionalism, and her dedication to detail, as she tackles the daily challenges of running the financials for a not-for-profit organization. In the evenings she manages the finances of her family's business, Steam Plus, which is now a Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund sponsor. When they first arrived in Madison, Svetlana's family was grateful to be a beneficiary of the scholarship fund for the camp. Today she pays it forward by helping ensure the scholarships continue to benefit those in need.

Both of her sons enjoyed and treasured many years at Camp Shalom. Viktor will graduate in December from UW-Madison while Dmitriy (a Gan HaYeled alumnus) is in his freshman year at Waunakee High School and looks forward to becoming a counselor at Camp Shalom next year.

Svetlana is bright, hard-working, passionate, committed to this community, and is always willing to do whatever it takes to keep Federation and its affiliate agencies and programs running smoothly.



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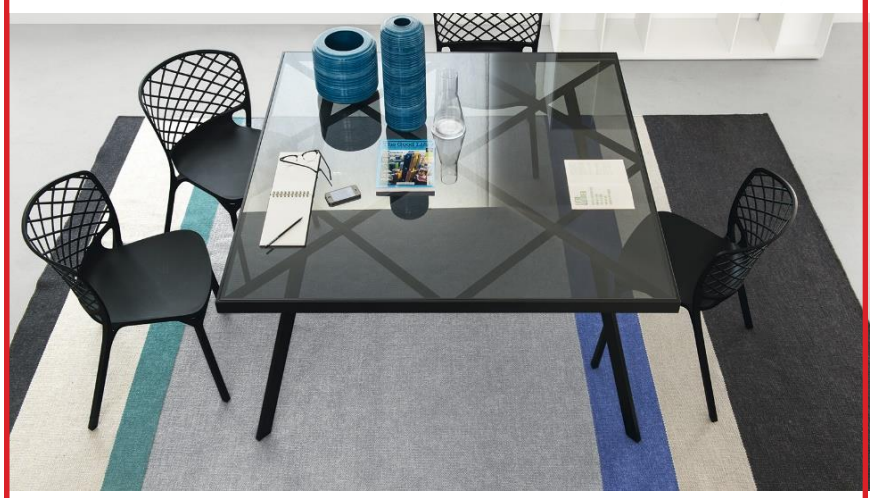

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The Meaning of Thanksgiving

Dear Friends,

In 1621, when the Plymouth colonists had their first successful fall harvest, they decided to hold a festival along with the Wampanoag Indians who had helped them become more accomplished farmers. This first Thanksgiving festival lasted for three days, reminiscent of the biblical festival of Sukkot. For the next two hundred years intermittent Thanksgiving festivals continued until Sara Josepha Hale, a writer most famous for her nursery rhyme, Mary Had a Little Lamb, lobbied to make Thanksgiving a national celebration. President Abraham Lincoln, in the midst of the Civil War, officially declared the last Thursday in November to be a day of national thanksgiving because he felt that despite the war, US citizens needed to have a day to offer thanks for the good things they did possess.

Today the true meaning of Thanksgiving is often lost amidst the enormous amounts of food, football frenzy and shopping extravaganzas that are the activities of the day. We often forget on Thanksgiving to take even a moment to offer thanks for the bounteous life we live in the United States. So too, we forget those who do not share in the abundance of the rest of the world.

The Thanksgiving holiday should be a day on which we stop for a moment to take stock of our lives and to be grateful for the freedom, security and privilege of living as free people in our world today. Thanksgiving, for those of us who are children or grandchildren of immigrants, is a day to be grateful for having been able to be raised in this country and to assist newer arrivals in need of assistance to achieve the same for the future generations of their families. Thanksgiving should be a time for us to make certain that all people around us have enough food, clothing and shelter to stay safe and healthy here too.

The Jewish Federation of Madison and its affiliate agency, Jewish Social Services, work to assist new immigrants, refugees and people with many social needs through its various programs here in Dane County and throughout the world through HIAS and the JDC. Your Tzedakah campaign dollars help make these services possible. Please help do your part this Thanksgiving by making your pledge or making an additional gift to share the bounty of your lives with others.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig,
Executive Director

P2G Special Event!

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

On Wednesday November 8th, Madison Jewish community is receiving a very special guest, Andrea Arbel, who is the director of Partnership2Gether Globally, will be visiting our community. We will be hosting her for the day and giving her a tour of our community. We would love for you to attend the Meet and Greet with her the evening of November 8. She will discuss P2G and their new global initiatives.

When: Wednesday, November 8
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where: Great Dane - Hilldale
Appetizers will be provided
Suggested Donation: $10
Visit www.jewishmadison.org to register, or contact Shlomit at israel@jewishmadison.org

As the director of the partnership unit at the Jewish Agency for Israel, where she is responsible for Partnership2Gether, the Global School Twining Network, Allocations to the Religious Streams and the loan fund division for small businesses. Before entering the world of Partnership2Gether, she served as advisor to the director general of The Jewish Agency's aliyah and absorption department.

After making aliyah over 30 years ago from the United States, she worked at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, a think-tank where she published numerous books and articles including: *Riding the Wave: The Jewish Agency's Role in the Mass Aliyah of Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry to Israel* and *The Blue Box Revisited: Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel-The Jewish National Fund*. Andrea lives with her husband and three children in Kfar Uriyah, Israel.



Madison Jewish Community Cleans Forest Hill Gravestones

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

On a beautiful Sunday in-between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Congregations Shaarei Shamayim and Beth Israel Center, along with Jewish Social Services, sponsored a special program to clean the gravestones in the Jewish section of Forest Hill Cemetery. It was organized by Madison native Nicki Borenstein Milin.

Shaarei Shamayim held our children's education program at the cemetery, and we began with singing and learning about Jewish burial customs. Members of our community whose loved ones are buried in the cemetery spoke about them, and we learned about Jewish symbols on the gravestones. Next we brought out the soap and started scrubbing. Afterwards, our families gathered in groups with our teachers and reflected on the importance of the Jewish value of kavod hamet, honoring our dead. At the end of the morning we did a ritual with stones to remember the particular loved ones in our lives who have died. It was a very meaningful morning and we hope to make it an annual tradition.

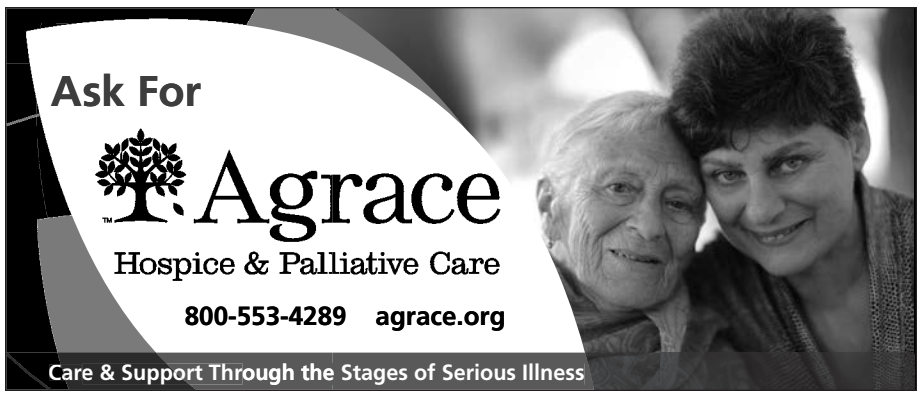
Later in the day Rabbi Sami Barth led a pre-Yom Kippur cemetery visit for members of Beth Israel Center and the larger community.



Mara Glinberg (age 12) and Daniel Sulman (age 6) along with Erin McGrath and Anne Altshuler, get ready to start washing.



Asher (age 7) and Ella (age 3) Berland scrub a gravestone clean.



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To Hop or Not to Hop, That is the Question...

By Jessie Loeb, postpartum doula
with assistance from Matthew Banks, President, Beth Israel Center

I will begin this article by answering this rhetorical question, YES, HOP!

Way back in 2009 I got a phone call from Matt Banks about something called a Sukkah Hop. I remember the phone call. I had a toddler on my hip trying to eat the phone as I answered, while my two older children, though also tiny, doing everything they could to stop this phone call dead in its tracks. I remember Matt telling me about his idea and asking if Jordy and I would be interested in participating. We would be one family of at least four or five families — this would be a progressive hop, a growing meal of sorts; soup, and appetizers, main course and desert. I told Matt we would think about it and hung up. Almost seconds after Matt and I said goodbye I realized the phone I was using had become a phone lollipop for my youngest, and the other two had each other in a tight head lock; I wasn't sure who was winning.

I never grew up with a sukkah. I had one friend in Milwaukee who had a sukkah and I went once to join them for pizza when I was 14. I did not know what this would mean for us to put up a sukkah AND what it would mean to cook for a potential and questionable number of people. I had a child who licked telephones — how would we participate in a sukkah hop for a whole neighborhood?! I married a man whose motto was and still is: The more merrier and larger the group of Jews the better… Jordy's eyes lit up with this idea of an East Side sukkah hop; that's all I needed. I was sold. That year, there were four hosts: Matt Banks, my family, Laura Heisler and Steve Goldstein, and Mitch Cooper and Ruth Coniff. Over the years, Rabbis Laurie Zimmerman and Renee Bauer joined the group, and Congregation Sha'arei Shamayim has co-hosted each year, along with Beth Israel Center.

Let us fast forward to the present, our 8th annual East Side sukkah hop. Every year, when our backyard is decorated with colorful tablecloths, drinks and food to feed an army, my heart is full. Every year when strangers walk into our backyard and they look tentative and ask whose home this is and is it okay for them to come, my heart is full. Every year when people tell me their history of never having had a sukkah or wanting to relive their memories of their family's sukkot, my heart is full. When our backyard empties out and the sukkah is quiet, my heart stays full. This event brings people together in a way I have never seen before; strangers, the regulars, hungry children, happy parents, neighbors who are curious about what is going on in our backyard — it's all wonderful. The East Side Sukkah Hop may have started out as a somewhat small gathering (though not really — small was 40 people); now, it has grown to be powerful and meaningful event that brings people together, to eat, to laugh and reconnect. What better way to celebrate a holiday, to celebrate the mitzvah of welcoming people into your home and simply being happy?

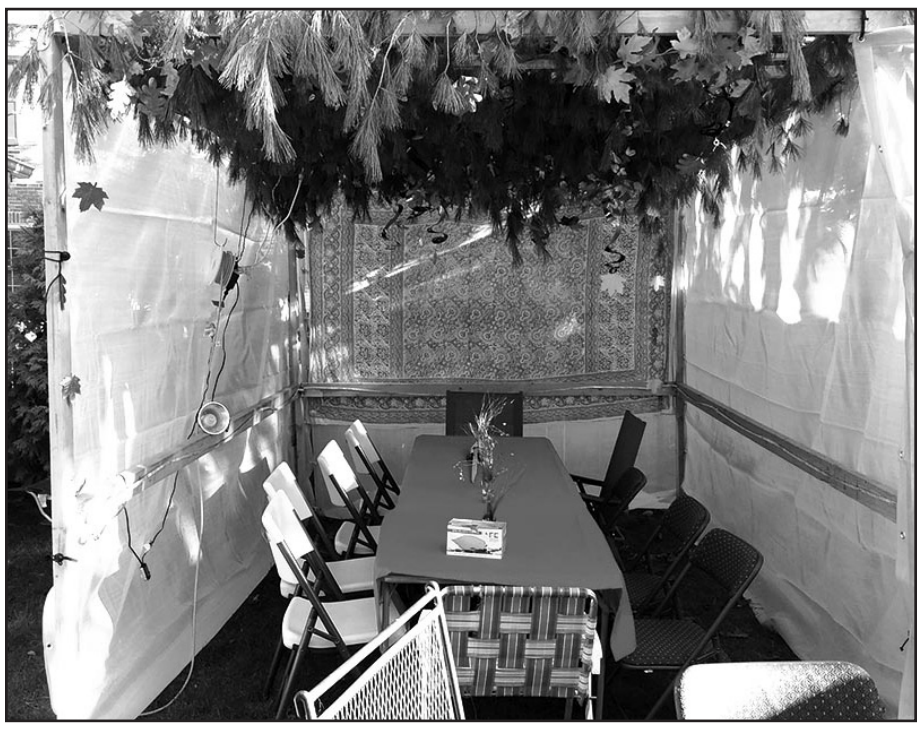
See you next year on the East Side…

Many thanks this year to Matthew Banks, Laurie Zimmerman, Renee Bauer, and Steve and Laura Heisler who opened their homes, backyards, porches and arms to anyone who wanted to experience this East Side Joy! Mitch and Ruth usually have the first stop, but are in Mexico for the year; we missed them and their pizza appetizers.









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4:00 pm–4:30 pm: Hors D'oeuvres and Reception
4:30 pm–6:00 pm: Program and Annual Meeting
Cost: $10 per person
Please join us as we highlight the successes of the past year and present the following awards:
• Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award ~ Jesse Sondel
• The Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award ~ Svetlana Govorukha
• Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award ~ The surprise award recipient will be announced at the meeting
Other business includes the election of the Board of Directors and Officers.
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Federation will be closed for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23, 2017

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue On Campus and In the Community

By Jerilyn Goodman for UW-Hillel
UW-Hillel is a beneficiary organization of Jewish Federation of Madison

For Lizzy Wallis, the pursuit of justice is part of her identity. "Social justice is something I've always been taught, something I've always been raised with. My dad really raised us on the mantra that it takes all kinds to make the world go 'round," says the 23 year old from St. Louis. After graduating from the University of Denver in 2017, Lizzy is passing that lesson on to students at UW Hillel as its first Springboard Fellow for Social Justice.

Sponsored by Hillel International, the Springboard Fellowship Program is the successor to the Steinhardt Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellowship, which Hillel ran from 1994 to 2008 training young people to become Jewish community leaders through student engagement. Lizzy is one of just 12 fellows around the country, creating student programs in social justice or innovation. She is the first full-time staff member of UW Hillel to focus solely on social justice. "We chose to bring Springboard to UW Hillel," said Executive Director Greg Steinberger, "because we wanted to specifically expand our work to engage students in the world, to provoke volunteerism and take a deeper dive into core issues that shape our community and world. We are encouraging students to move out of their comfort zone, pierce their bubble and make a difference." In this interview, Lizzy describes her program, her plans and her passion to pursue justice.

What is your role at UW Hillel?

Through the Springboard Program, we are looking to engage young people who didn't see themselves connected to the Jewish community by saying, "Hey, you are just as much a part of the Jewish community as anyone else." I see my role and responsibility here as developing a foundation and framework for how social justice can happen in the future in our community so another staffer has a program to step into.

Why here and now?

College is such a ripe time where minds are being formed. We have a responsibility working with college students to help guide the way that our future leaders are going to be thinking and acting - trying to create a better world, pursue human rights and social equity. We have a responsibility to empower students to do that.

How do you encourage college kids to want to do this work?

Volunteering is a very secular thing, but I think there's an added appreciation for a deeper experience when you can also connect it to Jewish values. When we connect on that level, it's a bit more meaningful. A lot of college students here are looking to get involved in the greater Madison community in some way or another.

The beauty of my job is that I get to meet so many people and when I meet people who are going into elementary education or people who say, "Volunteering is very important to me." I can say, "Great, we have this opportunity. Come join Jewish Badgers in doing this…"

After just a few months here, how is your program shaping up?

My approach in working in social justice is looking at how we effect social change. For example, every Tuesday we're volunteering at the downtown YWCA with youth who are sheltered there. These are kids living in single-parent homes, are homeless, or are families with domestic abuse. We're sitting and eating with these kids and it gives the parents a bit of a break, to unwind, knowing that their kids are being looked after and to also be a mentor for these children and help with communication skills for their emotional well-being.

Twice a month, Greg (Steinberger, Hillel Executive Director) and I are also holding an informal get-together at Hillel that we're calling Wake Up Wisconsin. It's a chance for students to come and kind of de-brief on what's going on in the news, in the hopes that it promotes awareness of what's going on in our country and in the world. If people need a space to talk through what's going on, hear different perspectives on it, we provide that space.

We also have two, terrific social justice student interns who planned a non-partisan Letters to Legislators event in October. Our interns wanted to move Jewish and non-Jewish students from talking about social justice issues to taking action, letting their voices be heard by people who can make changes in policy on things like refugee resettlement and immigration, access to affordable health care, gun violence prevention, etc.

How does your own identity inform your work?

As a lesbian, holding a minority identity and coming to terms with that and finding self-acceptance has really made me want to be an ally to all other people and groups. I think we're going to be a lot stronger standing as allies with one another and I've always had this drive. So, part of my work is helping to build and nurture relationships with other cultural and faith organizations on campus. We're working on a Voterpalooza to get students, particularly minority voices, to register to vote. I hope that when I leave this job we have strong relationships with other minority groups.

What do you want to do after your fellowship ends (in 2019)?

My biggest passion is food justice. There are many neighborhoods, which tend to be minority, low-income, that we would categorize as a food desert, meaning, there's not a grocery store within a close distance. Food justice means ensuring access to affordable, healthy food, so that people aren't making the choice between providing themselves and their children with healthy food or paying rent, or having school supplies — these are very real decisions for a lot of people.

Food justice also means providing culturally just food. In college, I worked in a neighborhood that was 85% Latino and part of food justice there meant stocking the grocery store with ingredients for their cultural cuisine. They should be able to make foods that reinforce a sense of cultural heritage, like their grandparents and great-grandparents made.

How does your work at Hillel connect to Madison's Jewish community?

I would like to see our Hillel community engage in social justice action with the greater Madison Jewish community. I've talked with Rabbi Renee Bauer from JSS on working together on refugee resettlement and advocacy projects and we're always looking for other people to collaborate with. It's a cool thing to show Jewish college students that, "Hey, this is still gonna happen after you leave college. You can be a part of social justice in the larger community — it's not unique to a college campus." So that's a really important part of our work. At UW Hillel, we want to model ways to be active in the Jewish community after college ends.

If you have a suggestion for UW students at Hillel working on social justice issues, contact Lizzy at ewallis@uwhillel.org.



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Food-A-Rama: The Place to Be

Don't miss Temple Beth El Sisterhood's 51st Annual Food-A-Rama deli luncheon and community gathering on Tuesday, November 7, 2017!

Held at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, this tasty event features corned beef sandwiches, kosher-style hot dogs, Mediterranean vegetarian platters, scrumptious baked goods, and more. Dine-in and carry-out are available (in addition to delivery for orders of five or more lunches placed by November 1).

Dine-in hours are 11 am to 1:30 pm. Bakery and deli sales start at 10:00 am. Lottie Frank, Sisterhood co-president, says, "People line up before the event begins, and items sell out. Come early—it's definitely not to be missed!"

Bakery sales feature homemade pies, cakes, tortes, bars, and Jewish delicacies including rugelach and mandelbrot. Deli items include frozen matzah ball soup and cabbage soup, fresh chopped liver, challah, corned beef, and more. Potato knishes, a historic recipe welcomed back for last year's 50th anniversary, will be available again. Be sure to pick some up for a tasty dinner or to freeze for later!

Funds raised at Food-A-Rama support the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund, as well as Temple Beth El and other local organizations. In 2016 Dina Weinbach, then executive director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, which sponsors Camp Shalom, said, "Food-A-Rama and the Temple Sisterhood have our utmost thanks and gratitude for their support of the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund and for helping us to ensure that no child would be denied a Camp Shalom experience because of financial need."

Everyone is invited to this delicious community gathering on November 7! For order forms and more information, visit food-a-rama.com or contact Leslie Kemp at sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com or (608) 798-4212.







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Come see what our lively, traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Beth Israel Center programs and services are open to all; visitors are especially welcome. Please introduce yourself. Some events require registration. Please call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org with any questions. We love to talk about upcoming events, education for children and adults, membership and more. Visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or our Facebook page for more information. Here are some upcoming calendar highlights:

Hebrew Study Group

Thursdays, November 2 and 9
6:00–7:00 pm

A new adult study group is working together to learn the Aleph Bet (the Hebrew alphabet), vocabulary, and some grammar. If you can already read Hebrew fluently and with understanding, you are way beyond this group. This is a study group, not a class. The facilitators, Jane Ganz and Kazu Kitano, are learning Hebrew themselves and want to study with other adult beginners and those who know a little Hebrew but have a long way to go to become fluent. Please feel free to participate in any or all sessions. Contact the office for more information, including recommended text books.

Shabbat Morning Meditation

Saturdays, November 4 and 18
9:15–10:00 am

Come to Beth Israel Center on the 1st and 3rd Shabbat of each month for meditation, chanting, and discussion. You may enter or leave quietly at any time. These sessions serve as preparation for Birchot HaShachar (which begin at 9:30 am in the main sanctuary), Shacharit (which typically starts around 9:50 am in the main sanctuary), or Torah Service (which typically begins around 10:10 am). Meet in Classroom 3, which is on the far side of the library on the lower level. Questions? Email merchavlev@gmail.com.

Fall Cleanup Day

Sunday, November 5
10:30 am–12:30 pm

Come help prepare our planted areas for winter. Bring gloves and gardening tools if possible. No experience necessary. It's a mitzvah and a fun way to meet people.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, November 12
10:15–11:30 am

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

Camp Ramah Info Session

Thursday, November 16, 6:00 pm

Curious about Camp Ramah? Come to BIC for a casual dinner and to meet some of the people who make Camp Ramah in Wisconsin such a very special place.

Kabbalat Shabbat & Potluck Dinner

Friday, November 17, 5:45 pm

Welcome Shabbat with friends and delicious food at Beth Israel Center. The evening begins as we gather to toast the week that was beginning at 5:00 pm. Services begin at 5:45 pm and are followed by a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Because Shabbat begins earlier than services at this time of year, please drop off potluck contributions of kosher-dairy food or drinks before 4:00 pm on Friday or earlier in the week, any time the office is open. All are welcome! Please contact the office with any questions about our kashrut policy for potlucks.

Social Action Shabbat

Saturday, November 18

If you've heard the call of social action recently, you can explore some ways to answer during and after BIC Shabbat services on November 18. During services, we'll hear brief talks by representatives of Porchlight and The Road Home, two local agencies grappling with homelessness in our city. And at a special Kiddush afterwards, we'll have some tables set aside (not all; regular schmoozing and socializing still an option!) where interested congregants can focus on a specific issue calling for action--a homelessness table, say, or an immigration or a hunger or a racial justice table—and can meet with like-minded fellow members while gathering information about options for action. Come join us on Shabbat November 18 and see what inspires you!

Rosh Hodesh Kislev

Sunday, November 19, 8:15 am

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

MOUSY Chanukah Candles

Order by Tuesday, November 21

Looking for light? Order made-in-Israel, deluxe, handcrafted, and decorative Chanukah candles from MOUSY, Beth Israel Center's high school youth group. Pre-orders only, $18.00 per box. Checks made out to MOUSY of Beth Israel Center will secure your order. Candle pick-up dates will be Tuesday, December 5 and Thursday, December 7, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, and Sunday, December 10, 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Beth Israel Center. Don't be caught unawares!

Subversive Prayer

Sundays, 9:00 am

Rabbi Sami Barth leads an ongoing series of journeys into the arena of prayer, poetry, music and worship, looking at challenges, paradoxes, and occasionally a pathway forward. Youtube allows us to visit experiences all over the world, including Jerusalem, Spain, New York, Burning Man, and elsewhere. Following Sunday morning minyan with light breakfast, each session stands alone. Come when you can. All are welcome. Call the office, email rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org, or check our website calendar to confirm meeting dates.

Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, 7:00 pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm. Sylvia builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master - all levels welcome and encouraged to attend.

Shabbat Services

Every Friday at 5:45 pm
Every Saturday at 9:30 am

Looking for warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services? We welcome Shabbat every Friday around 5:00 pm as people begin to gather and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45 pm.
Our Shabbat morning worship begins with Birchot HaShachar and continues through P'sukei d'zimra, Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. Each week during the school year we offer age-appropriate tefilla (prayer) for all children, babies through age 12, at 10:30 am. Younger children should bring their grown-ups along. Visitors are always welcome!
To receive schedule updates and other information, subscribe to our e-newsletter or "Like" us on Facebook. For the e-news, subscribe on our website or email office@bethisraelcenter.org and ask to be added.

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.

Shabbat Potlucks

Fridays, November 3 and 17
6:00 pm

Please call the office for location.

Join us for either of our Shabbat potlucks held in members' homes. Our first Friday potlucks (Nov 3) are family-friendly and a bit less structured. At our social action potlucks (Nov 17) we invite a speaker to discuss social justice issues – topic TBA. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Exploring Judaism: Open Discussion About All Your Jewish Questions

Wednesday, November 8, 4:30 pm

Located at our offices. Please call the office for exact location.

Curious about Judaism? Join Rabbi Laurie for a monthly gathering where we discuss different aspects of Judaism. This group is for people who want to deepen their knowledge of Jewish practice, who have questions regarding Jewish identity, who are considering becoming Jewish, or who are looking for an opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed environment. We structure each session around participant questions and interests. If you would like to learn more or receive updates, and to RSVP, please contact the office.

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, November 11 and 25
Friday, December 1

Located at the First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On November 11, we will have a musical intergenerational Shabbat service led by Rabbi Laurie and Aviv Kammay for kids and adults of all ages. We'll gather from 9:30 am –11:00 am; for younger kids who cannot sit through the service we will have additional children's activities, and we will come back together at the end for bagels and coffee. This is a great opportunity to check out our community. Please bring a side dish to share.
On November 25, members of our ritual committee will lead Torah study at 9:30 am and our Shabbat service at 10:30 am. We will welcome Cantorial Soloist, Michele Rozansky, for a beautiful Shabbat evening service on December 1. We'll gather for the service at 6:00 pm followed by Shabbat dinner and a speaker or discussion. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Young Family Havurah

Sunday, November 19

Center for Families, 2120 Fordem Ave.

Do you have a child who is 0 –5 years old? If so, join us for our Young Family Havurah. We meet during our children's education program. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents of young children in a fun playroom with many toys. Feel free to join us for assembly at 9:30 am or for the playgroup at 9:50 am. To learn more about our group and to receive updates, please contact the office.

Temple Beth El

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

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

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

Shabbat Starts Here

Friday, November 3, 5:45–9:00 pm

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6:00 pm, Shabbat Shalom Service
6:45 pm, Potluck Dinner
7:45 pm, Special program honoring Rabbi's 13 years of service to TBE and Kumsitz (sing-a-long) followed by dessert reception

The evening will be enhanced with a Shabbat Shalom service including consecration for our kindergarten and new first to third grade students. Great for all ages, music based and includes visual t'filah.

Services will be followed by a potluck dinner. Temple will provide salmon and chicken. Following dinner join our staff as we honor Rabbi Biatch's 13 years with Temple Beth El followed by a Kumsitz (sing-a-long) to some of his favorite tunes. Dessert reception to follow.

RSVP at tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/shabbat_starts_here_november_2017

Celebrating 13 Years with Rabbi Biatch

Saturday, November 4, 6:00 pm

Full Compass Systems
9770 Silicon Prairie Parkway, Madison

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

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

Tickets at $100/person are going quickly—reserve your spot now at bit.ly/celebrate_rabbi_biatch!
Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please call (608) 238-3123.

51st Annual Food-a-Rama

Tuesday, November 7
10:00 am–1:30 pm

All of Madison is invited to Food-A-Rama, TBE Sisterhood's annual Election Day luncheon, now in its 51st year! Featuring corned beef sandwiches, kosher-style hot dogs, Mediterranean vegetarian platters, scrumptious baked goods, and more. Dine-in and carry-out are available (in addition to delivery for orders placed by November 1). Funds raised at this tasty event support Temple Beth El, Camp Shalom, and community organizations.

For order forms and more information, see food-a-rama.com or contact Leslie Kemp at sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com or (608) 798-4212.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together at Nonno's

Friday, November 10, 5:30 pm

704 S Whitney Way, Madison, WI 53711

Join with friends for a delicious Italian food dinner prior to services on Friday night. Each person is responsible for paying their own bill. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and be at Temple Beth El by the time Shabbat Evening Services begin at 7:30 pm. RSVP here or call (608) 238-3123.

Swarsensky Scholar Weekend

Saturday, November 11, 10:00 am "Keturah: The Family We Don't Talk About" Torah Study Lunch to follow.

The second half of this week's parsha deals with the offspring of Keturah, a concubine of Abraham's who doesn't appear in the Torah until after Sarah's death at the start of the parsha. Although Abraham's concubine Hagar, the mother of Ishmael, is an important figure in the Torah, Keturah is rarely mentioned. Keturah's children include the ancestors of nations that appear as rivals and adversaries to the Israelites in later books of the Torah, so why don't we know more about her? Today's d'var will explore possibilities from traditional and modern commentaries as we attempt to understand why Keturah is so obscure. Pollack's talk begins the Swarsensky Lecture weekend and kicks off the Adult Education Committee's year-long focus on family and community history.

Brunch and Keynote "Rudolph Jessner: Recovering the Community We Don't Talk About

Sunday, November 12, 9:45 am

Deerfield-born Rudolph Jessner's parents were the first Russian Jews to settle in Dane County, arriving in the late 1880s. He lived a turbulent and tragic life en-route to becoming one of Madison's most notorious speakeasy operators during prohibition. His assassination of a Madison police officer and subsequent imprisonment at Waupun embarrassed Madison's Jewish community and, arguably, hastened the Jewish exodus from the Greenbush neighborhood. In addition to telling the lurid tale of Rudolph Jessner, Jonathan Pollack's talk will show us how to recover the histories of community and family members— that no one wants to talk about— through census records, newspapers, archival sources, and more. This talk is the second of Jonathan's Swarsensky Lectures, and part of the Adult Education Committee's yearlong look at family and community history.

Brunch is $15/person, $20 at the door. RSVP for one or both activities at tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/swarsensky_2017

Kesher Israel Film Night - *One Week and a Day*

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 pm

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Doors open 7:00 pm, the film shows at 7:15 pm. Please join us for free snacks, schmoozing and another vibrant discussion! Shlomit, our shlicha, will be part of our discussion if at all possible!

Singles Creating Community Coffee

Friday, November 17, 9:00 am

EVP 3809 Mineral Point Rd

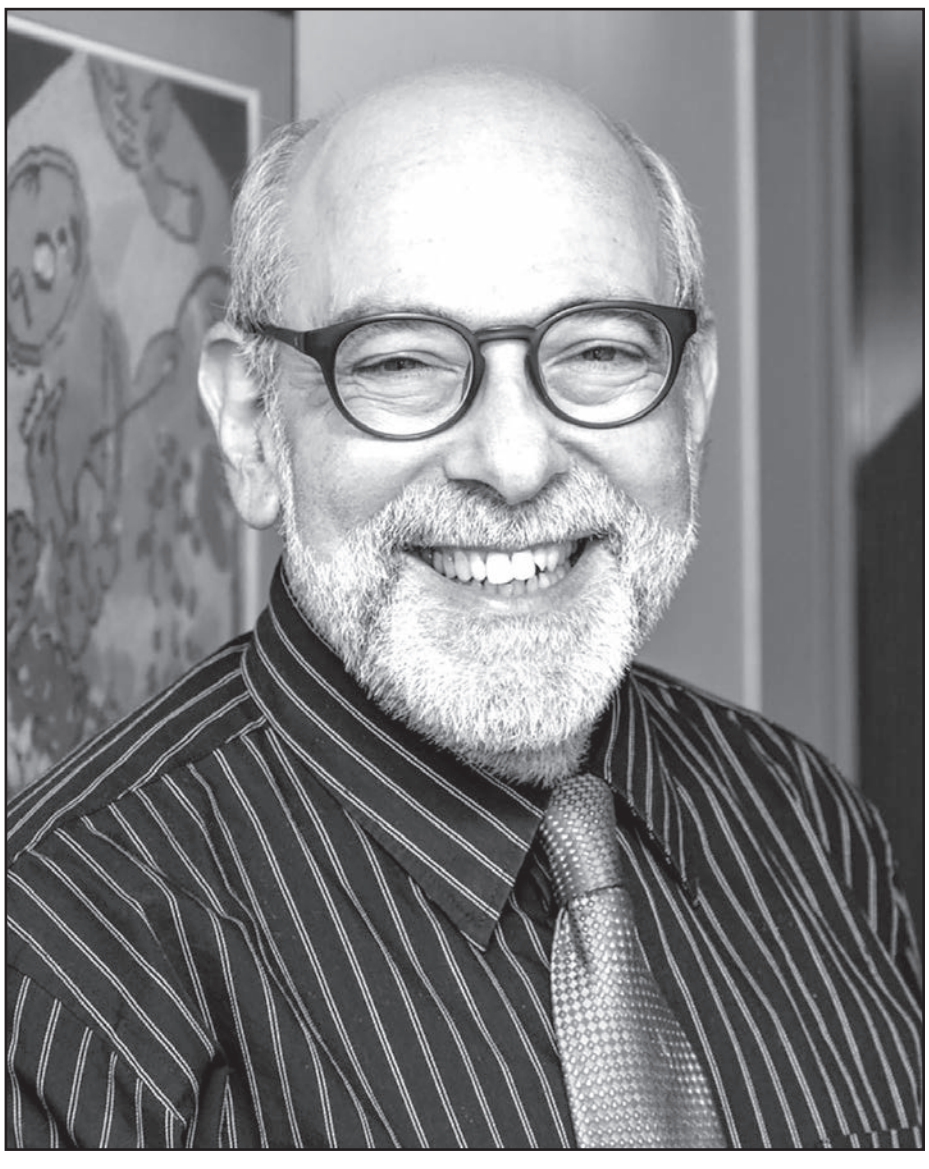
Start your Friday with some lovely conversation.

Cancer Support Group

Sunday, November 19, 2:00 pm

Frank Adult Lounge, Temple Beth El

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



Mazel Tov!

to Rabbi Biatch
on his thirteen
years with
Temple Beth El

Hadassah's Walking Adventures

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

Epic Campus Walking Adventure with Madison Hadassah
Led by Epic's own Ed Angelina

Google and Facebook and other high-tech companies may have "cool" workplaces, but only Epic Medical Software Systems has created an entire fantasy-like city-sized campus inspired by story-books, medieval fantasies, the York Stock Exchange, outer space, farms, and much more.

The city includes an intricately designed wizard-themed Harry Potter-esque room, a deep space center, a slide to get from one floor to another, sculptures of seals and elephants and the Blues Brothers, experience and much more. The remarkable themed environments, art collection and furniture serve to inspire the over 10,000 employees based in this small city.

Join Ed Angelina for an inside look. Humpty Dumpty on a wall will greet you in front of the Andromeda building. From there, Ed will lead us on a delightful journey.

The tour: We can't cover the entire campus in one hour, so we're scheduling a few tours throughout the year.

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017
Time: 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Location: Meet at Andromeda Building. Free. Handicap accessible. Non-members welcome.
For questions and reservations:
Call (608) 770-6521 or email MadisonHadassah@gmail.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison/
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Founding Director of The Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture, Has Retired

Press Release–October 25, 2017
Madison, WI

Henry Sapoznik, director of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture, has retired from the University of Wisconsin-Madison after seven years of service.

Since its founding, the Institute has become a nationally renowned center for Yiddish music scholarship while also fostering a vibrant community in Madison, Wisconsin.

Sapoznik first traveled to UW in 2003, when he performed as part of Madison jazz icon Ben Sidran's residency at the university. He returned in 2009 as an artist-in-residence through the Arts Institute's Interdisciplinary Arts Residency Program, leading klezmer workshops and teaching courses on Yiddish-American popular culture.

The success of Sapoznik's residency led to the Mayrent Institute's establishment in 2010 by educator and musician Sherry Mayrent. During his tenure, Sapoznik organized numerous successful events including the Sound Salon series featuring live musical performances and talks on Yiddish music history, the biennial World Records Symposium, and the Viskonsin! Tales of Yiddish Wisconsin symposium. He also brought the long-running KlezKamp to Madison, which ran from 2010 until 2014. Sapoznik was regularly featured in print and on local radio, with appearances on Wisconsin Public Radio's "To the Best of Our Knowledge" and "Whad'Ya Know?" programs.

In partnership with the Mills Music Library, Sapoznik also contributed to the curation of the Mayrent Collection of Yiddish Recordings, a repository of some 8,000+ recordings of Yiddish traditional and folk music. The Collection includes the oldest-known recordings of Yiddish music: a set of cylinder recordings from ca. 1901 that were reissued last year by Archeophone Records, the Institute, and Mills Music Library as Attractive Hebrews: The Lambert Yiddish Cylinders, 1901-1905.

Sapoznik was raised in a Yiddish-

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November 12–13, 2017

The Pyle Center 325/326, 702 Langdon St., Madison, WI



The Sholem Aleichem Bobblehead Doll, by Lawrence Bush for *Jewish Currents*

A century after his death, Sholem Aleichem still captures the imagination. The man behind *Fiddler on the Roof,* he introduced work that has left an indelible imprint on American culture. But how are we to understand the legacy of this artist? Was he a writer for the masses or a stylist of the highest literary order? And what is at stake in categorizing his literary legacy? Bringing together scholars, journalists, and fiction writers, this conference will reassess Sholem Aleichem's literary reception and remap the boundaries of popular Yiddish culture.

Sunday, November 12, 3:00-4:30 **ALISA SOLOMON**
From *Folkshrayber* to Broadway and Back: How *Fiddler* Became Folklore

Sunday, November 12, 5:00-6:30 **ADAM SACHS**
"No, he isn't Kafka.": Some Anxieties About Sholem Aleichem, Humor, and Humorists

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- Thursday, December 28 ~ 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Friday, December 29 ~ 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

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Camp Shalom Making a Difference

Dear Ellen, Camp Shalom counselors and staff, volunteers and scholarship donors,

This is the third year our children and grandchildren (currently 9 and 7 years old) received scholarships to Camp Shalom. We are truly amazed, astonished, grateful and so touched by the uniqueness of Camp Shalom. We initially heard about Camp Shalom from the director of the childrens' pre-school and summer program at the Waisman Center. After checking around with a few of Madison's day care centers that year, we felt very discouraged to find out that the ones we contacted could not take children with IEPs. Our first grandson had an IEP which had Emotional-Behavioral Disorder as the main category of disability. In cases like that, we were told by our school district that they could not handle a summer school session for him since they did not have staff who could follow an IEP for that type of disability. In checking with the Waisman Center, we were told that Camp Shalom accepts children with varying abilities and is truly inclusive. We talked with Ellen Weismer, and she encouraged us to apply.

We noticed that families can apply for scholarships, so we applied and our first grandchild received a scholarship. We didn't know how it would turn out because he was very reluctant to try new things. We were so excited for him to have this opportunity.

The first day of camp, as we waited for him to come home on the yellow bus, we were terrified. He got off the bus smiling and laughing, and when we asked how was it, he said: "it was great, they really like me!" From that moment on, he was so charged up to go to camp every day, he glowed with pride and happiness. He was five years old then and we were unsuccessful in helping him potty train. After a few days in camp, we had our usual discussion with him about what he did that day, and he said out of the blue "I have to go to the bathroom now!" We were blown away, and he was able to take care of his needs because of the folks at Camp Shalom and the environment of happiness they create. Each subsequent year he and his younger brother attended Camp Shalom and it has become one of the biggest joys of their lives. They may not express it that way, but that's what we heard in our hearts.

I could go on and on, but let us say that we think Camp Shalom is a wonderful, happy, positive environment with counselors, support staff, directors that are on the same page and that is to treat children with love, respect, joy and kindness. This environment is created with a foundation of great leadership, programming, communication, and sincere requests for improvement.

This summer, our older grandson had a life changing event at Camp Shalom! It was time for him to make a decision about an overnight camping experience with the other kids and counselors. This would be the first time he would camp with anyone but our family. He did it, and was successful, because of you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
From Mom, Grandma and Grandpa



Climbing the wall!

Jewish Education

Gan HaYeled's Community Events

By Marla Becker
Director, Gan HaYeled

At Gan HaYeled, we aren't just a preschool community. We are part of our Madison Jewish community. We are thrilled to announce two new monthly community events!

Parents' Time Out!

One of our new programs this year is Parents' Time Out! Gan HaYeled director Marla Becker and teenagers from the Madison Jewish community can't wait to spend the afternoon with your children! We staff the event based on enrollment, always making sure we have a 2:1 ratio. What is extra special about this event is that our teenagers are volunteering their time to get involved in the Madison Jewish community. According to one of our sitters, Baila B., "It was so fun. I got to play with the kids and see their creative sides. I love seeing them so happy!" Hope to see you there!

Dates: Sunday, November 12 and December 17
Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Age: 6 months to 8 years
Cost: $18 per child
Location: Gan HaYeled Preschool, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI
For more information, please contact Marla Becker at gan@jewishmadison.org.

Family Potluck Shabbat and PJ Library

Let's bring in Shabbat together! We'll sing songs, light candles, drink Kiddush, eat challah, read a PJ Library book and enjoy a casual vegetarian potluck dinner. Adults can shmooze while the children play. It will be a great time for all!

Dates: Friday, November 17 and December 8
Time: 5:00 pm
Where: Gan Hayeled Preschool
What to bring: A vegetarian main dish or a vegetarian side dish
Location: Gan HaYeled Preschool, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI
Please RSVP to Marla Becker at gan@jewishmadison.org

Shmooze and Move Classes

Join us weekly for a parent/tot yoga class with an instructor from little om BIG OM. The multi-session class is 30 minutes long followed by an opportunity to schmooze with the other caregivers and their children. Parents, grandparents, and nannies are all welcome! This class is for children between the ages of 3 months and 3 years, and their caregivers.

Dates: Mondays: November 6, November 13, November 20, November 27, December 11, and December 18
Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Cost: 9 Classes for $72 for 1 child or $125 for two children (siblings)
Location: Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, Conference Room, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI
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We experimented with various objects and determined whether they would float or sink.



Many thanks to Jim for letting us know a green tree frog was outside the Federation office.



We explored five senses this month.



Rolling corn in paint was a thrill! This turned into our Sukkah Sign.



Hag Sameach!

316 Mitzvot

By Kimberley Rosenthal
Interim Director of Midrasha



316 Mitzvot. That is our goal as a Midrasha community for the year; to perform 316 mitzvot. How did we get to that number? On the first Wednesday of the semester students worked in teams based on their grade to count the number of seeds in a pomegranate, with the 'winning' team having 316 seeds. Mitzvot can be something students do for National Honor Society, helping a teacher at Midrasha, participating in their synagogues' social action events, and much more. Our Jewish identities are strongly linked to giving tzedakah, which doesn't always have to be monetary. Together, this Midrasha community will be growing their Jewish identity through mitzvot in and out of class.

As this year continues, I am looking forward to growing with your students!





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One Year Later: The Jewish Community Remembers Mindy Wiseman

By Rabbi Renee Bauer

Sukkot is a time of joy on the Jewish calendar but at Jewish Social Services the holiday is tinged with grief. Last year during Sukkot, a beloved JSS caseworker, Mindy Wiseman, passed away. Mindy, who had a long career serving senior adults, never reached her senior years. An aggressive form of cancer ended her life days before her 61st birthday.

JSS's work help seniors live independently and make conscious choices about their end-of-life care honors her memory. Mindy was also an early visionary and strong advocate for JSS, having a Jewish community chaplain. Mindy helped with JSS's successful proposal to the Goodman Foundation for a three-year grant to establish the chaplaincy program. In Mindy's honor, we hope to continue the chaplaincy program indefinitely.

In addition to her dedication to serving others Mindy was a master gardener. In memory of Mindy, Jim Mackman, executive assistant, has planted a garden in the front of the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building. All spring and summer the flowers bloomed and the blue butterfly statue reminded us daily of Mindy's spirit. As the garden begins to wither into the cold days of winter, we grieve her loss once again. May Mindy's memory always be for a blessing and may her family and loved ones be comforted among the mourners in Zion and throughout the world.





Maimonides statue in Cordoba, Spain



Luanne Vogel



The Marie Paul String Quartet

Happy November Birthdays!

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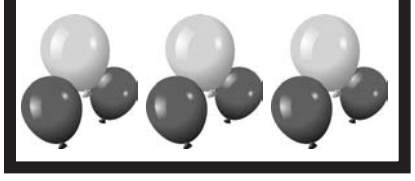

Making Lechayim reservations:

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

About our Programs

Monday, November 13

Larry Warman presents his trip and studies, titled: "500 Years After the Expulsion: Judaism in Spain and Portugal." Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492 and Portugal in 1497. While it was illegal to practice Judaism in these countries, many Jewish families known as conversos continued their traditions in secret. These Jews faced harsh punishment at the hand of the inquisition. Many were burned to death in the public squares. When the inquisition ended in the 19th century, Jewish life slowly returned in some cities. Learn more about this history and some of the current developments in Spain and Portugal to revive their Jewish communities.

Our presenter, Larry Warman, is a Madison resident reared in New Jersey in a conservative Jewish household. Recently he traveled to Spain and Portugal on a Jewish Heritage tour organized and led by the Israeli Masorti movement of conservative Jews.

Monday, November 20

Luanne Vogel has been helping clients aged from 3 to 93 over the past 25 years. She is personal trainer (teaching in a one-on-one setting) and teaches in larger class settings. She has developed programs for older adults and adults wanting to experience the power of TRX (suspension) training. On a personal level, Luanne has achieved a 1/2 ironman triathlon, marathons, sprint triathlons, 100-mile bikes races, and even the Hustle Up the Hancock. Most importantly, Luanne has a passion for teaching and providing others with a road map to improve their state of body and mind while having fun along the way. She will present on the importance of training throughout our lives, on balance and core strength, and on the methods to do so.

Monday, November 27

The Marie Paul String Quintet is a vibrant ensemble, bringing chamber music to life with its raw musical energy. Its members share a common thread in their graduate education at UW-Madison School of Music. They frequently perform in the Madison area and beyond, with groups such as Madison Symphony Orchestra and Fresco Opera Theatre. Founding members Wes Luke, violin, and Marie Pauls, viola, will perform with Valerie Sanders, violin, Ina Georgieva, viola, and Rachel Bottner, cello. They will perform the "Phantasy Quintet" by R. Vaughan Williams and Quintet no. 1 in F Major, Op. 88 by J.Brahms

Wes Luke is a violinist and educator who performs and teaches across the upper Midwest. He currently serves as the concertmaster of the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra and as a section violinist in the Madison symphony Orchestra and the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. Valerie Clare Sanders earned her bachelor's degree in violin from UW Madison. Recently she completed two master degrees at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, England, where she studied orchestral artistry with the London Symphony Orchestra and worked with many other world-class international artists, teachers, and performing groups. Violist Marie Pauls has been an avid performer and private teacher in Madison since 1998. She earned both Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she studied with Professor Sally Chisholm on a full scholarship. A two-time recipient of the Richard Blum Viola Performance Award, Marie has performed with the National Women's Music Festival Orchestra and the Madison Symphony Orchestra. Ina Georgieva is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra. Previously, she was a member of the Sofia Opera, the Philharmonic Orchestra at Theater Erfurt, and the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra. Rachel Bottner became smitten with the cello at age six, while studying violin in the local Suzuki program in La Crosse, WI. After five years of study in La Crosse, she joined the studio of Carina Voly in Madison, WI, where she also spent three years as a member of the Wisconsin Youth Symphony, winning its concerto competition in 2006.

Lechayim Lights

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November Lechayim Calendar

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

Join us for great food, friends, fun, and interesting programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. Contact Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email office@jssmadison.org ***no later than 2:00pm the preceding Wednesday.*** **A vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation.** If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what is comfortable for you. The cost of the meal is $10.23 for those under age 60.

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

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Monday, November 13

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Complimentary blood pressure check with nurse, Lori Edelstein
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Chicken Shawarma, saffron rice, Israeli salad, Israeli sauces, eggplant salad, fruit, brownie
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Larry Warman presentation, "500 Years After the Expulsion: Judaism in Spain & Portugal"

Monday, November 20

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Roasted turkey, southern cornbread dressing, market vegetable, whipped potatoes, fruit, dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Luanne Vogel from Supreme Fitness presentation, "Balance and Core Strength"

Monday, November 27

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Cod bouillabaisse, rolls, rice, Greek salad, fruit, cookie
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Marie Pauls' String Ensemble

Next month's dates: December 4, 11, 18

If you would like further information about the meal, programs, transportation, or to check on any cancellations, contact **Paul Borowsky at (608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org.**

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Заказать место вы можете в Еврейской Социальной Службе по телефону (608) 442-4081 или по адресу office@jssmadison.org до 14:00 часов среды предшествующей очередной встрече. Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу. Все желающие присоединются к нам для отличной еды, встречи с друзьями и интересных программ. Лехаим является участником программы 'Питание Людей Старшего Возраста" округа Dane. Стоимость ланча составляет $10.23; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00, если возможно.

Если вы не можете присутствовать на обеде, пожалуйста, присоединяйтесь к нам для бесплатной программы в 1:00 часа дня

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Понедельник, 13 ноября
11:30 - 12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
11:30 -12:30 Бесплатная проверка артериального давления медсестрой Лори Эдельштейн
12:00 -13:00 Курица, рис с шафраном, израильский салат, израильские соусы, салат из баклажанов, фрукты, пирожные
13:00 - 14:00 Презентация Ларри Вармана «500 лет после изгнания: Иудаизм в Испании и Португалии»

Понедельник, 20 ноября
11:30 - 12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
12:00 -13:00 Жареная индейка, южный соус из кукурузного хлеба, овощи, картофельное пюре, фрукты, десерт
13:00 - 14:00 Луанн Вогель из Supreme Fitness. «Баланс и сила»

Понедельник, 27 ноября
11:30 - 12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон
12:00 -13:00 Тушеная реска, булочка, рис, греческий салат, фрукты, печенье
13:00 -14:00 Камерная музыка. Струнный квинтет Марии Паульс

Даты декабря: 4, 11, 18

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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

Attic Angel Place in the Garden Room, 2:30 pm, 8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and with the assistance of Angel Volunteers
December 1

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

Oakwood West in Oak's Community Room, 3:30 pm, 6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods, with the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg
November 10, December 8

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

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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.

Drivers Needed: Help people remain independent! Provide rides to clients for appointments and other destinations on an as-needed and as-available basis. Requires copies of proof of insurance and driver's license plus a driver's record check, done at our expense.

Designated Shopper: Take a friendly older woman to do errands once or twice a month in the west Madison area or help an elderly homebound man remain in independent living by delivering groceries and other items.

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

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

Computer/Odd Job Help: Support elderly and others by doing small jobs – changing light bulbs, fixing loose hinges, etc. Help them learn to use a computer and complete basic computer tasks, and use electronic devices such as television and remote controls.

Volunteer at holiday, social events, and Oakwood Shabbats: Help the residents of Oakwood Village welcome Shabbat one Friday per month from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Seat guests, pour wine and juice, and distribute challah, interact with the residents of Oakwood Village and their families.

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!

URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) Welcomes New Director Solly Kane And Opens Registration for Summer 2018

September 25, 2017; Oconomowoc, WI, Deerfield, IL, and New York, NY –

The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) welcomes Solly Kane as Director of URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI). Kane is OSRUI's 10th Director, and the first former OSRUI camper to serve in that position. A native Midwesterner, after attending as a camper, Kane worked at OSRUI as a counselor, unit head, and assistant director.

OSRUI was the first of 18 camps founded by the URJ and has served more than 30,000 North American Jewish youth over 65 summers. OSRUI's previous Director, Jerry Kaye, completed his final summer in 2017 after 48 dedicated years of success, and will continue to serve as Emeritus Director.

Camp registration for Summer 2018 is now open: https://osrui.org/register/. Since 1952, OSRUI has provided campers a place to build lifelong friendships, explore Judaism, and have the time of their lives.

Prior to rejoining the OSRUI team, Kane worked as a management consultant at Capgemini Consulting, advising some of the world's best-known companies on business strategy and digital transformation.

Kane's most recent URJ role was as Director of North American Events, overseeing the URJ's largest conferences, conventions, board meetings and other gatherings for adults and youth, including the URJ Biennial, the largest Jewish gathering in North America. Kane's direction of all aspects of the Biennial — which attracts an audience of 5,000 — including programming, planning, budgeting and operations, resulted in best-ever rates of attendance and positive participant experiences.

His previous URJ roles include Assistant Director of the URJ Biennial, Assistant Director of OSRUI, and an Eisendrath Legislative Assistant at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) in Washington D.C.

Kane received an MBA from the New York University Stern School of Business, and a BA with honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"Solly's experience across all parts of the URJ, his dedication to Judaism, the Jewish people, and Israel, and his strong business acumen make him the perfect person to lead the next chapter of our oldest URJ camp," said Rabbi Rick Jacobs, URJ President. "I have worked closely with Solly, and know him to be a thoughtful, creative, and effective change agent as well as a person of genuine character. Generations of OSRUI campers, staff members, and the broader community will benefit from Solly's leadership. The URJ is thrilled to welcome him back."



"I'm honored to return to OSRUI and to work with camp's professional staff, lay leadership, synagogue partners, and the entire URJ team to continue the magic that has existed in Oconomowoc since 1952," said Kane. "Summer camp is the place that makes Judaism come alive, and gives young people a supportive environment in which to grow. I am looking forward to working with the next generation of OSRUI families, building on all of Jerry Kaye's accomplishments, and leading camp into the future."

"The OSRUI search committee, made up of clergy, lay leaders, and other community stakeholders, were impressed throughout the interview process by Solly's respect for the traditions of OSRUI, as well as his vision and creative ideas for the future. He demonstrated a deep appreciation and understanding of the educational impact of our camp programs on campers, their families, and their congregations," said Steve Wolf, Chair, OSRUI Board of Governors.

"Joining our extraordinary cohort of camp directors who shape and lead our 18 summer camps, Solly will take OSRUI forward in exciting new ways that help young people learn, discover, and grow as individuals. He is the ideal choice to lead the OSRUI community for many years to come," said Miriam Chilton, URJ Vice President of Youth.

"Solly's previous contributions to Reform Judaism are countless. In this role, he will impact thousands more Jewish lives with distinctive creativity, innovativeness, and insight, inspired by the values he holds as a lifelong Reform Jew," said Paul J. Reichenbach, URJ Director of Camping and Israel Programs.

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speaking home to Holocaust-survivor parents. He graduated from the City University of New York with a degree in ethnomusicology in 1977, and soon after began studying and documenting traditional Yiddish music. He has received five Grammy nominations for his reissues of historic sound recordings, and earned an Emmy nomination in 2002 for his documentary soundtrack, The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg.

That same year, Sapoznik won a Peabody Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism for "The Yiddish Radio Project," a 13-episode National Public Radio series he produced with David Isay. His history of Yiddish folk music, Klezmer! Jewish Music from Old World to Our World (2000), won the ASCAP Deems Taylor award for excellence in music history.



Founding Director of Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture, Henry Sapoznik

State Budget Signed into Law

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

Governor Walker officially signed the 2017-19 state budget into law on September 21 at an elementary school in Neenah after vetoing close to 100 items.The budget was almost twelve weeks past the June 30 statutory deadline, making it the sixth latest budget in state history.

It includes the following items of interest to the Jewish community:

Child Sex Trafficking: $3 million in 2017-18 and $3 million in 2018-19 to fund services for child victims of sex trafficking.

K-12 Education: A $639 million increase to K-12 education.

School Choice: An increase to the income eligibility limit for the statewide school choice program. It is estimated that this change will result in 550 additional students participating in the program.

Children's Long-Term Care Wait List: Funding to end the waiting list for long-term care services for children with significant disabilities.

Medicaid: Funding increases for the reimbursement rates that support personal care workers, nursing homes and Family Care providers. It provides full funding for the state's Medicaid programs.

Work Requirements for Public Assistance: Allows the Department of Health Services to expand the work requirements in the FoodShare program to include people with children older than six years old. The budget also requires childless adults on BadgerCare to work and expands drug testing requirements for individuals using W-2 programs.

Security Grants for Community Institutions: A new security grant program for community institutions. Jewish Community Centers could be eligible to receive funding to cover the cost of expanding security measures in response to a threat.

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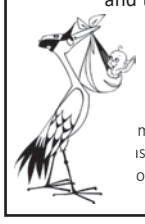

Shalom Baby is designed to help Madison families celebrate the arrival of their Jewish newborns and welcome them to the Madison Jewish Community.

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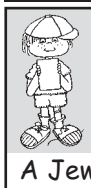

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Israel and the World

From Israel to Madison – Concluding the Month of Tishrei

By Shlomit Ezer and Tal Sheffer
Madison Schlichim

We can finally conclude Tishrei and the holidays here in Madison, far away from our home in Jerusalem. We want to share with you some of our thoughts.

The High Holy Days – Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur – mark the beginning of the new year and a fresh start. During these days we can take the time to reflect, reevaluate and make resolutions about our lives.

During Sukkot, by dwelling in the Sukkah, we're remembering the wandering of the Israelites in the desert. It is celebrated during Tishrei, although the wandering in the desert is connected to Exodus and the holiday of Passover, during the month of Nissan. While Nissan marks the beginning of spring, a time that (in the Israeli weather, at least) is perfect to be outside the house, Tishrei is the beginning of the fall. In Israel, Sukkot is usually the time of the first rain, and it's not the most convenient time to sit outside. We dwell in the Sukkah in a time that is not optimal; we must leave our comfort zone and practice humility and simplicity. In this holiday we are reminded that the most important things in life are not where you live, but who you are with. Not what you own, but your spirit and mind, which are the only things in life that are not temporary.

Overall, the holidays of this month put a mirror in front of us. Like many of the Jewish holidays, they make us think. They allow us to spend more time with friends and family, celebrating together through old traditions that unite us Jews from different communities and generations. For us, this year, it was a lot about a new beginning and envisioning the upcoming year. This change in our lives is definitely about moving out of our comfort zone, but just like being out in the Sukkah, it's a fun and exciting change.

And how did being here for the holidays of Tishrei actually feel? First of all, we feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to celebrate the holidays in all the different synagogues and denominations. Some services were similar to what we know from Israel and some were very different. It's especially great to feel the warm community and see everyone celebrating, praying and singing together. A lot of singing together.

Yom Kippur was the most obviously different experience from Israel, with the rest of the world outside the synagogues going on as usual. It was a weird experience, not feeling everything stops for a day. But in a way, this contrast between what was happening outside and what was happening in the services brought the unique atmosphere within the services.

During Sukkot we visited some sukkot in the community and also hosted the Shakshuka in the Sukkah event at Hillel. These have also been great experiences.

We were pretty surprised to find out that Shemini Atzeret and Shimchat Torah are celebrated on two separate days, while in Israel they are on the same day. Another difference we found between Sukkot here and in Israel is that nobody here sings the Sukkot songs we know. The most famous Sukkot song in Israel is called "Shlomit bona Sukkah," which translates to "Shlomit is building a Sukkah." This song was, obviously, haunting to me (Shlomit) as a child, but being here I kind of missed people singing it to me all the time.

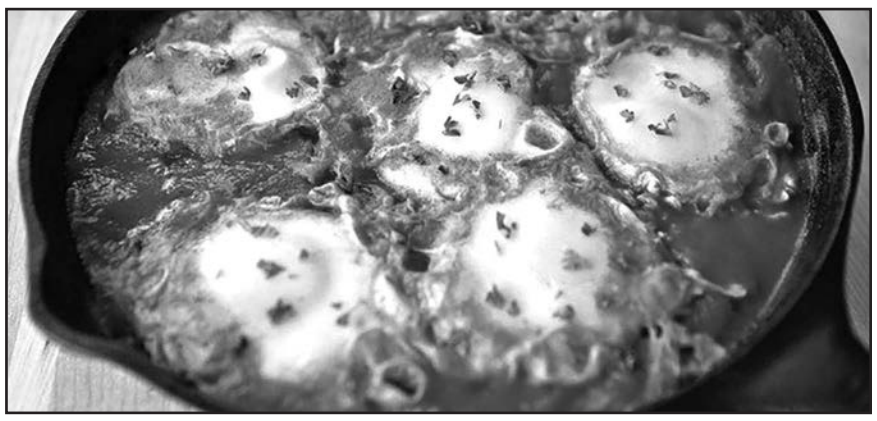
And while we're telling you about Shakshuka in the Sukkah, we think it's only fair to give you the recipe so you can make it home yourselves.



Shakshuka in the Sukkah at Hillel.

Shakshuka (for two)

Ingredients
1 tbsp oil
1 brown or white onion, peeled and roughly diced
3 cloves of garlic, minced
2 diced tomatoes
1 medium green or red bell pepper, roughly chopped
1 cup tomato sauce
2 tbsp tomato paste
1 tsp paprika
Salt and pepper, to taste
Pinch of cayenne (optional)
4 eggs
Chopped parsley (for garnish)



Heat a deep, large skillet or sauté pan on medium. Add the oil, and when it's hot add chopped onion. Sauté for a few minutes until golden. Add garlic and continue to sauté until mixture is fragrant.

Add the bell pepper. Sauté for 5 minutes over medium until softened.

Add tomatoes and sauté for another 5 minutes. Add tomato paste and tomato sauce to pan. Stir until blended. Add spices, stir well, and allow mixture to simmer over medium heat for 5 minutes until it starts to reduce. At this point, you can taste the mixture and spice it according to your preferences. Cover the pan and let it simmer on low heat for 15 minutes. Remove the lid and use a spoon to make small holes in the sauce.

Break the eggs, one at a time, into the holes. Cover the pan and let it simmer on low heat until the egg white is completely white. Shakshuka is usually served with the yolk undercooked, but it's up to you: Check the consistency of the eggs every couple of minutes, and remove from heat right before it's cooked enough for your taste.

Garnish with chopped parsley, and serve with bread. (Challah would be a perfect match.) Enjoy!

Connecting with Israel

The Israel National Trail: Celebrating Seventy Years

As the Tishrei Holidays come to an end, we are looking ahead to the coming year of 2018 - the year in which Israel will celebrate its 70th anniversary. This month, in November, we mark an important milestone on the road to the founding of Israel: The BalfOur declaration. On November 2, 1917, the British document, which supported the establishment of a homeland for the Jewish people in the land of Israel, was released. This event is considered one of the most significant steps in Zionism and toward the establishment of Israel. A hundred years exactly have passed since then, in almost seventy of which the state of Israel has existed. So much has happened during that time, so many accomplishments to celebrate and so many topics to discuss.

In order to celebrate the 70th Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Independence Day) in April, we decided to use the months leading up to it to show you Israel the best way to see it: with sights from the Israel National Trail. The Israel National Trail runs all the way from north to south, through some of the most beautiful points in Israel. Traveling and hiking is probably the best way to learn about a new place, which is why we try to do it as often as we can here. Since we can't all fly to, and hike, the Israel National Trail together, we will show and tell you about different areas it goes through. Beginning with the next issue, each month will be dedicated to a different area along the trail, including its different aspects: people, history, culture and nature.

Today we will start with some general background about the trail. The Israel National Trail was inaugurated in 1995. The trail crosses the entire country of Israel; its northern end is at Dan, near the Lebanese border in the far north of the country, and it extends to Eilat at the southernmost tip of Israel on the Red Sea, a length of 1,015 km (631 miles). The trail takes an average of 45-60 days to complete and has been listed in National Geographic's 20 most "epic trails." Since January 2016, the Israel National Trail can be explored on Google Street View.

Join us on our trip and learn about Israel!



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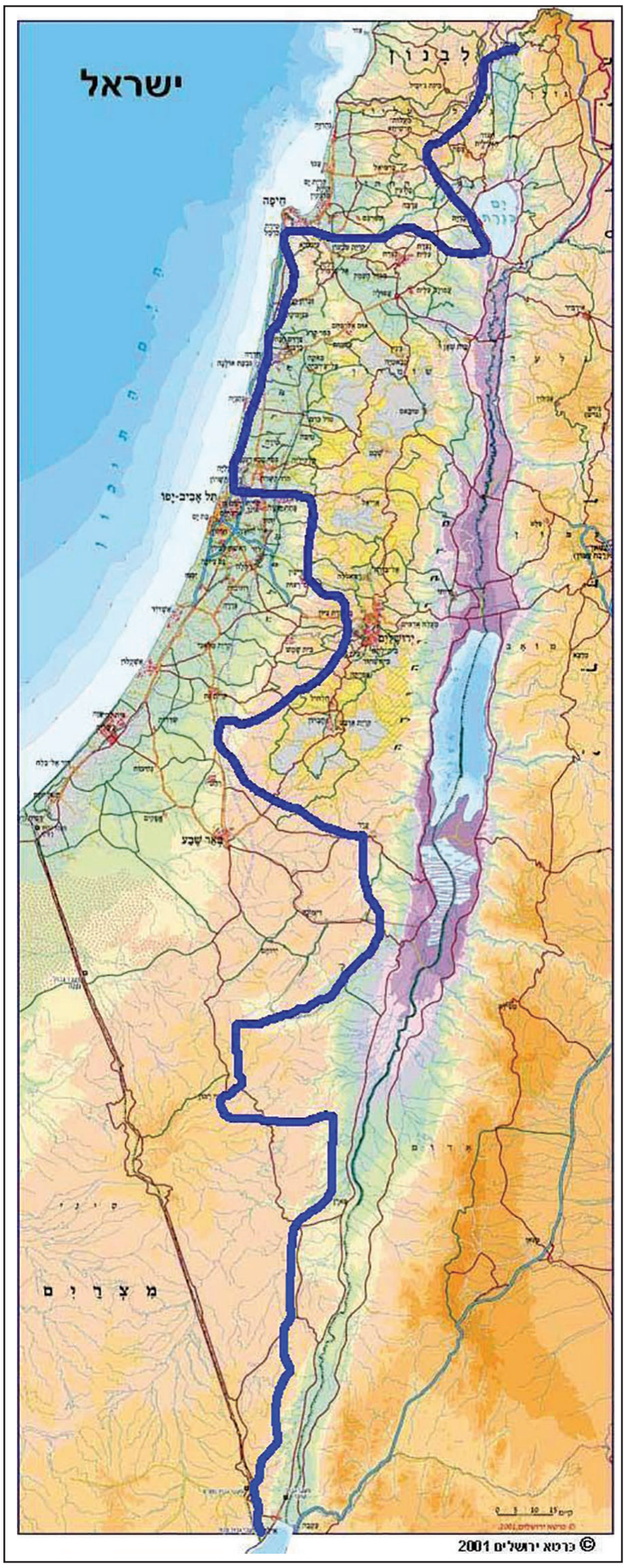

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