FOR 50 YEARS, the Madison Jewish News has been a vital resource bringing our community’s news into households free of charge throughout South Central Wisconsin. This beloved periodical initially called the Monthly Reporter, has kept people connected to the Jewish Federation of Madison and the broader Jewish community in Madison since 1969. The paper has shared our community’s simchas and condolences, upcoming events, program highlights, photos, and news of interest. So, it is only after significant discussion and consideration that we decided to discontinue publishing the paper in its current format after this issue and shift our communication efforts differently.

The landscape of communications is changing. Embracing the future direction with all of its new opportunities and possibilities will create better connections. People are increasingly consuming their media digitally. Enhancing our digital communications will enable us to reach beyond our current mailing listing and serve even more people, previously unreached people. It allows us to continue to provide the content found in the Madison Jewish News, but more timely and immediate.

We’re looking forward to the ability to have two-way communication with the community that digital offers, rather than the one-way communication of print. And we’re inspired by the innovative potential to explore (think video, podcast, online articles). We will still be in touch throughout the year with periodic print direct mail pieces (for example, a High Holy Days resource newsletter and event postcards).

As we embark on this exciting new endeavor, we would like to take a moment to thank all of the people who have been an integral part of the Madison Jewish News over the years. The production of each issue was in no small part due to the efforts of many who faithfully contributed content and helped proofread. We are so thankful for the hard work and partnership from all of the Jewish community organizations, congregations, and individual volunteers. We would also like to thank our generous advertisers and sponsors whose commitment provided crucial financial support. And a big thank you to our publisher who always went above and beyond making sure the paper got printed and delivered. It does take a village to produce a community newspaper.

Last but not least, we are grateful to you, our readers. What would a paper be without its readers? We hope you will join us in celebrating the contributions that the Madison Jewish News has made in our community and continue to stay connected.

We know that some community members may not be able to access digital content, so please call us at (608) 278-1808 for alternative accommodations if needed.

Stay tuned for updates as we further develop our community communication resources and offerings. Questions? Contact Anne Shlimovitz, Director of Communications, online@jewishmadison.org.
ARE YOU AN AVID BIKER? CONSIDER JOINING THE 2020 ISRAEL RIDE

By Trudy Barash

I’m an unlikely advocate to recommend a 200-350 mile bike ride from Jerusalem to Eilat, as I’m not a biker. But, last November, I witnessed (from a mini-bus) 162 bikers from the United States, England, Canada, Israel, and Australia come together to participate in what was called the 2019 Israel Ride—and for what had to be for many, the experience of a lifetime.

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The Israel Ride is 17-years-old and has two major sponsors, the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies and Hazon. Each day the bikers choose from among three routes of varying difficulty after having been briefed the evening before.

I haven’t even begun to touch the majestic scenery—and won’t—except to say that I’ve heard from several riders that viewing Israel from the seat of a bike is spiritual in a way they couldn’t have imagined.

I invite you to our home on Sunday, February 16, at 7:00 pm, to hear more about the 2020 Israel Ride that will take place from October 27 to November 3. Bikers from past rides will be there to speak with you.

To learn more email harveybarash@gmail.com or visit https://israelride.org/event/israel-ride-in-madison-wi/

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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of
Leona Maya Asher, daughter of Joshua and Sarina Asher, and granddaughter of Livia Asher

Sage Margaret Witkovsky, daughter of Rabbi Ethan Hirsch Witkovsky and Erin Lynn Besser, big sister to her brother, granddaughter to Cynthia Hirsch, niece to Corrina Regnier and Benny Witkovsky

Zoey, daughter of Stephanie and Brian Kirklin, sister to Alana

Condolences to the families of
Herman Goldstein, father of Mark (Stephanie), David (Anne), and Rahl, and grandfather of Ellen, Abby, Cara, Vivian, Noah, and Ari

Mary Lou Birkett Goodfriend, wife of Ted Goodfriend

Charles Borowsky, husband to Elaine Immergluck, father to Paul and Barbara Borowsky, and grandfather to two grandsons

Estelle Goldenberg, wife of David Goldenberg, mother of Judith Peterson (Gary) and Zena Goldenberg (Mark Swettlit), grandmother of Paul Peterson, and Isaac and Nathan Swettlit

Susan A. Knudson, wife of Warren Knudson who preceded her in death, mother of Jeffrey Knudson, sister of Richard (Helan) Schoebel, sister-in-law of Wayne (Mary) Knudson, aunt of Doug Schoeobel, Andrew (Melissa) Knudson, and Adam Knudson

Steven A. Levine

Sam Onheiber, husband of Maria, father of Linda (Jon) Stone and Marissa Onheiber, grandfather of Dalia, Isaac, Amir, Sofia, and Julianne, uncle of Michael (Patrice) Onheiber, great-uncle of Josh and Mimi Onheiber

Shirley Ostrovitz, mother of Michael (Karen) Ostrov, grandmother of Daniel (Stephanie) Ostrov, Miriam (David) Hermann, and great-grandmother of Julia and Samuel Hermann

Gilbert Palay, wife of Dottie, father of Thomas (Diane) and Robert (Linda), and grandfather of Daniel (Kathryn), Jessica (Robert), David (Emily), Adam (Anne) and Joshua (Lizbeth), and great-grandfather of Sydney and Maxwell

Melvin Stahl, father of Debbie Stahl

Rita Wolf Sinaiko, wife of Russell Philip Sinaiko (z”l), mother of Amy Kay, Ellen Hope, and Sara Ann Sinaiko

Barbara Wolfson, wife of Marvin Wolfson, mother of Nancy (Richard) Peidstein, Andrea (Scott) Center, and Susan (David Robertson) Clapp, granddaughter of April Peg and Alice Talenico

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Marya Zoline, wife of Jay Zoline, sister of Felyce Gilford

Tributes

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

In memory of Marya Zoline, Eve-Lynn Siegel

In memory of Estelle Goldenberg, Lewis Hoch

Steven Morrison and Goldie Kadushin

In honor of Kevin Kranzusch, Dean Yeazel

In honor of Paul Borowsky and Linda Reivitz, Rabbi David Kopstein and Rabbi Dr Patricia Kopstein

In honor of Joe Silverberg’s birthday, Judith Pierrotti

WI State Assembly Visits Israel

BY MICHAEL BLUMENFELD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WISCONSIN JEWISH CONFERENCE

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WI STATE ASSEMBLY VISITS ISRAEL

I recently returned from the first-ever Wisconsin State Assembly trip to Israel. Joining with Elana Kahn and Rabbi Hannah Wallick from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, led a Wisconsin legislative Study Mission that brought a bipartisan group of 14 leaders to Israel to increase understanding about Israel and enhance Wisconsin leadership with new perspectives on common challenges. All attendees had never been to Israel and either hold a leadership position or serve on the Finance Committee.

The trip covered several topics, including politics, security and borders, Israeli innovation, agro-tech, culture, religious sites, and Wisconsin connections. We visited the Golan Heights, Tiberias, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Bethlehem, Ramallah, and the Gaza border. We learned about current issues, the global Jewish community, and the rich diversity of people who live in Israel.

The delegation met with the former mayor of Bethlehem, Vera Baboun, Ambassador David Roet, Deputy Director General of the North American Division at the Israeli Foreign Ministry, Fatah leadership in Ramallah including Osama Qawasmeh, Fatah Spokesman and advisor to the President, Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Jewish Agency of Israel, Brig. Gen. (ret.) Nitza Nuriel, Former Director of Counterterrorism Bureau at Prime Minister’s Office, Nir Barkat, Former Mayor of Jerusalem and member of the Knesset and others.

We toured Rawabi, the first planned city built by and for Palestinians in the West Bank. Sorek, the world’s largest desalination plant, a Druze village, the Center for Israeli Innovation, Innovation Centre Tzemach, the Palmachim Air Force Base, and Yad Vashem. Also, several religious sites, including Church of the Nativity, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Capermon, and the Western Wall.

In speaking about the experience, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said the trip further strengthened “our country’s friendship with Israel” while providing “an international exchange of ideas and educational experiences.” And Assembly Assistant Minority Leader Dianne Hesselbein, D-Middleton, said the “opportunity to learn more about the region is something that extends beyond partisan lines and allows us to better understand our world.”


At the Gaza border.

Above: The group with Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Jewish Agency of Israel.

Below: The group reflecting after a tour of Yad Vashem.
January has come, and we are blessed by the beginning of a new decade. I had the opportunity to lead a group of students joining UW Hillel’s Birthright Israel trip (Birthright is a non-profit organization supported by the Jewish Federation of Madison offering free 10-day Jewish heritage trips for young adults). It was a great opportunity for me to close the circle with a project that shaped my professional life. Birthright Israel began in 1999 with a goal of enabling all young Jews worldwide to visit Israel for a 10-day tour. During the trip, participants tour historical and central places, participate in a host of activities and discussions to better understand their Jewish identity, all in an experience with other fellow Jews that allows participants their own personal journey.

Eight years ago, at the end of my military service, I took part in a Birthright project as one of the Israelis accompanying and traveling with American students. For me, it was the first time I was exposed to young students my age, who came from a distant land and a very different and diverse culture. During the trip, I got to know amazing people who came to Israel for the purpose of learning and connecting with their Jewish roots. I interacted with many young Americans who became over the years good friends. We shared with each other about our individual Jewish experience. In Hebrew, there is a familiar proverb that says, “Things that are seen from here can’t be seen from there.” Indeed, it was an inspiring experience for me, which made me realize at age 20, that across the sea, there is a different, rich, diverse, and vibrant Jewish culture that is an essential part of this mosaic called “the Jewish people.” Those ten days I spent on Birthright left me wanting to address personally the questions raised on the trip.

Fast forward to 2020, and here I was, the Jewish Federation of Madison sponsored Shaliach in Wisconsin, a Jewish professional, dealing with identity issues daily. Now it was my turn to accompany those young people from UW to Israel, challenging them with complex questions, allowing them to be proud of who they choose to be and what they choose to represent. I encouraged them to challenge themselves and look for where they connect to something in this whole complex thing “the Jewish people” and where Israel sits throughout this journey. I traveled with 41 Americans, 7 young and unique Israelis. We got to know each other, lit menorahs, and sang Chanukah songs in Hebrew and English. We experienced Shabbat practices when each person was given the opportunity to show their friends and how they choose to uphold Shabbat and what it means to them. I saw them, laughing together, getting excited at the Wall, sharing pain at Yad Vashem, and Mount Herzel and talking and dealing with the challenges that concern us today - identity, division, and alienation.

I was privileged to see a group of young people, “the future generation” as they are called, who were not afraid of criticism and did not refrain from asking difficult questions, people who came ready to listen and hear each other, despite the controversies. It was a great privilege to accompany them on this journey, to watch them face an emotional roller coaster in such a short time. And yet, with all the difficulties, it was a fascinating, connecting and unifying journey that only illustrated to me how important this project is and why it is so successful.

Why do I think this trip is so successful, you probably wonder? That is best captured by the words of Megan Weinstein, one of the participants who went on the trip with us, Megan told me several times at the beginning of the trip that she thought she was “Not Jewish enough” to take part in this trip. I saw her, smiling and carefully, opening day by day, sharing, listening, and learning to discover herself. On our last Shabbat together, the day before returning to America, Megan asked if she could attend the B’nai Mitzvah ceremony we held. This is part of the Druash she gave:

“Prior to this trip, I considered myself a Jew, but I didn’t know what that really meant to me. But now that this journey is almost over, I know exactly what having a Jewish identity entails. I had a preconceived idea that being a real Jew meant studying the Talmud, keeping kosher, attending all services, etc. But after experiencing the past 8 days with all of you, I have learned that that’s nowhere near the case.

At the Kibbutz, we all participated in a Jewish identity activity. It was that day when I learned about everyone’s beautiful stories of how they got here and how they see the culture of Judaism. These conversations sparked questions I had within myself and brought me closer to the idea that I’m actually a part of something larger than myself, even though it might not have felt that way growing up. Thank you all for sharing your stories. This Birthright has been the most educational, eye-opening, and exciting journey that I’ve ever been on, and I know that if it weren’t for you guys being so loving and open with your own journeys, this trip wouldn’t have been so life-changing for me. So, thank you all for giving me this opportunity, and I can’t wait for the day you all to be together again someday.”

These words of Megan are all small pieces of a greater picture that tell our story. Leading this amazing and diverse team, through a truly life-changing experience was a real honor. Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Madison for its strong support of this program.
THERE ARE 20 WEEKS UNTIL CAMP SHALOM BEGINS!

When it’s Winter...We Play Ga-Ga in the Pool  
BY ELLEN WEISMER, DIRECTOR, CAMP SHALOM

During winter break, we offered four days of Winter Camp Shalom to campers in grades K-5. This year was our 6th and largest winter camp to date! Campers celebrated Hanukkah, played Dreidel, created arts and crafts projects, bounced on inflatables, and participated in outdoor activities! The unusually warm(er) temperatures allowed campers to experience the Goodman Jewish Community Campus in new ways. Campers went on hikes, built outdoor forts, and played Ga-Ga (a favorite camp game) in the empty Goodman Aquatic Center pool. The last two days of programming included a two-day Winter Maccabiah. The campers and staff divided into a blue team and a yellow team. They competed in brain games, active competitions, and team building events. Winter Camp Shalom was the perfect way to reconnect with former campers and meet new campers. We hope to see everyone for Camp Shalom Summer 2020!

Camp Shalom Summer 2020  
Registration Opens in March

March 4, 2020  
for returning campers, siblings of returning or former campers, and children of camp alumni

March 5, 2020  
for all campers

more info & registration  
www.jewishmadison.org/camp

Camp Shalom Summer 2020 Session Dates
Staff Orientation Week: June 15 - June 19, 2020
Session One: June 22 - July 10, 2020
Session Two: July 14 - July 31, 2020 (no camp Monday, July 13)
Session Three (Camp Shalom Only): August 4 - August 14, 2020  
(no camp on Monday, August 3)

Questions? Contact Ellen Weismer, Director, at shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org

HIRING FOR SUMMER 2020

APPLICATIONS available online jewishmadison.org/camp

Make Camp Shalom your SUMMER HOME!

Café Ivrit - Adult Hebrew Conversation Group

Are you interested in practicing your spoken Hebrew? Join our Hebrew conversation group that meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm to chat (in Hebrew) over coffee. All levels of Hebrew experience welcome.

Contact Danielle Man, our Shlicha, at israel@jewishmadison.org for the location, to let her know you plan to attend, or for more information.
Thank you, todah rabah! Jewish Federation of Madison recognizes and thanks these donors for their generous contributions to the 2019 Tzedakah Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of many, our community raised $947,382 (with 526 donations made) for the 2019 Jewish Federation of Madison Tzedakah Campaign! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the campaign this year to support critical programs and services in our local and global Jewish community.
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(all events are held at First Unitarian Society unless otherwise noted)

Saturday, February 8
4:00 pm-6:00 pm
GET TO KNOW US GATHERING: COCOA, COOKIES & HAVDALAH
Please call the office for the location.
Interested in becoming a member of Shaarei Shamayim? Hoping to check us out? Join us for an informal gathering to learn about the congregation. The membership committee will provide cocoa and cookies, and Rabbi Laurie will lead us in Havdalah at the end of Shabbat.

Sunday, February 2
9:30 am-11:00 am
KOLET KEHILLA
Our Sunday morning speaker series continues with a talk by Steve Nadler about "Menasseh ben Israel: The Most Famous Jew in the World." Breakfast will be served. Suggested donation: $5/person.

Saturday, February 8 • after lunch
PARASHA STUDY
Join Rabbi Forester. The class is free of charge to members and $56 for non-members. Registration is required.

Sunday, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15
JESUS THE JEW: A JEWISH SEARCH FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS
A four session course on Jesus the Jew, taught by TBE member and scholar Perry Asher.

Monday, February 24 • 6:00 pm
DIGGING DEEPER: JEWISH PRAYER, TEXT, AND THEOLOGY
Please call the office for the location.
Join Rabbi Laurie and members of Shaarei Shamayim for an in-depth look at the holiday of Purim. This monthly class is free of charge to members and $36 for non-members. Registration is required.

Saturday, February 29
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
30TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
At the Warner Park Recreation Center
Celebrate 30 years with Shaarei Shamayim. Join us for drinks, snacks, and of course, cake! There will be lots of dancing, featuring the music of Yid Vicious. See page 9 for article about the congregation’s history.

Friday, February 28 • 5:00 pm
KABBALAT SHABBAT & POTLUCK DINNER
The evening begins with schmoozing at 5:00 pm, followed by services at 5:45 pm. A kosher-dairy potluck dinner follows services.

Saturday, February 29
1:30 pm-4:30 pm
MERCHAV HALEV MINDFULNESS RETREAT
Spend Shabbat afternoon meditating, chanting, and learning with Matt Banks and Rabbi Forester. Whether you are an experienced practitioner or new to meditation, all are welcome; you need only bring your mind.

Beth Israel Center Photos:
For left bottom: Congratulation to the 2020 Supper Quiz Champions! Top: Hanukkah party fun! Middle: MOUSY and Kadima teenagers get warm and fuzzy making fleece blankets for donation.

TEMPLE BETH EL (TBE)
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(all events are held at Temple Beth El unless otherwise noted)

Saturday, February 1
5:00 pm-8:00 pm
YOUNG FAMILIES WINTER HAHDALAH PJ PARTY
For families with children ages 0-6. Come in your PJs to celebrate Havdalah together!

Monday, February 3
6:00 pm-7:15 pm
JUDAI SM 101: TU B’SHEVAT
This monthly course is for anyone who is new to Judaism or wants a refresher on Jewish holidays, rituals, and vocabulary. Instructor: Kendra Sager

Monday, February 24 • 6:00 pm
Join a Havurah (fellowship group) Shaarei Shamayim has been creating new monthly havurot, and members of the Madison Jewish community are invited to join. Our Jewish meditation and chanting havurah meets Saturday evenings; and our arts and crafts havurah is just starting up. We also have a social havurah, called Drinks and Nosh, that meets on Sunday afternoons; a midlife to aging havurah that meets during the week; a men’s havurah that meets Sunday mornings; and a Torah study havurah that meets Saturday mornings. To learn more, please contact Joy at office@shamayim.org.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Photos:
Top: Night hike at the winter retreat.
Bottom: Karate session taught by Maria Banchik at the winter retreat.

Friday, February 21
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
MJJD SHABBAT SALUTATIONS YOGA
For adults in their 20s and 30s. Gather your friends and join us to welcome the Sabbath with a Shabbat inspired yoga flow.

Sunday, February 16
9:00 am-12:00 pm
STUDIO SINAI
Join Rabbi Forester to unpack tensions and emotions beneath the surface of biblical texts through exploration of rabbinic midrash (imaginative readings). Conceptualize and muse over themes that emerge, using various artistic media, including creative writing.

Saturday, February 22 • after lunch
COZY SHABBAT
Enjoy cholent after Shabbat morning services and stick around to play board games with old and new friends. All ages welcome!

Sunday, February 23
10:00 am-11:15 am
PJ LIBRARY YOM RISHON
Preschoolers and their grownups learn through play, crafts, stories, and songs with Education Director Beth Copelovitch.

Tuesday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 26 • 7:00 pm
ROSH CHODESH ADAR
Celebrate the new month at morning minyan, followed by a light breakfast. Be Happy! It’s Adar!

March 7, 2020
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Haggadah Debut And Art Show
Join us for a cocktail reception as we celebrate the publication of our Haggadah and showcase the artists and their artwork.

Learn more and purchase tickets of tbemadison.org/event/haggadahdebut

Friday, February 21 • 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
MJJD SHABBAT SALUTATIONS YOGA
For adults in their 20s and 30s. Gather your friends and join us to celebrate the Sabbath with a Shabbat inspired yoga flow.

Sunday, February 16, 23, March 1, 8
JESUS THE JEW: A JEWISH SEARCH FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS
A four session course on Jesus the Jew, taught by TBE member and scholar Perry Asher.

Saturday, March 7
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
TBE HAGGADAH DEBUT AND ART SHOW
Join us for cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, entry for door prizes, the opportunity to view and purchase artwork, and more.

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Judaism’s Gifts to the World

JLI Madison to offer 23rd course

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Celebrates Its 30th Birthday

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

In November 1989, a group of Jews living in Madison founded Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. They had been attending High Holiday services at Gates of Heaven (Sharei Shamayim in Hebrew) synagogue, and they wished to create a congregation where members could attend services and programs and support each other throughout the year.

Starting a congregation was no small task, and many of the thirty people who attended that first meeting pooled hours into building the community. In those early days, the group created unique services every time they met, discussed choosing a name that would best represent them, and decided which movements with which to affiliate. Eventually, they bought prayer books, chose Congregation Shaarei Shamayim as their name, and joined the Reconstructionist and Jewish Renewal movements. They began to meet at the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Congregation and hired visiting student rabbis.

Over time the congregation grew. In 1996, the members hired their first resident rabbi, Brian Field, who served the congregation for six years. During this time, the congregation bought their first Torah and developed their children’s educational program.

This past November Shaarei Shamayim marked its 30th birthday. The congregation invites the larger Madison Jewish community to a celebration at the Warner Park Recreation Center on February 29 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Yid Vicious will be playing for all who wish to dance, and light hors d’oeuvres and birthday cake will be served.

JLI Madison to offer 23rd course Judaism’s Gifts to the World

SUBMITTED BY CHADAB OF MADISON

This winter, the Jewish Learning Institute of Madison will offer Judaism’s Gifts to the World, a new six-session course unearthing the Jewish roots of some of the most cherished values of Western civilization.

Understanding Judaism’s historical contribution gives us a deeper appreciation for its continuing relevance and a better understanding of the moral and ethical institutions we take for granted came into being. Judaism’s Gifts to the World explores tensions between social and individual responsibility, the implications of monotheism, the sacredness of human life, the meaning of social equality, how Sabbath observance laid the groundwork for the modern weekend, and the underpinnings of our morality.

“It is widely known that Judaism gifted monotheism to the world, but for many, that’s where the Jewish contribution ends, explained Rabbi Mordechai Dinerman, the director of curriculum at JLI’s New York headquarters, who is also the course’s editor. “Even this contribution is often viewed rather narrowly, as a religious contribution, which is only meaningful to those interested in religion. But as this course demonstrates, the universal change effected by the Torah is much broader.”

Dr. Darrin M. McMahon, the Mary Brinmead Wheelock Professor of History at Dartmouth College, has praised Judaism’s Gifts to the World as timely and important: “There can be no doubt that the Jewish contribution to the civilizations of the West and the world is immense. At a time when noxious critics would doubt that contribution, or deny it altogether, the Jewish Learning Institute has offered a timely reminder of the many gifts the Jewish tradition has bestowed. Judaism’s Gifts to the World is a gift of its own, providing a scintillating course in the history of ideas and culture by leading experts from around the globe.”

As with all JLI programs, Judaism’s Gifts to the World is designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

This course is being presented at over 800 international locations this winter, so even if you have travel plans, you can very often make up a missed class at another location. Interested students may call (608) 535-9770 or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and other course-related information. JLI courses are presented from around the world in conjunction with Chadab of Madison.

Judaism’s Gifts to the World
6 Mondays, January 27 - March 2
7:30 pm- 9:00 pm
Lasser Community Center
55 S. Gammon Rd
Madison, WI 53717

Shop at, donate to, or volunteer with a wonderful group for 2-3 hours a week. Madison Hadassah is working with Jewish Social Services to offer donated clothing and supplies to Madison’s refugees.

All profits from sales support advanced medical research, education, and healthcare in Israel and around the world. Hadassah’s doctors and nurses also treat patients and teach medicine in remote regions of Africa and serve as first responders treating natural disaster victims around the world.

To RSVP and for questions:
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Madison Hadassah
Sunday, February 16
Walking Adventure at Olbrich Gardens at 11:00 am to see
LOOK: Tropical Tessellations followed by lunch at Daisy Café & Cupcakery at 12:30 pm
$5 to enter Bolz Conservatory for the special exhibit Olbrich Gardens 3330 Atwood Ave • (608) 246-4550
Daisy Café & Cupcakery 2827 Atwood Ave • (608) 241-2200

Join us for a walk through this special art exhibit set throughout the warm tropical gardens in Bolz Conservatory at Olbrich Gardens. The LOOK: Tropical Tessellations art exhibit illuminates surprising and beautiful repeating patterns of nature (tessellations). After an easy walk through the tropical conservatory, we’ll have lunch at a popular café two blocks away.

Everyone welcome – members, nonmembers

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Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture
Featuring Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

Sunday February 9, 2020
9:45 am to 11:00 pm
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI

Antisemitism on the College Campus: Executive Orders, Free Speech, Inclusivity, Exclusivity, and Safe Space

Rabbi Steinberger will talk about current campus culture – here in Wisconsin and internationally. She will address what has changed in the campus dialogue and awareness – about the Holocaust, the State of Israel, and cultural norms, from one generation to another. She will discuss ideas like intersectionality, identifying as a Jew on campus, and how anti-Zionism and antisemitism often end up in the same conversations - thinking about some subtle and not so subtle attitudes and behaviors, and end with optimism about the future.

Rabbi Steinberger serves at the Hillel at the University of Wisconsin. Since 1999 she provided opportunities for students on the UW campus to explore spiritual practices, experience Jewish learning, ask difficult questions and come together for Shabbat and holidays. Andrea helps students create and expand their Jewish lives and practices during their college years at the University of Wisconsin. Andrea and her husband, Greg, have three children: Abby, Emma, and Sari Steinberger.

Complimentary brunch is included at 9:45 am; the lecture begins at 10:15 am

For more information and to register: https://www.tbemadison.org/event/blockstein

The annual Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture is co-sponsored by Jewish Social Services and Temple Beth El. The event honors Liesl Blockstein, a woman who escaped from Hitler’s Austria in the 1930s and was a well-known force for justice and a leader in both the Jewish community and the wider community. The lecture always features a woman who embodies Liesl’s commitment to social justice and Jewish life.

Harry J. and Belle Goodman
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A Dane County Senior Nutrition Program Site
Find changes, updates, and new information about JSS programs on our website at www.jssmadison.org.

Meeting at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, located on the corner of Mound Street and Randall Avenue. Contact Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email office@jssmadison.org no later than 2:00 pm the preceding Wednesday to RSVP for lunch. A vegetarian option is available with a reservation. If you are 60 years or older, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what is comfortable for you. The cost of the meal is $9.07 for those younger than 60 years old.

If you cannot attend the meal, please join us for the free program at 1:00 pm. Many thanks to UW Hillel Adamah Catering for providing our delicious kosher meals.

Monday, February 3
11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Chicken Marsala, mashed potato, corn, fruit, brownie (Veggie option: Shephards Pie)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: The Double Double Reeders - harmonious blend of oboes, bassoons, and English horn

Monday, February 10
11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Chicken with caramelized onions and cardamom rice, tabouli, fruit, strawberry short cake (Veggie option: Tofu Marsala)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: “Thriving at Any Age: Guidelines for Living a Happy and Healthy Life” by Bob McGrath

Monday, February 17
11:30 am-12:00 pm: Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Chicken with caramelized onions and cardamom rice, tabouli, fruit, strawberry short cake (Veggie option: Shephards Pie)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: “A Year in the Life, and an Ojibwa Winter Story” by Barbara Gross

NEXT MONTH’S DATES: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
If you would like further information about the meal, programs, transportation, or to check on any cancellations, contact Paul Borowsky at (608) 442-4083 or paul@jssmadison.org

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat To Our Seniors
Our monthly Shabbat gatherings include candle lighting, challah, singing, and discussion.
Capitol Lakes, February 7, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Oakwood Village, February 21, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Haley, age 3, explains, “I like making challah at school because I like school. I like to eat challah because I am at school. It tastes good. We need it for Shabbat. We eat it at school too during snack. I like to put on raisins, sprinkles, and seeds. I like challah!”

By Marla Becker, Director, Gan Hayeled Preschool
A Program of Jewish Federation of Madison

We look forward to baking challah each week at Gan HaYeled. On Thursdays, the children make the dough from scratch. On Fridays, they each create their own challah to take home for Shabbat.

HOW WE MAKE CHALLAH
First, we add the yeast
Second, we mix the yeast with water
Third, we add sugar
Fourth, we measure and add oil
Fifth, we add salt
Sixth, we add flour in a separate bowl
Seventh, we combine all the ingredients
Eighth, we mix, mix, and mix
Ninth, we bake them in the oven
Tenth, we clean up
Shabbat Shalom! Yum, Yum!

LEARN MORE ABOUT GAN HAYELED PRESCHOOL • Serving children 18 months through 5 years old of all backgrounds.
We offer flexible schedule options to blend with Public School 4K, including wraparound care, and experienced, loving, compassionate teachers.
For more information or to schedule a tour: Contact Marla Becker, Director, at gan@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808.

MIDRASHA HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL
Open to all local Jewish youth in 8th through 12th grade

photo left: Students enjoyed the Midrasha Hanukkah party complete with latkes, sufganiyot, and intense game of Hanukkah Trivia on December 18.
photos right: The Yiddish and Israeli Music classes each performed a Hanukkah song for the group.
for more information
https://www.jewishmadison.org/midrasha
### Purim 5780

**Carnival Admission**
- $7 for ages 3-12
- Free for 2 and under
- Free for adults
- $25 max per family

**Schedule**
- 3:30–5:30 pm: Carnival & Kids’ Shpiel (TBE)
- 5:30 pm: Esther’s Ball: Noah & Schmooze Reception (TBE)
- 6:00 pm: Dramatic Presentation of Megillat Esther (TBE)
- 7:00 pm: Community Dinner (TBE)
- 8:00 pm: Traditional Megillah Reading (BIC)

**Hamantaschen**
- Hamantaschen will be for sale at the carnival and by pre-order
  - $8 per half dozen
  - $15 per full dozen

**Pickup Times**
- Thursday, March 5: 4:00–6:00 pm at BIC
- Sunday, March 8: 9:00 am–12:00 pm at TBE
- Monday, March 9: 3:30–7:00 pm at TBE

**Volunteers Needed!**
Help make the fun happen by selling tickets, food, or hamantaschen; running carnival activities, games, or prize tables; or being part of the cleanup crew.

Prepay admission, order Hamantaschen, register for dinner and sign up to volunteer at [TBEMADISON.ORG/EVENT/PURIM5780](http://TBEMADISON.ORG/EVENT/PURIM5780)

Presented by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Jewish Federation of Madison, Temple Beth El & UW Hillel

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**Wishing You a Very Happy Tu B’Shevat & Purim!**

Chag Sameach!

**From All Of Us At**

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