

# JEWISH NEWS

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# Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund Goal to Raise \$115,000

Camp Shalom 2017 is less than a month away! The countdown started on the day camp ended last summer, and the staff and campers are getting very excited! Camp registration basically filled up on the first day, staffing is almost complete, and fund raising for the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund is almost finished.

As of the end of March, Camp Shalom received scholarship requests for 205 campers totaling \$135,570. Unfortunately, this sets a new record high. We still need to raise \$15,000. The scholarship applications come from families who are trying hard to make ends meet; families who have an average yearly income of

\$23,200; families with costly medical expenses; and families who can't afford a quality summer program for their children.

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Without exception, families tell us how grateful they are and how much their children love Camp Shalom, an experience the children would not have without scholarship support. Please help us send these children to camp! Whether it is an individual donation or a corporate sponsorship, you can make a difference!

Camp Shalom is over six decades old and is one of the oldest youth-serving programs in Dane County. It has taken the in-

volvement of many to accomplish what we have. Thank you for helping the children of our community, and thank you in advance for your donation to help make the 63rd summer of Camp Shalom the best one yet!

For more information or to make a donation, please call (608) 278-1808, go to [JewishMadison.org](http://JewishMadison.org) or email [info@JewishMadison.org](mailto:info@JewishMadison.org).



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## Federation Statement About ASM and BDS Resolution

Israel Action Network  
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In the final month of their term, the Associated Students of Madison (ASM), the student government at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, attempted to pass radical divestment initiatives. The process evidenced blatant disregard for democratic principles that should guide such a governing body.

On March 29, after over six hours of debate, ASM voted to table indefinitely an egregious BDS resolution singling out and demonizing Israel. At the next ASM meeting, which fell during Passover, the body suspended its own bylaws to create a financial transparency committee to continue the work of the failed divestment initiative. Beyond this problematic process, the mere convening of the meeting—over the protests of a number of council members—when Jewish students could not participate due to religious observance, is alarming.

Subsequently, the Student Judiciary approved an injunction against the proposed financial transparency subcommittee. This injunction, citing religious-based due process violations, effectively nullified the proposed subcommittee.

The Chair and Vice Chair of ASM filed an unfounded retaliatory complaint with the Student Judiciary against the student leaders opposing divestment and falsely accused them of racism.

At the April 26 ASM session, its last of the academic year, a resolution calling for divestment from any business involved in

private prisons, arms manufacture, fossil fuels, and border walls was introduced. In response to concerns from the Jewish community on campus, the resolution as introduced did not target Israel for divestment.

Several Jewish students spoke during open forum to thank the resolution's original authors for their consideration by not targeting Israel and that they (the Jewish students) would not be opposing the resolution in its original form.

It quickly became clear during the meeting that many members of ASM were determined to demonstrate their single-minded desire to disparage Israel. Through a calculated, pre-meditated effort, members of ASM introduced amendments to the legislation that targeted and condemned Israel and isolated Jewish students and their allies.

The meeting fostered an extremely hostile environment in which members of ASM intimidated fellow representatives. In response to the only Jewish representative's questions, the chair of ASM shouted "F\*\*\* white supremacy!"

Due to the previous behavior of ASM it was clear that the outcome was inevitable. As a result, in working with our terrific student leadership (Jewish and non-Jewish) we strategically chose to expose ASM leaders for their anti-Semitic actions. There were members of ASM who intended to vote no on this resolution, but experienced such a severe degree of intimidation that they feared they would be labeled racist if they did not vote in support of this amended resolution. Members supporting the resolution brought signs directly targeting the only Jewish ASM council member,

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# Camp Shalom Offers Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

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There are four different sponsor levels:

- Directors Circle \$10,000+ (14+ Campers' Tuition)
- Shalom Circle \$5000-\$9999 (7-14 Campers' Tuition)
- Friendship Circle \$2600-\$4999 (4-7 Campers' Tuition)
- Campers Circle: \$795-\$2599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)

Each level of the Camp Shalom's Annual Corporate Sponsorships includes many benefit and recognition opportunities. For additional information, please contact Dina Weinbach at (608) 442-4070 or [dina@jewishmadison.org](mailto:dina@jewishmadison.org).

Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. We hope to raise \$115,000 in scholarship funds for the summer of 2017. There is little question that scholarship needs will

be greater than last year; that's been the case throughout our history. Last year, with the support of our community, the Jewish Federation of Madison awarded \$105,000 in full and partial scholarships to 193 campers. Without exception, families tell us how grateful they are and how much their children love Camp Shalom – an experience the children would not have without scholarship support.

Please help us spread the word and consider the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship program for your business. Thank you in advance for helping to make the summer of 2017 at Camp Shalom the best one yet.



## Outreach

Quick check-in to make sure you are receiving all the news, updates and more from the Jewish Community!

**Please contact Tiz Goff,**  
773-620-4404 or  
[outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org)  
if you or someone you know needs a warm welcome!



- Monday emails that summarize the upcoming week's events
- Facebook Group for Parents of kids ages 0-2 years of age
- Facebook Group for Parents of kids 3-12 years of age
- Shalom Baby for newborns
- Shalom Madison for newcomers
- Yad B'Yad playgroup for babies 0-2 years of age



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## Save the Date

### Sunday, September 17th

### 5:45 pm

**2017 Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff**  
Food and entertainment while supporting the work of the Jewish Federation of Madison



# HAVA NAGILA PICNIC

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10:30am- 1:30pm

### *Volunteers Needed for Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic*

Looking for something to do on Sunday, June 25, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm? Come help out at the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic. We are looking for people who are talented (or at least willing to develop their skills) in the following areas:

- Pre-picnic set-up (early bird shift, begins at 9:00 am)
- Selling food
- Greeting guests
- Helping to lead games and activities for the kids
- Post-picnic clean-up

Mark your calendar now and look for the link to the sign up in the Monday Morning emails. Please contact Ellen at [program@jewishmadison.org](mailto:program@jewishmadison.org) or 278-1808 if you have questions!





## A Reflection on Janice Beers' 27 Years of Service to Our Community

By STEVEN H. MORRISON  
Executive Director Emeritus

Perhaps the greatest joy and most professionally fulfilling work during the years I served as executive director of the Jewish Federation of Madison and Jewish Social Services was leading our Jewish community's efforts to resettle refugees from the former Soviet Union starting in 1989. Janice Beers began volunteering for us that year as part of that program.

Subsequently, JSS hired her as the resettlement secretary in 1990 for a temporary summer position. After two years of temporary work, the position became permanent. Janice strove to become fluent in Russian and learn the professional skills of social services, both of which she mastered. By 1993, Janice became the director of the refugee program. Over the years, she resettled over 350 refugees. The program boasted 100% employment for all working-age refugees!



Janice Beers

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## ASM

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and shouted at her as "the elephant in the room." In the final ASM meeting of the semester, they vividly demonstrated their hate and bias.

Greg Steinberger, Director of the UW Hillel, remarked that "we have much to be proud of in this group of dedicated, determined and thoughtful students, who have worked around the clock to uphold our university values in both the public forum and in their private efforts. Their inspirational work has served to push the university community to further embrace nuance and complexity on even our most challenging global issues."

The Jewish Federation of Madison would like to thank UW Hillel, the Israel Action Network (a strategic initiative of the Jewish Federations of North America), and the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation

of Greater Chicago for their dedication and hard work on these issues.

The tireless efforts of Greg Steinberger, the Executive Director of UW Hillel, and Badgers United Against Hate to fight these anti-Semitic incidents has severely stretched Hillel's staff and resources. The Jewish Federation of Madison stands with UW Hillel in this struggle and wholeheartedly supports their efforts. UW Hillel and Badgers United Against Hate are on the front lines of this fight and they desperately need additional resources to continue their efforts to combat anti-Semitism and BDS on campus, and to educate the UW community about these issues while building bridges to allied groups and organizations. Please consider making a gift to UW Hillel and Badgers United Against Hate to support their efforts.

## Simchas & Condolences

*Mazel Tov on the birth of*

*Finnegan David Kaplan, son of Allen and Jennifer Kaplan and grandson of Janice Kaplan*

*Mazel Tov on the marriage of*

*Josh Minkoff to Kaylee Heller, son of Joel and Deborah Minkoff, daughter of Scott and Mary Beth Heller*

*Condolences to the families of*

*Marvin Eisenberg, husband of Phyllis Mintz Eisenberg, father of Clifford (Nadine) Eisenberg, and Howard (Susan) Eisenberg*

*Joseph M. Kessler, father of Steve (Donna Anderson), grandfather of Hannah and Sarah*

*Diana Renner, mother of Craig (Lynn) Renner, grandmother of David and Sophia Renner*

*Judy Dolnick, wife of Stu Dolnick*

*Robert Schwartz, husband of Sara (Sandy) z"l, father of Lawrence (Barbara), Frederick (Sylvia) and Steven, grandfather of Stephanie, Sydney and Alex*

*Allen Zemmol, husband of Lita; father of Debbie (Joel) Minkoff; grandfather of Caren Minkoff (Ari Lampear), Michael (Lainie) Minkoff, Ben Minkoff (Sarah Callahan), and Josh Minkoff (Kaylee Heller); great-grandfather of Eva, Eitan and Ori*

*Silvan Sam Schweber, father of Simone Schweber, grandfather of Talia and Max Ivry*

*Gladys Sillman, aunt of Nancy (Richard) Peidelstein*

*Harry Tobias, husband of Marjorie Singer Tobias; father of Lynn Tobias (Chet Edwards), Cathy Tobias (Bryan Michael), Judy Tobias, and Amy Fields (Marty); grandfather to Jacob Todd, Molly Fields, Elissa Todd, Kalie Kebed (Daniel), Randall Fields, Anna Edwards (Eric Griffiths), Jordan Edelstein, Alex Edwards, Andrew Edelstein; and great-grandfather to Amara Todd and Noah Kebed*

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# Upcoming


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# EVENTS

## Goodman Aquatic Center

Opens June 3

Summer registration for the pool is open!  
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman  
Jewish Community Campus  
7762 County Highway PD  
Verona, WI 53593



Enjoy the beautiful 5,500 square foot outdoor pool, with six 25-meter lanes and zero depth entry, located in Verona. Plenty of shaded area and deck chairs to lounge with family and friends.

## Pickleball Clinic

Sunday, June 4

3:00–4:30pm

Garner Park

333 S. Rosa Road, Madison

Cost: \$5 per person (space is limited)

Dave Weinbach, the National Pickleball Champion, will teach the basics of Pickleball to adults 18 and over.



## Matzah Balls Flag Football

Dates: June 4, 1:00 pm; June 11, 3:00 pm; June 18, 12:00 pm.

Playoffs June 25, July 2, and July 9. All playoff times are TBD.

Olbrich Park, 3527 Atwood Avenue

Matzah Balls, the Jewish Federation of Madison's co-ed sports team, is playing Flag Football! Come and cheer us on ... the location is beautiful, it's family-friendly, and full of fun people. Contact Tiz Goff, (608) 278-1808, outreach@jewishmadison.org.

## Gan HaYeled Preschool Graduation

Sunday, June 11

9:30–11:30 am

Graduation for the Dalet class of Gan HaYeled Preschool



## Camp Shalom New Camper Info Session

Sunday, June 11

11:45 am

The Minkoff Center (main building at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus), 7762 County Highway PD



Campers are encouraged to attend. Meet the Directors and learn about the daily schedule and special programming. Take a tour of the scenic Goodman Campus and the awesome camp facilities. Meet some of the loving and enthusiastic staff members. Learn some camp songs and play some camp games.

Please email: campshalom@jewishmadison.org with any questions.

## Camp Shalom Katan Theme-Based Summer Sessions Jam Packed with Fun for Preschoolers

It is starting to feel like summer! Doesn't summer camp for your 2-4 year old sound like a great idea? Flexible options available. Sign up for two days for one week, or five days for 10 weeks. Some of our days are filling up, but we still have space most days. Questions? Contact Rachel at gan@jewishmadison.org.

## Make Music Madison

Wednesday, June 21

5:30–7:30 pm

On Wednesday, June 21, the Jewish Federation of Madison's Gan HaYeled Preschool will host The No Name String Band from 6 pm until 7 pm as part of the Make Music Madison community-wide event. Make Music Madison is a free, citywide, outdoor celebration with concerts across the city. All ages will enjoy the music of The No Name String Band! Everyone is welcome to join us at Gan HaYeled, 6434 Enterprise Lane in Madison, to enjoy activities (make a paper plate banjo!), music, information, and fun! Feel free to bring a picnic dinner at 5:30 pm so you can enjoy the music at 6 pm. Please contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org with any questions on this community event.



## Chai, I'm New Here!

### Join Us at the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic!

Sunday, June 25

Fun surprises will be at the Outreach Tent at 12:00 pm

Recipients of Shalom Baby and Shalom Madison are invited to this event! We love having you here, and want to celebrate your arrival here! "Established" community members are invited as well; let's make sure everyone knows each other!



## Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Sunday, June 25

10:30 am–1:30 pm

Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman

Jewish Community Campus

7762 County Highway PD

Verona, WI 53593

Kick off the summer at the Hava Nagila Community Picnic. Activities include Amazing Race-inspired activities for the whole family; information tables for local Jewish organizations; face painting and balloon animals; hayrides; bouncy house; velcro wall; Boulders Climbing Wall; picnic games; Ga-Ga; swimming; music; dairy foods for sale including bagel bar, Shakshuka and Half-Moon Pies by Laila Borokhim, desserts from Manna Café, Kona Ice and more! Volunteers are also needed. Please contact Ellen Weismer at program@jewishmadison or 278-1808. See the ad on the back page for details.

## Mallards Game

Sunday, July 23

1:05–4:00 pm

Madison Mallards

2920 N. Sherman Ave., Madison



The Madison Mallards play the Wisconsin Woodchucks! Please join us for fun in the sun! More details and ticket information coming soon. Contact Tiz Goff, (608) 278-1808, outreach@jewishmadison.org.

# Shalom MJCDS

Madison Jewish Community Day School is a beneficiary organization of Jewish Federation of Madison

As our year and our school come to an end, we leave you with words of wisdom from the people at the center of our entire MJCDS adventure...the children.

Amelia, Age 10: At MJCDS I learned that I shouldn't hide my true self. I shouldn't be embarrassed or afraid to share important information with the people I love. Another thing I learned is that if sometimes you may feel unloved, or like you have no friends, that is just an "upset" you. Remember that you have friends. Friends are so important in life.

Roger, Age 7: MJCDS has been very good for me. I learned that it is important to help people. I remember a time when we were playing on the snow castle. We were climbing up the castle. I was in front of someone who was about to fall, so I put my hand out to help.

Heshy, Age 7: I learned how important it is to have friendships because if you don't, you might not have help from others, and you will be lonely. If you are a lonely person, you will be a sad person. By coming to this school, I also learned that it is very important to listen to other people. If you don't, you are not going to know what's going on. I also learned that if someone is copying your work or ideas, it most likely means that he or she likes your ideas.

Ruby, Age 7: When I first came to MJCDS I felt sad because I didn't know how to read. Most of the other kids knew how to read and I felt bad for myself. My teachers helped me. All the kids treated me kindly and helped me learn the sounds. They would clap for me when I read a page and were proud of me because I learned how to read, and learning how to read is fun. It took a lot of hard work and I am happy now because I can read.

Maggie, Age 8: I didn't know how to make friends when I came to MJCDS. I wouldn't talk to people and that didn't help. A lot of the kids helped me find out

how to make friends because they came up to me and asked me to be their friend. They would encourage me to play with them. Now I know how to make friends and I will take that with me.

Asher, Age 7: I learned how important it is to have friends, and how they can change anyone's life. I learned that "you find a teacher, you find a friend" and that's true.

Jacob, Age 7: I discovered how fun writing can be because it is a type of exercise. I like thinking of my own story, writing it and also typing it. I make my own ideas and nobody can take them away from me. The last story I typed was the longest story I ever typed. It was 2 pages!

Charley, Age 9: At MJCDS I learned strategies for developing and maintaining friendships with other people. I have made many friends that I will never forget. They range in age; some are kids and some are adults.

Lilah, Age 9: I learned techniques and strategies for getting people's attention in a learning situation. It is very important not to yell when you feel impatient. I should stay calm and keep my cool. I also learned that it is great to have examples ready and to have hands-on activities. This improves understanding.

Lila, Age 9: I feel that I learned a lot at MJCDS and something very important to me is math. I know there will be situations all my life when I need math.

Juliette, Age 8: When I came to MJCDS I did not know how to read. I had lots of people help me. I also learned how to write and even improved my handwriting.

Shira, Age 6: I learned the importance of friendship at MJCDS. When I first came to MJCDS I did not have any friends at the school but that changed. Having friends helps me feel like I'm part of a community.

A tremendous *today rabah* to everyone who helped make our school a reality throughout the years. As you can see, this may be the end of Madison Jewish Community Day School, but these life lessons and friendships will remain forever.



From left to right: Stephanie Gedan, Zoe Kellner, and Hannah Klegan.

## Jewish Studies Badgers in Action: Meet the Graduating Class of 2017

By JUDITH SONE

Center for Jewish Studies

### Women and the Laws of Kohanim in a Modern Jewish Society

Originally from Minnetonka, a suburb outside of Minneapolis, Stefanie Gedan is excited to be the first graduate of the Hebrew language, literature, and Israeli culture track of the Jewish studies major. It is fitting that the highlight of her college experience was studying abroad at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem during the 2015–2016 academic year. Stefanie knew that her study abroad courses would fit in well with her Jewish Studies major, and she was able to fulfill her life-long goal of becoming fluent in Hebrew, while also studying alongside people of different religions from all over the world.

Supervised by Professor Rosenblum, Stefanie's capstone project explores the question: Can women be considered *kohens* (members of the priestly class) in modern society? She argues that, in modern society, women should not be excluded from priestly roles in a synagogue setting.

After graduation, Stefanie plans to study Jewish texts at a traditional egalitarian yeshiva in New York. As part of her program, she will also have a role as a Jewish educator in a local Hillel, a Jewish day school, and a nursing home. She intends to apply to rabbinical school in the fall, and hopes to attend the following year. Stefanie's first course as a major was called Prophets of the Bible, and it was during this course that she felt a deep connection to the texts and a deeper desire to become a rabbi.

### Ma Nishtana? Different Approaches to Teaching About Passover

For Hannah Klegan, becoming a Jewish studies major fit in perfectly with her passions and future plans of pursuing a career in Jewish education. Hannah is from Ripon, WI, a very small town where she and her brother were the only Jewish kids. Her interest in Jewish studies began at camp, and has continued to grow throughout her time at UW-Madison, where her favorite course was about Holocaust literature, music, and memory.

For her thesis project, Hannah is

working with Professor Schweber and researching how various Jewish educational institutions in a small Jewish community differ in how they teach their students about Passover. She is examining the different curricula and materials used and the general moral of the Passover story across different denominations.

After graduating, Hannah plans to move to Jackson, MS, to be a Jewish education fellow for the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. Her role will be to help create a religious school curriculum and travel around the South to help implement the curriculum in small Jewish communities. She expects that her thesis project will be very useful in her new job, and she hopes to go to graduate school to get a masters in Jewish education in the future.

### The Impact of Religion on Israel's Democracy

Zoe Kellner's interest in Jewish studies was piqued at camp. She is from a small suburb of LA, where she was one of the only Jewish students at her high school, and when she got to UW-Madison, she knew she wanted to be involved in the Jewish Studies program. She originally started out with Hebrew and then enrolled in more Jewish studies courses, and she loved them. She decided to become a major and made plans to study abroad at Tel Aviv University in spring of 2016. While pursuing her studies, Zoe also interned and did fund-raising at Hillel and served on the executive board of Badgers for Israel.

Zoe's passion for politics led her to take Professor Shelef's Israeli Politics course, and that was the best course she had taken in her undergraduate career. She decided to do her independent study with Professor Shelef, and is currently working on a project about the impact of religion on Israel's democracy, examining the question: Does Israel have the ability to remain a stable democracy with the inclusion of religion in its government?

A dual major in Jewish studies and journalism, Zoe plans to work for an advertising agency in LA after she graduates. This coming summer, she is excited to lead a Birthright Israel trip.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!



Mazel Tov to Amelia Sidney (left) and Shiloh Hoffman on their fifth grade graduation!



Morah Clara, Morah Marla and the MJCDS students make a toast at their Teaching Heaven Restaurant.



One of the group discussions at Chabad on anti-Semitism and Israel.

## Jewish Pride at UW Chabad

By RABBI MENDEL MATUSOF

*Chabad is a beneficiary organization of Jewish Federation of Madison*

What a semester it has been on the UW-Madison campus for the Jewish and pro-Israel community! New programs have been initiated, existing ones have expanded, all while some significant hurdles had to be overcome.

I would assume most MJN readers are aware that there was an attempt by the Associated Students of Madison to enact legislation which was a form of BDS (boycott, divestment, sanctions) against Israel. As of the writing of this article the first piece of legislation failed, a second passed, which was then overturned by the Student Judiciary. I don't know where this will end but there were several students who should be commended for putting their heart and soul into ensuring that the UW-Madison re-

mains a space in which Israel can be discussed, supported and challenged in a fair and honest way. It is also important to thank Greg Steinberger, director of Hillel, for his tremendous support and effort in this regard.

We at Chabad took a leading role in supporting the hundreds of Jewish students who felt confused, hurt, betrayed, and vulnerable. In addition to getting huge crowds of students to attend the hearing and many hours of private counseling, we hosted numerous group sessions and events to discuss the issues at hand, Israeli politics, anti-Semitism and Judaism.

On the weekend immediately following the initial resolution proposal we hosted IDF combat veteran Leibel Mangel for Shabbat. At three separate Shabbat meals for a total of 215 students, Leibel, a Cincinnati native, shared his pride in his Jewish identity. He shared a passion which led him from the safety of his Ohio home to the

front lines of protecting his Jewish brethren. He challenged the listeners to not allow their Jewish identities to be defined by those who are against us. "Each one of us must ask ourselves, in what way am I part of the bridge between the generation of the Holocaust and the Jewish community of tomorrow," he said.

A few weeks later we hosted the Anti-Defamation League for a two-hour session with thirty-five students. We discussed the difference between anti-Semitism and anti-Israel, how they often overlap, and some productive ways of responding to either of them.

Most importantly, at Chabad we believe that proactive Judaism is the real key to Jewish community building. Chabad hosted 400 students at Passover Seders, completely home-cooked, and with a great family vibe. Thirty-four students participated in our weekly Sinai Scholars this semester where we discuss Judaism, Kabbalah, and Israel in an open, non-judgmental environment.

We are also very excited to share that this summer we are taking to Israel the largest UW Birthright group ever! On May 15 I will be leading 124 UW students to Israel, and we are sending an additional group of forty the following week, on May 21. I look forward to reporting on this trip in upcoming editions of the MJN.

While things on campus are winding down for the summer, at Chabad we are ramping up, as we begin the construction for the next phase of the UW Chabad! We will be adding almost 10,000 square feet to our existing facility, at a nearly four-million-dollar cost, to accommodate the many students who take part in our activities!

Wishing all MJN readers a healthy summer!



IDF veteran Leibel Mangel speaking to students before Shabbat.

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## Save the Date ... WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21



Brought to you by the Jewish Federation of Madison

On Wednesday, June 21, the Jewish Federation of Madison's Gan HaYeled Preschool will host **The No Name String Band from 6 pm until 7 pm** as part of the Make Music Madison community-wide event. Make Music Madison is a free, citywide, outdoor celebration with concerts across the city. All ages will enjoy the music of The No Name String Band! **Everyone is welcome to join us at Gan HaYeled, 6434 Enterprise Lane in Madison, to enjoy activities (make a paper plate banjo!), music, information, and fun!** Feel free to bring a picnic dinner at 5:30 pm so you can enjoy the music at 6 pm. Please contact Tiz Goff at [outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org) with any questions on this community event.



# Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

## 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](http://www.shamayim.org), email us at [office@shamayim.org](mailto:office@shamayim.org), or call (608) 257-2944.

### Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantorial Soloist Michelle Rozansky

Friday, June 2, 6:15 pm  
First Unitarian Society  
900 University Bay Drive

Join us at 6:15 pm for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Cantorial Soloist Michelle Rozansky, visiting from Milwaukee. Following the service at 7:30 pm we will have a potluck dinner and discussion.

### Exploring Judaism: Open Discussion About All Your Jewish Questions

Wednesday, June 7, 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 will discuss personal explorations 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 will structure each session around participant questions and interests. If you would like to learn more or receive updates, please contact the office.

### Shabbat Services

Saturdays, June 10 and June 24  
9:30 am

Located at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive

On June 10 we welcome Sarah Yandell as a bat mitzvah, and on June 24 we

welcome Yosef Baldon as a bar mitzvah. Shabbat morning services are followed by Kiddush lunch at 11:45 am. Please call the office for more information.

### Volunteer to Serve a Meal to Madison's Homeless

Saturday, June 17, 3:00pm-4:00 pm  
Located at the top of State Street

Join Shaarei Shamayim members to prepare and serve a meal to Madison's homeless community. We feed over 150 people through Friends of the State Street Family each month. Volunteers are needed both to cook and to serve. Please contact the office for more information and to sign up. To help defray the cost of the food, please make a donation at [www.shamayim.org/support](http://www.shamayim.org/support).

### Musical Havdalah with Todd Miller

Saturday, June 10, 5:00 pm

Please call the office for the location.

Enjoy klezmer music, do some Israeli dancing, and spend Shabbat with friends. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

### Kehillah: A Group for People in their mid-20s to 30s

Looking for Jewish community? Want to get involved with others who are a similar age? We are just launching our group and will be planning monthly events. To sign up for the list please contact the office.

### Social Action Listserve

Looking for some social action opportunities? Sign up to receive our weekly email that lists activities within Shaarei Shamayim, as well as events around town. Over 80 people have joined. Add your name to the list and get involved! (You do not need to be a member to join us.)

### Torah Study

We offer lay-led Torah study every Saturday morning we do not have services, at a member's home. Please call the office for the location.

## Beth Israel Center

Come see what our traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Beth Israel Center programs and services are open to all members, prospective members, and visitors. Some events require registration, however. Please call (608) 256-7763 or email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) with any questions. We love to talk about upcoming events, education for children and adults, membership and more. You may also visit our website, [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org), for more information.

Here are a few upcoming calendar highlights:

### MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze

Friday, June 2, 5:45 pm

All Jewish high schoolers are invited to get a taste of Shabbat davening at Beth Israel Center, and then a taste of Shabbat dining and schmoozing at 7:00 pm, hosted by the family of Gaby Baum, Ruth Litovsky, and David Baum. Bring your banter. For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman at [bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:bethisraelcenter.org).

### Torah & Mindfulness

Saturdays, June 3 & 17, 9:15 am

Come to Beth Israel Center on the first and third Shabbat mornings of June for meditation, chanting, and discussion. In this iteration of Torah & Mindfulness, we begin at 9:15 am and end at 10:00 am, with a break at 9:30 am. You may enter or leave quietly at any time. This format allows for meditation as preparation for P'sukei D'zimra (which begins 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). Find Torah & Mindfulness in Classroom 3, which is on the far side of the library on the lower level. Additional summer dates may be scheduled.

### Kadima State Street Hang-out

Sunday, June 4, time TBD

Wanna nosh, wanna shop, wanna schmooze? All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to the Kadima State Street Hang-out for a great get-together with middle-school teens on a Sunday afternoon. Contact Deborah Hoffman at [bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:bethisraelcenter.org) for more information.

### Rosh Hodesh Tammuz

Sunday, June 15, 8:15 am

Celebrate the new month during morning minyan at Beth Israel Center. A light breakfast will be served after services.

### Children's Services

Saturdays, June 17, July 8 & 22,  
August 12, 10:30 am

We offer our popular Shabbat morning children's services, which meet every Shabbat when school is in session, on select Shabbatot during the summer. Toddlers, preschoolers and elementary school-age children are all welcome to drop in on June 17, July 8, July 22, and August 12. Younger children should bring their grownups along. Grownups responsible for older children may attend services in the main sanctuary while children attend the children's program. Children's services meet on the lower level, in a classroom off the center hallway (across from the lower level restrooms). For more information, please contact Beth Copelovitch, [education@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:education@bethisraelcenter.org) or (608) 256-7763.

### Kabbalat Shabbat and Potlucks in Hoyt Park

Friday, June 23, 5:45 pm

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors with old and new friends and meet Rabbi Sami Barth, who will be at Beth Is-

rael Center for the coming year. A kosher-dairy potluck dinner follows services. All are welcome. Bring friends!

### Rabbi Samuel Barth's First Shabbat

Saturday, June 24, 9:30 am  
(services begin)

Celebrate Rabbi Sami Barth's first Shabbat as Beth Israel Center's rabbi, and toast his maternal Scottish heritage after services. Enjoy "spiritual" sustenance, ice cream and good scotch, and welcome him to our community.

### The Road Home Buddy Congregation Week

June 25 - July 2

Four times each calendar year, Beth Israel Center serves as a Buddy Congregation when Midvale Lutheran Community Church hosts homeless families in transition to permanent housing. Our next opportunity to do this important volunteer work is the week beginning Sunday, June 25. Sign up online using the link in the BIC e-news, on our website ([www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org)), or at [www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org). Write to [socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org) with any questions.

### Songs of Shabbat & Summer

Saturday, July 8, 12:45ish pm

Sing new songs and recall old ones with Rabbi Sami Barth during and after Shabbat Kiddush lunch. All are welcome, whether or not you can sing. We'll begin singing when we've finished eating.

### Kabbalat Shabbat & Potlucks in Hoyt Park

Friday, July 21, 5:45 pm

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors with old and new friends, including Rabbi Sami Barth. A kosher-dairy

potluck dinner follows services. All are welcome. Bring friends!

### Mystical Melodies and Musings: Medieval and Modern

Saturday, July 22, 8:00 pm

Come share the spiritual final hour of Shabbat with the Beth Israel Center community. Over seudat shlishit (the third Shabbat meal), Rabbi Barth will lead a discussion of poetry, songs and ideas about perfecting the world so that Elijah will be able to arrive...

### "Celestial and Earthly Jerusalem" Tisha B'Av Reflections

Sundays July 23 and 30, 9:00 am

Join Rabbi Sami Barth at Beth Israel Center for one or both of these special Sunday morning programs leading up to Tisha B'Av. Beginning after Sunday morning minyan, we will encounter the metaphors of "Celestial and Earthly Jerusalem." What went wrong and what can go right? The rabbis taught that Jerusalem was destroyed because of divisiveness among the Jewish people. Was this simply "blaming the victim" or a spiritual diagnosis?

### Rosh Hodesh Av

Monday, July 24, 7:00 am

Celebrate the new month during morning minyan at Beth Israel Center. A light breakfast will be served after services.

### Shabbat Chazon

Saturday, July 29

Come to Beth Israel Center on the Shabbat morning before Tisha B'Av, Shabbat Chazon, the Sabbath of vision, and hear a special d'var Torah by Rabbi Sami Barth exploring medieval poems of

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# Temple Beth El

Visit us online at [www.templebethel-madison.org](http://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](mailto:executive@tbemadison.org).

## Outdoor Shabbat at Wingra Park with Banzo Dinner

Friday, June 2, 5:45 pm

Our warm weather tradition of Shabbat outdoors is back. These are multi-generational Shabbat experiences. We will feature a different dinner each month. You can register in advance, or bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy with us. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on when we're at Wingra Park. Just ask anyone who's come in the past; this is one service they look forward to all year! Share the fresh air and lake view with us as we usher in Shabbat. Register for Shabbat Outdoors at [bit.ly/shabbatoutdoors](http://bit.ly/shabbatoutdoors).

**5:45 pm—Nosh (Pre-Shabbat Oneg) sponsored by the Program Committee**

**6:00 pm—Shabbat Worship**

**6:45 pm—Dinner**

**7:45pm—"The New Sanctuary Movement"**

This month, enjoy special programming from the Social Action Committee. Come and hear about the history of Sanctuary in Wisconsin, the legal rights and risks, and current organizing efforts here in Madison with guest speakers from the ACLU and Voces de la Frontera.

## Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, June 9, 5:30 pm

Taste of India, 2623 Monroe St #150 Madison

Join with friends for an Indian dinner prior to services on Friday night. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and be at Temple Beth El in time for the 7:30 pm Shabbat evening services. For questions and to RSVP con-

tact Aleeza at [engage@tbemadison.org](mailto:engage@tbemadison.org) or (608) 238-3123.

## Annual Meeting

Friday, June 13, 6:30 pm

All Temple members are invited to attend. This is your chance to stay updated on the work of the Temple board and plans for the coming year. Join us and share your thoughts! We will have a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass. Please, no pork, shellfish, or mixed meat-dairy dishes.

## Singles Creating Community Dinner

Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 pm

Nonno's, 704 S. Whitney Way Madison

Enjoy an informal, relaxing dinner with others who are single. Everyone is responsible for purchasing their own meal.

## Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, June 15, 7:00 pm

Location TBD

Join fellow 20- and 30-somethings in the Jewish community to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty dinner! Dinner will be \$20 or less per person. Please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Contact Aleeza Hoffert at [engage@tbemadison.org](mailto:engage@tbemadison.org) for more information.

## Singles Creating Community Coffee

Friday, June 16, 9:00 am

Barnes and Noble West Towne

Start your Friday with some lovely conversation.

## Cancer Support Group

Sunday, June 18, 2:00 pm

Frank Adult Lounge, Temple Beth El

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

# Beth Israel Center Continued from page 8

lamentation (qinot). Exploration and discussion of these poems and themes will continue over Kiddush.

## Tisha B'Av

Monday, July 31, 8:30 pm

Begin Tisha B'Av with the reading of Lamentations. Services will also be held Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening.

## 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. 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 P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We come together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. See above for summer dates of children's services for babies, preschoolers, and elementary school-age children. 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](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) and ask to be added.

## Kesher Israel Film Night-Gett

Wednesday, June 21

Doors open at 7:00 pm, film begins at 7:15 pm. Snacks and beverages provided. A discussion will follow.

## Americana Shabbat Service

Friday, June 30, 7:30 pm

Join Temple Beth El for a pre-Independence Day Shabbat evening worship service.

## Shabbat Outdoors at Wingra Park with a Roman Candle Dinner

Friday, July 7, at 5:45 pm

Our warm weather tradition of Shabbat outdoors is back. These are multi-generational Shabbat experiences. We will feature a different dinner each month. You can register in advance, or bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy with us. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on when we're at Wingra Park. Just ask anyone who's come in the past; this is one service they look forward to all year! Share the fresh air and lake view with us as we usher in Shabbat. Register for Shabbat Outdoors at [bit.ly/shabbatoutdoors](http://bit.ly/shabbatoutdoors).

**5:45 pm—Nosh (Pre-Shabbat Oneg) sponsored by the Program Committee**

**6:00 pm—Shabbat Worship**

**6:45 pm—Dinner**

## Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, July 14, 5:30 pm

Lalo's, 5510 University Ave, Madison

Join with friends for a Chinese food dinner prior to services on Friday night. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and be at Temple Beth

El in time for the 7:30 pm Shabbat evening services. For questions and to RSVP contact Aleeza at [engage@tbemadison.org](mailto:engage@tbemadison.org) or (608) 238-3123.

## Kesher Israel Film Night-Denial

Wednesday, July 19

Doors open at 7:00pm, film begins at 7:15pm. Snacks and beverages provided. A discussion will follow.

## Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, July 20, 7:00 pm

Location TBD

Join fellow 20- and 30-somethings in the Jewish community to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty dinner! Dinner will be \$20 or less per person. Please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Contact Aleeza Hoffert at [engage@tbemadison.org](mailto:engage@tbemadison.org) for more information.

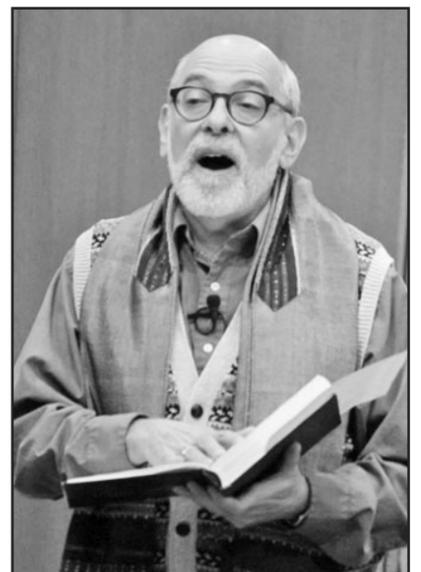
## Join the Temple Beth El Adult/TeenChoir or Tefillah Band for High Holiday Services!

Do you love to sing or play an instrument? Are you B'nai Mitzvah age or older with some musical experience? Cantor Sharon needs you to bring your love of music to our High Holy Day ensembles. Temple Beth El is looking to expand our Adult/Teen choir and Tefillah Band! Our High Holy Day practices take place on Wed. evenings, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm, beginning August 9th. Bring your musical skills and spirit to our temple, and please contact Cantor Sharon for more details: [sing@tbemadison.org](mailto:sing@tbemadison.org).

## Save the Date for a Spectacular "Bar Mitzvah" Celebration in November

Join Temple Beth El at Full Compass on the evening of November 4 to celebrate Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, Doctor of Divinity, in his 13th year at Temple Beth El.

This "bar mitzvah" celebration will feature live music and insider stories from acclaimed composer Jonathan Wolff, who created the music for 75 prime-time network series and is best known for the iconic sounds of Seinfeld. Look for more details coming soon!



## Upcoming Kesher Movies at Temple Beth El



Co-sponsored with the Jewish Federation of Madison

Doors open at 7:00 pm for a 7:15 pm showing

**Gett, June 21**

**Denial, July 19**

**Holy Land Hardball, August 16**

Snacks and beverages provided. A discussion will follow.

Temple Arbor Street doors, 2702 Arbor Drive.

# Hadassah's Walking Adventures

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

## Explore the Unusual Landscaping of Epic Campus with Madison Hadassah Walking Adventures

July 16, 2017

10:00 am – noon

Epic Campus, 1979 Milky Way, Verona.

Free. Everyone welcome. Handicap accessible. Benches are spread throughout campus for resting. Bring your own water bottle and snack.

To let us know you're coming or for questions, call (608) 770-6521 or email [MadisonHadassah@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonHadassah@gmail.com)

Check Madison Hadassah Facebook page for updates: [www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison/](http://www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison/)

The outdoor space designs on Epic's campus are regarded as no less creative and strange than Epic's renowned buildings. According to Epic's designers, the lush gardens, native plantings, streams, waterfalls, pond and themed outdoor gathering spaces were designed with sustainability, cultural diversity and healing in mind. This includes more than eight acres of an intensive green roof over underground parking and one of the world's largest gravel gardens.

We'll be outside so bring a water bottle, wear comfortable shoes and a hat.

1. To reach Epic Campus from Madi-

son, take Hwy 18/51 to exit 78. Then follow signs to Epic Lane. from Verona.

2. From Epic Lane, follow signs to the visitor's parking lot or visitor's handicap parking. Follow steps and walkway to Andromeda Building.

3. Meet in the Andromeda Building entrance.



## Upcoming Hadassah Events:

Sunday, August 20,  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pewitt's Nest followed by a picnic at Devil's Lake

Sunday September 11,  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Building Bridges Celebration

## Please donate to Collectors Corner

Collectors Corner, Hadassah's resale store, is working with Jewish Social Services to provide Madison's new refugees with free clothing and household goods. You can help by donating household items and clothing in good condition to Collectors Corner at 6633 University Ave. (608) 831-2474.

## Groundbreaking Hadassah Study Identifies Risk Factors Among Jews

Recreational sun exposure, use of black hair dye, a history of hospitalization for infection, and having a first-degree relative with a blood cancer are all risk factors for developing B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (B-NHL), among both Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews, according to a large-scale collaborative study led by a

Hadassah Medical Organization and Hebrew University physician/researcher. This study examined medical history and environmental and lifestyle risk factors for B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma and its subtypes in these populations. For more information, go to Hadassah's Medical News online.

# News from the State Capitol

By MICHAEL BLUMENFELD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wisconsin Jewish Conference  
With contributions from Erin Fabrizius

## Bill to Amend Wisconsin's Hate Crime Status Advancing

Thirty years after the Wisconsin Jewish Conference led the effort to adopt Wisconsin's hate crimes law, legislation has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature that would amend current law to include members of law enforcement. If passed by the Legislature, Assembly 48 would apply the same penalty enhancers that are currently only used for crimes involving the victim's religion, race, sexuality or disability status to crimes committed against members of law enforcement.

At a public hearing held on the bill in April, Representative Dave Steffen (R-Green Bay), the bill's author, said AB 48 is needed to address the reported 163% increase in ambush-style shootings of law enforcement officers since 2015.

"Whether they are wearing the uniform or not, they are law enforcement officers, and we have to be taking steps—additional steps—to show our support and protection for those who protect and serve us every day," said Steffen.

The American Civil Liberties Union

and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) both oppose AB 48.

"Adding law enforcement or any other professional category to the current hate crimes law is inconsistent with the purpose of hate crimes laws, and could impede efforts to protect against identity-based crimes," wrote the ADL in a memo submitted during the public hearing on the bill.

The bill is strongly supported by Wisconsin's law enforcement community.

## State Assembly Recognizes Jewish American Heritage Month

The State Assembly adopted a resolution last month proclaiming May 2017 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Wisconsin.

Assembly Joint Resolution 50, authored by Representative Jonathon Brostoff (D-Milwaukee), highlights several Jewish Americans from Wisconsin, including author Edna Ferber, U.S. Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, actors Gene Wilder and Charlotte Rae, magician Harry Houdini, and Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir.

AJR 50 concludes by thanking all Jewish Americans for "shaping our country's character, strengthening our promise of religious freedom, and teaching us the virtues of justice, hope, and perseverance."

### 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 honor of Debbie and Joel Minkoff's new grandson, Ori Benjamin  
Livia Asher

In honor of Diane Seder and Eli Rosen  
Jerilyn Goodman

In honor of Dina Weinbach  
Jerilyn Goodman

In memory of Russ Whitesel  
Carol Ottenstein and Ron Sklansky

In memory of the beloved sister of Mr. and Mrs. M. Medved  
Dee and Ken Stein

In memory of Robert Schwartz  
Dr. Harry and Karen Roth

In honor of the birth of Ori Benjamin Minkoff  
Nan and Jim Youngerman

In memory of Allen Zemmol  
Steven Morrison and Goldie Kadushin

Dr. Harry and Karen Roth  
James Stein and Ellen Schneiderman

Livia Asher  
Marc Shovers, Jan Loeb and family

Donald and Kathy Miner  
Alicia, David and Carly Schiff



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# From Holocaust to Civil Rights

By ELLEN WEISMER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

*Jewish Federation of Madison*

The room was full, with more than 150 people, on Yom HaShoah as the Madison community came together to honor Holocaust survivors with a special service. Survivors and their families participated in the service by reciting from a selection of readings and lighting memorial candles. The service was followed by the program From Holocaust to Civil Rights. Debbie Konkol, a Madisonian, and her siblings who travelled from the Milwaukee area, came to tell the story of their journey to learn their family's history. Those in attendance were moved to tears when they learned of what had happened to the

Simons' paternal grandmother and how she perished in the Holocaust. This whole story was unknown to Debbie and her family until recently and they have made it a mission to continue to learn more and tell their story whenever they can.

Their father, Reverend Dr. Carl Simon, became a leader in the civil rights movement and the story of their family was incredible to hear. We are so grateful to Debbie Simon Konkol, Joanne Simon Weinberg and Chris Simon Halverson for sharing their story with us. A big thank you to all the members of the Yom HaShoah committee for helping to make this program happen, and to everyone who participated in the service.



Gerda Wasserman lights a candle with the help of Rabbi Ben-Gideon.



Louise Elbaum lit a candle in memory of her husband Nathan.



Patti Putney and Michelle Gustafson started the service with beautiful music.



The Simon sisters watched a video of their father along with the audience.

# Entrepreneurship Unleashed

*A program of the Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison*

In early May, members of the Madison Jewish community gathered at Octopi Brewery in Waunakee to hear from a panel of four young Jewish business founders, from four different industries, who shared their perspectives about the trials and tribulations that accompany entrepreneurship in our community. Many thanks to Jesse Sondel, veterinarian and owner of Sondel Family Veterinary Clinic; Jamie Gepner, Founder and CEO of little om BIG OM; Dan Weiss, Co-Founder of Leach, Bickmore & Weiss

Wealth Management, LLC ("LBW"); and Laila Borokhim, owner/chef of Layla's Persian food. Each panelist answered questions that pertained to how they got started, who is their support system, how they achieve balance in their lives, how their Jewish identity plays a role in what they do, and more. After the panel discussion, attendees were treated to a behind the scenes tour of Octopi Brewery.



Zach Galin was the moderator for the panel.

We would also like to thank our moderator for the panel, Zach Galin, owner of Galin Education, and Isaac Showaki, our host for the evening and the owner of Octopi Brewery.

The Jewish Business & Professionals Roundtable of the Jewish Federation

of Madison is dedicated to the interests of Jewish business executives and professionals. Our goal is to provide opportunities to make valuable business connections through high quality and

relevant professional programming. If you are interested in sponsoring a roundtable program, please contact the Jewish Federation of Madison at [info@jewishmadison.org](mailto:info@jewishmadison.org).



The panel of four young Jewish business founders includes (pictured left to right) Jamie Gepner, Dan Weiss, Jesse Sondel and Laila Borokhim.



A tour of Octopi Brewery in Waunakee.



Attendees at the event.



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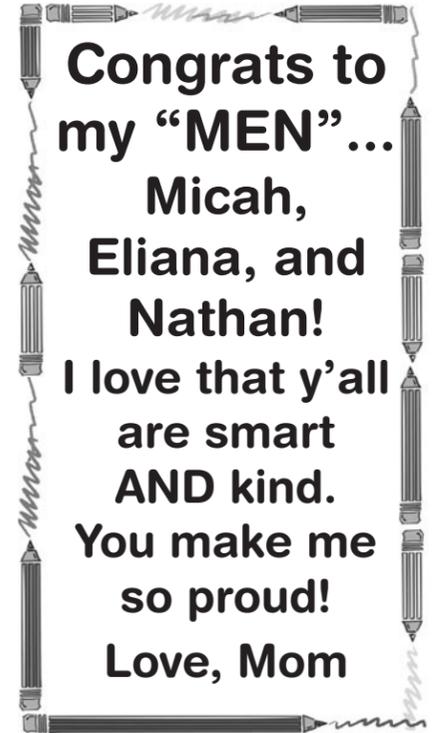
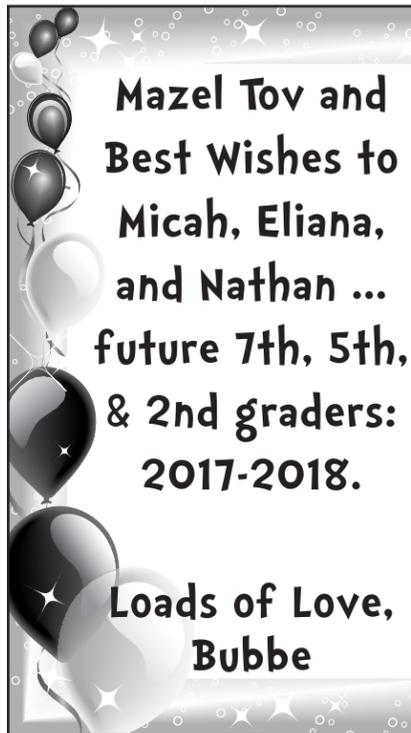
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# CLASS OF 2017

## Congratulations!



Mazel Tov to Abby, Allison, Autumn, Ben, Elliana, Hannah, Mina, Noah, Rose, Sigal, Sophie and Talia, the Midrasha Class of 2017! We are so proud of you!

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# Celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut

We marked Yom Ha'Atzmaut last month as a community, celebrating sixty-nine years of Israel. We had a torch lighting ceremony, followed by a carnival.

Thank you for those who came to celebrate with us.





# Jewish Education

## Midrasha Graduation 2017

Thank you to the seventy students who attended Midrasha Hebrew High School this year. Each and every Wednesday was filled with Hebrew learning, engaging discussions, community-building activities, time to get to know one another and strengthen our Jewish identity. Mazel Tov to the twelve graduates of the class of 2017.

Midrasha registration for the 2017–2018 school year will be available online beginning August 1 at [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org).



Ben Shovers shares his graduation speech from the Class of 2017.



Graduates of the Midrasha Class of 2017 include Abby Steinberger, Allison Kalupa, Autumn Jurkowski, Elliana Bogost, Hannah Ehrlich, Mina Kianovsky, Noah Pollack, Rose Parker, Sigal Felber, Sophie Auerbach, Talia Ivry, and Ben Shovers.

## Midrasha Graduation Speech: Ben Shovers

*The following speech was written by Ben Shovers, student speaker representative for the Midrasha class of 2017*

Ma neeshtana ha laila ha zeh me kol ha leilot? Six words we have all heard year after year at the Passover seder. Why is tonight different from all other nights? Tonight is the night that we, as seniors, pass over into the beginning of adulthood, begin to find out who we truly are through our newfound freedom, start to create something of ourselves in the adult world, and stop having Ellen change our diapers — hopefully only metaphorically at this point in our lives... hopefully. It is now actually sinking in that we will no longer be cooking together once a week, no longer finding out all of the Jewish gossip once a week, and no longer be prohibited from using our phones from 7:15–9:15 on Wednesdays every week. This bittersweet feeling of looking forward to the next chapter of our lives and looking back on the great memories we have made here is all normal and part of growing up, but before we are done, there are a few things I would like to say.

My fellow seniors, some of us have known each other since preschool and others at least for the last five years. We have made Wednesday nights at synagogue our home and an unforgettable part of our lives as we have grown up. We have taken classes about the perception of Judaism in TV and movies with Laurel in eighth grade, we have learned about and compared different world religions to Judaism with Paul in ninth grade, we have had thought-provoking conversations about Jewish ethics and responsibilities with the rabbis in tenth grade, we

have learned about Jewish life on college campuses with Schwab last year, and we have learned how to make our future husbands and wives happy because we have learned how to cook different Jewish recipes with Missy, Brad, and David this year. Instead of meeting every Wednesday to learn something new about Judaism, together, we will have to learn different aspects of Judaism on our own in college and get together during school breaks to share what we have learned. Learning about Judaism these last five years has been an absolute pleasure every step of the way and it is so sad for it actually to be over.

Finally, I would like to say thank you. Thank you to all of the teachers that have put up with our ever-changing hormones and mood swings, thank you for always creating lesson plans that you know we are going to just love, and thank you for always smiling through everything we put you through. We do not say it enough, but we really and truly appreciate everything you do for us. Thank you, Josh, for always opening the door for us at the start of the night, informing us when break is over and when class begins, and not getting mad at us when we may not hear you when you tell us that break is over and that class is beginning. Whether it is transporting a TV to a class that needs to use it, or making copies of packets for the teachers, you serve an integral part to how Midrasha runs and it would not be the same without you. Thank you for everything you do.

Lastly, to our second mother, Ellen. You have known us just about since the very beginning of our existence on this planet. You have fed us, burped us,

changed our diapers, and watched us grow up into the semi-mature men and women we are today. From learning to walk, to walking us down the aisle to receive our Midrasha diplomas, you have seen it all with us. Thank you for teaching

us the skills that are necessary for us to survive in the world, such as sharing, making new friends, and the spirit of Shabbat. We would not be the same people we are today without you and we may

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## Midrasha Director Shares Memories

*The following speech was given by Ellen Weisner, Midrasha Director, at the Midrasha 2017 graduation.*

Good evening and welcome to Midrasha graduation. This is my eighteenth Midrasha graduation...so seniors, I have literally been doing this for your entire life. I've been planning for this speech since graduation last year and I still don't think I am going to get through it without crying!

When I look at this year's graduates I feel so much pride. This group of seniors exemplifies what I hope to have been able to instill in them over the years. They are engaged, active and passionate about Jewish life. And, when I think about the past eighteen years working in this Jewish community, this group of kids has played a huge role!

I mean, seriously, from the minute I applied for the job as Camp Shalom programming director...since Lisa Friend – Kalupa was pregnant with Allison. And then, as my love for this community grew, so did my love for this group of kids. I remember Sophie Auerbach as an infant in a sling (or stroller, my memory

is not that good) while Debbie handed out Starbucks Frappacinos to staff after a Camp Shalom Latenight. And then I started teaching at Gan HaYeled Preschool and, BAM, just like that you were all a part of my life. Everywhere I went, you were there. Let's just see a show of hands. I am going to name a Federation program I have worked for. Seniors, if you participated in that program at some point in your life raise your hands:

Gan HaYeled Preschool – ten graduates

Chug Ivrit – four graduates

Camp Shalom and Noar/Bogrim – twelve graduates

Winter Maccabiah – two graduates

Yonim Israeli Dance – six graduates

Midrasha Hebrew High School – twelve graduates

And besides all of those, they are on the boards of MOUSY, BBYO and MaTTY, participate in C-teen, Habonim camp, Camp Interlaken. They volunteer at Talmud Torah, Temple Beth El Religious School and Shaarei Shamayim Bet Sefer. And I have always been able to

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# Midrasha Incentive Award Recipients, 2017

The following speech was given by Marc Shovers, Jewish Federation of Madison President, at the Midrasha graduation on May 10.

You may not know this, but there are many perks associated with being president of the Jewish Federation of Madison, such as the limousine and driver with which I'm provided, the generous compensation package I receive, and the steady number of invites I get from A-List Hollywood stars to attend the premier showings of their movies. But honestly, even if those perks were real, my favorite perk would be the honor I have of attending Midrasha Graduation and presenting these awards. This is because Midrasha is one of my favorite programs that is sponsored by the Federation.

Midrasha graduation is the culmination of what I hope is just the first phase of your Jewish education, and today's ceremony recognizes you, the future leaders of the Jewish community, for your accomplishments thus far, with a gift to help encourage you to continue your Jewish journeys.

Today's graduation is special for me,

as I've known many of the graduates since their early days at Gan HaYeled. I'm pretty sure that I've known one of them even before his attendance at Gan. I've seen many of these young men and women graduate from Gan, move on to Camp Shalom, and then continue their camp experience at Jewish overnight camp, where some of them will be counselors this summer. And this fall they will go forth into the world to begin their next adventures. I urge you all to stay passionate about learning, passionate about Judaism, and passionate about working toward tikun olam. And now for the awards.

The purpose of the Laurence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award is to encourage graduating seniors from Midrasha to continue their Jewish education following graduation. Graduating seniors are awarded up to \$2000 thanks to the generosity of the family of Laurence A. Weinstein. Students in the past have used the awards to go to Israel, attend conferences, and participate in courses in Jewish studies and Hebrew in college! Each applicant submitted a proposal to the Midrasha committee explaining how he or she plans to use the

incentive award. This year, twelve of the seniors applied for the award and indicated that they will use their Midrasha Incentive Award money to take courses in Hebrew or Jewish Studies in college, go on an organized trip to Israel or participate in another post-high school Jewish educational experience.

I am thrilled to announce that all twelve of the graduating students have been awarded the Midrasha Incentive Award of \$2000 for this year! Their applications were exceptional. Here are a few quotes from their applications:

*In 8th grade, I joined Midrasha, and that opened my eyes to how important my Jewish education was, and I got to be around people my age who didn't think Judaism was lame.*

*In my synagogue, very few kids thought Judaism was anything past a requirement set by their parents, and many dropped out of the community after their B'nai mitzvahs. Midrasha has helped my Jewish education grow not just by providing me with experienced teachers and a series of classes, but also by putting me into a community of kids who didn't think*

*Judaism was a requirement, kids who loved learning about their heritage just as much as I did.*

*...having the support of my Jewish friends at Midrasha has made it much easier to attend public high school. There are many nights that I do not feel like going to Midrasha. I have too much homework, or I am too tired, or I just don't want to leave my warm house. However, the feeling that I get when I walk through the doors is that of being with family. I have known a lot of the kids since I was in preschool. I feel like it is an extended family. Midrasha has given me an amazing education on not just Judaism but on social justice issues. Midrasha always requests us to be independent thinkers. It has forced me to think about many intense topics and see them from different angles. I am very grateful for this unique educational experience.*

*While I remain undecided about many aspects of my life to come once I graduate, I am certain that whatever I do, I want Judaism to be a firm part of it. I plan to attend college after high school, and I know that no matter where I go to college, there must be a community of Jewish individuals, and hopefully a Hillel that I can join so that I can attend religious services and have Shabbat dinner sometimes. I also want to take Hebrew and Jewish studies classes in college, and would use the incentive award to help fund this expansion of my Jewish education.*

Mazel Tov to all of the graduating seniors! You will receive more information about your award with your diplomas which you are about to receive.

## MIDRASHA INCENTIVE AWARD

Caitlin Frank was a member of the Midrasha class of 2015. She was a recipient of the Laurence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award. She wrote this article about how she used her Midrasha Incentive Award funds.

### What it was...

An introductory course that explored Jewish traditions from their origins in ancient Israelite religion, Rabbinic Judaism, Jewish philosophy and mysticism; contemporary Jewish movements; the primary texts of Judaism; and the religious experience, values, beliefs, practices and symbols of Judaism.

### What I learned...

Throughout this course I was able to better enhance my understanding of the history of Judaism, and a more in depth reasoning behind various symbols throughout my religion.



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### Intro to Judaism

In my first semester of my Sophomore year at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, I was fortunate enough to be able to take the course "Introduction to Judaism." I loved being able to take this course because it continued my education in Judaism, and my professor packed the course with a lot of great information.

One of my favorite things we did all semester was our final project. For our final, we did a mock Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We each got to choose our own Torah portion, summarize it, write a D'var Torah, and present it to the class as if we were 13 and becoming an adult in the Jewish community.

I loved having the opportunity to choose my own Torah portion, as it gave me the chance to further explore the portion I was interested in. However, the best part was being able to present each portion to each other so that we could all learn more in depth about other various portions than our own.

### Ben Shovers

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never be able to repay you for everything you have done for us. Thank you so much, we hope we have made you proud and that we can continue to make you proud. We love you and everyone else that has helped make Midrasha a fantastic break from the school week and a memorable experience for the last five years. This is why tonight is different from all other nights. Thank you.

### Ellen Weisner

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count on them to help at Yom HaShoah, Yom Ha'Atzmaut and any family education event or program when I need someone to do childcare. Midrasha students, take a look at these seniors. They set the bar high, they are a great example!

Parents of these graduates, thank YOU! Because you have enrolled them in these programs, because you have driven carpools, because you have wiped their tears, because you have written them letters while they were away at camp, because you have encouraged them to get involved, because you have made Jewish life and Jewish education a priority. And look who they have become, you should be so proud! I know that I am. If I had to summarize my career in Jewish Education, these twelve students are what it would look like. Mazel tov to you all, stay in touch and keep living and learning Jewish!

# Goings On at Gan HaYeled This Spring

April and May brought lots of activity at Gan HaYeled. In April we celebrated Passover and in May we learned about Israel while commemorating Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Romy taught us about the Dead Sea and the Kotel which we built using wooden blocks.

As the weather has started to turn to spring we have been able to spend more time outside exploring nature, planting and playing. We have even been able to enjoy lunch outside on occasion. We are trying to get our gardens ready for summer and Camp Shalom Katan!



Ziv helping to make our Israeli flag.



Yom Ha'Atzmaut Parade.



Daniel leading our Yom Ha'Atzmaut parade.



Laura and Cora making chocolate balls to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut.



Adam putting some finishing touches on a flag to celebrate Israeli Independence.



Miriam (otherwise known as Nicole Jahr, Director of Lifelong Learning at Temple Beth El) sharing a secret with some of the Dalet class during the Passover seder.



Eve, Jaime and Nevo sharing the honor of Kiddush during an intercession Shabbat.



Eve, Sasha and Abby taking the lead during Shabbat.



The Bet class taking a rest during one of their walks.



With spring and summer come popsicles! Ziv, Stav and Henry relaxing while enjoying theirs.



Solomon and Nitzan experiencing a boat ride around Gimel.



Abby and Amelie decorating their butterflies.



How many kids and teachers does it take to fit around this tree?



Working on our balancing skills.



Nevo, Nitzan, Ziv and Stav having book look outside.



Gimel painting the Dead Sea.



Henry stirring and Stav helping while making banana muffins.



Gimel and Bet having a picnic lunch on a sunny day.

# Hillel Works to Fight Discrimination on UW Campus

By GREG STEINBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

UW Hillel

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From the defeat of the initial BDS resolution at UW-Madison on March 29 through the ultimate resolution that passed on April 26, Jewish students at Madison were subject to harassment and discrimination.

The anti-Israel rhetoric present throughout Associated Students of Madison (ASM) hearings proved to be a deliberate strategy to isolate and exclude Jewish students by conflating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with domestic and international social justice causes such as race, poverty and immigration – issues that matter to Jewish students, and conversations they want to be a part of. Pro-BDS students portrayed Jews and Zionists as privileged white oppressors, rather than acknowledging the ways Jews experience anti-Semitism.

As soon as the initial resolution was announced, students worked tirelessly in a period of 24 hours to come together across the political spectrum to develop a

strategy for each stage of combatting divestment and to activate their diverse networks to stand up for Israel.

Students successfully persuaded ASM to permanently table the first resolution calling for UW-Madison to divest from a group of companies that have ties to Israel. The next ASM meeting was scheduled to be held on the second night of Passover. Launching or voting on divestment resolutions during Jewish holidays, especially Passover, is a strategy that isn't limited to UW-Madison – similar moves occurred at Tufts University and Pitzer College this year.

Ariela Rivkin, an ASM representative and Jewish student, emailed then-ASM chair Carmen Gosey and requested that any discussion or voting on legislation involving financial transparency or socially-responsible investments be postponed so Jewish students could fully participate.

Despite clear requests from Hillel, the campus Jewish community and other members of ASM to postpone the meeting so Jewish students could fully participate, ASM proposed and voted to approve legislation creating a permanent financial transparency and ethics sub-

committee with the power to pass divestment legislation in the future without oversight. ASM's current chair Katrina Morrison claimed that postponing the ASM meeting would be a "hassle."

On April 26, ASM voted 24-0-2 to pass divestment legislation. ASM members introduced amendments that singled out and condemned Israel.

During the hearing, both Rivkin and the greater campus Jewish community were verbally attacked. During the open forum, a student claimed Rivkin and her affiliation with the Jewish community was the "elephant in the room." When Rivkin spoke during ASM's debate, other ASM members tried to drown her out by pounding their gavels and held signs taunting her directly. After Rivkin explained how ASM's debate had devolved into an anti-Semitic scene, Rivkin and five other ASM members walked out in protest.

On May 10, Student Judiciary, a branch of ASM, voided the resolution creating a financial transparency committee after a complaint was filed by a group of student representatives, including Rivkin, who cited instances of harassment and religious intolerance throughout the entire divestment saga.

In addition to voiding the resolution, Student Judiciary ordered Morrison to send a letter to ASM explaining why her actions were wrong, why Passover is important to the Jewish community and why the non-discrimination clause of the ASM constitution is important. Morrison is also required to apologize to all Jewish

student government members. Student Judiciary also suggests Gosey attend religious tolerance training, as well as apologize to the campus Jewish community.

While the divestment saga throughout this semester was challenging, Hillel played a central role in strengthening the campus Jewish community and providing students with the resources they needed to stand up for Israel and the Jewish people. Staff members were available around the clock to provide support for students. Through Hillel's partnership with the Jewish United Fund's Israel Education Center and Israel Action Network, students had access to expert guidance on addressing the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic activity they had been subjected to throughout the semester.

Together, the campus and Jewish community united to support our students in the face of unfortunate discrimination. Students were supported by the faculty and staff at UW, Chabad, JEM, Hillel International and the Madison and Milwaukee Jewish Federations. Together, we are stronger.

In the aftermath of the divestment resolutions and harassment of Jewish students, Hillel is committed to providing educational opportunities and additional training for staff and students on combating anti-Israel and anti-Semitic activity on campus. Hillel will continue to be a space for Jewish students to safely explore and strengthen their Jewish identity and relationship with Israel, on campus and beyond.



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# UW Students Take Advantage of 'Talk Israel' and Engage with Israeli Students

By BETH YUDELMAN

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Talk Israel is a program that provides American students with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Israeli life by engaging with Israeli students at the Kinneret College. The program was brought to Madison by UW Hillel's Israel Fellow, Shirly Gill-Raiz, thanks to funding provided by Hinenu and the Israel Campus Coalition (ICC).

This past semester, thirteen UW-Madison students had the opportunity to participate in Talk Israel and get to know students in Israel via four Skype sessions. In addition to the Skype sessions, the UW-Madison students met with one another on four separate occasions to discuss what Israel meant to them. At each session, the students focused on one sentence in the Hatikvah: "to be a free people in our land." The first session focused on the definition of "free"; the second focused on what it means to be a "people"; the third focused on how to define the word "our"; and the final session focused on the term "land." After each session, each member of the UW-Madison group engaged in a *havruta*-style conversation via Skype with a member of the Israeli student group. These conversations enabled the UW-Madison students to deepen their understanding of that week's lesson and gain new perspectives, thanks to the Israeli students.

Over winter break, the Jewish Federation of Madison sent a delegation to run the Tiberias Marathon in Israel. During this time in Israel, the delegation (of which I was a part) had the opportunity to meet the Israeli students from Kinneret College who would be taking part in the Talk Israel program during the spring semester. My Israeli peer and I became very comfortable talking to each other via

Skype and look forward to staying in contact, especially if I travel to Israel in the future!

Lexi Hilton, a rising sophomore, also participated in the Talk Israel Program and the Tiberias Marathon delegation. She said, "Talk Israel provided me with a new perspective on what it means for Jews to live in the land of Israel and made me more passionate about standing behind the fight for a Jewish homeland." Marty Kimmel, a rising senior, also participated in the Talk Israel program and added that the greatest part of the experience was "being able to stay in constant communication with an Israeli that shared a completely different background from our UW group in terms of age, area of study, and life experiences."

Talk Israel was an eye-opening experience for the UW-Madison students; the program provided an excellent opportunity for the group members to ask questions and gain firsthand insight on how the political, social, and economic viewpoints of their Israeli peers compared and contrasted to their preconceived notions. Bekah Blumenfeld, a Madison native and incoming junior at UW, enjoyed talking to her Israeli peer about the everyday differences and similarities in their lives. During their Skype sessions, Bekah and her Israeli peer talked about their families, friends, traditions, and countries. The duo loved learning about the different aspects in each other's lives, especially since they were the same year at their respective colleges.

Over the course of one semester, through four Skype sessions and four meetings, two groups of students from two sides of the world shared one unforgettable experience. The group's hopes for the program were realized through the strengths of conversation and communication, which created unity and hope for the future of Jews in both Israel and the United States.



UW-Madison Talk Israel participants work on a project in preparation for their Skype discussions with the Israeli students at Kinneret College.



First row: Jonah Chaiken and Ori Etzion  
Second row: Bekah Blumenfeld, Beth Yudelman, Lexi Hilton, Zoe Swiler, Aidan Borkan, Alder Levin, and Riley Shoemaker  
Missing from photo: Marty Kimmel, Samantha Harris, Isaac Rudin, and Dylan Kahn.

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### Dr. Tal Elmaliach – Wednesday, June 7 “Jewish Youth Between Zionism and the New Left, 1967-1973: A Comparative Look”

In the second half of the 1960s, a dramatic process of political, social, and ideological revival took place among the members of the young generation of Jews in the Western world. This development was part of the rise of the New Left, in which Jewish youth played a prominent leadership role. However, in the middle of the decade, and especially after the Six-Day War, a rift occurred between the Jews and the New Left. Many of the non-Jewish supporters of the latter expressed objection, sometimes verging on anti-Semitism, to Zionism, and started seeing it as an imperialist movement. Consequently, most Jews in the New Left abandoned it as a political framework, although they continued to adhere to its values and to the interpretation of reality that it offered.

### Professor Sunny Yudkoff – Wednesday, June 21 “A Tubercular Eden: Yiddish Literature of the American West”

In American Yiddish poetry of the early twentieth century, the skyscrapers, subways, and grit of New York dominate. But the New York skyline was not the only thing that Yiddish writers set their sights on as they worked to find their voices in the American literary landscape. In this talk, we'll turn our attention westward, away from the urban center of cultural production to the peripheral Yiddish literary space of Denver, Colorado. There, a cohort of tubercular Yiddish poets would congregate, “taking the cure” in the Mile High City's mountain air and producing poetry at the foot of the Rockies. As we'll see, a diagnosis of tuberculosis, perhaps counterintuitively, offered Yiddish poets new natural vistas, new collaborative spaces, and even a new language—English—with which to express themselves.

### Matt Bernstein and Gabe Carimi – Wednesday, July 5 “UW Madison Football and Jews in Collegiate and Professional Sports”

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Matt Bernstein played for the Badgers 2002–2005. In 2006, Matt was inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

### Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy – Wednesday, July 19 “Jews on Broadway and in Hollywood”

Love a great Broadway show or musical film? Learn about the backgrounds and achievements of the Jewish talents who have dominated the stage and screen: actors, singers, dancers, directors, producers, and composers. Featured actors include but are not limited to Danny Kaye, Barbra Streisand, Yul Brynner; featured composers and lyricists include Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Lionel Bart, Bock and Harnick, Schonberg and Boublil, and the Gershwins. A multimedia presentation – Cantor Sharon is honored to be accompanied by pianist Ted Reinke and violinist Philip Tietze.

### Jonathan Pollack – Wednesday, August 9 “The Roots of Jewish Community at the University of Wisconsin”

Although there had been Jewish students at the University of Wisconsin since 1861, it was not until fifty years later that a significant enough group of Jewish students began to form self-consciously Jewish organizations. These early organizations--the Menorah Society, several student Zionist societies, and a Jewish Student Association sponsored by the Reform movement--attracted Jewish students to Wisconsin from around Wisconsin and around the United States. Like their counterparts at better-studied Ivy League universities, this first large generation of Jewish college students went on to excel in a variety of academic and professional fields, and their Jewish experiences on campus translated into leadership in other Jewish organizations.

### Professor Nadav Shelef – Wednesday, August 23 “The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Where Do We Stand Today?”

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Israel's conquest of the West Bank, and 100 years since the Balfour Declaration. This talk will explore the ups and downs of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over that time, the current strategies of the participants, and where it is likely to go from here.

## Janice Beers Continued from page 4

Janice was one of the very first Russian medical interpreters to provide services to the community and the first to complete the "Bridging the Gap" training.

In the early 2000s, as the refugee resettlement program was slowly ending, Janice recognized the need for low-cost immigration legal services in our community. She independently researched and discovered the opportunity for JSS to become a United States Board of Immigration Appeals recognized agency and for herself to become a BIA-accredited representative. In 2005, Janice took the initiative to turn that dream into a reality. Twelve years ago, JSS was the first BIA-recognized agency and Janice was the first BIA-accredited representative and, for a decade, the only agency and representative in Dane County.

In 2008, Janice led the way for JSS to become CLINIC's (Catholic Immigration Network, Inc.) first non-Catholic subscriber agency. In 2009, she was a founding member of the Community Immigration Law Center (CILC) and served on the board for four years. Janice became a member of the Madison Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) leadership committee in 2012 and continues to be a member of the local Immigration Advocate Coalition. In addition to providing direct services to clients, she provides community education presentations on a monthly basis. In 2013, Janice wrote a comprehensive immi-

gration reform plan that was awarded by CLINIC. In 2015, she secured funding from Dane county for JSS's immigration program, which provides both legal and social services to clients. This was the first significant funding JSS has ever received from the county. The county funds helped JSS expand its program by hiring a bilingual assistant. That funding is now in its third year.

Over the twenty-seven years she has been part of Jewish Social Services of Madison (including a two-year stint as the JSS volunteer coordinator), Janice has touched the lives of some 1,800 immigrants from over 80 countries as well as the hundreds of volunteers and others throughout the community with whom she worked.

Jewish teaching could not be more specific with respect to the treatment of immigrants: "When strangers sojourn with you in your land, you shall not do them wrong. The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" [Leviticus 19:33-34], a principle that is referenced or repeated thirty-five times in Torah, the most of any mitzvah.

Janice Beers has been the living embodiment of this historic value and as she now moves to the Catholic Multicultural Center to continue her life-saving and enhancing work on behalf of immigrants, I invite all in our community to join with me in extending our appreciation, admiration, and affection.

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

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

### Youth Volunteering, Youth Group Projects and B'nai Mitzvah Projects

Come talk with us about doing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services. There are also opportunities for older youth and youth groups to volunteer and contribute to the community, develop new skills and have fun.

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## By Law, Israelis Over 80 Can Now Skip to the Front of Lines

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Israelis aged 80 or older will no longer have to stand in line for service at stores, pharmacies, banks, post offices and other public services, thanks to a legislative change approved by the Knesset on Tuesday.

The only exceptions will be made for disabled individuals, who will get priority over the elderly.

The Knesset passed the bill into law in its second and third readings in the plenary on Tuesday, with 37 lawmakers voting in favor and none opposed.

Social Equality Minister Gila Gamliel (Likud) said it was unfortunate that the Knesset had to legislate the measure, which she said should simply be an obvious gesture for all Israelis.

"From today, ...everyone will make way for them [the elderly]," she said.

The law stipulates that those over 80 may jump to the front of the line upon their request.

MK Itzik Shmuli (Zionist Union), who introduced the bill, said he was waiting for the day when giving way for an elderly person became the norm in society and legislation was no longer needed.

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# Thank you, Lechayim Volunteers!

As we wrap up another successful season of Lechayim, Shabbat and Holiday Programming, JSS would like to give a giant shout-out to the amazing, multi-talented and dedicated Senior Program Volunteers!



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# Israel and the World

## From the Mideast to the Midwest

By DANIEL GILL AND SHIRLY GILL

Community Sblichim/Israel Program Specialists  
Jewish Federation of Madison

### Israel: One Country, a Potpourri of People

Something new is about to happen this summer in Madison. Thanks to the partnership we have with the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) region, a new program has begun. We are excited to host two young Israeli counselors from the region, who will join Camp Shalom, bringing with

them a fresh Israeli spirit.

Meet Yuval and Shir. We asked them to tell us about themselves and this is what they had to say:

#### Shir

*Hey everyone! My name is Shir, I am 22 years old. I'm from Givat Avni, a small village in the Galilee. I have a little brother and sister and also a dog named Bonny. I like to travel, to play the guitar and have fun! I am very excited and looking forward the summer camp, and I'm sure we are going to have a good time. See you soon!*

#### Yuval Aidan

*My name is Yuval Aidan, I am 20 years old. I live in Givat Avni, which is in the northern district of Israel near Tiberias. I have one sister and two brothers.*

*I just finished my military service three months ago, and now I am working as a hotel receptionist in Tiberias. I love to dance. I used to dance ballet until I was 17 years old. I also love traveling and seeing new places and I'm really excited to come to Madison. I've heard a lot of good things about your city, and I'm looking forward to getting to know your community. I am really happy to take part in this amazing project and so thankful for the opportunity I got. See you soon!*

Shir and Yuval are not the only connection we have with our partnership area. Last month, a delegation of six students from the region came to the Midwest, and together with local students and

young adults, they participated in what we called "Reciprocal Birthright," in which they had the opportunity to see, learn and understand Jewish life in USA, the challenges and perspectives. It was

amazing, and I hope you've seen pictures of it on Facebook.

For more information about Israel and Hebrew programs, please contact Daniel at: [Israel@jewishmadison.org](mailto:Israel@jewishmadison.org).



This summer, thanks to Partnership2Gether, Camp Shalom has two full-time Israeli staff members, Shir and Yuval.

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# Camp Corner



## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE SHALOM

**We are so lucky to have the best of the best working at camp this summer. Both Camp Shalom and Noar-Bogrim (NOBO) will welcome back many veteran staff and introduce a new group of talented staff to camp as well. Below you can read about some of the specialists who will be working at camp this summer:**



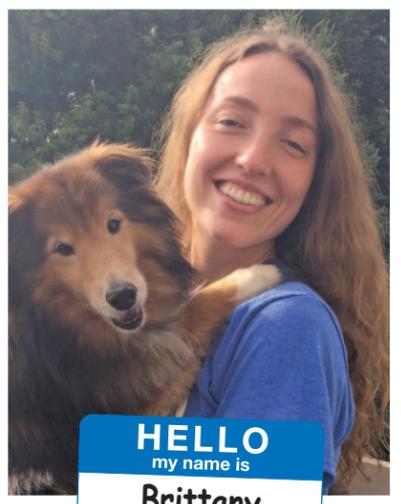
HELLO  
my name is  
**Heather  
Levy**

**What is your position at Camp this summer?** Science Specialist & Senior Counselor

**Favorite Camp Song:** *Shalom Raav*

**What is always in your backpack?** In my backpack you can find a water bottle with lots of smiley face stickers

**What are you looking forward to this summer?** I am looking forward to meeting my campers, both the new ones and the old, and helping them create amazing summer memories. I am especially excited to be the science specialist because I want to help encourage campers to be creative and inventive. As an aspiring engineer myself, I'm passionate about science. I also love spending time by the camp pond and trying to spot the Pond Monster! You'll likely spot me fishing there during Chugim.



HELLO  
my name is  
**Brittany  
Johnson**

**What is your position at Camp this summer?** Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Individual Needs Assistant Director

**Favorite Camp Song:** This is my first summer working at camp, so I have to learn the songs! But at the summer camp I went to growing up, we always sang *This Land is Your Land* during our Good Night Circles, which was definitely a favorite of mine!

**What is always in your backpack?** You can always find Trident white peppermint gum, a book of some kind, pens and my planner in my backpack!

**What are you looking forward to this summer?** I'm very excited to work with a great group of people and try activities like log rolling!



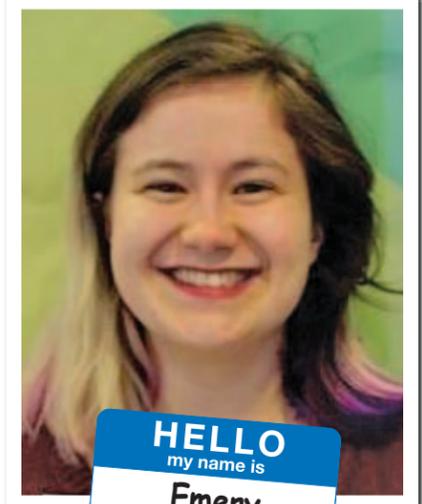
HELLO  
my name is  
**Jacques  
Frank-Loron**

**What is your position at Camp this summer?** Bet Unit Head

**Favorite Camp Song:** *Miriam and the Women*. I love the pace and how upbeat it is.

**What is always in your backpack?** You can always find a half finished friendship bracelet or gimp in my backpack somewhere. They're perfect for encouraging the creativity of the campers.

**What are you looking forward to this summer?** I am very excited to teach the campers unit songs for the late night. The energy the campers bring to learning the songs and every other Shalom activity is what brings me to camp every day.



HELLO  
my name is  
**Emery  
Rankin Utevsy**

**What is your position at Camp this summer?** Aleph Unit Head

**Favorite Camp Song:** *Rise and Shine* and *Pickelomini*.

**What is always in your backpack?** You can always find extra sunscreen in my backpack, and pens and stickers in my clipboard!

**What are you looking forward to this summer?** I am looking forward to seeing all my friends from last summer, and meeting new friends, especially in Unit Aleph and on Pink Bus. I'm also really excited for late nights, building a sukkah with Unit Aleph, and running Bill Nye the Science Guy chug!



HELLO  
my name is  
**Sabrina  
Ross**

**What is your position at Camp this summer?** Music & Drama Specialist

**Favorite Camp Song:** *Not by Might, Not by Power!*

**What is always in your backpack?** A mini notebook and pen – you never know when inspiration will strike!

**What are you looking forward to this summer?** Seeing the kids let loose through theatrics and recording a collaborative, campy new track!



HELLO  
my name is  
**Hailey  
Schiedermayer**

**What is your position at Camp this summer?** I am going to be the Dance Specialist this summer!

**Favorite Camp Song:** *Bazooka Bubble Gum!*

**What is always in your backpack?** A sparkly pen or something colorful to write with!

**What are you looking forward to this summer?** I am excited to see the happiness and excitement in children as they learn to dance, or as they learn a style of dance that they never thought they would try!



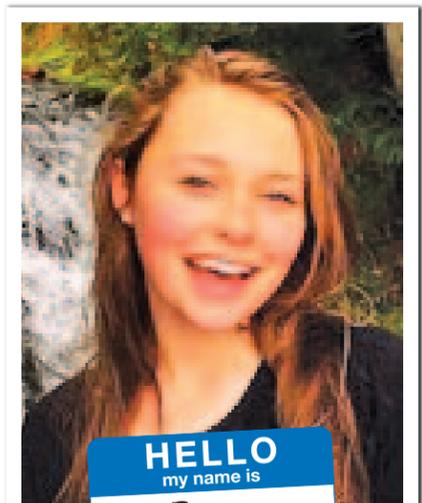
HELLO  
my name is  
**Allison  
Kalupa**

**What is your position at Camp this summer?** Painting specialist

**Favorite Camp Song:** *Pharaoh Pharaoh*

**What is always in your backpack?** Friendship bracelets and string

**What are you looking forward to this summer?** I'm looking forward to Maccabiah!



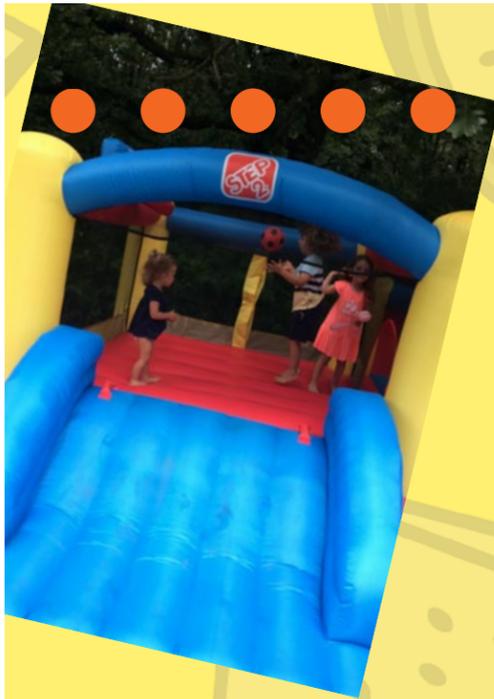
HELLO  
my name is  
**Emma  
Ranheim**

**What is your position at Camp this summer?** Teva Specialist

**Favorite Camp Song:** *Green Canoe*

**What is always in your backpack?** Goldfish (the snacks, not the fish)

**What are you looking forward to this summer?** I'm looking forward to an awesome summer playing around outside on the beautiful campus. More specifically, I can't wait to do a new activity that I planned where we are all going to make recycled flower pots and (hopefully) grow some lovely plants the campers can take home and transfer into their own gardens.



inflatables

climbing wall



information table including dunk tank, new this year!

# HAVA NAGILA PICNIC

25 JUN 17  
10:30am- 1:30pm

Dairy picnic foods for sale!  
All proceeds benefit Gan HaYeled Preschool Enrichment Programs



Featuring brunch foods by Laila Borokhim, Manna Café and Adamah Neighborhood Table



fun for all ages