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Local Response to Rise in Anti-Semitism

By DEBBIE MINKOFF, PRESIDENT AND ALAN KLUGMAN, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It probably will come as no surprise to our readers that anti-Semitism in the United States is on the rise. We have seen it as close as Baraboo, in the brutal massacre in Pittsburgh and on college campuses throughout the country.

According to Elana Kahn, Jewish Community Relations Council director for the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, 2018 saw a 25% increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents in our schools—mainly personal threats and harassment in person, and online where millions of anti-Semitic tweets have been reported. Part of the increase in such incidents is due to the easy accessibility to vicious materials online. Nationally, the statistics are equally scary. Anti-Semitism is being experienced by schoolchildren in grades as low as first and second. In the two weeks after the horrible Pittsburgh shooting, when such acts were expected to see a marked decrease, they actually rose by 94%. According to the FBI, hate crimes were up 17% in 2018, with 20% of them being religiously based and 60% of those being against Jews.

After the photo of Baraboo High School students emerged, posing before prom, arms raised in a Nazi salute, there was widespread outrage. “Outrage is easy and can serve an important function as an alarm, ensuring that people take action, but it is only a starting point,” says Kahn. Jewish community representatives reached out to the Baraboo school district with offers to help with short-, and longer-term solutions to this crisis. The Jewish Federation of Madison, Wisconsin Jewish Conference, Anti-Defamation League-Midwest, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation met

with district leaders as they reeled and tried to chart a course forward.

This same group, plus Kim Rosenthal, Midrasha Director, scheduled a meeting with Middleton School administration officials on February 6, 2019. The purpose was to create a framework for cooperative efforts enhancing tolerance in the public schools generally and stand as a beacon against anti-Semitism in all forms. At this meeting, there was a general sense and strong willingness to re-engage in a more proactive manner to support and benefit the Jewish youth in the Middleton school system. This meeting and approach are applicable to all the local school districts. We discussed future action steps and a multi-tiered approach which could include teacher training, better communication with the Jewish community, improved messaging, and collaborative solutions.

On December 18, 2018, Baraboo High School held a “Day of Peace” that included assemblies and breakout sessions on different topics related to the Holocaust, anti-Semitism, hate crimes, and diversity. In February, Middleton school administration discussed action steps relevant to tolerance and combatting anti-Semitism. The recent Middleton High School(MHS) production of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* was very well received by the greater community. Post production discussions with grades 8-12 took place. Nicole Jahr (director of Lifelong Learning at Temple Beth El) acted as liaison between MHS and the Jewish community to help with accuracy and sensitivity around the play.

With this in mind, Debbie Minkoff, Jewish Federation president has

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MHS's production of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*

Kilometer 147
Israeli Academy Award Winner
for Best Short Film 2018

March 25, 6:00 pm
 Marquee Cinema, Union South
 1308 W Dayton St.

A camel's body lies in the middle of a desert road, exactly on the 147th kilometer, on the border between two towns. Neither of them agrees to take responsibility for it.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the director, Boaz Frankel. For the most recent and updated information, please check the UW Hillel website, JFM website, or contact Tal at Tsheffer@uwillel.org.

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Statement on Prime Minister Netanyahu and Otzma Yehudit Party Alliance

By DEBBIE MINKOFF, PRESIDENT AND ALAN KLUGMAN, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There has been a lot in the press since last week regarding a new alliance between Prime Minister Netanyahu and the Otzma Yehudit party. While there has been no formal unification between Likud and Otzma Yehudit to date, we felt that the following statement should be made and shared with you.

STATEMENT

The Jewish Federation of Madison has a longstanding policy to remain neutral on internal political matters within the State of Israel and does not financially contribute to ANY political candidate or party. We are compelled, however, at this time, to stand side by side with other Jewish organizations, including AIPAC and AJC in distancing ourselves from the recent alliance publicly announced between Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu and the Otzma Yehudit party. The latter's views are reprehensible and do not reflect the spirit of our Jewish Federation or the ideals of inclusion that remain the very foundation of modern Zionism. We remain committed to the many non-political projects and programs we support in Israel, including those of IREP (the Israel Religious Expression Platform) that promote religious pluralism in the Jewish State.

Save the Date Yom HaShoah Service and Program

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 pm
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St.

The Annual Community Yom HaShoah program will include a memorial service and a presentation.

Sara Spira sent postcards from Nazi-occupied Poland to her daughter and son-in-law, who had emigrated from Nazi Germany to Racine, WI. The postcards reveal the cruel world in which she lived, solely because she was Jewish.

Amos Bitzan, Frances and Laurence Weinstein Assistant Professor of History, will speak about Sara's writings.

Please join us.



Israel Talk with JAM

By TIZ IHNCHAK
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Rabbi Hillel says, "do not say, 'When I am free, I will study,' for perhaps you will not become free." ~Pirkei Avot 2:6

On a cold February evening, Jewish Adults of Madison (JAM) gathered to engage with Shlomit and Tal, our fabulous shlichim. They talked about Israel and Shlomit and Tal answered questions from the group. The topics touched on marriage, education, politics, immigration, and visas.

Although the event ended at 7:30 pm, the last participants remained until 10:00 pm. What a great night! Shlomit also enjoyed her birthday song, both in English and in Hebrew, before eating her carrot cake, (her and Tal's favorite!)

Happy birthday Shlomit!

Want to join the fun? Reach out to Tiz at outreach@jewishmadison.org.



JAM discusses all things Israel with Tal and Shlomit

Be Happy! It's Adar! Happy Purim from all of us at



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Kathy Blumenfeld Named Department of Financial Institutions Secretary

By ANN IMIG
BOARD MEMBER

Now, more than ever, Kathy Blumenfeld believes in the importance of putting into action our Jewish values of compassion, decency to others, justice, and caring for our communities and our world. As Governor Tony Evers' Department of Financial Institutions Secretary, she carries with her years of personal and professional experience to help realize that vision.

As a member of Temple Beth El, a lifelong member of the Jewish Federation of Madison, a board member of UW Hillel and various other groups, Kathy nurtures her strong ties to Madison's Jewish community. She served on the board of the Jewish Federation of Madison for 17 years, including taking on the role of president in her last year.

Secretary Blumenfeld answered a few questions for the MJN about the impact and intersections of her Judaism, her leadership, and her new position.

How do your Jewish values inform your work as a cabinet secretary?

The Jewish values of fostering community, promoting fairness and pursuing justice guide me every day. These core values will continue to be the foundation for my work as secretary of the Department of Financial Institutions and serving in Governor Tony Evers' administration. I am proud and grateful that I am able to provide a voice for our Jewish community in his cabinet.

I view public service—be it in the governor's cabinet, elected office, one's career or volunteerism—as a key

manifestation of our values. I believe service should be practiced with respect and decency toward all. Working together we can seek to leave our world in a better place, fostering our value of tikkun olam.

What issues do you plan to prioritize?

The mission of the Department of Financial Institutions is to ensure the safety and soundness of our financial institutions, protect financial consumers and facilitate growth by assuring access to capital. Fulfilling this mission grows our state's economy, helping reach a goal of fiscal well-being for all Wisconsinites.

Our department is active in many aspects of the financial health of our state and its citizens – aspects people may not realize but are important goals of this administration. Some of these that rank high on my priority list include the following:

- Protecting consumers from financial fraud, including financial abuse of our seniors
- Financial literacy in the schools, workplaces and community
- Affordability of higher education

How do you plan to work with the Jewish community in your role in the governor's administration?

I began my new role on Jan. 7, 2019—the day Gov. Tony Evers took his oath of office. The deeper my knowledge of the agency's roles becomes, the more I find new ways I hope to help communities

throughout Wisconsin.

Given my strong ties to our Jewish community and our values, it is natural that I will be able to take thoughts and advice from this community back to our state government, the governor's administration and my department.

What advice do you have for members of the Jewish community looking to advocate on issues that are important to them?

Get involved! There are so many ways to become civically active. There are not only professional positions appointed by the governor and the agencies, there are also committees and task forces that need citizen members and input. Learn more at evers.wi.gov.

Meet with your legislators or send letters to legislators, the governor and other elected leaders. Find out your representative's name and contact information at maps.legis.wisconsin.gov.

Join organizations that advocate for causes that are important to you and encourage them to hold a lobbying day at the Capitol or to do a letter-writing campaign. Run for office or help others looking to serve in public office.

Anything else you would like to share?

Governor Tony Evers emphasizes that we are all stronger and we all do better when we look out for one another. We want to make certain we work together among all of our agencies, governmental bodies, nonprofits and advocates across disciplines and political parties to serve the people of Wisconsin.



The governor often speaks about "connecting the dots" between policy and solutions that reach across silos, community boundaries and the political aisle to bring people and groups together rather than dividing our state. For me, the hope inspired by this vision is the very best reason for serving in this new role.

Past JFM president Diane Seder has known Secretary Blumenfeld for over 20 years. Diane worked with her on the Jewish Federation Board as well as the Executive Committee. She says, "I always valued Kathy's advice and judgment. We have had many connections through Jewish life, as well as through our children, as they have become adults. Kathy's organizational and leadership skills, coupled with her compassion are just a few of the attributes that make her an outstanding leader. She is the kind of leader I want making decisions in the best interest of the citizens of Wisconsin."

Reflections and Perspectives on Hillel's Student Leadership Delegation to Israel

By SAMUEL EPSTEIN
UW CLASS OF 2021

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Over the recent December break, I along with 24 other students from the University of Wisconsin Madison had the incredible opportunity to travel to Israel to develop a greater understanding of Israeli culture and the various complexities and perspectives of life in Israel. The delegates, made up of both Jewish and non-Jewish student leaders coming from different states, upbringings, cultures and backgrounds, were selected for to their positions in many student-led organizations including student government, Greek organizations, business clubs, multicultural student groups, and many more for their open-mindedness and interest in bringing what they learned back to Madison and sharing it with their wide networks on campus.

Despite the modern nightlife of Tel-Aviv, stunning Mediterranean beaches and historical landmarks of Jerusalem,

this was no vacation. In only ten days the delegation group packed in more speakers, site visits and education than the vast majority of people will receive in their lifetime related to Israel and the Jewish State's place in geopolitics. Notable experiences included a trip to the Poria Hospital near Tiberias, where sick and injured Syrians receive medical care. We toured Ramallah with *New York Times* contributing journalist Rami Nazzal, who discussed the differences between life in the West Bank and in Israel proper as well as the politics of the West Bank and the Palestinian Authority. A trip to the Shimon Peres Peace and Innovation Center went above and beyond in showing what Israel means when it says "Startup Nation." Perhaps the most moving was a walking tour of Jerusalem's Old City where the group was able to travel to the Western

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Update on *Avukah*, UW-Madison's Undergraduate Journal

BY HILARY MILLER

SENIOR, UW-MADISON; EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF *AVUKAH*



For the last few months, student editors of *Avukah*, UW-Madison's undergraduate journal of Jewish Studies, have been working hard to publish a second volume and produce a new podcast series on Holocaust remembrance and education. *Avukah* is the Hebrew translation for torch, which reflects our journal's mission: to bring to light historical, religious, political, social and cultural topics related to Judaism, Jews, and Jewishness. The number of submissions we received for the Spring 2019 edition was nearly twice the number we had received last spring, showing the extent to which our journal has grown during the last two years. Volume II includes essays from six outstanding UW undergraduates. Their pieces reflect the rich intellectual diversity of Jewish studies, covering a diverse set of topics, including the acculturation of American Jews, Nazi tactics of coercion, the continued relevance of Jewish biblical law, causal mechanisms of the Holocaust, and the implications of modern anti-Semitism.

With each author's essay having undergone an intensive peer-review process, this year's edition promises to continue *Avukah's* tradition of promoting qualitative, compelling, and informative undergraduate research. We hope that readers look forward to the publication of Volume II in May 2019.

The Editorial Board at *Avukah* thanks the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and its staff and affiliates for the support, encouragement, and guidance requisite to see Volume II hit the press.

After receiving an overwhelming number of submissions on topics related to the Holocaust, the Editorial Board also saw fit to create a podcast series devoted to the importance of Holocaust education and remembrance. Our podcast team interviewed eight graduate and undergraduate students on campus with a particular view of Holocaust history and a deep conviction to keep the Holocaust from becoming a mere footnote in history. Their testimonies are informed by their unique life experiences, travels, families, and personal connections to the Holocaust. With each episode, we hope that listeners learn more about this topic, take action to ensure that the Holocaust is never forgotten and are moved to combat modern-day hatred and bigotry.

To learn more about *Avukah*, please look to our website (<https://avukah.wordpress.com/>) or follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Avukah-UW-Madison-Undergraduate-Journal-of-Jewish-Studies-184184702150944/>).

Also, please contact *Avukah's* Editor-in-Chief, Hilary Miller (hmiller7@wisc.edu), with any questions or for more information.



Anti-Semitism

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announced that it will be reactivating its Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) with the arrival of its new Interim Executive Director, Alan Klugman.

Parents should be vigilant in supporting their children, and the Jewish community must be an active partner as well. The Jewish Federation will be looking to replicate such meetings with all local school districts, in addition to being the source for training and other resources for local teachers and staff. If

you or someone you know has been the victim of anti-Semitism, don't be silent—let us know. Call Alan Klugman, Interim Executive Director at the Jewish Federation. We can, as a community, be the answer to such acts, we can make the voices of tolerance and unity far louder than those of intolerance. Parents are encouraged to confront teachers early on when an incident arises and if it is not resolved adequately, they SHOULD contact their district's point person.

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Supporting Families in Difficult Times

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Research shows that one of the best ways to help children cope with discrimination and intolerance is by being open about it. When you show children that these topics, though tough, are not taboo, you let them know that they can always share their questions or thoughts about life's scary situations.

Given the rise in anti-Semitic acts and bias crimes, such as the mass shooting at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, we may have to have these conversations sooner than we would like.

In talking to your children about anti-Semitic acts, first find out what they already know. As with any challenging topic, you want to answer the questions and address the worries that they have, not raise new ones they did not yet think of.

Remind children that such events are rare. While the United States has experienced a sharp rise in anti-Semitic acts in recent years, attacks like the one in Pittsburgh are still extremely unusual. Point out to children that the grown-ups around them are taking action to keep them safe.

Any violent act is scary, but violence against Jews may feel closer to home. Some children may feel vulnerable, while for others, the events may not feel real. Children do not always know how to voice their anxieties; instead, you may notice disturbances in appetite or sleep. If your child is reluctant to talk right away, that's okay. Remain open to the conversation when your child is ready.

If your children ask why people sometimes hate Jews, it is okay to say that you do not know. Hate is irrational after all. But you can also talk about the ways anti-Semitism is similar to other forms of prejudice based in the fear of difference. This is an opportunity to talk with children about the Jewish injunction to "love the stranger" and to actively welcome new people into our communities. The more we learn about people around us, the less we notice differences, and the more we focus on how much we all have in common.

For a deeper dive, including a comprehensive list of articles and resources, visit pjlibrary.org/beyondfear.

Tributes

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

In honor of Zoey Jacobson's birthday
Gary Nidetz

Upcoming



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EVENTS

Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 17, 9:00 am - 11:45 am

Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison, WI

THEME: SUPERHEROES • from the Comics and Movies, the Megillah, our Community, or Everyday Life.

Please see back page for all the details!

Contact Deb Hoffman at hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org

Israeli Film Festival – Kilometer 147 and Q&A with Director

Monday, March 25, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Marquee Cinema, Union South

1308 W Dayton St., Madison, WI

Join our Shlichim at The Israeli Film Festival last film at UW's Union South. Please see page 1 for more information.

Contact Tal Sheffer at (608) 669-5168 or at tsheffer@uwhillel.org.

Simchas & Condolences

Condolences to the families of

Nancy Nupnau, mother of Sara (Mike) Wisdom, along with their other children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

Gerald White, father of Bill (Linda) White, and grandfather of Natalie, Erika, and Holly White

Delores (Dee) Leake, grandmother of Tanya (Mark) Anderson and great-grandmother of Lily and Samuel

Frederick Paul Cotter, son of Lynn and Stuart Cotter

Dr. Alfred John Herlitzka, father of Alan (Ina) Herlitzka and grandfather of Isaac and Arthur Herlitzka, along with four other children (one who predeceased him), and six other grandchildren

In memory of

Katherine Bauer, mother of Robert Bauer, grandmother of Rabbi Renee Bauer (Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman), great-grandmother of Eliana and Meytal Zimbauer

Lois Lipkin, mother of Laura (Ken) Felz and Peter (Susette) Thompson, and grandmother of Jacob and Jared Stone and Max Thompson. Along with her brother, nephew, and niece

Ruth Suzanne Boll, mother of Catherine (Neal) Miller, grandmother of Samuel and Lucas Miller

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Allan Benderson, brother of Royce Dembo

Kenneth Dean Jenks, brother of Barbara Vlach

Mazel Tov on the birth of

Harriet, daughter of Rubi Hayim and Faye Zemel

Mazel Tov on the engagement of

Sean Grossberg, son of Paul Grossberg and Dean Ziemke to Jaime Bell

Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

March Events

01 Shabbalala (TBE)

Friday, March 1, 5:45-6:45 pm

5:45 pm Gathering, 6:00 pm Service

An all-generation, upbeat, musical Shabbat experience.

02 16 Faith, Doubt, and Certainty (BIC)

Saturdays, March 2 and 16, 10:30 am-11:15 am

NEW: Rabbi Judy Greenburg leads discussions about the point of praying based on midrashic narratives. This class ends before Rabbi Forester's d'var Torah begins in the Main Sanctuary. It meets about every other Shabbat.

03 The ROARING Pasta Extravaganza & Dessert Auction (TBE)

Sunday, March 3, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Party like it's the 1920s! Hosted by MaTTY, our high school youth group, this event is for the whole community. Enjoy delicious pasta dishes from Madison-area and TBE chefs, then bid on fantastic desserts prepared or donated by TBE members. Proceeds benefit MaTTY programs, youth leadership scholarships, and a charitable organization to be selected by MaTTY members. Our eighth grade students will be honored with a special initiation into MaTTY. Swing along to some jazz, dance the Charleston, and support TBE teens. Come dressed in your sparkly flapper dresses, string pearls, feather boas, and wool tweed suits, and have a swell time. Don't miss this fun annual event – it'll be the bee's knees! Gluten-free and vegetarian options will be available.

TICKETS: Adult \$13, Child (age 12 and under) \$9, Family (max 6 people) \$36

04 MJND (20s and 30s) Happy Hour at Great Dane Hilldale (TBE)

Monday, March 4, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Schmooze with Jews. Meet up with MJND for happy hour at the Hilldale Great Dane after work. No advanced registration required. Participants pay their own tabs.

07 08 Rosh Chodesh Adar II (BIC)

Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, 7:00 am

Celebrate the new month at morning minyan, followed by a light breakfast. Be Happy! It's Adar!

07 21 Beginner's Hebrew (CSS)

Thursdays, March 7 and 21, 6:00 pm

Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd.

Total beginners and new learners welcome.

08 Men's Club Shabbat with Choir (TBE)

Friday, March 8, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

08 09 Scientists and Synagogues Youth Shabbat (BIC)

Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, during Shabbat services

MOUSY high schoolers celebrate a special Erev Shabbat as part of our year-long Scientists and Synagogues program. Plus, teens learn Torah, chant Haftarah, and lead Shabbat morning services with a special kiddush to follow.

09 Shabbat Z'mirot (BIC)

Saturday, March 9, 12:45 pm

Sing a little after Shabbat kiddush lunch.

09 Sisterhood Kallah (TBE)

Saturday, March 9, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Enjoy a delicious buffet of Turkish desserts and learn about important Jewish sites from a certified Turkish tour guide. Everyone is welcome!

10 PJ Library/Yom Rishon (BIC)

Sunday, March 10, 10:00 am-11:15 am

Preschoolers and their grownups learn through play, crafts, stories, and songs with Education Director Beth Copelovitch.

13 Keshet Film: Wedding Play (TBE)

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

All Keshet Israel Committee films are shown at TBE.

Arbor Drive doors open at 7:00 pm. Movies begin at 7:15 pm. Snacks and schmoozing are free.

Discussion to follow presentation.

15 Berries & Jammies (BIC)

Friday, March 15, 8:00 am-8:45 am

Preschoolers: Bring your grown-ups, wear your PJs, and get ready for Shabbat with Rabbi Forester, challah, berries, and songs.

15 Singles Creating Community Coffee (TBE)

Friday, March 15, 9:00 am-10:00 am

Ancora Coffee Roasters, 3318 University Ave., Madison

The third Friday of each month.

15 Shabbat Dinner Get Together (TBE)

Friday, March 15, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

North and South Seafood & Smokehouse, 6604 Minderel Point Rd., Madison

Join fellow members of the TBE community for dinner prior to Shabbat services. Dinners are the third Friday of the month, beginning at 5:30 pm (plenty of time to get to services at 7:30 pm.) Locations vary. Participants pay for their own meals.

15 Shabbat Midor Lador (TBE)

Friday, March 15, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

15 Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist Michele Rozansky and Shlomit Ezer (CSS)

Friday, March 15, 6:00 pm

Following the service, we will have a potluck dinner. Over dinner Shlomit Ezer will discuss women in Israeli politics. She will give an historical overview followed by a discussion of the current elections.

17 Community Purim Carnival (BIC, CSS, TBE, JFM, Hillel)

Sunday, March 17, 9:30 am-11:45 am

Beth Israel Center

Doors open at 9:00 am; 9:30 am Spiel featuring community rabbis, educators and shlichim kicks off the fun; 9:45 am carnival games begin. Hamantaschen and other snacks for sale.

17 Cancer Support Group (TBE)

Sunday, March 17, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

19 God Shopping Workshop (TBE)

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

An informative and interactive session capturing many of the different beliefs and traits of God that Judaism and other faiths have focused on throughout history and today. We need a minimum of 10 students to run this class.

20 Dance - Cheer - Jeer - and Make Merry: Purim for All Ages (CSS)

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 pm

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to jeer at Haman and cheer for Queen Esther! Free pizza dinner at 5:30 pm followed by festivities. We will have an adult-oriented creative retelling of the story with plenty of singing and children's activities. We will read small parts of the megillah in Hebrew but most of the evening will be in English.

20 Purim Fiesta (Erev Purim Celebration) (TBE)

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Purim is here – no time for siesta! Grab your sombrero and join the fiesta! We'll enjoy dinner from Qdoba and have fun improvising on the Purim story. Come in costume!

20 Megillah Reading & Purim Celebration (BIC)

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm

Come hear the whole Megillah! Bring boxes of rice, orzo, or couscous to use as graggers and then donate to a food pantry. This year's costume party theme is Emojis!

22 MJND Potluck Shabbat Dinner (TBE)

Friday, March 22, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to pass. Can't bring a dish? Bring a drink! Can't bring a drink? Bring a friend! Address provided upon RSVP.

22 Mindfulness Shabbat Service (TBE)

Friday, March 22, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm



Kadima ice skating (BIC)



Cantorial Soloist Michele Rozansky and Jackie Kaplan lead Shaarei Shamayim's Tu B'shevat seder. (CSS)

Members enjoy a family retreat at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, WI, January 18-20. (TBE)



Old and new friends celebrate Rabbi Forester's installation and Beth Israel Center's 70th Anniversary. (BIC)



Carousel Bayrd spoke about criminal justice reform in Wisconsin at the Blockstein Lecture and Brunch on February 10. (TBE)



TBE welcomes its newest members at special Shabbat reception on February 22. (TBE)

Legend

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

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

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

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

Regular Service Schedules Beth Israel Center (BIC)

On Fridays we begin gathering at 5:00 pm to schmooze and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45 pm. Our Shabbat morning worship begins at 9:15 am with Birchot HaShachar and continues through a spirited P'sukei d'zimra, Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We enjoy a communal kiddush lunch every week. Our regular weekday minyan schedule is Sunday mornings at 8:15 am, Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 am, Monday through Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm. Please contact the office to ensure a minyan and check our website for additions to the regular schedule, as well as notices of when a minyan is especially needed so someone in mourning or observing a yahrzeit can say kaddish. Visitors of all ages are always welcome to all services.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim (CSS)

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim celebrates Shabbat each week with Torah study every Saturday at 9:30 am. Twice a month we have services on Saturdays. In March we have an intergenerational service on March 9 at 9:30 am, followed by kiddush. March 23, we begin with coffee at 9:00 am followed by services at 9:30. Kiddush will be at 10:30 am followed by speaker Brian Johnson, sharing published essays from *The Forward*.

Temple Beth El (TBE)

At Temple Beth El, we celebrate Shabbat as a community on Friday evenings. Services are at 7:30 pm followed by an oneg Shabbat, except the first Friday of the month when we gather at 5:45 for a 6:00 pm service. Every Saturday morning, we have Shabbat Torah Study 9:00 am-10:00 am in our Adult Lounge. When we are celebrating a bar or bat mitzvah, there is also a 10:30 am Shabbat morning service.

For more information about congregational Shabbat services, please visit their websites or call their offices.



Jewish Education

Jewish Circle of Life in Madison

By RYAN WEINBACH
MIDRASHA AND JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Ryan Weinbach is a well-known face in our Jewish community. From Gan HaYeled to Midrasha, he has done it all! Midrasha is featuring Ryan not only for his involvement, but because he comes in every week to Midrasha excited to learn and spreads that joy to the other students. Learn more about Ryan in his own words!

My name is Ryan Weinbach. I am 17 years old, and I am a senior at James Madison Memorial High School. I have been involved in the Madison Jewish community all my life. When I was a baby my mom took me to Schmooze and Tunes. I don't even remember what that was, but it was the first program I participated in. When I was two, I started at Gan HaYeled Preschool and attended until I was five. The summer after was my first time at Camp Shalom. I began attending until I started going to overnight camp at Camp Interlaken. And now I've come full circle because I am a counselor at Camp Shalom. I also attended Hebrew and Sunday school from kindergarten through eighth grade and now I am in my final year of Midrasha: Madison's Hebrew high school.

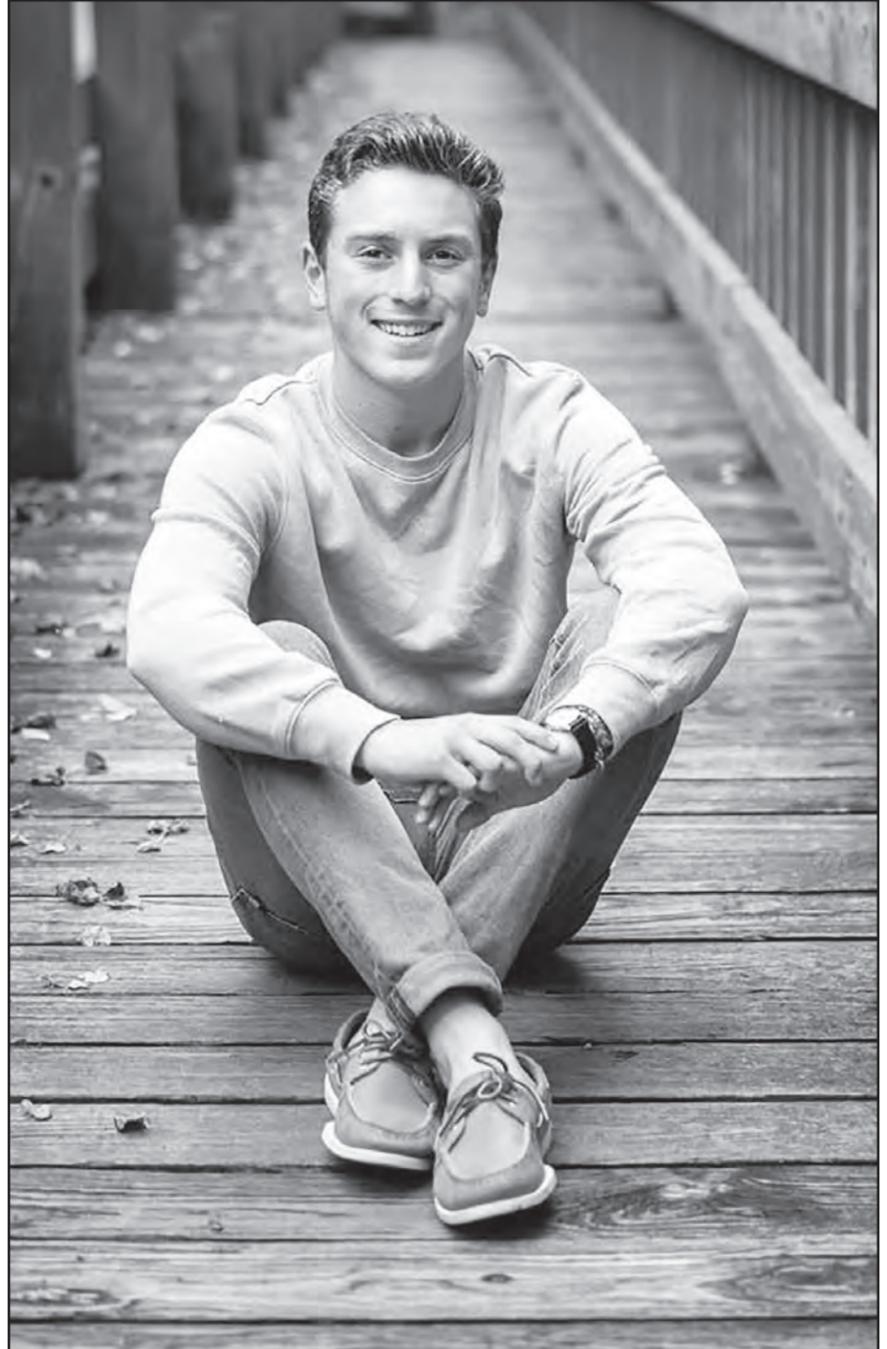
When I think about Gan HaYeled I remember nap time, making challah and the indoor loft play area in Tina and Jerri's room. I still have friends from my Gan years even though we live all over Dane County. We now go to Midrasha together.

When I was a camper at Camp Shalom, I formed close bonds with the other campers. While I attended overnight camp I didn't keep in touch with these people, but when we all returned as counselors we immediately clicked again. Reconnecting with my Camp Shalom friends further

strengthened the bonds we had. These bonds are still strong today because of the Madison Jewish community. I say that because Camp Shalom is a warm, friendly environment that is welcoming to everyone. We work really hard, but we have a lot of fun and that's because the culture at camp is to treat everyone with respect and kindness. We try to make everyday a GREAT day. When I was a camper I always looked up to my counselors. They provided me with an amazing and fun experience. Now it's my turn to pay it forward by creating the best camp experience for my campers.

The Midrasha experience is a unique experience that allows students to collaborate and connect with each other in an interactive environment. When I started attending Midrasha I was nervous and scared for what was to come. Despite the nerves, I was excited to explore Judaism. With the various courses and the wide variety of teachers, I deepened my understanding of Judaism. Although high school has large classes, Midrasha has small, cooperative classes where I can openly share my ideas or questions. This environment helped me grow as a student because it taught me how to have a voice. With the confidence I gained from Midrasha, I gave a speech at the Jewish Federation of Madison's Annual Meeting where I illustrated my involvement in the Jewish community. Midrasha was the foundation I needed to continue to explore Judaism in my college studies.

I feel really fortunate that the Madison Jewish community has these programs so that I can continue to connect with my friends. These programs give me a strong sense of community and pride for being Jewish.



Ryan Weinbach



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Ryan Weinbach at the Annual Meeting

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Our Gan HaYeled

By MARLA BECKER
DIRECTOR OF GAN HAYELED

Gan HaYeled's Pancake Breakfast-Open House was a delightful way to spend a Sunday morning. Our preschool was filled with warmth, laughter and conversation as our teachers, current families and prospective families enjoyed time together. In case you didn't know...

We Are Now YoungStar Rated.

YoungStar works directly with preschools on their education, learning environment, business methods, and practices around child health and well-being. Through this system, the state is addressing several key issues in Wisconsin's child care system:

- Improve the overall quality of child care
- Create a clear, understandable tool to help parents choose quality child care
- Create incentives for providers to improve services, particularly for low-income children
- Link the quality of child care providers to Wisconsin Shares subsidy amounts
- Include a YoungStar Quality Adjustment to recognize the highest levels of quality

We Accept Wisconsin Shares.

The Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program supports low-income working families by subsidizing a portion of the cost of quality child care while the parents or caregivers are working or participating in another approved activity.

We Have an Incredible Staff (Nope, not Biased...).

We have a total of 12 staff members this year at Gan, including lead teachers and assistant teachers. Each of us brings a unique perspective, approach and investment in our children. We are constantly working together, processing and implementing practices and ideas!

We Offer Flexible Hours and Wrap-Around Care.

We're open daily from 7:30 am-5:30 pm (5:00 pm on Fridays) and offer extremely flexible schedule options that also blend with the public 4K program.

We Have Enrichment Programs.

In addition to our enriched Gan days, we have special programs. Keva Sports, Monroe Street Art and Moove and Groove Yoga visit us each week!

We Value *Chesed* (Kindness) and *Tzedakah* (Charity).

We are a Jewish school, and we also have students of various religions, cultures, and nationalities. The values of Judaism are universal, and those values help our body, mind, soul and spirit grow. We celebrate the Jewish Holidays, have an all school weekly Shabbat, and incorporate more and more Hebrew language each day!

We invite everyone in the community to come tour Gan HaYeled, even if you don't have preschool children. It takes all of us spreading the word about our special place at the heart of our Jewish community.

For more information about Gan HaYeled, please contact Marla Becker mbecker@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808.



Coffee smiles!



Happy kids = happy adults!



Spending the morning with family and friends was a great way to start our Sunday.



Playdough fun!



We each went home with freshly baked challah.



We're enjoying our Sunday morning pancakes and conversations!



Good morning!

Camp Shalom Katan Summer Program

Camp Shalom Katan at Gan HaYeled offers ten unique one-week sessions over the summer for preschool age children. Each session is jam packed with fun filled activities building on a theme of the week.



We look forward to sharing a wonderful adventure with your child this summer at Camp Shalom Katan!

We offer flexible scheduling so families can choose to register for the camp sessions and the days of the week that fit with their summer schedule.

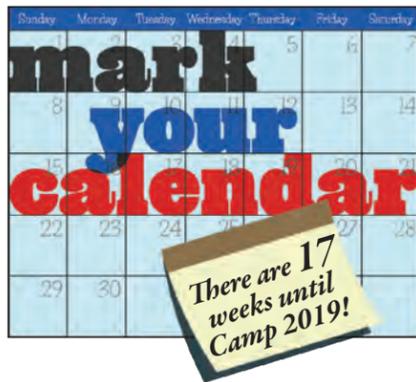
Summer camp weeks run June 17 - August 23, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm for 18 months to 4 year olds.

Extended care hours are available 7:30 am - 8:30 am and 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm.



For more information, please contact Marla Becker at mbecker@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808.

Camp Corner



Messy eaters at Noar-Bogrim!

SHALOM SPOTLIGHT: Noar-Bogrim 2019

By LISA FRIEND-KALUPA
DIRECTOR OF CAMP NOAR-BOGRIM

If you are the parent of a fifth grader, you may have wiped away a few tears last summer at that final Camp Shalom late night program. For so many of our children, Camp Shalom came before even kindergarten, and if your child had spent all six summers there, it could be hard to imagine what comes next. Happily, what comes next is Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim!

Unlike Camp Shalom, which will be entering its 66th summer, Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim is only entering its seventh season in its current form. It actually began as two separate camps; Camp Shalom Noar, the brainchild of Tommy Kaufman in early 1990s, and Camp Shalom Bogrim, the brainchild of Ellen Weismer, in the early 2000s. Collectively, the two camps offered campers a choice between two distinct programs. Noar campers spent little time on-site at Goodman campus, instead turning around shortly after arrival to board a bus for the day's off-site adventure. Bogrim campers, on the other hand, spent their days exploring their interests and developing leadership skills on-site at Goodman Campus. The camps had their final year as separate programs in 2012, and in 2013 they joined forces to offer campers the best of

both worlds.

Today, Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim serves around 130 campers during each of its two sessions. A feature of Camp from its Bogrim days is a Yitzeerah specialty block. Campers can sign up for an activity for the first hour of the day for the whole week. Team sports, and cooking-related Yitzeerah activities like NOBO Master Chef or NOBO Test Kitchen, are among our most popular. We have a wide variety of other activities as well though, and campers are easily able to find something that appeals to them. Over the past few years we have offered a wide variety of DIY activities, nature-based activities, and activities for campers with great imaginations or artistic interests. Harry Potter week has been a popular option most years, as have photography, Dungeons and Dragons, and a variety of activities based on current pop culture. Campers have also had the opportunity to learn to crochet, drum, sing acapella, dance and design their own miniature golf course. We are always excited to see what new ideas our staff will dream up!

Yitzeerah is one of the only times the entire camp is on-site together though, because the best part of Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim is the level of choice it

offers campers. Nearly every day of the session, campers are offered to either travel off-site for an activity with others from their grade, or to remain on-site for a variety of activities in a multi-age group. In addition to offering everything from Slip and Slide hockey, to Project Runway, to Lumberjack Day, we make sure to include camper favorites on-site like Predator-Prey and Zombie Apocalypse, and to bring in activities from the outside, like the Boulders Climbing Wall and Isthmus Bubble Soccer. On-site, campers enjoy a relaxed block of time in the pool, and extended time to longer craft or cooking projects.

The off-site options take campers to a wide variety of places that are within an hour of the Goodman Campus, such as Devil's Lake State Park, Governor Dodge State Park, downtown Madison, Wingra boats, and area art museums. Swimming at Troll Beach tends to be very popular, as do visiting area farms and biking the Military Ridge Trail.

Most sessions, all campers have the opportunity to spend a day at Mt. Olympus, and similar to Camp Shalom, Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim offers an overnight each session. A significant difference, however, is that (weather permitting) we camp off-site and stay

together the next day.

By ninth grade, we know that campers are ready for something different. It's their last summer with us, and we make sure it's a great one! All ninth graders participate in a three-night overnight outside of Madison, usually hosted by an overnight camp that has space for us to set up tents and time to give us a taste of what they offer.

The experience is made special both by the extra time spent with friends, and by the great activities. Last summer, ninth grade overnight adventures included a Pirate Cruise, a high-ropes course, a lumberjack show and a jet boat adventure. It's the time at the campfire each night that really makes the experience memorable though – if you have ever been a camper you know how special it is to sit around a campfire sharing stories and experiences with your camp friends. It's no wonder our campers are so sad when the sessions come to an end!

As we look ahead to our seventh year in this format, we can't wait to welcome back our new campers and meet our returning campers for the first time. They will have Messtival, Maccabiah and a host of great activities to look forward to, and we have no doubt that it will be a wonderful summer!

Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

As a Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsor, you will receive the following benefits and recognition:

Director's Circle: \$10,000 + (14+ Campers' Tuition)

- Logo on the Camp Shalom web page of the *JewishMadison.org* website
- Half Page advertisement in the *Madison Jewish News* (MJN) during the 2019 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
- Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
- Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households
- Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/19)
- A complimentary family pass for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool for the 2019 summer season
- Formal Recognition at all three Camp Shalom Late-Night sessions attended by 254 campers and their families
- Use of the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus and/or Goodman House (not including the *Goodman Aquatic Center*) for corporate gathering (one time use during 2019)
- Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Shalom Circle: \$5000-\$9999 (7-14 Campers' Tuition)

- Logo on the Camp Shalom webpage of the *JewishMadison.org* website
- Quarter Page advertisement in the *Madison Jewish News* (MJN) during the 2019 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
- Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
- Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and

families with a circulation of 950 households

- Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/19)
- 20 individual guest passes or a complimentary adult or youth pass for the 5,000 square-foot *Goodman Aquatic Center* pool for the 2019 summer season
- Formal Recognition at all three Camp Shalom Late-Night sessions attended by 254 campers and their families
- Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Friendship Circle: \$2600-\$4999 (4-7 Campers' Tuition)

- Logo on the Camp Shalom web page of the *JewishMadison.org* website
- 1/8 Page advertisement in the *Madison Jewish News* (MJN) during the 2019 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2500 households
- Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
- Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households
- Logo/Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/19)
- 10 individual guest passes to Goodman Campus Pool for the summer of 2019
- Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Camper's Circle: \$795-\$2599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)

- Recognition on the *JewishMadison.org* website on the Camp Shalom webpage
- Logo/Company Name on all Camp Shalom direct mail/email
- Logo/Company Name on weekly "Sunny Times" newsletter to parents and families with a circulation of 950 households
- Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

Support Camp Shalom's 66th Summer Become a Corporate Sponsor!

Help us celebrate Camp Shalom's 66th summer and continue our success as Madison's most loved camp by supporting the Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship program. As a Corporate Sponsor, your business can change a child's life, and in return, Camp Shalom will help advertise and promote your business!

In 2018 we were able to award \$113,817 to 90 campers for full and partial scholarships. Each summer, the need for scholarships increases and this summer our goal is to raise \$110,000 for the Camp Shalom Scholarship fund. Your contribution will enable us to ensure that no camper misses out on the Camp Shalom experience because of financial need. Your contribution supports campers from all socio-economic backgrounds, races, religions, and abilities.

Please help us spread the word. If you know of businesses that are looking to

get involved with a wonderful cause tell them about the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Program. Thank you for helping us to make 2019, our 66th summer, unforgettable!

Director's Circle \$10,000+ (~14 Campers' Tuition)
Shalom Circle \$5,000-\$9,999 (~7-13 Campers' Tuition)
Friendship Circle \$2,600-\$4,999 (~4-7 Campers' Tuition)
Camper's Circle: \$850-\$2,599 (~1-3 Campers' Tuition)

Each level of Camp Shalom's Corporate Sponsorship Program includes many benefits and recognition opportunities. For additional information please contact Ellen Weisner, shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org.

We Welcome You to Camp Shalom

Thinking of signing your camper up for Camp Shalom but want to know more about the daily programming? Here's a quick guide to Camp Shalom.

Daily Programming

Camp Shalom is divided into three units allowing us to provide small camper-to-counselor ratios for all ages. The three units are, Aleph (K-1) Bet (2-3) and Gimel (4-5). Each unit is then divided into smaller groups by grade and each group has 15-20 campers and three counselors. The campers stay with their group for most of the day.

Three times each day the entire camp comes together to participate in a *ruach* (spirit) filled **RALLY** complete with skits, songs and other fun camp traditions.

Each unit has a scheduled swim time during the day. They participate in swim lessons followed by time for free swim three days a week and have free swim only on the other two days. We have an incredible experienced waterfront staff who run our lessons and programming.

During the week, the campers will have scheduled time to work with our incredible specialists.

- In **Omanut (art)** the campers put their creative juices to work through jewelry making, designing bird houses, painting, sculpting with clay, drawing comic strips and more.

- With 154 acres to explore, the campers are given an opportunity to get to know more about the environment and their surroundings through activities like fishing, scavenger hunts and nature walks with our **Teva (nature)** specialist.

- Our Camp Shalom staff are a talented group. They share their experience in creative writing, dance, frisbee, cooking, DIY crafts, music and more for daily **Megama (specialty)** programming. Campers choose one specialty program per session and many of the specialties work on a project they present to their grown-ups and fellow campers at our late-night program.

- Camp Shalom is known for its **Chugim (choice of activities)** program. This is a favorite part of the day for many campers and what many adults remember about their Camp Shalom experience. Chugim time begins with an all-camp rally. After a lively singing session the counselors put on silly skits that describe the activity they are leading to the campers. Our talented staff offers a variety of activities like art projects, cooking, dancing, swimming, sports, water games and scavenger hunts to name a few. The campers are able to choose their activity during this time and can extend their time in our regular program areas (art, nature, swimming,

sports) or venture into others like musical theater, dance, chess, fishing and more.

The end of the day is a time for the campers to come back together as a unit to reflect on the day and eat a nutritious snack (provided by Camp Shalom). A final **RALLY** is a great way to help campers relax from a long day of activities before they head home.

Shabbat and Special Programs

Fridays are always special at Camp Shalom. There is a special schedule that culminates with the entire camp walking and singing hand-in-hand up to the Minkoff Center where they gather together to celebrate **Shabbat (the Jewish Sabbath)**. This is a peaceful time when the campers sing in a calm, serene environment and listen to a special story before they enjoy a snack of grape juice and challah.

Families are not forgotten at Camp Shalom. We offer an evening **late-night program** on the final Wednesday of each session. Food trucks sell delicious local foods or families are invited to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy a fabulous family friendly show provided by the campers on the scenic grounds of the Goodman Campus. After the program, the Unit Gimel campers (fourth and fifth graders) are invited to sleep over on the beautiful scenic grounds of the Goodman Campus. It is a memorable experience for all. The following day, the fourth and fifth graders do not have camp and there is special programming for the K-third graders.

Each session offers a special all-camp program such as **carnival, Maccabiah (camp Olympics) and spirit week**. The final day of each session offers a chance for the campers to create memory books, collect their group photo and enjoy an unforgettable Shabbat with the rest of the Camp.

Looking for more? Visit our website at www.JewishMadison.org to learn more about Camp.



Celebrating Shabbat on Fridays



Swimming on a beautiful day



Our rally at the end of the day

Important Dates for 2019

Session 1: June 24 - July 12, 2019 (no camp July 4)

Session 2: July 16 - August 2, 2019 (no camp Monday, July 15)

Session 3 (Camp Shalom Only): August 6 - August 16, 2019 (no camp on Monday, August 5)

Special Dates to be aware of:

- Camp Shalom late-nights and overnights: July 10 and July 31
- Camp Shalom late-night (no overnight sleepover): August 14
- NOBO 6th - 8th overnights: July 10 and July 31
- NOBO 9th overnights: July 8 - 11 and July 29 - August 1



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Liesl Blockstein Lecture: “Our Criminal Justice System is Racist”

By Dawn Berney
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES
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“One person can make a difference, even if it takes 40 years.” ~ Fred Korematsu, civil rights activist

Nothing will change if we do not take notice of what is happening in our community and take action. On Sunday, February 10, Dane County Board Supervisor Carousel Bayrd spoke at the Liesl Blockstein lecture, and gave a presentation entitled “Our Criminal Justice System is Racist.” Ms. Bayrd gave some sobering statistics as well as made recommendations about concrete actions that our community can take. Some of the highlights from Supervisor Bayrd’s presentation included:

- In the early 2000s, the Dane County jail housed more than 1,000 individuals every day. Now that number is around 700– but the racial disparities have actually gone up.
- Approximately 5% of Dane County population is black. But 38% of bookings and 48% of the jail populations are African Americans because it is easier for people who are white to afford bail.
- African Americans are more likely to use public defenders who are overworked and underpaid than are Caucasians.

At Yom Kippur, we speak of teshuvah or repentance and healing. And we believe that people can repent. But teshuvah does not mean that we should have separate and unequal rules around punishment. Drug courts, restorative justice, and a community centered approach should be available for all people.

Our community can make a difference. Toward the end of Bayrd’s presentation, someone asked her what individuals could do to impact prison reform. “When the governor’s budget comes out with additional funding for innovative programs for prison reform, send a letter in support. You do not know how important that is.” So be that person. And it does not need to take you forty years for that difference to occur.

Nearly 70 people attended the February Liesl Blockstein Lecture. This annual program is held by Jewish Social Services and Temple Beth El at Temple Beth El, in memory of Liesl Blockstein, Dane County Supervisor, Jewish Social Services Board President, and an active member of Temple El.

Fun at Lechayim



Betsy and Alice



Betsy, Evie, and Ginny



Bezalel and Betsy

Happy March Birthdays

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Anna Heifetz • Elsa Johnson • Rita Kades
Barbara Van Rossum • Ida Wyman • Dean Ziemke

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors

Our monthly Shabbat gatherings include candle lighting, challah, singing, and discussion.

Capitol Lakes, in the Grand Hall, 3:00 pm
333 West Main St.

A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the Hillel Foundation.

March 1

Oakwood West, in the Oak’s Community Room, 3:30 pm
6225 Mineral Point Rd.

A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer with the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg.

March 15

Attic Angel Place, in the Garden Room, 2:30 pm
8301 Old Sauk Rd.

A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer, Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach with music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel Volunteers

March 29

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

Making Lechayim reservations

- When you check-in at Lechayim, you can sign up for the following week
- Call Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email office@jssmadison.org before 2:00 pm on the preceding **Wednesday**.
- If you want to check on any cancellations, or want any further info on meals or programs, contact **Paul (608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org**
- We are not able to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins, but all who are able and welcome to attend the program following the meal
- Our policy is to cancel Lechayim when the Madison Public Schools close.

Russian Instructions for Making Lechayim Reservations

- Проверьте расписание программы Лехаим по адресу Segoe Terrace. Для резервирования свяжитесь с еврейской социальной службой по телефону (608) 442-4081 или по электронной почте paul@jssmadison.org не позднее 14:00 в предыдущую среду.
- Если вы хотите проверить какие-либо отмены или хотите получить дополнительную информацию о еде или программах, свяжитесь с Полом (608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org
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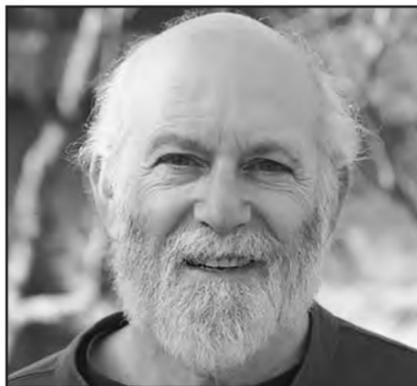
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About our Programs

Monday, March 4

Stu Levitan's presentation, "Madison 1969" will highlight events and personalities making news fifty years ago. This will include the Black Studies Strike and the Mifflin Block Party Riots illustrated in his new book, *Madison in the Sixties* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press 2018).

Stu Levitan has been a mainstay of Madison media and government since 1975. An award-winning print and broadcast journalist, he is also the only person in Madison history to have chaired the Plan Commission, Community Development Authority and Zoning Board of Appeals. A graduate of the UW Law School, Stu also spread labor peace and imposed industrial justice for 27 years as a mediator and arbitrator for the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission. He currently chairs the Madison Landmarks Commission and serves as vice-president of the board of directors, WORT-FM, where he also does a weekly podcast adapted from *Madison in the Sixties*.



Stu Levitan

Monday, March 11

Joan Burstyn's presentation, "Growing Up in England during World War II" will highlight her experiences from the age of ten living in England when WWII broke out. She will describe the impact of the war on her extended family, and, especially, on herself. Joan will explore not only the changes in her own understanding of what war entails, her reaction to it as a Jew, but also the changing nature of warfare. Joan is a lifelong teacher, learner and author. She is professor emerita of education and history at Syracuse University, has written three books of poems and is author/editor of five academic books. She has also published numerous articles on Jewish education and Jewish women in higher education. (This presentation was rescheduled due to cancellation of meal and program in January.)



Joan Burstyn

Monday, March 18

Come celebrate Purim and St. Patrick's Day with some great music from the Currach Trio—Jigs, reels, hornpipes as well as songs/ballads from Ireland. Daithi Wolfe will be on fiddle. He also plays with Yid Vicious. Darl Ridgley will be on the bodhran, an Irish frame drum. Darl will share his talent and love for some Scottish songs as well. Sheila Shigley will play the fiddle and bouzouki (string guitar-like instrument from Greece). She also sings in Navan (Celtic language harmonies). A fun, eclectic and diverse group with great energy and talent. Hope to see you there.



Currach Trio

Monday, March 25

In his presentation, "Joys of Birding: Spring Migration," Chuck Henrikson will describe about 30 species of warblers that he looks forward to seeing each spring. Chuck will also talk about both migrating and year-long resident birds that breed in the Dane County area, including American Robins, Eastern Bluebirds, Indigo Buntings, Sandhill Cranes, Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and others.

Chuck Henrikson received a BA from St. Olaf College and a PhD from Purdue University. His entire career was spent studying primarily the nervous system with the electron microscope and teaching anatomy at Schools of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue, North Carolina State and most recently at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Since retiring in 2009 he enriches his daily walks by studying and keeping track of birds and submitting all his sightings as a citizen scientist to eBird at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He also leads bird walks, teaches a beginning bird course for Madison Audubon, is a volunteer steward at the UW Arboretum and volunteers for Saturday Science at the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery.



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Monday, March 4

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11:30 am-12:30 pm Complimentary blood pressure check with nurse, Lori Edelstein
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Coconut curry chicken saffron rice, market salad, mixed vegetables, fruit, cookie (vegetarian option: coconut curry tofu)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm "Madison: 1969" presentation by Stu Levitan

Monday, March 11

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Chicken marsala, whipped potato, haricot verts, dinner roll, fruit (vegetarian option: marsala seitan)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Joan Burstyn presentation, "Growing Up in England during World War II"

Monday, March 18

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Brisket in tomato sauce, Basmati rice, glazed carrots, fruit, hamantaschen (vegetarian option: meatless tomato sauce with noodles)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Irish music by Currach Trio

Monday, March 25

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Pasta primavera, dinner rolls, mixed greens with balsamic dressing, brownies, fruit
1:00 pm-2:00 pm "Joys of Birding: Spring Migration," presentation by Chuck Henrikson

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The Installation of Rabbi Betsy Forester

By Rick Ezell
President, Beth Israel Center Board of Directors

“We charge you to lead this congregation with love, wisdom, empathy and deep understanding of the lives your congregants live and the challenges they face in their daily lives.” Such was the charge with which Rabbi Allan Kensky installed Rabbi Betsy Forester as the ninth Rabbi of Beth Israel Center on Sunday morning, January 27, 2019.

The joyous event began with Rabbi Forester leading a thronged sanctuary filled with excited congregants and guests in the morning prayer service. As congregants doffed their *t'fillin* (phylacteries) and put away their *tallitot* (prayer shawls), Rabbi Forester carried the excitement and *ruach* (spirit) of the morning service into the installation ceremony proper with an interlude of communal singing, accompanying herself and the congregation on the guitar.

As prelude to Rabbi Kensky’s charge, he and Rabbi Sara Zacharia, two of Rabbi Forester’s mentors and teachers, offered an inspiring selection of seven verses from our tradition, interwoven with members of the *kahal* (congregation) speaking in turn. Each loving statement and its accompanying verse highlighted a key element of the complex and multifaceted relationship between the BIC family and its Rabbi. (A link to the video of this live-streamed program

can be found on our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, and Facebook page.)

Anna Heifetz spoke of the centrality of life-long learning and Torah study. She also highlighted the Rabbi’s role as teacher, thanking Rabbi Forester for the many innovative ways she teaches through her classes and instructs through her weekly sermons.

In his reflections on ritual, Si Hellerstein spoke of the challenge of setting and meeting the many priorities of our kahal. Just as Rabbi Forester has dedicated herself to leading that challenge, so, too, he urged, must the Beth Israel Center family dedicate itself in partnership with her.

Matt Banks welcomed Rabbi Forester as a partner in the community’s never-ending spiritual journey. He spoke of the myriad ways in which Rabbi Forester has strengthened the bonds of our community and facilitated its efforts to connect to the Eternal.

“I’m trying to make the case for a God who is about love and who asks human beings to live lives of love.” These are the words of Rabbi Shai Held. Judy Pierotti quoted them and noted that they are Rabbi Forester’s email signature. Judy noted how fortunate the BIC family is to have a Rabbi who leads us on the path of love and helps us to imitate God by loving the vulnerable.



Youth engagement and instilling a love for learning in our youth formed the theme of Joshua Garoon’s comments. He noted Rabbi Forester’s gift of “inviting them in, coaxing them into song, accompanying them on her guitar, asking them to share some berries and challah — perhaps in their pajamas. That’s how she makes our shul, our beit midrash, feel like a shtiebel, a little home: for teens, for toddlers, and even for old goats staying young at heart while giving our kids something to chew on.”

Ziva Wear offered a moving, personal tribute to Rabbi Forester’s commitment to pastoral care. She spoke of the deep relationship Rabbi Forester formed with Al Frank (z”l), Ziva’s father, in his final months of life. Through that relationship she comforted him in his initial terror and led him to acceptance and peace.

On that beautiful but bitterly cold morning Bill Schwab invoked Shir HaShirim and its images of Spring

renewal. He went on to connect the renewal of nature to the renewal of the community, likening the community to a forest with its various growths. Everyone laughed with appreciation when Bill opined that in its new Rabbi the community had found its master... forester!

With the stage thus set, Rabbi Kensky stepped to the bimah and stood beside Rabbi Forester and charged her as mentioned above. And, thus, Beth Israel Center joyously installed Rabbi Betsy Forester as our new rabbi, with great anticipation for our future together.

The eventful program ended with a reception at which the 200 or so gathered —most from Madison, and many others from the Foresters’ previous home of Chicago and elsewhere—celebrated the good fortune that brought Rabbi Betsy Forester to Beth Israel Center at this exciting time. Thanks to all who attended.



Rabbi Betsy Forester with her family, Shira, Benji, and Scott



Rabbi Allan Kensky with Rabbi Betsy Forester

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East Entrance to UW Arboretum. Near intersection of W Wingra & Hayward Dr.

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We will use our hands and an infrared thermometer to find out if the plant produces heat or has some other way to melt the snow. It should be no surprise that the plant's name, Skunk Cabbage, is due to a subtle scent that some people think smells more like old dirty gym shoes than a skunk.

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Skunk cabbage

Hillel

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Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Temple Mount. Visiting three of the world's holiest religious sites together created a mutual understanding of the importance Jerusalem has for so many people, and why it is such a hot geopolitical topic.

As one of the five Jewish students selected for this winter's delegation, I was uniquely privileged to see Israel in a context I had never expected to as I traversed the State of Israel with a group of non-Jewish students. It was incredible for me and for the other Jewish students to be able to share our narratives, but most of all learn from so many others. One student wrote upon reflection, "This trip was the biggest cultural experience of my life, and definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience in more ways than one. I will never be able to meet some of the people we've met again nor go to some of the places we've been to again." Finally, the greatest part of this

opportunity is coming back to Madison and seeing a group of people inspired by what we have learned. Most of us did not know each other before the trip. Today I see a group of inseparable friends and student leaders bringing their experiences and passions for politics, social justice and innovation together and creating a greater understanding for Israel at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

One delegate wrote, "the Student Leadership Delegation will stretch your mind and beliefs in ways you could have never imagined. Simultaneously, you will learn an incredible amount about Israel as a country and the people who reside there." The other participants and I are looking forward to continuing to work together with Hillel to ensure UW-Madison's Leadership Delegation to Israel continues to have an impact on future participants for years to come.

Let's Talk About Gun Control, Fighting Anti-Semitism, and Other Legislation that Our 350+ Members Can Do Something About!

**With Eve Galanter, former aide to Senator Herb Kohl
Monday, March 25, 7:00 pm
Home of Deborah Hoffman & Mark Hazelbaker
3900 Regent St. (park in parking lot)**

You are invited to a casual discussion with political expert, Eve Galanter, about choosing a political issue that you and others want our chapter to pursue.

Do you want the chapter to urge our lawmakers to pursue gun control, protection for refugees, anti-hate curriculum in schools, or some other issue? We can't do it all.

When a Hadassah chapter, such as ours, chooses to speak out on an issue, we represent our 350+ members and more than 300,000 Hadassah members across the country. We are told that legislators pay attention.



Eve Galanter

The goal of this gathering is to start a discussion on what our members want to see happen. It is not a commitment to lobby. We are fortunate to have Eve Galanter help us understand what we can realistically do. Everyone welcome.

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Israel and the World

From Early Zionism To This Day, in the Jewish and Arab Communities: Women Making a Change in Israel

By SHLOMIT EZER

JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON COMMUNITY SHALIACH

We celebrate International Women's Day on March 8. For this occasion, we want to look back at a couple of things that happened this past month and something that is happening in Israel.

Remembering Henrietta Szold

The first thing that happened this February, or on the 30th day of Shevat to be exact, was Israeli Family Day. This day was originally celebrated as Mother's Day, and the date was not chosen randomly. This date commemorates one of the mothers of Zionism and an incredible woman, Henrietta Szold. Szold was born in Baltimore in 1860 and passed away in 1945. She was among the most prominent women activists and Zionists of the twentieth century.

As a young woman, when she learned about the troubles of Jews in different parts of the world, she started dedicating her life to the Zionist cause and helping Jews in need. At first, she helped Jewish immigrants who were arriving in the United States, working with them and teaching them English. Much of her work was studying and discussing topics of Judaism and Zionism, until visiting Palestine in the days of the second aliyah (second immigration wave to the land, idealistic immigration that moved to lay the foundations for a Jewish state, 1904-1914). During this visit she was exposed to the hard life and conditions of that time, and the many challenges that faced people there. This experience made her more committed than ever, and soon after she founded Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. This organization provided medical assistance to the people who lived in Palestine (Jews and Arabs alike), and through the years, became the basis for the current day medical system in Israel. Several years later she took on another role that affected the lives of

many and earned her the title "the mother of all kids," which is why Mother's Day was dedicated to her memory.

In the Jewish Congress of 1933, it was decided to begin a program called "youth Aliyah" (immigration to Palestine) to save the German youth from the rising anti-Semitism. Then and for the years that followed, with youth immigrating from many countries, Szold took the lead on this project and oversaw the well-being of hundreds of teenagers who arrived on their own. She had endless dedication to immigrants and their ideals, and a unique and personal approach to working with the youth. In those years, she made some of the biggest contributions to the Jewish world and the establishment of a Jewish state.

As we remember Henrietta Szold, we can think of modern Israel and the women who work to make change today. As we've previously mentioned, Israel will hold its elections next month for the Knesset and Prime Minister. This month I will be speaking with Congregation Shaarei Shamayim about women in Israeli politics and reflect on the feminist

achievements from the early days of Zionism to today. Much has been done and we still have a long way to go.

Feminism in the Bedouin world

As part of the annual Israeli Film Festival and even before it, UW Hillel has been screening some of the best Israeli films from the past few years. All the movies that were chosen were thought provoking and showed different aspects of Israeli society, and many aspects we that hope anyone can relate to. The first film, *In Her Footsteps*, was a documentary about an Israeli-Bedouin family, produced by one of the daughters of the family (Bedouins in Israel are a generally conservative Muslim-Arab group. We recommend reading and learning about their culture and history.) Back to the film: Years ago, the mother decided to take the family and move out of the Bedouin village into a Jewish town, where the children were raised. Now, as the mother is dying, the family fights for the right to bury her in this town that only has a Jewish cemetery. This documentary touched many sensitive issues: the identity crisis of the children, raised by Bedouin parents in a completely Jewish environment;

the conflicts of being a minority within a majority; the tension of a state that is both Jewish and democratic; women's rights in the Bedouin society, and the feminist fight against oppression as portrayed by this family. This strong woman did everything to choose her own path in life, against the stream and in a society that does not support it; she gained a lot but also paid a price for her decisions. This movie was a touching reminder of another important feminist struggle that is taking place in Israel, in the Arab society and specifically, the Bedouin society.

Women working for Co-Existence in Israel

Each month we tell you about one organization that is working for co-existence in Israel. This month, for Women's Day, we continue with the theme of Feminism and different identities: Israeli, Jewish, Arab, Muslim – in "Sindyanna of Galilee". Sindyanna of Galilee is a non-profit organization led by Arab and Jewish women that produces mainly olive oil along with other products. They started in 1996. The goals of the organization are to promote co-existence and peace, fair trade, empowerment of women and development of agriculture in Israel. They create economic opportunities for women, Jews and Arabs, and the profits from the sales go back to support Arab women education. As other organizations of similar nature in Israel, the approach here is to build bridges between different cultures by working together and inviting people to be part of the change. In this case, the change is coming from women and for women. Specifically, with the belief that empowering Arab women will lead to empowerment of the Arab society and peace between the people.



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Connecting with Israel

Israeli Television Recommendation on Netflix

By TAL SHEFFER
JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON CAMPUS SHALIACH

Back in March 2017, when we were accepted to the Shlichim program, the person from the Jewish Agency who called us had two things to tell us: “You are going to Madison,” and “it is very cold there.” Both Shlomit and I could not be happier, as we both love snow and we were very excited to experience our first winter in Madison.

Last winter (our first winter here), when we first told people here that we enjoyed the weather and the snow, many simply smiled (some even laughed) and said that it wouldn’t be long before we were sick of it. It was just a matter of time before we would hate the snow as well. A year has come and gone, we survived the polar vortex, and guess what: we still love the winter here.

Winter is a great time to enjoy some outdoor activities (such as throwing boiling water in the air and watching it freeze), but it is also a great opportunity to stay home, drink hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate, log into Netflix and do some binge watching. If you are anything like me and love binge watching, allow me to recommend to you one of the best Israeli TV shows ever made: *Shtisel*. It is available on Netflix, with English subtitles. Not a fan of subtitles or English? Worry not, as *Shtisel* is a great opportunity to learn or improve your Hebrew and Yiddish. The amazing thing is, most actors had never spoken Yiddish before the show, and they had to learn it and perfect it specifically for the show.

Shtisel is a drama series which tells the story of the members of the Shtisels, a fictional Ultra-Orthodox family living in Geula neighborhood in Jerusalem. The show follows the lives of Shulem Shtisel, the father of the family who works as a rabbi at a local yeshiva, his twenty-six years old son Ki’ve, and some other members of the family. The show was first aired in 2013, and so far, two seasons were made.

I have watched *Shtisel* three times, and every time I watched it I loved it even more.

Haredi Jews are often being discussed in Israel in a political context, and *Shtisel* managed to tell their personal in a very human way, as people who experience similar, if not the same things as any other people. It shows the little things in life such as love, relationships, broken dreams, family, getting old, and more. The point is, you do not have to be a Haredi Jew to identify with the characters in *Shtisel*. You just have to love a good story...and have a Netflix account.

The show became a great success in Israel and was popular even among the Haredi community, which usually refrains from watching TV and using the internet. In 2014 it won eleven Israeli TV Academy Awards, among them, for best drama, best actors, best script, and more. It was also sold to a Swedish TV network and to a French movie distributor.

I love *Shtisel*. I think this winter I am going to watch it for the fourth time, and I really encourage you to watch it too. There are very few Israeli TV shows on Netflix that have English subtitles, so do not miss out on this one. Feel free to blame me if you do not like it.



Israeli Cook-Off Night of MOUSY at Beth Israel Center

Last month we were happy to be invited to judge and help with an Israeli cook-off for Beth Israel Center’s youth group, MOUSY. Each of the three teams made burekas, hummus and salad. The

food was delicious, and we had the most wonderful time with MOUSY. We even had a chance to be impressed with their Hebrew!



Recipe: Kadurei Shokolad

When we were asked to make a dessert for the Dessert Auction at Temple Beth El’s “Roaring Pasta Extravaganza”, we wanted to make sure we made something that represented Israel. Usually, when we think about foods that represent Israeli cuisine, desserts are not the first foods that come to mind. Not that we do not eat dessert—we do!—but much of it is not unique to Israel. We finally decided to make the most Israeli thing we could

think of: Kadurei Shokolad. This is a very simple thing to make, it is usually a dessert made by kids, and maybe the childhood memories are the reason everybody loves it so much. It still tastes good at any age. We wanted to share this recipe here with you so you can make it as well. Here is a one of the classic ways to make it, based on the recipe from the famous Israeli cookbook *Children Cook* by Ruth Sirkis.

Kadurei Shokolad (Simple Chocolate “Truffles”)

Ingredients

- 7 oz (about 30) biscuits/ graham crackers
 - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 - 5 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 7 tablespoons milk
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 3.5 oz (7 tablespoons) of butter, softened
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- For garnish (and flavor):
ground coconut and/or sprinkles

Preparation:

1. Put the biscuits in a plastic or paper bag and close tightly. Using a rolling pin, crush the biscuits until they are almost powder (to the consistency of rice.) You can also break them with your hands, in a bowl.
2. Pour the biscuits into a large bowl. Add the sugar, cocoa, and the cinnamon. Mix well. Add the vanilla, softened butter, milk, and stir until the batter comes together. If the mixture doesn’t bind, add another tablespoon of milk.
3. Take a tablespoon of batter and roll it between the hands to form a ball. Dip hands in water if the chocolate batter is too sticky.
4. Pour the coconut or sprinkles into a small, wide bowl. Place the chocolate balls on top of the sprinkles/coconut and roll them from side to side to achieve an even coat. Place the truffles onto a serving tray and let cool in the fridge before serving. בתיאבון!





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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019
9:00 AM TO 11:45 AM
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