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## Committed to Dialogue

By JULIA BRUNSON  
UW-MADISON HILLEL IS A BENEFICIARY OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

*Editor's Note: In January, Hillel brought 24 student leaders on a fact-finding trip to Israel. The seven-day trip, planned and led by Hillel Executive Director Greg Steinberger and Israel Fellow Tal Sheffer, had a multi-narrative itinerary exploring the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and other issues of religious and secular society. The students visited sites important to the three Abrahamic traditions and met with individuals and groups to learn about Israeli and Palestinian life and culture. At the same time, they entered into dialogue and learned from one another, exploring issues of personal identity. Julia Brunson, a sophomore from Milwaukee, was one of only five Jewish students in the group.*

As a Jewish student, a trip to Israel carries the weight and expectations of generations before me. Traveling halfway across the world is always an interesting experience — but when I began a non-traditional journey to Israel in January, I had no idea what to expect.

With twenty non-Jewish students with me on the plane, I spent the flight to Tel Aviv thinking about my connection

to Israel and the negativity I've faced in voicing it on a college campus. Our trip began with cynics and the undecided sitting together, uncertain whether and how their views about Israel and the conflict there would change. There was a self-imposed pressure to "take a side," even though we were still thousands of miles away from our destination.

In the days that followed, I was overwhelmed by the quality and number of the discussions we had. Our guide, Lior, answered every question tirelessly, repeating perspectives and ideas that I had never heard before. We encountered deep moral issues and trivial cultural quirks in quick succession. We toured bomb shelters and petted stray dogs; we sat in the sun and talked about art, only to look across war-torn Syria a few minutes later. It was not at all what I'd expected.

Somewhere on the road between Haifa and Jerusalem, I realized that I had learned more about Israel in those brief physical encounters than I ever could have achieved at home. I found myself thinking about Israel and my feelings for it more than ever before. Despite grow-

ing up Jewish, and in a community that spoke about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict readily, there was something indescribably important about being there. There was something crucial in staring at the Lebanese border from a reinforced hospital room, only to speak to young Palestinian activists an hour later. It was jarring.

Complexity continued to frustrate us. It was a frustration tinged with confusion. We were continuously floored by the unique situation in which Israel exists, and the those faced by Palestinians and Arab-Isrealis. It was not a discussion of black and white, as we had been led to believe in the United States. It was a discussion of infinite shades of gray — a discussion that was exhausting.

In our country, where dialogue about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can and has divided college campuses, traveling to Israel and the West Bank was crucial to my worldview and in evaluating my connection to Israel. Being in the bomb shelter of a hospital hit by rockets — and always bracing for more — reminded me that Israelis live in a state of constant vigilance and fear that Americans cannot fathom.

Speaking with activists in Gush Etzion and Givat Haviva taught me about the importance of recognizing the losses of the Palestinian people, despite the existing overarching political conflicts. Standing in Ramallah and reading the graffiti messages across the border wall made me realize the importance of remembering that this is a conflict with difficult, human consequences.

Resolving these conflicting ideas and questions was difficult for everyone in our group. We spoke in large groups and then broke out into pairs. We thought critically about what we had seen, and how it fit into our worldview. Like many students on the trip, I encountered things I did not agree with.

I listened to ideas and claims that made me uncomfortable or confused, but hearing the stories behind these concepts, and being physically there, made me realize that agreement is not what we're missing, it's dialogue — speaking and listening to each other, whether we agree or disagree.

I would encourage every student with the opportunity to travel to the region to do so. For me, it was one of the most powerful ways to understand more about the complexity of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It was also an opportunity for me to feel proud of my connection to Israel. For all of us on the trip, it was clear that there are not just two sides, narratives, or experiences.

The frustration we feel at complexity might make the Israeli-Palestinian conflict seem unapproachable, but that does not mean we should give up on learning about it. It does not mean we should embrace one narrative, just because it is easier. It means questioning our views and being critical thinkers about problems that may or may not affect us. Above all, it means being committed to dialogue and to understanding each other.



Hillel delegation to Israel 2018

**Israeli Film Festival**

Please join our shlichim in celebrating Israeli cinema with these three films. This is a community event. All are welcome.

March 13, 7:00 pm at Hillel:  
*On the Map*

March 15, 7:00 pm at Hillel:  
*Women's Balcony*

April 16, 7:00 pm at Hillel:  
*Ben Gurion, Epilogue*

For more details about the films and locations, please refer to page 23

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# Teaching Teachers How to Use Drumming in the Classroom

By LAURIE ZIMMERMAN  
CONGREGATION SHAAREI SHAMAYIM  
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The Madison Jewish Educators' Council (MJEC) launched its first program with Elmore Lawson, who taught a group of teachers, as well as community members from Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, and Temple Beth El, how to use drumming in the classroom and the community.

Participants spent the first hour drumming as Elmore modeled his techniques. He then led a training session on how to integrate what the participants had experienced into a variety of situations.

Melissa Erin, a teacher at Temple Beth El, shared, "The power and belief that drumming can bring all walks of life together to feel a connection was an 'aha' moment for me. I will never look at a drum circle the same again. Teaching that we all bring a special uniqueness to the circle, that we all must respect and honor each other's differences, are great lessons I can use in my classroom."

The Madison Jewish Educators' Council is comprised of the education directors of Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, along with the directors of Gan Hayaed and Midrasha.

Other workshops designed to help teachers and community leaders cultivate new skills have been planned. Save the date for a special workshop with Jewish storyteller, Marilyn Price, on Sunday, April 15, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

These workshops are free of charge and are generously supported by the Jewish Federation of Madison.

**Learn How to Do Improv in the Community and With Your Students – A Workshop with Dan Jacobsohn**  
Sunday, March 4  
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Working in a school? Planning programs in your community? Or just looking for a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon? The Madison Jewish Educators' Council invites you to join them for a workshop with Temple Beth El member, Dan Jacobsohn. He will expand our toolbox of teaching methods with improv, a form of acting where what is performed is unplanned and unscripted, created spontaneously by the performers. The dialogue, action, story, and characters are created collaboratively by the players.

How can you use this in the classroom or community? Think Purim schpiels, a dramatic d'var Torah, board meeting intro, family retreat, youth group program, Shavuot workshop, or a Hebrew school lesson. Delve into Jewish tradition and use improv as an educational tool to engage students and expand and deepen your conversations. There will be time for reflection and feedback throughout the workshop. No prior experience is necessary.

Dan is the owner of Bricks & Mini-figs Madison, a store that buys, sells, and trades new and used Lego products. Prior to his brick adventures, Dan was in a number of IT positions over a twenty-year period. He was involved in all aspects of the industry, from technical support to programming to leadership. It was during this time that Dan discovered that he could blend his passions for improvisational theatre and leadership development. With his friend and colleague Brian McDonald, Dan developed a curriculum for leaders and instructors to incorporate the best practices from improvisational theatre techniques.

To RSVP please contact Rachel Sauer at Temple Beth El, school@tbemadison.org.

# From Your Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Each year when we have our Passover seders, there are certain portions of the text that jump out at us and help us see the experience in new and fresh ways. Then there are those passages that we wait for, the ones that truly make the seder for us. For some it is the Four Questions, for some it is the singing of Dayenu and for others it is the delicious meal we share with those gathered together to share the experience.

There are two passages that make the Passover Seder a meaningful, significant experience for me. The first is Ha Lachma Anya, an Aramaic statement that sets the framework for the entire seder. "This is the bread of affliction that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and celebrate Passover. Now we are here. Next year in the land of Israel. Now we are slaves. Next year we will be free."

This passage reminds us to be grateful for freedom and for the blessing of food. It also reminds us that we are not allowed to simply enjoy this freedom and plenty. It calls upon us to take responsibility to ensure that all people who need

food are fed. It also reminds us that we are not truly free when there are others, who are not blessed to live in freedom and security.

The second passage is "B'chol dor vador, hayav adam lirot et atzmo c'eelu who yatzah mimitzrayim." "In every generation, we are obligated to see ourselves as if we were the ones who went out from Egypt." This passage reminds us to consider that this story was one in which we directly participated. The authors of this passage want us to feel the pain, the sorrow and the joy of having experienced the Exodus from Egypt ourselves.

These two passages together remind us that the Passover story isn't some quaint story that we recall with a big fancy meal. It is a story that calls upon us to use our own experiences to better the lives of others. This imperative is the call to tikkun olam, to perfect the world. As the ones who experienced oppression, deprivation and pain, we are called upon to make certain no one else suffers the way we did.

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Dan Jacobsohn

# Best of Madison Business 2018: Doing well by doing good; Honoring five leaders in the business world

By NEIL HEINEN

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*Editor's Note: Mazel Tov to Susan and Jonathan Lipp for being recognized by "Best of Madison 2018." The following is an excerpt from the article that recognizes five businesses.*

These five local leaders in the business community do more than just grow their own businesses—they contribute to Madison's extraordinary history of doing well by doing good.

Madison Magazine has always recognized the impact that our region's business community has had on life in our city. The very pages of this magazine each month have reflected that intersection of lifestyle and business and the many ways each enhances the other. As we enter our 40th year of telling the stories that define that unique relationship,

we add five more names to the list of 71 Best of Madison Business honorees.

Their business acumen, stewardship and community trusteeship have contributed to Madison's extraordinary history of doing well by doing good. In 2018, we recognize Gary Gorman's commitment to sustainable, responsible, affordable housing; Robert N. Trunzo's vision for a consciously capitalist financial services company; Susan and Jonathan Lipp's family-driven philanthropy and contributions to education, music and early development; and Greg St. Fort's passion for innovation and community building. They encompass today's Madison business climate and culture. Each in their own individual way is the Best of Madison.

Full Compass was as cool as it got

in 1971, when Jonathan Lipp founded the professional sound studio. Booking time at Full Compass put your band on the map. Scoring a live radio gig at the studio was a career highlight for some. He then founded Full Compass Systems Ltd. in 1977, when his wife Susan Lipp joined the company. Business grew nationally, and so did the couple's renowned philanthropic giving.

While Susan is quick to include Jonathan in every mention of Full Compass's generosity, and rightfully so, it is her name that rises to the top when business and nonprofit leaders are asked to name business people they respect. Together they have built a resume of giving and advocacy that has won them a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Madison chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and recognition for contributing to the designation of 25 Wisconsin districts as "Best Communi-

ties for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation.

The Lipp's partner with Full Compass employees to support a wide variety of groups through the company's Charitable Contributions Committee, including the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County, the Foundation for Madison Public Schools, the Jewish Federation of Madison and virtually every music education and performance group you can think of. Susan and Jonathan Lipp are an important part of the foundation of philanthropic business life in Madison and Dane County. And 47 years later, Full Compass is still as cool as it gets.

To see the profiles of the other business leaders recognized by Madison Magazine, go to:

<https://www.channel3000.com/madison-magazine/city-life/best-of-madison-business-2018-doing-well-by-doing-good/>



Susan and Jonathan Lipp

## Governor Walker Calls Special Session on Welfare Reform

By MICHAEL BLUMENFELD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WISCONSIN JEWISH CONFERENCE

WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ERIN FABRIZIUS

Governor Walker called a special session on welfare reform on January 18 and directed the Legislature to pass a ten-bill package that includes increased work and drug testing requirements for public assistance recipients. "We want to help people pursue careers to support themselves and their families. You see, public assistance should be more like a trampoline and not a hammock," said Governor Walker in his State of the State Address on January 24.

Over 70 organizations oppose the legislation. "We support proven, effective solutions to help individuals and families escape poverty, not costly, unproven, punitive, ineffective measures," wrote the groups in a joint memo sent to the Governor and Legislature. These bills are quickly advancing through the Legislature. A joint public hearing was held on the package on January 31, and many of the bills have already been vot-

ed out of committee. The full Assembly voted on the package February 15 and the Senate will likely act on the bills before early March.

The package includes proposals to:

- Require Medicaid recipients to have a Health Savings Account
- Drug test some public housing residents and require them to have employment plans
- Create additional assets limits for FoodShare, Wisconsin Works and Wisconsin Shares based on home and vehicle values
- Require all able-bodied adults, including those with children over the age of six, to work or participate in a training program in order to receive FoodShare (food stamps)
- Increase the required number of work and training hours for FoodShare recipients

## Outreach Happenings

By TIZ GOFF

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

It's already been a busy 2018! Matzah Balls, the Federation's coed sports team, took first place (again!) in basketball, started another season of basketball, and is now preparing for their community-wide first-place celebration. Please join us on February 20.

SPF (Singles, Professionals, and (Adults with) Families) members exhausted themselves at Sky Zone in January and are now gearing up for an Escape This experience, on February 18, a Geeks Mania event on March 22 and will be crafting at Revel on April 15.

Jewish Adults of Madison (JAM) watched an incredible movie, The Women's Balcony which was perfect for dis-

cussion, planned a movie trip to watch Oscar-nominated films, and will host its 2nd Annual Oscars party on March 4.

Babies 0-2 years of age watched their moms get in shape at a Stroller Strides class at Keva in January and February. Playgroups, coffee dates, and Shabbat dinners will be popping up soon on the calendar!

Mitzvah Makers will be volunteering at Second Harvest on March 8 for their kickoff event!

Have an idea? Not sure where to begin? Let's talk. Watch for details of these events at [www.jewishmadison.org](http://www.jewishmadison.org) or email me at [outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org).

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# Upcoming



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# EVENTS

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**March 4, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison**

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## Cafe Ivrit

**March 4, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

**Steep and Brew, 6656 Odana Rd., Madison, WI 53719**

Contact Shlomit Ezer: [israel@jewishmadison.org](mailto:israel@jewishmadison.org). Practice your conversational Hebrew over coffee with the Israeli Shlichim, Tal and Shlomit, and other friends from the community!

## JAM Watches the Oscars

**March 4, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

**RSVP for Location**

Contact Tiz Goff: [outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org). JAM (Jewish Adults of Madison) will watch the Oscars! Please bring a vegetarian dish to share with the group. For more details and location, please contact Tiz Goff.

## Matzah Balls Play Basketball

**March 6, 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm**

**Other dates: March 13, 20, 27**

**Boys & Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Rd., Madison, WI 53711**

Contact Tiz Goff: [outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org). The Matzah Balls, our co-ed sports team, would love some fans to cheer them on in their 4th session of Basketball. The team was awarded Madison Sports and Social Club League Champs last session in an undefeated season. This is the second year in a row they've won 1st place in the league.



## Camp Registration

**March 6 for returning campers, families, and alumni**

**March 7 for all campers (new and returning)**

Registration Opens online at [jewishmadison.org/camp](http://jewishmadison.org/camp)

## Mitzvah Makers Volunteer at Second Harvest

**March 8, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Second Harvest, 2802 Dairy Drive, Madison, WI 53718**

Contact Tiz Goff: [outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org). Mitzvah Makers is the Jewish Federation of Madison's newest group. Want to volunteer? This is the group for you! The Mitzvah Makers will be volunteering for group projects on a regular basis at different organizations throughout the Madison community. This volunteer project is at Second Harvest. As volunteers, you will be getting food and other products ready for distribution to Second Harvest partner agencies — food pantries, shelters, meal sites, etc. Your tasks may include sorting, labeling, packaging food to family-friendly portions, and cleaning the work area following the project. Minimum age to volunteer on this project is 12 years old. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

## SPF Goes to Geek Mania

**March 22, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Geeks Mania Arcade, 6502 Odana Rd., Madison, WI 53719**

Contact Tiz Goff: [outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org). Cost: \$18. Please join us for all-you-can-play arcade games at Geeks Mania!! The event is 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm but you may come earlier. Price will include admission, Costco cheese and veggie pizza, and non-alcoholic drinks. Register online at [www.jewishmadison.org](http://www.jewishmadison.org)



## Erev Passover

**March 30**

*Enjoy your friends and family at your Seders.*

*Chag Sameach!*

# Kashering the Kitchen for Pesach at Adamah

By JERILYN GOODMAN

UW-HILLEL IS A JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATION

Every year at Passover, do you eat only food prepared at home, or feel guilty and dread bumping into people you know at a restaurant? Worry no more. Adamah Neighborhood Table, Madison's only kosher restaurant, is offering a full menu that's strictly Kosher for Passover.

Adamah's award-winning chef, Jason Kierce, brings his unique talent to a menu that includes daily matzah brei specials at breakfast, his own homemade gefilte fish and chicken schnitzel "breaded" with matzah. During Passover, Adamah's wide assortment of sandwiches will be served on latkes, rather than bread, and soups and salads abound, in accordance with all dietary laws. Also on the menu are Adamah classics: shakshuka (eggs poached in mediterranean marinara sauce), sweet potato hash and smoked brisket.

The process of rendering the kitchen kosher (kashering) for Passover is rigorous. "Most restaurants that keep kosher close down due to the costs of re-kashering the entire kitchen," explained Chef Jason. "We enjoy taking the time to regroup and cleanse our surroundings," he said. Overseen by Kosher Supervisors of Wisconsin, Jason and his staff first remove all chametz (non-Kosher for Passover edibles) from the kitchen. Next, every piece of equipment, utensils, dishes, shelving, knives, forks, and anything that comes in contact with food is cleaned of chametz. Only when this thorough deep cleaning is approved by the rabbi can the process of kashering for Pesach begin.

Kashering items for Passover is done in a variety of ways, with some things exposed to extremely high temperatures to burn away any residual chametz. Most items are kashered using boiling water. Adamah takes further precautions by placing aluminum foil on all surfaces

that may still harbor remnants of chametz. The process takes multiple days and is a very intense time for cooks who need to start cooking for the holiday, but can't begin until the kitchen is certified Kosher for Passover. "It feels like we are in a completely new kitchen when Passover begins," said Jason, adding, "We do a traditional gefilte fish and a not so traditional one, and I love them both."

Guests may dine à la carte or choose from three meal plans for the duration of the holiday: lunch only; lunch and dinner; or breakfast, lunch and dinner. Delivery is possible through Eatstreet April 1 through April 5. Except for those on a meal plan, the restaurant is closed on Yom Tov, March 30 and 31 and April 6 and 7. For the full Passover menu and hours, visit [adamahmadison.com](http://adamahmadison.com). This Passover, enjoy a delicious, guilt-free meal at Adamah, 611 Langdon St.



Not Yo Mamma's Gefilte Fish

## Donate Men's Clothing to Collectors Corner for Refugees

The next time you clean out your closets, think about donating your gently used items to Collectors Corner — Hadassah's Resale Store. Madison Hadassah is working with Madison's Jewish Social Services to provide refugees with clothing and other supplies. All donations (not consignments) are free for refugees.

"I wish that everyone could see how important seasonally appropriate clothing is for refugees. In the winter, refugees coming from hot regions like the Congo need thick coats, boots right away," says Shelly Stillman. "As we go into spring now, they will need

rain gear such as raincoats, umbrellas, boots and sweaters for everyone from infants to adults. We always need men's clothing."

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# What do Walking and Cooking Adventures have to do with Hadassah?

By CORLISS KARASOV

PRESIDENT, MADISON HADASSAH

In the United States, Hadassah's many priorities include helping American women lead healthier lives, educating women about diseases that affect them, and advocating at every level of government on issues that affect women's health.

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- Jewish History of Madison – the first 70 years
- History of the Jewish Presence at the University of Wisconsin
- Pheasant Branch Conservancy

- Birdwatching at Pheasant Branch Conservancy
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- Vilas Park Family Adventure
- The University of Wisconsin Arboretum in spring and fall
- Epic Campus Landscaping
- Epic Prairie and Farm Campus
- Epic's Storybook Campus
- Pewit's Nest Gorge near Baraboo
- Backstage at Overture
- Cooking Adventure with Hillel's Chef, Jason Kierce.

Please share your suggestions for more of these or other adventures.

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# Meeting in Jerusalem: A CJS Course at the UW-Madison

By KATIE VAUGHN

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For thousands of years, Jerusalem has held unparalleled significance in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. A chance to learn more about this fascinating city — site of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Jewish Temples and Jesus' Tomb — is a big draw for students who sign up for the course Jerusalem: Holy City of Conflict and Desire. Professor of Jewish Studies Rachel Brenner places the city of Jerusalem squarely at the center of an exploration of how three major monotheistic religions intersect — and divide. Brenner delves into the long history of conflicts and wars by which the religions have sought to gain control of Jerusalem. She also emphasizes discussion of current events in the region, so students understand how tensions continue to play out. "The course is really talking about how religions affect or shape the political situation — and vice versa," she says. "It's so connected."

Although students don't travel to Je-

rusalem, they do take a field trip to Milwaukee to visit the Jewish Museum, a mosque and a church.

Hilary Miller, a Milwaukee native pursuing degrees in political science and history and a certificate in Jewish Studies; Mishal Shah, an international studies major from Lahore, Pakistan; and Michael Bellart, a history and political science major from Muskego, Wisconsin, all say the course taught them about the city, but also about themselves and each other. The students discuss their experiences below.

*What were your expectations going into the Jerusalem course?*

Hilary: I was excited to take this class in a small-group setting, where conversation would be more intimate and exploratory. Having been raised Jewish, I was excited to share my religious and cultural insight to the class as well as to learn from my peers of their identities and backgrounds.

*Did you focus more on the history of the city, or what Jerusalem is like today?*

Michael: We talked about current events a lot. Because the course was geared toward topics in the Middle East, we would use our historical knowledge of the region to make connections to modern events taking place in the Middle East.

*What were the highlights of the course for you?*

Mishal: We got to learn about all three monotheistic religions! Coming from Pakistan, I had not had an opportunity to study all three religions in a class that had students from each faith sharing their personal beliefs as well. It reminded me about how similar we are, although we are raised poles apart.

Hilary: I appreciated how the course was taught very fairly. Often, it is easy to present this highly sensitive information with bias. I truly feel as though I gained a holistic understanding of the historical underpinnings and contemporary issues

that surround the conflict over Jerusalem.

*How did having a background in one of the religions covered in the course affect your experience?*

Michael: I feel like I assumed the role of the "Catholic," and it was awesome to talk to Professor Brenner about Christianity's historical interactions with both Islam and Judaism. She was very respectful when it came to topics of controversy concerning Judeo-Christian relations, and that made me only want to learn more about Judaism and her beliefs.

*What surprised you the most?*

Mishal: At first, I thought it would be tough doing justice in representing a Muslim point of view. But I soon discovered that I was lucky to be able to inform my fellow peers about the traditions I have grown up. The pleasure I received in seeing people's views about Islam being reformed in an age when Muslims are not seen in a very positive light is an experience that has shaped me forever.

## Kesher Israel Skype with Anat Hoffman

By JOANNA BERKE

CHAIR, KESHER ISRAEL COMMITTEE, TEMPLE BETH EL

*Editor's note: Kesher (meaning connection). The Kesher Israel committee at Temple Beth El attempts to make connections between individuals and organizations in Israel and the United States*

Anat Hoffman, leader of the Women of the Wall, and executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center, joined Madison Jewish community via Skype at Temple Beth El, Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

She began her talk with a few jokes and then plunged into the concerns and questions many of us have today. She didn't mince words. Israel, she said, is being ruled by a tiny minority of its population.

She spoke about the inequality of women and men at the Wall; refugees now being turned back to their countries

of origin where wars are waging; the suffering of Palestinians in the West Bank. Anat spoke about money coming from various organizations and the concerns of how money is being spent.

Anat took questions from the group. Some had been sent in for her to view before-hand; some came directly from the audience. The over-riding question from all was: what can be done? And Anat's response was direct and challenging.

Her response: what are you doing? She stated clearly that we diaspora Jews need to have our voices heard as much as the Israeli Jews are heard and it is important for us to be aware and engaged. Anat spelled out what we can do — we can watch carefully where we put our dollars, we can write letters to the Israeli Embassy, we can call the Embassy, we

can write to Netanyahu, to the Knesset. In short, we can make ourselves heard. If we do this, she said, Prime Minister Netanyahu and the Knesset, will take note!

If you would like to be involved in the Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Committee, please contact me, Joanna Berke at jbee199914@aol.com.



## Important Deadline Approaches for Pre-Purchasing Cemetery Plots

By JUDITH BLACK

PRESIDENT OF JEWISH BURIAL ASSOCIATION OF MADISON

Planning for death and burial is not at the top of anyone's list for fun activities for a Sunday afternoon, however, I ask you to do just that.

A deadline is rapidly approaching, so Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) is asking you to think about your plans for a Jewish burial as we will be launching a major sale and fundraising campaign this spring to assure that Madison's Jewish community has a Jewish cemetery for the next fifty years.

JBAM serves the entire Madison Jewish community by overseeing the Beit Olamim, the Jewish section of the Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery located at 7302 Mineral Point Road, in Madison, Wisconsin. Beit Olamim was purchased in 2009. It needs to pre-sell many more plots and to perform aesthetic updates by 2020, otherwise we risk losing this treasured piece of our Jewish community.

In the next several months, JBAM

will be working with the synagogues and Jewish agencies in Madison in an effort to meet our commitments by 2020. Pre-purchasing your plot in the Jewish cemetery makes financial sense, saves your survivors the burden of making decisions at an emotionally painful time, and helps assure that we have a Jewish cemetery for years to come. Start thinking. Stay tuned to the Madison Jewish News, synagogue bulletins, and social media.

If you are interested in lending your professional or amateur talents to one of our committees, we would welcome your participation. Please contact me at judithblank91@yahoo.com. I would love to hear from you.



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# Congregation News

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## Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El is a place where warmth, connections, spiritual life, and dynamic programs all come together. We are proud to be the voice of Reform Judaism in Madison, and we build upon a rich legacy of social responsibility and tikkun olam. We welcome you to become a part of our story. To learn more about our events and programs or to register or RSVP, visit [tbemadison.org](http://tbemadison.org)

We hope you can join us for these upcoming events:

### Shabbat Starts Here – Featuring the Jewish Artists’ Lab

Friday, March 2

6:00 pm service, 6:45 pm dinner, 7:45 pm program

As part of the Shabbat Starts Here Program, members of the TBE community, will be showing their work called, “Artists doing Artists.” These members of the Jewish Artists’ Lab will discuss their work, and why they chose their subjects, along with a bit about the lives of the artists and the process of creating the portraits. Participants will be invited to discuss what makes their work or messages Jewish.

### PJ Library Tots and Tunes

Sunday, March 4

10:30 am–11:30 am  
For young children (ages 0-5) and their families. Enjoy playful, musical, educational moments, including a PJ Library story and meaningful craft project.

### A Serenade of Classical Jewish Music on a Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, March 4  
3:00 pm–7:00 pm

You are invited to enjoy:

- Pasta dishes provided by Madison area restaurants and TBE chefs (vegetarian and gluten-free options available)
  - Jonathan Suttin from the Triple M - 105.5 FM Morning Show
  - A delicious dessert auction with Dan Mitchell as the auctioneer! Dessert donations to be auctioned off are very appreciated!
  - Dessert auction proceeds to benefit: TBE Youth Programming, TBE Scholarship Fund, El Hogar Colegio La Milagrosa de Arecibo (a Puerto Rican school and orphanage devastated by Hurricane Maria)
- RSVP at [tbemadison.org/form/matty-fundraiser.html](http://tbemadison.org/form/matty-fundraiser.html)

### Family History Series III: Family Stories

Sundays, March 11, May 6

1:30 pm–2:30 pm

Learn how to capture and preserve precious information about your family’s history from relatives, friends, and neighbors. Hear about approaches and tools for interviewing people and documenting the details for future generations through texts, audio, and video.

### Madison Jews Next D’or Meet & Greet Dinner at Sai Bai Thong

Thursday, March 15

7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Hungry and ready to mingle? Come meet, greet, and eat your way through a tasty family style meal with fellow 20- and 30- somethings in the Madison Jewish community. Dinner will be \$20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Bring a friend and join us! RSVP to Gwen Jacobsohn at [program@tbemadison.org](mailto:program@tbemadison.org)

so we have enough seats around the table(s).

### Tastes of Passover

Sunday, March 18

9:45 am–11:30 am

Learn about Passover cooking in a hands-on lesson, share recipes/traditions, and taste delicious goodies! This event is free and open to everyone who wants to experience Jewish holiday cooking, hear about other families’ traditions, and learn new recipes!

Have a favorite recipe, story, or dish to share? Please tell us! Email [program@tbemadison.org](mailto:program@tbemadison.org)

### Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System Educational Series

Tuesday, March 20

7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Facilitated group discussion of Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemp-

tion by Bryan Stevenson, a case study of the American criminal justice system. Facilitated by Rev. Jerry Hancock, a former Wisconsin assistant attorney general and currently director of First Congregational Church’s Prison Ministry Project. You are welcome to attend regardless of whether you have read the book. (Available at the Madison Public Library.)

### Social Action Shabbat

Friday, March 23

Service: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm

Speaker/discussion: 7:30 pm

Oneg Shabbat: 8:30 pm

Sagahus Levingston, author of the book *Infamous Mothers* will share stories of African-American marginalized mothers that will inspire and inform us of the humanity and value of women who have overcome incredible challenges to accomplish extraordinary things. Register for dinner at <https://www.tbemadison.org/event/SACDinner2018>

## Temple Beth El Israel Film Series Presents: Presenting Princess Shaw

Showing: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Place: Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive

Doors Open: 7:00 pm, Film Shown: 7:15 pm

Without her knowledge, an Israeli record producer takes the songs of a struggling, totally unknown woman in America and transforms them with the musical backgrounds they deserve before releasing them to the internet in tribute to her talent. In this documentary, we learn about her life and his and how it came to pass that their lives touch each other’s.

Director: Ido Haar Producer: Liranatzmor, Stephen Apkon Produced: 2016 Stars: Princess Shaw and Kutiman Genre: Documentary Run time: 1 hour, 33 min. Rating: Keshet Israel Committee rates this film PG13 due to language content. Temple Beth El Keshet Film Series is a program sponsored by Jewish Federation of Madison.

Upcoming Keshet Films: Wednesday, April 18, 2018, *The Settlers*  
Wednesday, May 16, 2018, *One Week and a Day*

## Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Shaarei Shamayim, Madison’s Inclusive Jewish Community, 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 us (608) 257-2944.

### A Conversation with Abril Moreno, Organizer for Voces de la Frontera

Friday, March 2

Please call the office for location.

Join us for a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm followed by a conversation with Abril Moreno, the Madison organizer of Voces de la Frontera, Wisconsin’s leading immigrant rights organization, at 7:15 pm. Abril will share what the Madison chapter has been doing, discuss Voces’ efforts to fight for immigrant rights, and help our members get involved. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

### Get Involved in Social Justice in a Jewish Community

Sunday, March 4

9:50 am–11:30 am

RISE, 2120 Fordem Avenue

Looking to get involved in a social justice project? Want to learn about different opportunities to engage in the world around you? Shaarei Shamayim holds a community social action meeting three times a year to help members and friends find a project that’s right for them. Opportunities include serving meals with Friends of the State Street Family, raising money for Voces de la Frontera, helping a refugee family resettle with Jewish Social Services, and creating a circle of support for returning prisoners through Madison-area Urban Ministry.

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

Wednesday, March 7, 4:30 pm

Please call the office for location.

Curious about Judaism? Join Rabbi

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

### Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays, March 10 and 24

First Unitarian Society,  
900 University Bay Drive

On March 10 we will have a musical intergenerational Shabbat service for kids and adults of all ages 9:30 am – 11:00 am followed by a bagel lunch. This is a great opportunity to check out our children’s education program and meet our families. On March 24 we will have Torah study at 9:30 am followed by a service at 10:30 am and Kiddush at 12:30 pm.

### Passover Dessert Tasting Competition

Saturday, March 10, 6:00 pm

Please call the office for location.

All are welcome at our annual competition. Bring your favorite authentic Passover dessert to share. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. Suzanne and Mike Swift will provide a simple pasta dinner.

### Community Passover Seder

Saturday, March 31, 5:30 pm

First Unitarian Society  
Atrium Building

Join us for our Passover Seder led and organized by members of our congregation. We will gather together to retell the story of Passover and build community during this popular holiday. There is no charge to attend, but participants must RSVP in advance. We ask that you bring items for the Seder, as well as a vegetarian Passover dish for dinner. Please call the office for more information.

# Beth Israel Center

Come see what our lively, traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Beth Israel Center programs and services are open to all; visitors are especially welcome. Please introduce yourself. Some events require registration; most are open to all. 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. Rabbi Barth schedules schmooze time a few times each month in coffee shops. Visit our website, [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org), or our Facebook page for more information. Here are some upcoming calendar highlights:

**Purim Celebrations**  
Wednesday, February 28  
5:45 pm dinner, 6:15 games and Megillah reading  
Thursday, March 1, 7:00 am

Enjoy a casual meal and festive games before hearing the whole Megillah at Beth Israel Center. Dress up as your favorite Purim persona! Come in costume and bring a box of pasta (small shapes work best) to use as a gragger and then donate to a local food pantry. Play our very own Purim adaptation of the popular radio show, "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me!" Reservations are required for dinner, which begins at 5:45 pm, but not for the Megillah reading. Call the office or check our website for details. On Thursday morning, March 1, come hear the Megillah again during morning minyan beginning at 7:00 am.

**Shabbat Morning Meditation**  
Saturdays, March 3 and 17  
9:15 am–10:00 am

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

**Kadima Goes Ice-Skating**  
Saturday, March 3  
7:00 pm–10:00 pm

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to meet up for some frosty Kadima fun at

the UW Shell Sports Center on Monroe Street, followed by nosh and hot drinks in the youth lounge at Beth Israel Center. Try out your fancy turns and flips, figure 8s, or how to just stay on your feet long enough to go around the rink. Contact Deborah [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) for more information.

**Schmooze with Rabbi Barth**  
Thursday, March 8  
2:30 pm–3:30 pm  
*Colectivo on Monroe*

Enjoy coffee or your beverage/nosh of choice with Interim Rabbi Sami Barth. This is an open invitation to a table at local coffee bars. Talk about Life, the Meaning of Life, Beth Israel Center, Israel...whatever is on your mind.

**Shabbat Morning Torah Study**  
Saturdays, March 10 and 24  
9:00 am–9:45 am

Rabbi Sami Barth and others will lead about 45 minutes of parsha discussion beginning at 9:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Shabbat of each month. No background or Hebrew language skills needed. Meet on the lower level.

**Z'mirot/Songs of Shabbat**  
Saturday, March 10, 12:30 pm

Just weeks before Pesach, sing new Seder 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.

**MOUSY Does Israeli Cooking with Israeli Shlichim**  
Saturday, March 10, 7:15 pm  
*Home of MOUSY board members*

BIC high schoolers are meeting up in the kitchen to do Israeli cooking with the Madison Jewish Federation Israeli Shlichim, Shlomit and Tal. Come learn how to cook delicious Israeli dishes with a fun and friendly group of teenagers. Contact Deborah [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) for more information including address.

**MOUSY Chametz Drive**  
March 11–29

MOUSY of Beth Israel Center is hosting its second annual Chametz Food Drive from Sunday, March 11 through

Thursday, March 29. As you clear your home of chametz, bring your unopened, non-perishable leavened foods to our collection bin near the office at Beth Israel Center. Food will be donated to the Goodman Community Center. MOUSY appreciates your contribution!

**Advanced Text Study Seudah Shlishit**  
Saturday, March 17  
5:30 pm–7:00ish pm

Enjoy *seudah shlishit* (the third Shabbat meal) featuring spicy vegetarian cholent at Beth Israel Center. In preparation for Pesach, we will explore medieval Rabbinic literature about the Rabbinic Mess that evolved into the "organized" Passover Seder. All are welcome who are comfortable reading and understanding non-vowelled rabbinic texts.

**Siyyum**  
Friday, March 30, 7:00 am

The Talmud prescribes that all in the category of b'khor (first-born) should fast on the eve of Pesach from sunrise until sunset - recalling and recognizing the fate from which they were spared (the final plague visited upon the Egyptians). Many do in fact observe this fast. However, a fast is nullified if there is a Jewish ritual celebration such as a bris or a wedding. It is hard to arrange these specifically for the eve of Pesach, so an approved alternate is a siyyum, the celebration of completing a unit of Talmudic study. Even if only one person has done this, the celebration can be shared by all present. The siyyum (with some bagels and nosh) at BIC will be held following morning minyan on Friday, March 30. All are welcome — first-born or not.

**Subversive Seder**  
Sundays, 9:00 am

Rabbi Sami Barth leads an ongoing series of journeys into the arena of prayer, poetry, music and worship, looking at challenges, paradoxes, and occasionally a pathway forward. For the month leading up to Pesach, explorations will dig into the Rabbinic Mess that evolved into the "organized" Passover seder. Following Sunday morning minyan with light breakfast, each session stands alone. Come when you can. All are welcome. Call the office, email [rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org), or check our website calendar to confirm meeting dates.

**Conversational Yiddish**  
Mondays, 7:00 pm

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

**Talmud Class**  
Wednesday mornings, 9:15 am

Join Rabbi Sami Barth for Talmud study on most Wednesday mornings. From February 21 until Pesach, the focus will be tractate Pesachim and discussions will examine the Rabbinic Mess that became the "organized" Passover seder. No experience or Hebrew/Aramaic language skills required. Check the calendar on the BIC website ([www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org)) or contact the office to confirm class dates.

**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 as people begin to gather and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45.

Our Shabbat morning worship begins with Birchat HaShachar and continues through P'sukei d'zimra, Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. On March 10, kiddush will be sponsored by the children of Judith Zukerman Kaufman (z"l) on the occasion of her first *yahrzeit*. On March 17, kiddush will be sponsored by the children of Anna Heifetz. Each week during the school year we offer age-appropriate tefilla (prayer) for all children, babies through age 12, at 10:30 am. Younger children should bring their grown-ups along. Visitors are always welcome! To receive schedule updates and other information, subscribe to our e-newsletter or "Like" us on Facebook. For the e-news, subscribe on our website or email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) and ask to be added.

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# Sue Robinson Challenges Us to Nuance Our Conversations, Use Our Power to Amplify Marginalized Voices

BY RABBI LAURIE ZIMMERMAN  
SHAAREI SHAMAYIM

University of Wisconsin-Madison journalism professor, Sue Robinson, spoke to a group of 25 people at Shaarei Shamayim on February 18 about her new book, *Networked News, Racial Divides: How Power and Privilege Shape Public Discourse in Progressive Communities*.

Examining obstacles to public dialogues about racial inequality in mid-sized liberal cities, Robinson described communities struggling with K-12 education achievement gaps. Her talk focused on how privilege shapes public discourse and how communities can better facilitate discussions about race.

Robinson spoke about her own journey learning about race and exploring her own racism. She described how she attended trainings and workshops, did much reading, and volunteered in places where she could interact with marginalized communities. Through these experiences her understanding of race, her teaching, and her social circle changed.

Robinson addressed the 2011 community-wide debate about the proposed Madison Preparatory Academy, a charter school that was designed to address racial achievement gaps in Madison and looked at why the public debate turned

so vitriolic. She argued that a few key players were responsible for most of the information that was circulating and that they were only talking to their own networks. The conversations that unfolded each happened in their own silo and did not lead to a widespread community conversation across difference that could have been productive.

Robinson argued that in order to address racial inequality, white liberals or progressives must nuance their positions, recognize white privilege, and give up power by bringing in marginalized voices.

Following her presentation members discussed how to educate ourselves around race, build authentic friendships and connections across racial lines, and work as a Jewish community to bridge the racial gap.



Sue Robinson

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**Natalie Borenstein**, mother of Steven (Sandy) Borenstein and Neil (Sue) Borenstein, grandmother of Daniel, Allie, Jacob, and Ben

**Sandra Schwartz-Bryan**, mother of David (Tina) Schwartz and Steven (Doris) Schwartz, grandmother of Estee Schwartz, Anna (Jason) Shurak, and Alison (Adam) VanEperen, and great grandmother of Tova and Masden Shurak and Henry and Bode VanEperen

**Dr. Melvin P. Siedband**, husband of Dottie Siedband (z"l), father of Marc (Debbie) Siedband and Rick Siedband (Carol Sarnat), grandfather of Elan, David, Michael (Asva Agulnik); Kyla and great grandfather of Pasha

**Dorothy H. Kravetz**, mother of Diane Kravetz (Mark Saltzman), grandmother of David and Becky Saltzman, and great-grandmother of Robert Saltzman

**James Vandenberg**, father of Michelle Wallach, and grandfather of Noah and Sam Wallach

**Harvey Johnson**, father of Kathi (Michael) Johnson and Rock and Stephanie Stichter

**Irving Yaffe**, father of Michael (Nancy) Yaffe, grandfather of Lauren (Scott) Kalish and Mark (Rachel) Yaffe, and grandfather of Layla and Arielle

**Jean Goldman**, mother of Irwin (Leora Saposnik) Goldman, grandmother of Eliav and Aviv Goldman. Condolences to Irwin's father, Ted; Irwin's siblings, David and Isadora, and nieces and nephews; Maya, Eva, Ricky, Zoe, and Isabella

**Lawrence Harris**, husband of Beatrice, and father of Rob (Jodi) Harris

**Richard Blue**, uncle of Sara Ben-Ami, and great-uncle of Ora and David Ben-Ami

**Susan McQuade**, sister to Stanley Wachs, aunt to Cindy Scarr and Jonathan and Joshua Wachs; former wife of Dennis McQuade and friend to a devoted community of friends

**Jerome "Jerry" L. Stotsky**, husband of Elinor (z"l), father of David Stotsky, Susan (Maurice) Thaler, and Eileen (Steven) Berkley; grandfather of Sean Stotsky, Tanya Bullwinkle, Leah and Kelsey Uhlenhake; and step-grandfather of Kiera Durgan, Brion Berkley and Sarah Sheehan; great-grandfather of Jerome Stotsky and Oliver Bullwinkle; and uncle of Bruce, Doug, Howard, Elise, Phyllis, and Nancy

**Jerry Kaplan**, brother of Leonard (Martha) Kaplan and uncle of Jonathan and Sarah Kaplan

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*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*

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# Hurricane Recovery: A Look at Your Federation Dollars At Work

By RABBI PAULA WINNIG  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On February 12, 2018, I was in Houston and had the opportunity to see firsthand just how powerful it is to be supported by the combined power of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). I was there to attend the Mid-Cities Executive Training institute sponsored by JFNA. In the morning, I worked at a local food bank, helping to pack food to provide 10,800 meals to local school children. The Houston Food Bank used to provide 1,000,000 meals a year. They are now providing 1,000,000 meals a month!

I also visited the neighborhood in which much of Houston's Jewish community lives, as well as the Jewish Community Center which was devastated by Hurricane Harvey. We met with many local residents as well as the staff of the Jewish community and saw photos, videos and some of the destruction which took place in August of 2017.

Over 2000 Jewish families had significant damage to their homes, some of which were filled with as much as ten feet of bayou water during the storm which brought 51 inches of rain to Houston in just twenty-four hours. We saw videos of synagogues that had their sanctuaries flooded and their prayer books and ritual objects destroyed. We heard stories of families with new born infants having to be evacuated by boats, not knowing where they could go to find shelter and safety.

We also heard stories of the millions of dollars of assistance sent immediately to Houston by the JFNA, the State of Israel and the additional monies contributed through the special JFNA campaign to assist Hurricane Harvey victims. Without this web of connections, the Jewish community would not even be close to recovery. We heard how the Federation, JCC, Jewish Family Services and local synagogues joined together to provide day camp free of charge so that 500 children had a safe place to be while their families began to clean their homes, deal with insurance companies and find new places to live. This camp was open to any children in need of safe shelter. We met staff people who found a way to continue to serve those in need, though their own homes were destroyed.

You can see some of the videos at [Houstonjewish.org](http://Houstonjewish.org).

We heard how the JCC pre-school opened up just a few weeks after the Hurricane in the Tennis pavilion of the JCC even while it still served as an emergency food distribution site for the Houston community. In January, the JCC pre-school was back up and running in its original site after contractors worked around the clock to get it ready. The playground, which was completely submerged in ten feet of water, is once again a place for children to run and play. The JCC has found new ways to continue to serve the many seniors and others who benefit from its programs, despite the damage around them.

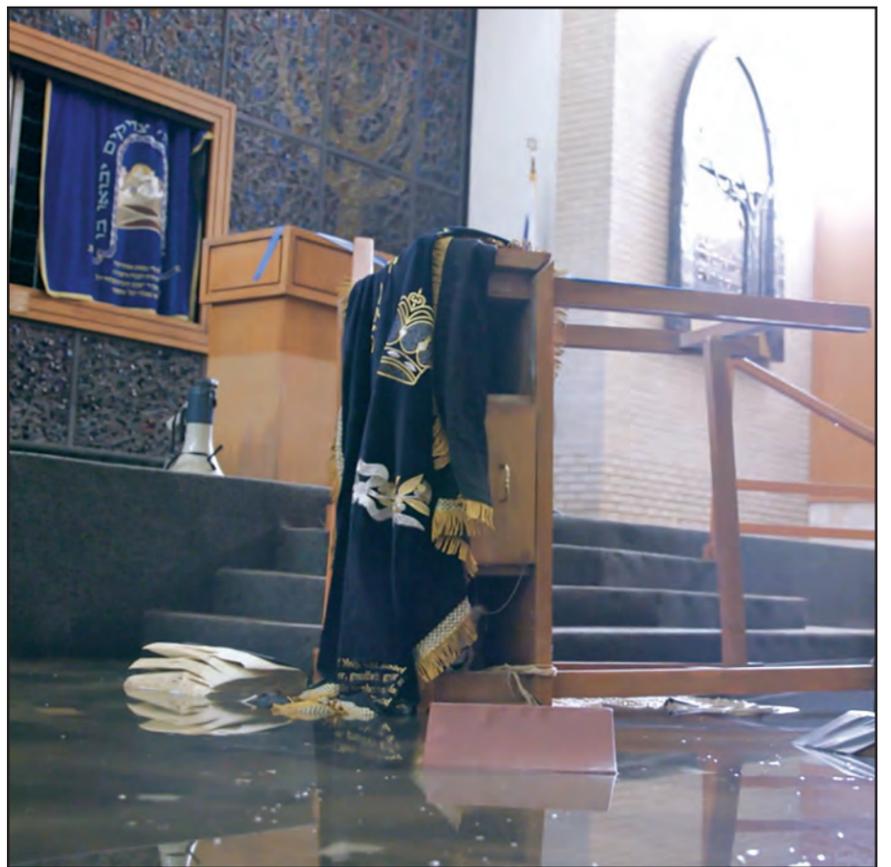
While it will take years for all the buildings in Houston that were damaged to be rebuilt, the people are beginning their long road to recovery. Their pain and suffering that they endured were greatly eased because of the collective power of the Jewish community through the JFNA was there to assist them.

It is the power of the dollars that we contribute to JFNA through our annual dues that makes this possible. Your contributions made it possible to ease the pain and suffering of thousands of people in Houston, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and other locales damaged through Hurricanes last year.

Thank you for your contributions to our Tzedakah Campaign, which makes it possible for us to do our part to help those in need here in Madison, throughout the United States, in Israel and in seventy nations worldwide.



Houston's JCC Tennis Building used as a relief distribution center.



Houston Synagogue following Hurricane Harvey



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Photo taken near the Jewish Community Center in Houston

## Ways to Help Houston:

- Donate to Emergency fund through us or through JFNA <https://jewishfederations.org/hurricane-harvey-relief-fund/> under the first bullet point
- Fly-in to Houston to help out and support the community, March 19-20



# Jewish Education

## Always Learning Something New

By **KIMBERLY ROSENTHAL**  
INTERIM DIRECTOR, MIDRASHA

GUILTY! Or at least students are deciding whether their peers are during the Mock Trials class at Midrasha. For the first few weeks the focus of the class was on refugee resettlement cases, specifically the laws which determine who is let into the United States. Although hard to turn anyone away, students step into the role of judge and advocate to help those in need. The weeks that followed students put biblical figures on trial such as Moses, King David, and soon G-d will be put to the ultimate test by being put on trial.

Our Seniors have been working hard in class as well when they cooked for and served meals to residents at Porchlight. Their Incentive Award essays are also in and it has been a joy to read about and discover the amazing Jewish journey these students have embarked on. Here are what students had to say about their experience at Midrasha:  
"Midrasha sometimes reaffirms what I know, and sometimes challenges my perceptions, but I always leave knowing I am perhaps a little more enlightened than when I came in. There have been a few nights where, busy with work, sports and homework, I wondered about why I



Midrasha Mock Trials

was going in, but always ended up grateful I did after I left."  
"One of the first classes I ever took at Midrasha was the alternative religions class. Instead of focusing solely on Judaism, it bolstered a discussion about values and morals through the perspective of other religions as well. I think that understanding and being knowledgeable



Midrasha Mock Trials

about other cultures and practices is necessary to interact with different people in an appropriate and substantial way, as well as also teaching us to more diligently try to observe and be respectful of other viewpoints."  
"My Midrasha experience has helped me grow as an activist, a learner, and a community member. Firstly, Midra-

sha enlightened me on numerous topics that public schools just don't have the capability to teach. From Israel related issues, to Jews in Entertainment, to the Holocaust, I have become aware of issues that directly and indirectly affect me. Through numerous classes at Midrasha, we have been presented ways to advocate for social and political change."

## Ivrit B'Kef: Upcoming Israel Programs

By **SHLOMIT EZER**

Time is flying when you're having fun! Ivrit B'kef is well into its second semester, with more songs, games and Hebrew every week. Ivrit B'kef participants want to wish the entire Jewish community in Madison "Chag Pesach Seme'ach", Happy Passover!



# Gan HaYeled in Action

By MARLA BECKER  
DIRECTOR, GAN HAYELED



Who needs to go to South Korea when we have the Winter Olympics at Gan?!



Shlomit helped us make Purim Cards to bring to a preschool in Israel for the Partnership2gether Twinning Program.



Even the youngest has a special role!



We all gather for our school shabbat celebration!



Creating puzzle trees is so much fun.



Making a bird feeder will help the animals!



We are planting parsley for Passover.



What a wonderful seder!

# Support Camp Shalom's 65<sup>th</sup> Summer, Become a Corporate Sponsor

Help us celebrate Camp Shalom's 65th 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 2017 we were able to award \$109,000 to 182 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

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- Director's Circle \$10,000+ (~14 Campers' Tuition)
- Shalom Circle \$5000-\$9999 (~7-13 Campers' Tuition)
- Friendship Circle \$2600-\$4999 (~4-7 Campers' Tuition)
- Camper's Circle: \$795-\$2599 (~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.




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### **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 2018 month of your choice. The MJN is the monthly newspaper of the Madison Jewish Community and has a circulation of ~2250 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 5/4/18)
- A complimentary family pass for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool for the 2018 summer season (valued at \$310)
- 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 2018)
- Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

### **Shalom Circle \$5,000-\$9,999 (7-14 Campers' Tuition)**

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lies with a circulation of 950 households

- Logo / Company Name on banner at Goodman Aquatic Center (for those sponsorships received before 5/4/18)
- 20 individual guest passes or a complimentary adult or youth pass for the 5,500 square-foot *Goodman Aquatic Center* pool for the 2018 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 \$2,600-\$4,999 (4-7 Campers' Tuition)**

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- 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 5/4/18)
- 10 individual guest passes to Goodman Campus Pool for the summer of 2018
- Recognition in the MJN for sponsorship

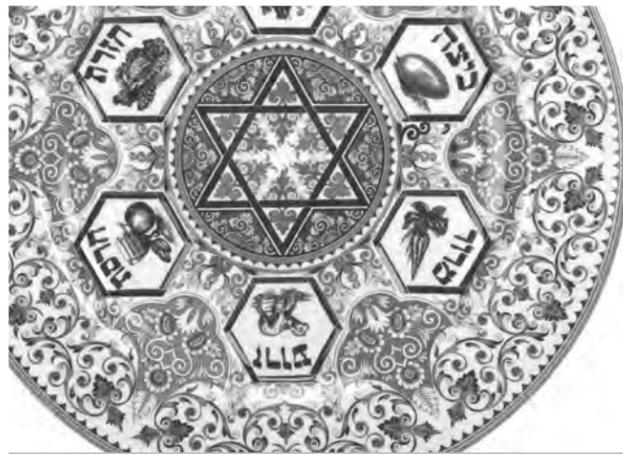
### **Camper's Circle: \$795-\$2,599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)**

- 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



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# Camp Corner



## Camp Shalom Calendar 2018

### SAVE THE DATE: REGISTRATION SUMMER 2018

**Registration for Returning Campers and Alumni:**  
Tuesday, March 6, 2018

**Registration Opens to ALL Campers:**  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018

**Camp Shalom New Camper Information Session:**  
Sunday, June 10, 2018

**Camp Shalom Staff Orientation:**  
June 18 - June 22, 2018

**Session 1:**  
June 25 - July 13, 2018 (no camp July 4)

**Session 2:**  
July 17 - August 3, 2018

**Session 3 (Camp Shalom Only):**  
August 7 - August 17, 2018

#### Special Summer Dates to be Aware of:

- Visitor's Lunches for Camp Shalom: Fridays, June 29, July 20, and August 10, 2018 at 11:45 am for current campers' families
- Camp Shalom late night/overnight: Wednesdays, July 11, August 1, and August 15, 2018
- Camp Shalom NOBO 6th - 8th grade overnights: Wednesdays, July 11 and August 1, 2018
- Camp Shalom NOBO 9th grade camping trip: Monday, July 9 - July 12, 2018 and Monday, July 30 - August 2

## Camp Shalom FAQs

*What does the Camp Shalom day look like?*

At Camp Shalom we strive to make every day a great day for every camper. The daily schedule offers a variety of activities. Campers have the opportunity to learn new skills, be active, make new friends, learn foreign languages, get creative, swim and just be kids!

Here's a sample schedule, please note that the campers rotate through most activities by grade level and might not participate in activities in the order listed below!

9:15 am: Buses arrive, and campers meet at their group tables  
9:30 am: Megama- specialty programming  
10:30 am: All- Camp Rally (songs, skits and announcements)  
10:45 am: Chugim- various activities are offered and campers choose what they want to do  
11:45 am: Lunch  
12:15 pm: Swimming  
1:15 pm: Teva or Omanut (nature programming or arts and crafts)  
2:15 pm: Unit Time or Group Time  
3:15 pm: Nikayon (camp clean-up)  
3:30 pm: Snack and Rally  
3:45 pm: Friendship Circle and Board buses

There are several special events that happen throughout the summer like Maccabiah (camp-wide competition) and Carnival. Special guests like magicians and petting farms also visit us at various times throughout the summer.

*What happens at Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim? Is it the same as Camp Shalom?*

Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (NOBO) is for campers entering 6th - 9th grade. The programming in NOBO merges the traditions and ideals that make Camp Shalom unique with adventure, skill development and independence that middle schoolers need. Campers choose the daily activities they want to do based on what is being offered each week.

NOBO campers have the option to go on daily field trips with their grade-level. Field trips vary from a visit to the Bubbler at the Downtown Public Library to log-rolling at Wingra Boats. The campers will have an opportunity to experience Madison from a completely new lens.

On campus the NOBO campers will work to hone their skills in activities like cooking, crafting and athletics. They will participate in special programs like Bubble Soccer and the Boulder's Climbing wall. They will swim daily in the Goodman Aquatic Center pool.

There are also several all-camp pro-

grams like Maccabiah (a day of camp-wide competitions) and Yom Yisrael (Israel Day). The NOBO campers celebrate Shabbat together every Friday with homemade challah and special programming.

*What are the hours of Camp Shalom?*

Camp Shalom buses pick up in the Madison, Middleton and Verona areas 8:00 am - 9:00 am depending on location. Bus stops are listed on registration forms or to get a list please contact campshalom@jewishmadison.org. Campers board the buses at 3:45 pm to go home.

If you are driving your camper to camp, they can be dropped off at the Goodman Campus at 9:00 am and picked up at 4:00 pm

Extended care is available 7:30 am - 9:00 am and 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm if we have at least 8 campers contracted for each time slot.

*How do I register?*

Camp Shalom registration is available online at JewishMadison.org.

- You can filter the camps you want by selecting a grade in the left sidebar and then adding the session to the cart or you can select from the sessions listed
- To register 2 children for the same session just increase the amount in your

cart, you will enter camper information later in the process

- Before you check out be sure to double check your cart so that you are registering the right number of children for the right number of sessions
- You will be asked to enter your birthday (or a date that proves you are over 18) to be able to create an account
- All grade related questions refer to **GRADE IN FALL 2018**
- Registration confirmations will be sent via email, these sometimes end up in Junk Mail so make sure to check there if you do not receive it right away
- If you are applying for a scholarship and cannot pay the \$55 registration at this time, please use the option for Scholarship Registration. Note, this is not the same thing as the scholarship application which is a separate form to be completed after registration has been confirmed.
- **NEW THIS YEAR: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE ACTIVE NETWORK ACCOUNT ONLY.** Scholarship applications will be sent in an email confirmation once your registration has been received.
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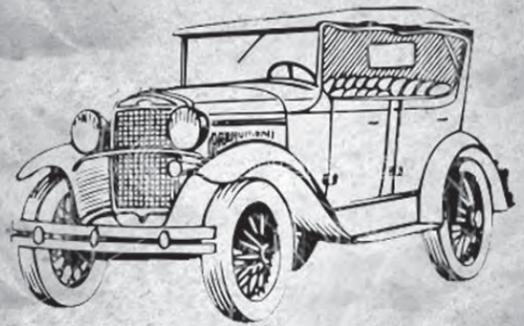


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- ▶ Monday emails that summarize the upcoming week's events
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- ▶ Shalom Baby for newborns
- ▶ Shalom Madison for newcomers
- ▶ Yad B'Yad is a playgroup for babies 0-2 years of age

Off-season Camp programming is a great way for our current campers to stay in touch, for us to stay connected to our staff, and for new campers to get a taste of Camp Shalom even if they have not attended during the summer months. We have heard your requests and are excited to announce, for the first time ever...

**CAMP SHALOM SPRING BREAK  
CAMP 2018!**



**Save the Dates:**  
Tuesday, March 27  
Wednesday, March 28  
Thursday, March 29



Spring Break camp will be held at Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Buses will be available. Registration online today at [www.jewishmadison.org](http://www.jewishmadison.org)



# Jewish Social Services

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## Finding Meaning Beyond Midlife—A Jewish Perspective: JSS Welcomes Rabbi Dayle Friedman to Madison

By Rabbi Renee Bauer, JSS Chaplain

As baby boomers age, we know that the percent of the population over 65 will increase dramatically. In national conversation we often hear about the economics of this trend including the challenges facing Medicare and Social Security and the benefits of people being in the workforce longer. However, we need to expand the conversation beyond the trends and look at how aging affects families and individuals and how the Jewish community can best respond to the needs of an aging population.

In order to initiate this conversation in our own community, Jewish Social Service is bringing Rabbi Dayle Friedman to Madison this summer. Rabbi Friedman is the nation's leading voice on aging and Jewish spirituality and will share

her wisdom with our community at three events this summer.

Rabbi Friedman will be the:

- Featured speaker at the Levy Series Lunch on June 12, 2018.
- Keynote speaker at an interfaith community event about "Fostering Congregations for all Ages."
- Trainer at a session for Jewish professionals on how to more effectively work with an aging population.

\*Details for each event is forthcoming.

Rabbi Dayle Friedman is a passionate speaker, spiritual guide, scholar and social innovator thirty years of experience working with elders. Rabbi Friedman was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where she also earned MA degrees in

Jewish Communal Service and Hebrew Literature. She holds an MSW from the University of Southern California and a BA from Brandeis University. She is a Board-Certified chaplain and completed a certificate in spiritual direction. Rabbi Friedman has pioneered a Jewish spiritual response to the challenges and blessings of later life. She is the author of Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older: Finding Your Grit and Grace Beyond Midlife and Jewish Visions for Aging: A Professional Guide for Fostering Wholeness and editor of Jewish Pastoral Care: A Practical Handbook from Traditional and Contemporary Sources.

We hope you will join us for this unique learning opportunity. Please watch this paper and JSS website for details about the events with Rabbi Friedman.



Rabbi Dayle

## Lechayim Lights

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### About our Programs

#### Good fun at Lechayim



#### Monday, March 5

Jeanette Thompson recently joined the UW Madison faculty as Adjunct Professor of Voice at the UW's Mead Witter School of Music. She and her students will perform favorites from American musicals. Jeanette's career has taken her all over the globe with recitals, orchestra concerts and operatic performances in Belgium, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Turkey, Spain, Italy, Austria, Japan, Slovenia, Croatia, Canada, Tunisia, Greece, Cypress, Cameroun, Zaire, Kenya, Latvia, Czech Republic, Puerto Rico, and throughout the United States. She made her Carnegie Hall debut singing Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* and is an international star of high acclaim. She has been lauded throughout the world as a singer with great depth, warmth, beauty, style and heart. Please join us in welcoming Jeanette and her students to Madison and Lechayim!

#### Monday, March 12

Rabbi Paula Winnig's presentation, "Sheep, Shawls and Shatnez" will give us a look at the laws of Kashrut as they apply to the ethical making of garments. She will also demonstrate how to turn raw sheep wool into beautiful yarns,

garments and other items. In introducing us to a variety of interesting aspects of fabric production, Rabbi Winnig will share her own journey into the joys of working with fabric, as well as biblical and religious traditions regarding preparation of fabrics. Rabbi Winnig has recently returned to her Wisconsin roots, after serving as Senior Rabbi of Temple Sinai of Long Island, working as a Development Consultant in the New York



area, and most recently as the Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her position in Madison is Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison. She has experience in creating, directing, and implementing a variety of educational,



social, and service based programs. Rabbi Winnig received her Rabbinic Ordination and Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. She also holds an MBA from SUNY- Empire State College.

#### Monday, March 19

Come celebrate Purim and St. Patrick's Day with some great music from the Currach Trio — jigs, reels, hornpipes as well as songs, such as ballads, from Ireland. We heard from some of these musicians who also play for Yid Vicious, who were at Lechayim a few months ago.

Daithi Wolfe will be on fiddle. He also plays with Yid Vicious. A true Badger now, originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan. When not working hard at the fiddle, Daithi works as an Early Education Policy Analyst for the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. Darl Ridgley, who will be on the bodhran, an Irish frame drum is originally from Maryland. Currently, a hard working Badger as well, working at the Department of Workforce Development. 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). Sheila is the farthest immigrant to Badger territory. She spent some of her childhood in Hong Kong. Sheila works for Wisconsin Public Radio in Madison. She also sings in Navan (Celtic language harmonies). A fun, eclectic and diverse group with great energy and talent. Hope to see you there.

#### Monday, March 26

Jessica Michna will present, "Golda Meir, The Journey Home." She will invite us to join her in role play imagining the life and times of Golda Meir exploring many aspects of Golda Meir's life such as: how does a girl born in the Ukraine, raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, travel a path that will lead her to become Prime Minister of Israel? This informative, entertaining program, developed by Jessica Michna, explores that rather circuitous route. What roadblocks and detours were thrown in Golda's way and how did she overcome them? The journey is a fascinating one, filled with joy, sorrow, seriousness and humor. Let Golda, as portrayed by Ms. Michna, tell you in her own words. Ms. Michna returns to Lechayim in memory of Nena Dyhr, a longtime volunteer and JSS supporter.





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## March Lechayim Calendar

### Monday, March 5

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson  
11:30 am-12:30 pm Complimentary Blood pressure check with nurse, Lori Edelstein  
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lasagna Alfredo, rolls, mixed greens with Balsamic dressing, dessert  
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Showcase of American Musicals: University of Wisconsin students with instructor, Jeanette Thompson

### Monday, March 12

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson  
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Chicken & dill stew, Basmati rice, lentil soup, mixed greens salad, fruit, dessert (Vegetarian option: tofu and dill stew)  
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Rabbi Paula Winnig presentation, "Sheep, Shawls and Shatnez"

### Monday, March 19

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson  
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Cider herbed brisket, potato kugel, mixed greens salad, roasted corn, dessert (Vegetarian option: roasted herb seitan)  
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Irish Favorites: Currach Trio

### Monday, March 26

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson  
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lox, cream cheese, bagels, lettuce, tomato, onion, capers, cucumber, dairy kugel  
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Jessica Michna presentation, "Golda Meir, The Journey Home"

Next Month's Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30

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

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### Понедельник, 5 марта

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон  
11:30-12:30 Бесплатное измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн  
12:00-13:00 Лазанья Альфредо, булочка, зеленый салат с бальзамическим соусом, десерт  
13:00-14:00 Демонстрация американских мюзиклов группой хора университета Висконсина с инструктором Жанетт Томпсон

### Понедельник, 12 марта

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон  
12:00-13:00 Курица тушеная с укропом, рис басмати, суп из чечевицы, зеленый салат, фрукты, десерт (вегетарианский вариант: тофу тушеная с укропом)  
13:00-14:00 Презентация Рабби Паулы Винниг «Овцы, шали и шатнез»

### Понедельник, 19 марта

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон  
12:00-13:00 Говядина тушеная с яблочным сидером, картофельный кугель, зеленый салат, поп-корн, десерт (вегетарианский вариант: каша с травами)  
13:00-14:00 Ирландские фавориты - Трио Currach

### Понедельник, 26 марта

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хеймсон  
12:00-13:00 Слабо-копченая горбуша, сливочный сыр, рогалики, салат, помидор, лук, каперсы, огурец, молочный кугель  
13:00-14:00 Презентация Джессики Михны «Голда Меир, Дом путешествий»

Даты Апреля: 9, 16, 23, 30

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## Registration for Stepping On Class Filling Up: Falls Prevention Workshop

Jewish Social Services of Madison is thrilled to again offer the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging's Stepping On Falls Prevention class. This specific seven-week program has been shown to reduce falls by as much as 50%.

Stepping On will help participants identify why they fall and different ways to prevent falls, including strength and balance exercises, home safety check suggestions and a medication review. The workshop is both for people who have fallen and for people who fear falling. Participants will leave with more strength, achieve better balance, and experience a feeling of confidence and independence as a result of performing

various exercises and sharing personal falls experiences as a group. We are very happy that Rabbi Irv Ehrich, a Stepping On graduate will be a peer ambassador for the class.

The Stepping On class will be offered in Madison by Jewish Social Services and hosted by Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, beginning on Thursday, March 15, at 1:00 pm. Stepping On registration is \$35 and scholarships are available. To register for the class please contact Caren Minkoff ASAP at (608)442-4081, or [caren@jssmadison.org](mailto:caren@jssmadison.org).

## Another Successful Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture

By DAWN BERNEY  
JSS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

More than sixty-five people braved the snow on Sunday, February 12 to honor the memory of community advocate and Temple Beth El and Jewish Social Services supporter Liesl Blockstein. The featured speaker, Dr. Maha Mohamed, Director of the Transplant Nephrology Fellowship Program at the UW School of Medicine, spoke about her family history in Sudan and the strong women in her life who helped her to become the person she is now. As part of the presentation and the question and answer session afterwards, the audience learned about Dr. Mohamed's personal and professional history, how government changes in Sudan have affected the country and her life, and about some of

the different interpretations of head coverings in Islam.

Jeanne Silverberg, a good friend of Liesl's, said that Dr. Mohamed "was very inspiring. Liesl was at the beginning of the women's movement and made sure that she was heard. And Dr. Mohamed is a woman on a parallel track. She was fortunate enough to have educated parents who made sure that she received an education as well. She also was able to move where she needed to be and did not get left behind because of her gender."

Thank you to the Blockstein Family for sponsoring this event. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2019 Blockstein Lecture.

## Invitation to Passover Seders

Please join your neighbors, volunteers, and Jewish Social Services staff for a community Passover Seder!

Capitol Lakes is hosting their annual Passover Seder on  
**Wednesday, April 4, 11:30 am-2:00 pm**

Oakwood Village University Woods is hosting their Seder on  
**Thursday, April 5, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**  
at the Nakoma/Westmoreland Room.

RSVP to Paul Borowsky at [paul@jssmadison.org](mailto:paul@jssmadison.org)  
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**Back-up Volunteer Photographer:** At JSS events, take photos which may be used for promotional materials and social media.

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

**Computer/Odd Job Help:** Support elderly and others by doing

small jobs – changing light bulbs, fixing loose hinges, etc. Help them learn to use a computer and complete basic computer tasks, and use electronic devices such as television and remote controls.

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

**Double your Volunteering Mitzvah:** Check with your human resources department to see whether your company has a policy of matching employees' community volunteer hours with a monetary donation to the agency for whom the employee volunteers. What a great way to enhance the benefits of your volunteer work!



# Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors

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

**Attic Angel Place in the Garden Room, 2:30 pm**

**8301 Old Sauk Road**

A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and with the assistance of Angel Volunteers  
March 9

**Capitol Lakes in the Grand Hall, 3:00 pm**

**333 West Main Street**

A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the Hillel Foundation.  
March 2 (also Purim celebration)

**Oakwood West in Oak's Community Room, 3:30 pm**

**6225 Mineral Point Road**

A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods, with the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg  
March 2, April 13

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

## Fun at Lechayim



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# Israel *and the* World

## Hitchhiking on Israel National Trail

A few months ago, we started covering “Shvil Israel”, Israel National Trail, by talking about a different part of it every month. This month, instead of talking about the geography and places along the Israel National Trail, we want to talk about the people you meet on your way. Going on a long trip on the “Shvil” is considered a very meaningful experience, because of everything one learns and sees there. But most Israelis who have done this trip will tell you that the best part is the people you meet. One of the most amazing things about the Trail is that it captures so much diversity of landscape in a country that is so small, and one of the most amazing things about the Israeli society is the diversity in such a small country.

Last month Hillel hosted Israeli filmmakers Yair Agmon and Eliad Schwartz as they presented episodes from their latest trending web series, The Hitchhikers. This series breaks stigmas, shows the complexities and displays the diversity of Israeli society talking to one hitchhiker at a time. The show was created a couple of years ago when the two filmmakers recognized the potential in portraying stories of the people you randomly meet, just like when walking the trail or hitchhiking (to clarify: we do not recommend hitchhiking, in Israel or anywhere else. Decades ago, hitchhiking in Israel was very common but it is no longer recommended).

If you missed their visit in Madison, look for The Hitchhikers on YouTube to watch an episode with English translation.

Who are the people who make up what we call “the Israeli society”? If you are interested in the statistics, here is some

data: according to the latest information released by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics, there are approximately 8.8 million Israeli citizens. 74.6% are Jewish, 20.9% are Muslim Arabs, Christian Arabs or Druze, and 4.5% are non-Arab Christians and other religions. Within the Jewish population, about 44% define themselves as secular, 36% are “traditional”, 11% “religious” and 9% ultra-orthodox. Among the non-Jewish population, 52% defined themselves as “religious”, 4% “very religious”, 44% “not religious or not very religious”. However, as always with people, there is no black and white. As The Hitchhikers shows, people do not always abide by the expectations of their stereotypes. When you come to Israel and talk to people, you see that things are more complicated than what they appear to be. There is so much more than “right” or “left”, “secular” or “religious”. It is a country with endless debates, points of views and opinions (you probably know the phrase, “two Jews, three opinions”). Well, there are over 6.5 million Jews on that small piece of land. Do the math).

In general, people tend to surround themselves with people who are similar to them in views. But this is not really an option, for example, if one lives in Jerusalem or serves in the IDF. There, and on many other occasions, we got to live and work alongside somebody who think differently from us. We were happy to see that in many cases this was an eye-opening experience, that people were open to talk and listen, to explain and learn — not to try to convince the other side. Life in Jerusalem is full of such encounters, such that if you let them, such encounters allow you to learn, grow and

become a more empathic person, as portrayed in The Hitchhikers. So is a hike on Israel National Trail.

That brings us to another great Israel program that took place last month: Temple Beth El’s Keshet Israel committee hosted a Skype talk with Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of IRAC (Israel Religious Action Center). Anat spoke about the current situation in Israel with the fight for religious pluralism. She spoke a lot about the current government and laws that she and her colleagues are fighting against, to try and insure equal rights for all denominations. Among other things, she mentioned a very important fact that is sometimes understated: the majority of the Jewish citizens in Israel are on her side. The majority of the people are for pluralism, for women’s right to pray at the Kotel, for the right of any couple to marry according to their denomination and faith; the method of

elections in Israel can sometimes cause a small sector to have disproportionate power. Anat gave the example of gun control in the United States, and how even though this is a democracy the policies do not always reflect the will of the majority. If you are interested to hear about the view “of Israel”, or any other country for that matter, you need to listen to people and their stories. This is what we are trying to do here, and this is what Yair and Eliad tried to do with their documentary. Look for those stories. you might be surprised, or at least learn something new. We have definitely learned a lot from stories and views here in the past months.



Yair Agmon and Eliad Schwartz (front center) enjoying a meal at Adama

### Matzah Balls

#### Ingredients

**1 cup Matzah meal (you can also grind Matzah at home: this is Matzah meal)**

**1 cup hot water**

**3 eggs, separated**

**3 tbsp vegetable oil**

**1 tsp salt**

**1/2 tsp pepper**

**Boiling water with salt/chicken soup/vegetable soup (to cook the Matzah balls in)**



#### Preparation:

In a large bowl, pour hot water over the matzah meal. Let the matzah meal soak the water for a couple of minutes and then mix it using a fork. Add the oil, yolks, salt and pepper and mix well (“kneading” the mixture with your hands might be easier. The consistency at this point should be rather doughy).

In a separate bowl whip the egg whites. Carefully fold the whipped egg-whites into the doughy batter. You can add a bit of the egg-whites in the first stage and mix, and then when the consistency is easier for folding without breaking the whipped egg-whites add the rest. The egg-whites, once cooked, make the matzah balls extra fluffy.

Cover the mixture with a cloth or plastic wrap, and let it rest for 20 minutes to an hour.

Boil a pot of soup, broth or just water with a tbsp of salt.

Shape the matzah balls by rolling the mixture in your hand to a size of a ping pong ball (they will expand after cooking) and slip them into the boiling pot. Dip your hands in water after every ball you make, to help prevent sticking (the batter is very sticky!)

Once all the balls are in the boiling soup, cover the pot and let it simmer on medium heat for 10-15 minutes.

Enjoy! וּבְאִיתָבּ



# Connecting with Israel

## Israeli Film Festival

Another big event that is coming up as a part of Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations is the Hillel annual Israeli Film Festival. During the months of March and April, three movies will be presented at Hillel and the entire Madison community is invited. Each movie shows a different aspect of the story of Israel: history and politics, sports and culture, society and religion. As Israeli film industry grows, there are an increasing number of great options for Israeli movies—and the most interesting options were brought to this film festival. You do not want to miss them! All films will be screened at Hillel at UW-Madison, 611 Langdon St., Madison.

**March 13, 7:00 pm at Hillel: *On the Map***

*On the Map* tells the against-all-odds story of Maccabi, Tel Aviv's basketball team in the 1977 European Championship, which took place at a time when Israel was still reeling from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1972 Olympic massacre at Munich, and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France flight from Tel Aviv. Through the lens of sports, the movie presents a much broader story of how one team captured the hearts of the Israeli nation, and recounts how an underdog Israeli basketball team prevailed over a series of European basketball powers, including CSKA Moscow, a team that repeatedly refused to compete against Israeli competitors.

The movie is being told through the eyes of six American basketball players

who joined Maccabi and combines the pulse-pounding action of a high-stakes thriller with an incendiary political backdrop to deliver a film that will mesmerize basketball fans and captures the spirit of a nation triumphant against all odds.

**March 15, 7:00 pm at Hillel: *Women's Balcony***

Nominated for five Ophir (the Israeli Oscars) awards, *Women's Balcony* tells the story of an Orthodox Jewish community in Jerusalem whose women are appalled when their synagogue gets a strict new rabbi who preaches rigid gender roles. The women soon decide to fight back against his ultra-traditionalist beliefs, while raising money to repair the "women's balcony" in the synagogue.

**April 16, 7:00 pm at Hillel: *Ben Gurion, Epilogue***

In the great depths of the archive, an interview footage was discovered of one of modern history's greatest leaders, David Ben Gurion. It is 1968 and he is 82 years old, five years before his death. He lives in his secluded home in the desert, removed from all political discourse, which allows him a hindsight perspective on the Zionist enterprise. Ben Gurion's introspective soul searching is the focus of this film, and his clear voice provides a surprising vision for today's crucial decisions and the future of Israel. "*Ben Gurion, Epilogue* is a wistful ode to a lost generation of leaders who viewed simplicity as a virtue even as they strove for giant goals." ~ *The New York Times*.

## More Exciting Israel Programs that are coming up this Month:

- Israeli cooking night with the Shlichim and MOUSY, Beth Israel Center's youth group.
- Israeli Paint Night with Shlomit and MaTTY, Temple Beth El's youth group.

Want to host Israeli culture nights in your home, with your friends? Or join an evening of Israeli cooking, music or arts? Contact us!



Tu b'Shevat painting night

## SAVE THE DATE ~ Yom HaAtzmaut

April 22, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm  
UW Hillel

A 70th birthday celebration for Israel!  
Performance by Jewop, a capella group  
Israeli wine-tasting workshop  
Fun Israel activities for children and youth (trivia, arts, and more)  
For more details, contact Shlomit at [israel@jewishmadison.org](mailto:israel@jewishmadison.org)

### Go to the Source: Websites about Israel

For questions on how to support Israel and information about what is happening, please contact our Israeli Shlichim: Shlomit, Jewish Federation of Madison Shliach at [Israel@JewishMadison.org](mailto:Israel@JewishMadison.org) and Tal, UW Hillel Israel Fellow at [IsraelFellow@UWHillel.org](mailto:IsraelFellow@UWHillel.org)

To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:  
<http://www.JewishMadison.org>  
<http://www.timesofisrael.com>  
<http://www.ynetnews.com>  
<http://www.haaretz.com>  
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**March 6**  
 Returning Campers, Families & Alumni  
**March 7**  
 All Campers (New & Returning)

Wear your favorite Camp Shalom T-shirt on March 6 to show your camp pride and help kick off registration for Summer 2018 - our 65th year! Enter our Selfie Contest for a chance to win a Camp Shalom car magnet.

1. Take a selfie wearing your favorite Camp Shalom t-shirt
2. Post it on Facebook (in the Comments area of our post on March 5), Instagram, and/or Twitter
3. Use the hashtag #CampShalom65
4. Tag @JewishMadison for posts on Instagram and Twitter to notify us

5 winners will be selected at random from all entries.

