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SUPPORT WHAT YOU LOVE Tzedakah Campaign 2018

By DEBBIE MINKOFF
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

I Heart Jewish Madison is the theme for the 2018 Tzedakah Campaign. Under this banner, we contribute to what we love, and to what we hope for in the future for our community. A benefit of this process is connecting with so many of you, members of the Madison Jewish community.

2018 TZEDAKAH CAMPAIGN GOAL
\$986,000



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This year's fundraising goal is set at \$986,000.00. We have a great start, with commitments reaching \$394,143.00. We need your help and support to achieve this goal, perhaps even surpass it. Your gift helps meet critical community needs by supporting more than 20 essential

local agencies and programs, as well as humanitarian programs in North America, Israel, and 70 other countries around the world. Our iconic Camp Shalom, that makes summer camping experiences available to all campers; our Gan HaYeled preschool, that nurtures the hands, heads and hearts of our little ones; our Midrasha Hebrew high school; our outreach programs designed to welcome and engage those who are new to town, those who are new to parenthood, and those who want to learn more about what our community has to offer; and our Israeli Schlichim (emissaries), who come to Madison to share their culture and perspective—all these programs rely on JFM's campaign.

The Jewish Federation of Madison also contributes to a variety of important local Jewish agencies such as Jewish Social Services (JSS), UW-Hillel, UW-Chabad, Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM), and the Wisconsin Jewish Conference. We work hard to ensure a healthy Jewish community in Madison.

Our tireless campaign volunteers will be reaching out to secure pledges for the 2018 Tzedakah Campaign. We've designated specific calling nights for this effort. If you have not already made your commitment, please answer the call on November 27 or December 11.

We are scheduling more intimate "parlor evenings" at select homes to build community, share what the Jewish Federation of Madison offers and learn from you about the current and future needs of Jewish Madison. If you would like to learn more or host a group in your home, please let us know. Contact executivedirector@jewishmadison.org.

Support what you love and help make sure our community, both locally and worldwide, thrives this year and for years to come.



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This event is free and open to the community. Attending implies a commitment to donate to the 2018 Tzedakah Campaign. Contribution, of any size, required in order to vote in Board of Directors and Officers election.*

To our Madison Jewish Community,

We are horrified and heartbroken by the deadly attack and loss of life that took place at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27. Words are insufficient to express our profound pain and sorrow.

The attack was an attack on Jews, but also on the values of our nation. Let us come together to counter such violent discourse and unfettered bigotry.

We are grateful and deeply moved by the outpouring of concern, condolence, and support we've received from community leaders in Madison.

A big thank you to our religious leadership and others who responded quickly to organize the Madison Vigil for Grief and Interfaith Solidarity which was held Sunday evening, October 28. The service was beautiful on many levels and reminded us that we are not alone.

We thank our local law enforcement partners for their responsiveness, support, and ongoing concern for the Jewish Community in Madison.

"May the memories of the victims be a source of blessing, and may God console the bereaved among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. May we be granted peace and harmony."

Alicia Schiff, President
Debbie Minkoff, Acting Interim Executive Director

Matzah Balls!

By TIZ GOFF
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Matzah Balls played volleyball this summer at Olbrich Park. Several new players joined the team, making it an active and social event! Denny, one of our Gan HaYeled preschool teachers said, "After not having played in 40 years, it was so much fun to play, and I can't wait until next year." Matzah Balls plays coed sports year-round. Let me know what sports teams you would like to join, and we will work to gather a team. Please reach me at outreach@jewishmadison.org.



Fun in the sun with the Matzah Balls

We gratefully acknowledge our terrific team of donor engagers. We thank them for their time and commitment to the Federation and to the Jewish community

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Don't Forget to Vote November 6

By MICHAEL BLUMENFELD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WISCONSIN JEWISH CONFERENCE
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Control of the Governor's office, State Senate and State Assembly are at stake in the fall general election on November 6. One of the first acts of the Governor and new State Legislature will be passing a state budget.

The race between Governor Scott Walker (R) and State Superintendent Tony Evers (D) is incredibly competitive. Polls released throughout the election cycle show the two men in a virtual tie. Walker has indicated that if he wins re-election in November, it will be his final term.

Both houses of the State Legislature have had Republican majorities since 2011.

In the State Senate, Republicans currently have an 18-15 majority. Democrats picked up two Senate seats this year due to special elections. They would need to pick up two additional seats on Election Day to take the majority.

In the State Assembly, Republicans have a very solid 64-35 majority. Democrats would need to pick up 15 seats to take the majority.

There are also competitive races for U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of

Representatives. U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D) is running for re-election for the first time and is being challenged by State Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa).

Key Voting Information

Election Day: November 6

Polls Open: 7:00 am-8:00 pm

Early Voting: Madison residents can vote in-person absentee at the City Clerk's office until November 3. Libraries across the city are also offering in-person early voting but hours vary, so check with your local branch about availability.

Registering to Vote: You can register to vote at the polls on Election Day. You will need proof of residence, such as a valid driver's license or state ID card, a bank statement, paycheck, or recent gas, electric or telephone bill that contains your current address.

Photo ID: A photo ID is required to vote. Visit www.bringitwisconsin.com to see a list of acceptable IDs.

Polling Place: Find your polling place and see a sample ballot at www.myvote.wi.gov.

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colors and furniture. We welcome you to see our home, and meet the staff and dedicated volunteer leadership. Please join us at our "I Heart Jewish Madison - Friendraiser" on Monday, December 10, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of

Temima, daughter of Ellen Friedman and Simcha MacGregor, sister of Akiva and Asher, and granddaughter of Bonnie Denmark Friedman and Gary Friedman

Flora, daughter of Roy and Jackie Irving and sister to Rose

Mazel Tov on the marriage of

Samantha Geneman (Katch), daughter of Harry and Carol Katch, to **Jason Geneman**, son of Dawn and Carl Geneman

Condolences to the families of

Robert (Bob) Bernstein, father of Leslie Bernstein

Suzanne Schrag, mother of Fran (Sally) Schrag, grandmother of Naomi Schrag (Todd Krichmar) and Stephanie Schrag, great-grandmother of Elinor and Sadie Schrag Krichmar

David Larry Sperling, husband of Sharon, father of David and Sarah, uncle of Nancy Leff (KC Lerner)

Al Frank, husband of Lois Frank, father of Ziva (Jim) Wear and Tina (Richard) Pearson, brother of Frances (Franklin z"l) Mann, and grandfather of Peter (Nicole Brimmer) and Daniel Wear, and Chayah, Mayer, Zev, Raizl, Miriam and Gittel Halikman

Julia Bove, mother of Fredi-Ellen (Robery Meyer) Bove, sister of Irving Char-nifsky (z"l), grandmother of Carissa (Scott Schnee) Meyer and Eric Meyer, and great-grandmother of Alexander Meyer Schnee

Mazel Tov to:

Yonah Drazen and Megan Sanders-Drazen, on the pre-adoptive placement of a baby boy

Tributes

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

In memory of Andrea Stein,

Alex and Svetlana Govorukha

In honor of Bob and JoAnn Skloot's 50th Anniversary

Ben and Judy Sidran

Upcoming



EVENTS

Veteran's Day

November 11



Annual Meeting: Thanks for Giving

Sunday, November 18, 2018, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Full Compass, 9770 Silicon Prairie Pkwy, Madison, WI 53593

Contact Kimberly Rosenthal:

(608) 442-4077 or eadmin@jewishfederation.org

Join us for a fun evening of CELEBRATION & THANKS. Refer to page 1 for more details.

Thanksgiving

November 22



Great Interim Opportunity for an Experienced Executive

The Jewish Federation of Madison is seeking an interim executive director to lead the organization for 12-18 months. In coordination and partnership with the executive board and board, the interim executive director will direct the operation of the organization, including business management, supervision of personnel, fundraising, and community relations. The interim executive director will also help support the search for a permanent executive director.

The successful candidate will be:

- A strong communicator and team player who listens well, and is able to coordinate with multiple constituencies including lay leadership, staff, and the community
- A community builder who forms trusted relationships among staff, lay leadership, community leaders, and the community at large
- An organized leader who excels at prioritizing, multi-tasking, and managing time commitments and multiple ongoing projects
- Knowledgeable of fiduciary responsibilities and operations of non-profit organizations, including fundraising
- Computer savvy with knowledge of excel and donor database software preferred

For further information, please contact executivedirector@jewishmadison.org. This is a full-time position to last 12-18 months. Salary commensurate with experience.

With our gratitude ...

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General Assembly Meeting 2018

The General Assembly (GA) of The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) is an annual gathering of thousands of top Jewish community changemakers. The GA convenes volunteer and professional leaders from Federations across North America, along with those in the business of Jewish philanthropy from Israel and around the world.

The General Assembly gathered this year in Tel Aviv from October 17 through October 24. It was an opportunity for Israeli and Diaspora Jews to connect and discuss interesting and difficult issues.

The Jewish Federation of Madison delegates, Debbie and Joel Minkoff as well as Kaylee and Josh Minkoff attended the meeting. Our Federation also awards one person each year, the opportunity to participate in this meeting. Jeremy Tunis, the recipient of the Miriam Singer Sulman Young

Leadership Award, attended this year's meeting.

This year's speakers were among the most influential people in Israel. They included top national Israeli leaders such as Prime Minister Netanyahu; President Rivlin; Gal Lusk, CEO of Israeli Flying Aid (Syria); Mayor of Tel Aviv, Ron Huldai; chairman of the Jewish Agency of Israel, Isaac Herzog; Israel Priez winner, Miriam Peretz and others. The GA Co-Chairs were two of Israel's top business leaders: real estate wonder Danna Azrieli and health tech innovator Marius Nacht.

GA18 speakers this year were more diverse than ever. The sessions were designed not only to showcase Federation activities, but also to inspire discussion on every aspect of Israeli-Diaspora relations. Below is a list of just a few panels.

Arab Israeli speakers discussed the

growing gaps between the Arab and Jewish communities in Israel:

- Fatmeh Shaban, Mentor, The Jewish Agency for Israel's Youth Futures
- Prof. Mona Houry-Kassabri, Dean of the School of Social Work, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Michal Steinman, Executive Director, The Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues
- Suzan Hasan, Director, Employment Programs for Arabs and Career Advancement, JDC

Locally elected officials joined non-profit executives to speak on social cohesion:

- Sigal Moran, Mayor, Bnei Shimon Regional Council
- Ron Gerlitz, Co-Executive Director, Sikkuy
- Roi Mekler, Founding Director, Co.Lab

• Nir Lahav, Director, The Jewish Agency for Israel's Social Activism Unit

Speakers from various sectors discussed Haredi integration in Israel:

- Michal Herzog, Israel Director, The Wohl Foundation
- Estee Rieder-Indursky, Co-Founder, Nivcharot
- Prof. Avi Weiss, President, Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel
- Rabbi Menachem Bombach, Founder and Executive Director, Netzach Yisrael Network
- Ms. Rivka Ravitz, Chief of Staff, Office of the President of Israel
- Yossi Yhezkel, Graduate, JDC Shachar Program

These are but a few of the topics explored at the General Assembly. You can review the full program at www.generalassembly.org

What Matters? Hillel Students Share their Answers

By ALEX FISHKIND
UW CLASS OF 2019

UW Hillel is a beneficiary organization of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Continuing its annual tradition, Hillel at UW-Madison invited students to speak at high holiday observances about a common theme. This year, Rabbi Andrea Steinberger wanted to "... give students a chance to think deeply during the holiday season, find a sense of connection, and set a meaningful tone for our time together this year." She asked students to answer the evocative question, "What Matters?" She chose this theme because when an individual is asked what matters to them, he or she is instantaneously pushed into a state of self-reflection. The question connects with the core of an individual and makes them truly analyze who they are. To answer such a question, one must also assess what they stand for, who they want to be, and how they wish to be perceived, all at once.

One of the keynote speakers was UW-Madison sophomore Alli Biskowitz. A double major in Spanish and neurobiology from Whitefish Bay, WI, Alli characterized what mattered to her by sharing her stories of working at the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Milwaukee this past summer. Alli shared a handful of stories, all of which

held a common theme, one that matters to her: the importance of giving to others and letting them know they are loved and appreciated. Alli witnessed the power of such actions this summer and reflected on her involvement, "I believe we still have something to learn from the innocence and genuineness of children. The adult world is filled with the pressure to value money, power, and material goods and we often take our health for granted." What matters to



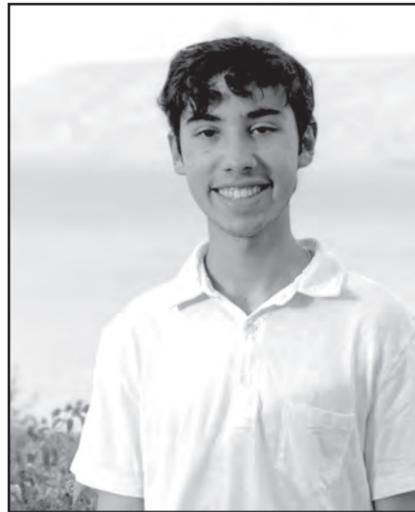
Alli Biskowitz

Alli may seem unsubstantial to many; however, as Alli explained, small acts of kindness to others have the ability to result in tremendous outcomes.

During a time of reflection like that of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, what matters to Max Bibicoff, a junior journalism major from New York, could not be more fitting. Max came to speak during the high holidays with the hope of getting individuals to look more positively upon themselves, "As humans, we have a tendency to focus on the negatives of our behavior, the things we dislike about ourselves. I find

it incredibly important to be intentional about accepting ourselves wherever we may be on our journeys and to take time to lean into the improvements we've already made." What matters to Max is that people continue to cultivate a sense of positivity in their everyday lives, to analyze day-to-day happenings, and ultimately, to recognize success.

What matters is a question that can and should be answered differently by every individual of whom it is asked. In addition to Max and Alli, other students shared examples of family, leadership, civic involvement, and challenging oneself, as things that mattered to them, and to the broader student community this year. It is a question with so many possible answers, and one that is fitting to be discussed during the High Holidays. The students who spoke continue to offer their voice to the Jewish community on campus, not only during the holidays, but in Hillel programs and other activities. We look forward to seeing them continue their meaningful acts of leadership throughout the year.



Max Bibicoff

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BY AMY HERZOG

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Food-A-Rama 2018

Don't miss Temple Beth El Sisterhood's 52nd Annual Food-A-Rama deli luncheon and community gathering on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018!

After you vote, head over to Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, for delicious corned beef sandwiches, kosher-style hot dogs, Mediterranean vegetarian platters, scrumptious baked goods, and more. Dine-in hours are 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Bakery and deli sales start at 10:00 am. Popular items sell out quickly, so come early!

Bakery sales feature homemade pies, cakes, tortes, bars, and Jewish delicacies

including rugelach and mandelbrot. Deli items include frozen matzah ball soup and cabbage soup, fresh chopped liver, challah, corned beef, and more. Potato knishes, a historic recipe welcomed back for the 50th anniversary in 2016, will be available again. Pick some up for a tasty dinner or to freeze for later!

This year, carry-out and delivery orders can both be placed online at food-a-rama.com. Delivery orders must be received by November 1 (five lunch minimum; Madison area only). Carry-out orders can be placed in advance at food-a-rama.com until noon on Monday, November 5, or by phone at (608) 467-

3196 on Election Day.

Funds raised at Food-A-Rama support the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund, as well as Temple Beth El and other local organizations. Ellen Weisner, director of Camp Shalom, said, "Camp Shalom serves campers from all over the Madison area, from different schools and neighborhoods. Everyone brings their own experiences with them and we do our best to create programming and activities that appeal to every camper. In 2018 we received more than 115 scholarship requests from families with an average yearly income of \$30,000. We also received many requests for lunch or

meal support from families who typically get lunch and breakfast during the school year. We are incredibly grateful to Food-A-Rama and Temple Beth El Sisterhood for the continued support to our Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund and helping us to ensure that we can make every day a great day for every camper."

Everyone is invited to this delicious community gathering on November 6! For order forms and more information, visit food-a-rama.com or contact Leslie Kemp at sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com or (608) 798-4212.



Chabad's New Campus Home is Open and Full

By RACHEL REISMAN

UW CLASS OF 2021

UW Chabad is a beneficiary organization of the Jewish Federation of Madison

After years of planning, fundraising, and building, the UW Chabad has finally moved back into its fully renovated and expanded home at 223 West Gilman Street.

Prior to the expansion, Chabad had always been too crowded for Shabbat dinners, holidays and events, and on occasion they even had had to turn people away. As sophomore Sara Parower put it, "Shabbat dinners were always so cramped due to a large number of people in their smaller space. I'm so excited about being in the new building because my friends and I no longer have to sit on top of each other to celebrate Shabbos."

The new space is three times larger than the previous one, sporting a large hall, a library, a beautiful commercial kitchen, guest rooms and Rabbi Mendel and Henya Matusof's residence.

Considering all the new space,

students were only slightly surprised when Chabad did not have enough room this Rosh Hashanah. They managed to seat all the four hundred students who attended, but only because the weather was nice, and students were able to sit in the new outdoor patio. "It's always hard to be away from family during the High Holidays, but, as I sat at Rosh Hashanah dinner, I realized how fortunate the Jewish students of Madison are to have a home like this on campus," says sophomore Jess Posnock.

Chabad is looking forward to using its new expanded space to host even more events for even more students, making the UW even more Jewish and Israel-friendly than ever before.



Ribbon Cutting for the new Rohr Chabad Edelman Student Center



Erev Yom Kippur dinner in Chabad's new hall.

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Jewish Education

A Gan HaYeled Story: September 2018

By MARLA BECKER
DIRECTOR OF GAN HAYELED

At the end of each month, our Gan HaYeled families receive a storybook highlighting our month at preschool. The story includes many photos, descriptions

of activities, and high frequency words for the children (words that are used often.) We hope you enjoy!

**September 4 was such a great day,
Gan HaYeled started, hip, hip, hooray!**



I see Gan HaYeled!

**So many faces, so much fun,
Kids of all ages, 5...4...3...2...1!**



I see all my friends!

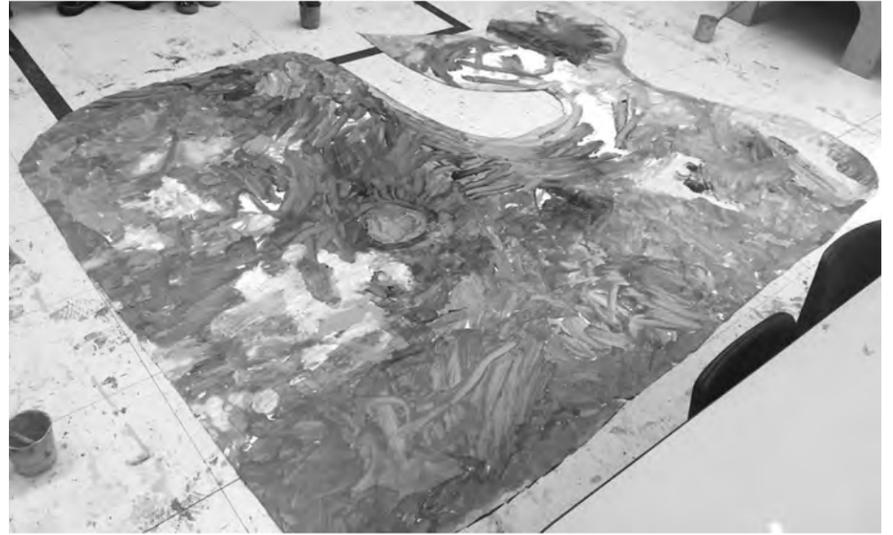
**So many holidays to start out our year,
We certainly did a lot to celebrate here!**

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are times to think about our feelings, choices we make, and how we treat ourselves and other people. We dipped apples in honey to help us bring in the sweet new year and listened to the shofar. We even made honey cake muffins!



I see baking!

For Yom Kippur, we discussed Jonah and the whale. It reminds us to think about the choices we make and how we can grow! We also talked a lot about our feelings and emotions.



I see a whale!

Sukkot is a harvest holiday. We observed food from Annie's garden, ate in our sukkah and made a beautiful welcome sign. The sukkah is a hut. It reminds us of the temporary homes the Israelites lived in while wandering the desert for 40 years, after being set free from Egypt. We shook a lulav and etrog to remind us that God is everywhere.



I see the sukkah!

On Simchat Torah we danced and paraded with the Torah. It is time to read the Torah all over again!



I see the Jewish Holiday!

**Circles/Cycles is our theme for a while,
We incorporate it into all learning styles!**

Water Cycle

We painted a huge piece of paper and took our art outside because it was raining. We observed what happened when rain fell on the picture.



Water Cycle

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Gan HaYeled Story

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We explored the movement and flow of water and what water did with different materials.



I see water

We discussed Kandinsky's "Square with Concentric Circles" observing the various shapes and colors. We even talked about how the painting made us feel. Then we painted our own Kandinsky "circle" and chose an emotion stone to show how our painting made us feel.



Kandinsky art

Many alphabet letters also start out with a circular movement, including the magic C!



Letters

Midrasha Teacher Spotlight

BY KIM ROSENTHAL
DIRECTOR OF MIDRASHA

This year, the Midrasha section of the Madison Jewish Newspaper will feature students or a teacher as a way for you, the reader, to truly see why there is an abundant amount of love and support for this amazing program.

Our first spotlight goes to our new teacher, Sigal Felber. Although not new to our Jewish community, Sigal is new as a teacher to Midrasha. What is truly special for Midrasha is that Sigal is a graduate of Midrasha! Before returning to Kenyon College in the winter, Sigal is teaching two classes: Jewish Life on Campus and Jews in Politics. Both subjects are a passion for Sigal as she is active in Jewish life at Kenyon and an active participant at the League of Women Voters here in Madison.

Students in her Jewish Life on Campus class will explore college choices; ask important questions about the importance for them and their families of being involved in Jewish

life on campus; compare and contrast Jewish life at a small, rural college in the Midwest versus a large campus on the coasts; and discuss challenges such as attending services for the first time without family. This class for juniors and seniors in high school is the perfect stepping stone to gear up for the next chapter in their lives by learning from a current college student.

In Jews in Politics, Sigal teaches how Jews have been involved in politics; whether politicians' Jewish identity influence their campaign and legislation; trends in Jewish voting, and how to get involved in the political sphere while in high school. This class, open to ninth through twelfth-graders, is an opportunity for students to discuss politics in a non-partisan manner and examine how politics intersects with faith identity.

Thank you Sigal for joining the Midrasha staff for the Fall of 2018!

Our oldest friends have some special time away, They are very busy exploring 4K!



I see 4 and 5 year olds!

We end each week with a Shabbat Shalom, Ga HaYeled is our home away from home!



I see Shabbat!



Sigal Felber

Congregation News

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November Events

01 08 15 29 Talmud Class (BIC)

Thursdays, November 1, 8, 15, and 29, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

NEW: This six-session course begins October 25 and ends December 6. Contact Rabbi Forester if you're interested in joining mid-course. Another series will begin in January.

03 Parasha Study (BIC)

Saturday, November 3, 12:45 pm

About once a month, join Rabbi Forester after kiddush lunch for discussion of the week's parasha.

04 18 Living Torah (BIC)

Sundays, November 4 and 18, 9:15 am - 10:15 am

NEW: Learn with Rabbi Forester about making modern, meaningful sense out of Judaism through exploration of current topics affecting how we live.

04 Reflecting on the Legacy of Yitzhak Rabin: A Conversation with Shlomit Ezer (CSS)

Sunday, November 4, 9:50 am - 11:30 am

RISE, 2120 Fordem Ave. On November 4, 1995, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by an Israeli Jew, Yigal Amir. Join Madison's shlichah (Israel representative), Shlomit Ezer, for a conversation about his legacy. She will discuss the assassination itself and projects that exist today that were started or inspired by Prime Minister Rabin.

04 Keshet: Connecting Little Ones to Jewish Community (CSS)

Sunday, November 4, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

RISE, 2120 Fordem Ave. It's not too late to join our eight-session program for two-to four-year-olds and their parents. To register contact the office.

04 Book Discussion with Professor Rob Asen: Democracy, Deliberation and Education (CSS)

Sunday, November 4, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Shaarei Shamayim welcomes CSS member Rob Asen, Professor of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He will discuss his new book, which examines three school boards in Wisconsin across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines, and explores the possibilities and pitfalls of local democracy and educational policy.

04 MOUSY and Kadima Get Artsy (BIC)

Sunday, November 4, 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

6th through 12th graders get in touch with their inner artists, using different art media to make creative handcrafts or decorations.

06 Food-A-Rama (TBE)

Tuesday, November 6, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

TBE Sisterhood invites everyone to our annual deli-style luncheon and community gathering, now in its 52nd year! Dine-in, delivery, and carry-out available. Details and order forms at food-a-rama.com. Please refer to page 5 for more details.

09 Rosh Chodesh Kislev (BIC)

Friday, November 9, 7:00 am

Celebrate the new month at morning minyan, followed by a light breakfast.

09 10 11 USY Fall Convention (BIC)

Friday, November 9 - Sunday, November 11

All Jewish high-schoolers are invited to be part of a USY Shabbat weekend with ruach, learning, tefillah, and fun at Camp Chi's Perstein Resort in Lake Delton, Wisconsin.

09 10 11 Rabbi Manfred E. Swarsensky Weekend - Tales of Jewish Survival (TBE)

Shabbat Kristallnacht Service with Choir

Friday, November 9, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Temple Beth El observes the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass," which terrified German Jews living under increasing threats from the German government. Jewish businesses were looted and torched,

synagogues were sacked, and Jews were arrested, including the founding rabbi of Temple Beth El, Rabbi Manfred Swarsensky. Kristallnacht represented an escalation of violence against the Jews of the Third Reich, which led to the imposition of the so-called Final Solution. In song, story, and word, we will remember those killed in the Holocaust.

Swarsensky Torah Study, Brunch & Program

Saturday, November 10, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

9:30 am - 10:30 am: Torah study led by Steve Olson: "The Example of Rebekah: A Mother's Power to Weave a Future Despite Bitterness, Depression, and Danger."

10:30 am - 11:30 am: Brunch

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Pamela Phillips Olson tells the story of her family's rescue following the pogrom of 1919 in Ukraine.

Swarsensky Brunch & Lecture

Sunday, November 11, 9:45 am - 11:30 am

Weijia Li, PhD, will present a lecture on the experience of Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai in the late 1930s. Reflecting Rabbi Manfred Swarsensky's social justice ideals, which would have led him to be a strong advocate for refugee rights today, Dr. Li's presentation will honor the legacy of our founding rabbi. Brunch will include Israeli salad, marinated eggplant salad, tuna salad, bagels and cream cheese, fresh fruit, coffee, orange juice, and assorted pound cakes. \$16/person in advance \$20 at the door. Register at tbemadison.org/form/swarsensky2018 by November 2.

11 Studio Sinai (BIC)

Sunday, November 11, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

NEW: Not an art class, and not (necessarily) for artists, this class with Rabbi Forester will challenge students to conceptualize and learn about Jewish text using artistic media and creative writing.

12 MOUSY Chanukah Candles Order Deadline (BIC)

Monday, November 12

Don't be caught in the dark! Order your box of "Made in Israel," deluxe and decorative Chanukah candles by emailing hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.

14 Keshet Film: One Week and a Day (TBE)

Wednesday, November 14, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

After a week of sitting shivah for their 25-year-old son, a middle-aged couple tries to pick up the threads of their previous life. One Week and a Day provides a nuanced perspective on loss that is humorous, touching, and above all, life affirming.

16 Singles Creating Community Coffee Klatch (TBE)

Friday, November 16, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Panera, 3416 University Ave.

16 Shabbat Dinner Get Together (TBE)

Friday, November 16, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Jason's Deli, 7349 Mineral Point Rd. Join fellow members of the TBE community for dinner prior to Shabbat services. Participants pay for their own meals. RSVP at tbemadison.org.

17 Shabbat Z'mirot (BIC)

Saturday, November 17, 12:45 pm

Sing a little after Shabbat kiddush lunch.

18 Yom Rishon (BIC)

Sunday, November 18, 10:00 am - 11:15 am

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

18 Get Moving with Kadima at Sky Zone (BIC)

Sunday, November 18, 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to get busy and dizzy as we jump around this indoor trampoline park.

18 Cancer Support Group (TBE)

Sunday, November 18, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

20 Singles Creating Community Dinner (TBE)

Tuesday, November 20, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Sa-Bai Thong, 6802 Odana Rd.



It takes a village to put up the BIC Sukkah



Kadimaniks hang out at Vitense (BIC)



Caleb Dyer builds Shaarei Shamayim a beautiful sukkah!



David, Jen, and Mike serve up dinner at the BIC Annual Meeting



Despite the weather, a great crowd turned out for the 10th Annual East Side Sukkah Hop (BIC, CSS)



Simchat Torah (TBE)



Simchat Torah (TBE)



First Day of Religious School (TBE)



Shaarei Shamayim retreat at Goose Lake hosted by Jeff and Sheryl Spitzer-Resnick

Regular Service Schedules Beth Israel Center (BIC)

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

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim (CSS)

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim celebrates Shabbat each week with Torah study every Saturday at 9:30 am and services twice a month on Saturdays at 10:30 am followed by a 12:30 pm kiddush. We'll have an intergenerational Shabbat service, November 10, and a lay-led service on November 24. Once a month we also have Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00 pm followed by a vegetarian potluck (November 16). Please join us.

Temple Beth El (TBE)

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

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

Legend

Beth Israel Center (BIC)

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

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim (CSS)

First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, Atrium Building, Madison, WI, 53705
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Temple Beth El (TBE)

2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI 53711
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Unless otherwise noted, events take place in the congregations' buildings. Call or email for more information for any specific event.

Camp Corner

What is Winter Camp?

BY ELLEN WEISMER
DIRECTOR OF CAMP SHALOM



Thank You for the Camp Shalom Scholarships!

BY ELLEN WEISMER
DIRECTOR OF CAMP SHALOM

The letter below was written by a Camp Shalom Scholarship recipient. In the summer of 2018 we raised \$110,000 to ensure that no camper would miss out on the camp experience due to financial need. For more information about the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund please visit www.JewishMadison.org.

Receiving a scholarship so my kids could attend Camp Shalom has made all the difference in the world to my family! I grew up attending day camps, overnight camps and then working at camps when I was old enough to be on staff. I wanted this experience for my kids when we moved to Madison. I couldn't find the "just right" place the first two summers here because too many of the day camps were more like daycare and had too much time inside in front of a TV. Then we found Camp Shalom and my kids and

I were thrilled! I am a public high school teacher and my family struggles with disability issues, so paying for Camp Shalom was always a bit of a reach for us. My parents helped some but as they aged and then passed on, it became crucial to receive scholarship funds in order to continue sending my kids. I am so thankful that there is such a strong network of support to help with the Camp Shalom scholarships. My son just finished his last year at Camp Shalom as a camper and keeps answering that it was the highlight of his summer. He can't wait to apply to be a C.I.T. (counselor in training) and then a counselor.

Clearly, investing in him as a camper will pay off. Thanks to all donors and staff who have made the camp experience be so powerful for my kids!

Camp Shalom is not just for summers anymore! The day camp, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison, now offers programming during school breaks and the occasional day off from school. All programming is at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. Buses are available for school-break camps. School-break camps are for kindergarten through fifth-grade campers. Families who attend school-break camps will be permitted to register for Camp Shalom early with other returning families and alumni. Our school-break camps provide

an opportunity for new campers to get a preview of the Camp Shalom experience and for veteran campers to see their old friends and get to know new ones.

Winter Break Camp is for kindergarten through fifth-grade campers on December 26, 27 and 28; you can sign-up for one, two or all three days. Daily programming will include arts and crafts, active play, group games, and outside play if the weather permits. Registration is online at www.jewishmadison.org.

For more information please contact Ellen Weismer, shalomdirector@jewishmadison.org.



Autumn leaves fall on a quiet Camp Shalom campus. See you this winter!



CAMP SHALOM WINTER 2018

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- Thursday, December 27 ~ 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Friday, December 28 ~ 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

REGISTER ONLINE Starting: November 1, 2018
<https://www.jewishmadison.org/winter-camp>

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Session 2: July 16-August 2
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Over the next few months our adventures are going indoors for

Epic Campus Walking Adventures

November 4, 10:30 am

Led by Jewish Social Services Volunteer, Ed Angelina
Join us for another fun inside look at one of Epic's many theme campuses.

Meet at the Visitor's Center in the Andromeda building.

A Hanukkah Party for Collectors Corner Volunteers

December 2, in the morning

Non-volunteers are welcome to contribute.

Cooking Adventures

Dates TBA

Two Hands-On Cooking Classes

An Evening of Cheese and Wine with Friends

Date TBA

To learn more about these events

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About our Programs

Monday, November 5

Our presenter, Pam Phillips Olson grew up on Staten Island, NY. After graduating from Hunter College, she earned a Master of Social Work degree from Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work and has had a forty-plus year career as a clinical psychotherapist and educator specializing in intergenerational trauma. She began volunteering at Lechayim in 2005 and in 2016 published a book, *Lechayim Lunch: Ingredients for a Good Life*. It documents the life stories of attendees of the JSS Lechayim lunch program at the Beth Israel Center in Madison.

Pam will present and facilitate this interactive program: Remembering pivotal events in our lives, we will contemplate and if we choose, share the stories of how we became our authentic selves.



Pam Phillips Olson

Monday, November 12

For eighty years, a store named Radio Clinic* stood on the 98th Street block of Broadway on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Our presenter, Jen Rubin's immigrant grandfather opened it in 1934 during the depths of the Depression as a radio repair shop.

She will highlight parts of the story in her book, *We Are Staying: Eighty*

Years in the Life of a Family, a Store, and a Neighborhood. Jen describes the rise, struggles, and fall, and the family that owned it across those decades. It is a small business story about a shop owner that keeps on going despite the odds. It is an immigrant story, a grandfather-father-daughter story, a story of the unique character a family business brings to a neighborhood, and a reflection on what has been lost as stores like these disappear.



Mark Stransky

Monday, November 19

Mark Stransky will perform melodic piano compositions that he has composed from inspirations of people, nature, and his life experiences. He will give the inspiration behind each piece before it is performed. Mark is a physical therapy aide at Unity Point Health-Meriter in Madison. He has played piano for many years and gives a monthly Music and Healing concert at Meriter.

Monday, November 26

What is your favorite retirement

hobby? George Martin's is flying. Maybe a short flight to Wasau or LaCrosse for breakfast or lunch, maybe just to take in scenery on a nice day, or to fly his daughter to a conference for work or to visit family. George flies out of Middleton Municipal Airport. He just logged in over 1000 hours of flying time. He also helps other recreational pilots get started through a ground school program. Join us for a look at the world from George's point of view!



George Martin in Cessna

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 8301 Old Sauk Rd.

2:30 pm

A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer, Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach with music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel Volunteers.
December 7

Capitol Lakes in the Grand Hall 333 West Main St.

3:00 pm

A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the Hillel Foundation.
November 2
December 7 (Hanukkah party)

Oakwood West in Oak's Community Room 6225 Mineral Point Rd.

3:30 pm

A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer with the assistance from JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg.
November 16
December 21

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

Happy November Birthdays

Paul Borowsky
Martin Kades
Lorna Kniaz
Rita Kozmits
Diane Nestle
Marge Stroik
Barbie Swerin
Hagit Vardi

Refugee Shabbat Nation

BY DAWN BERNEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

"You shall love the stranger, for [we] were strangers in the land of Egypt"
~Deuteronomy 10:19.

We are reminded of this commandment 36 times in the Torah. During the month of October, in partnership with Jewish Social Services of Madison, HIAS, UW Hillel, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Beth Israel Center and Temple Beth El each included refugee guests at their Shabbat services and brought the issue

related to refugees to their congregations.

On Friday, October 5, Julia Brunson, a student from Milwaukee and Marah Birnbaum from Brooklyn, NY gave divrei Torah at the Reform and Conservative services about the connection between refugees and that week's parshah.

On the following Shabbat, Becca Schwartz, JSS resettlement coordinator spoke at Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. That congregation invited

the refugee family whose apartment they had prepared for their arrival.

During the third Shabbat, Beth Israel Center's Rabbi Forester spoke on the topic and the congregation also included participation by the family they helped upon arrival.

Temple Beth El's Social Action committee organized a program for their Shabbat service on the final Shabbat of the month.

The Jewish Social Services staff and board are grateful to the Madison Jewish community for their support of our

work. As Jews, we know what it is to be the stranger. During this month, we read about the Israelites wandering in search of freedom. We appreciate how the synagogues, UW Hillel, and the Jewish community as a whole can partner together at a time when refugees are experiencing ever increasing challenges to entering the country and need our help, more than ever, once they arrive. Thank you.

Mindy Wiseman Memorial Garden



On October 22, 2018, at Jewish Social Services' Annual Meeting, Jim Mackman officially dedicated the garden in front of our building to as the Mindy Wiseman

memorial garden. Jim designed and built the garden specifically for Mindy, a JSS older adult case manager who passed away, much too soon.

Meeting at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, located on the corner of Mound Street and Randall Avenue.

Contact Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4081 or email office@jssmadison.org **no later than 2:00 pm the preceding Wednesday**. A vegetarian option is available with a reservation. If you are 60 years or older, a minimum donation of \$4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what is comfortable for you. The cost of the meal is \$9.73 for those younger than 60 years old.

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

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November Lechayim Calendar

Monday, November 5

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Chicken shawarma, saffron rice, Israeli salad and sauces, eggplant salad, fruit, brownie (vegetarian option: tofu shawarma)
1:00 pm-1:00 pm Pam Phillips-Olson presentation, "Who We Were Meant to Be"

Monday, November 12

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 Moroccan beef stew, herbed rice, market vegetable, dessert, fruit (vegetarian option: Moroccan vegetable stew)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Jen Rubin presentation, "We Are Staying: Eighty Years in the Life of a Family, a Store, and a Neighborhood"

Monday, November 19

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Vegetarian lasagna w/ impossible burger, Greek salad, rolls, truffled white bean soup, fruit, dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm Mark Stransky: Original piano music in variety of styles on themes inspired by people and nature

Monday, November 26

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Beef Brisket, garlic roasted red potato, roasted carrots, fruit, babka (vegetarian option: stuffed peppers)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm George Martin presents, "Flying Small Airplanes for Fun and Travel"

Next Month's Dates: December 4, 11, 18

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

Making Lechayim reservations

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

Russian instructions for making Lechayim reservations

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Если вы хотите проверить какие-либо отмены или хотите получить дополнительную информацию о еде или программах, свяжитесь с Полом (608) 442-4083, paul@jssmadison.org

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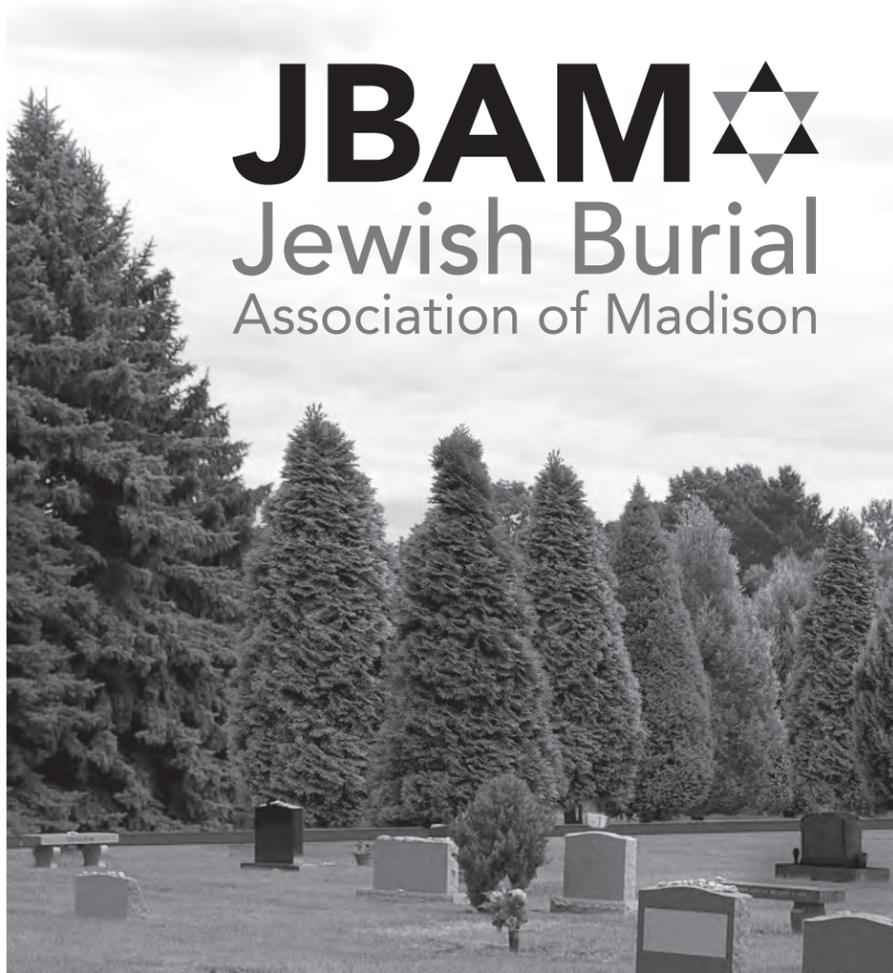
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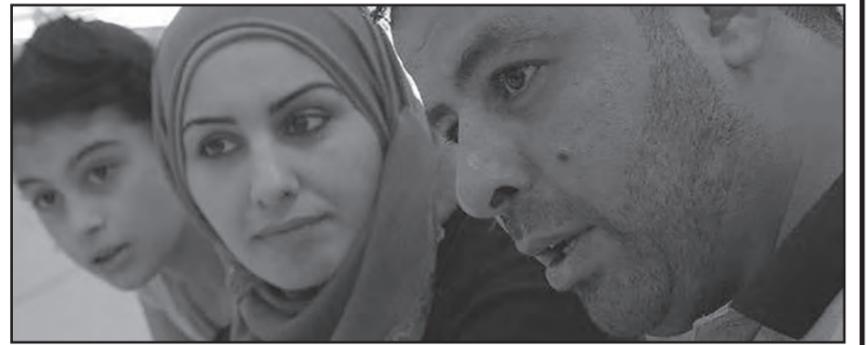
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Settlement of refugees has become an urgent project for Jewish Social Services and for local synagogues Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, and Beth Israel Center. Passionate volunteers have worked many long hours, donating and collecting necessities, setting up apartments, and assisting families in adjusting to new lives here--families from Afghanistan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Pakistan, Rwanda and Syria.

Along with this activism, we need to try to better understand the experiences of people forced from their foreign homes and newly arrived in our community.

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Happy Sigd!

By SHLOMIT EZER
ISRAELI SHLICHAH

It is here, a month without Jewish Holidays! The past couple of months have been packed, and with Hanukkah just around the corner, right at the beginning of December, it seems that November really stands out. Of course, you will not miss that holiday feeling since you still have Thanksgiving, but there is no Jewish holiday on the calendar.

There is, however, a holiday that is indeed celebrated this month. This year it falls on November 7th. Had you asked us a decade ago we probably would not have known much about it, but today we are here to tell you about the Sigd, an Ethiopian-Jewish holiday.

Why are we telling you about it here, on the Israel part of this Madison Jewish News, you ask? It is because this year, 2018, is the tenth year this holiday is

officially celebrated in Israel. In 2008 the Keneset, the Israeli parliament, added Sigd to the list of Israeli national holidays.

So, what is Sigd? Sigd is a holiday of the Beta Israel community, Ethiopian Jewish community. It is celebrated 50 days after Yom Kippur, on the 29th of Cheshvan. The name comes from the Hebrew word *sgida*, which means worship. During this holiday, the community rejoices the annual renewal of the alliance and covenant between the people of Israel and God, with the Torah that was given to our people. In a way, it resembles two other holidays: Shavuot and Yom Kippur. Shavuot, as it celebrates the acceptance of the Torah. In Ethiopia, the holiday ceremony was held on a high mountain symbolizing Mount Sinai. It is customary to wear

white clothing for the occasion. The Kes, a religious role equivalent to a rabbi at the Beta Israel communities, leads the ceremony. In Israel, members of the Ethiopian community make their way to Jerusalem, to the promenade at Armon Hanatziv (a high point in the city) where they hold the religious ceremony. It is also celebrated by the Kotel, the Western Wall.

Sigd also resembles Yom Kippur: the renewal of the covenant is a very holy occasion. Sigd is a day of fasting and communal self-examination in order to be worthy for the end of exile and the return to Zion.

Yearning for the return to Zion is a big aspect of this day when celebrated in Ethiopia but it is not as relevant for the people who have already immigrated to Israel. And so, over time, the meaning of this holiday has evolved in Israel—although, the yearning for Zion can still be expressed by yearning for the future building of the third Temple. In Israel, some people still fast on the day of Sigd; mainly the older community members. Many go to the religious ceremonial part of the day, taking place in Jerusalem. But for much of the Jewish-Ethiopian community in Israel, Sigd has become a day that mainly celebrates the community and unity of the people. For those who fast there is a celebratory meal at the end of the fast, and for those who do not fast, food is a part of the celebration of the day.

The first time I (Shlomit) learned about this holiday was when I was almost nineteen, during my community

volunteer gap year (*shnat sherut*). *Shnat sherut* is an optional year of community volunteer work that can be done between high school and service at the IDF (the latter is obligatory). My *shnat sherut* was with a group of friends as a part of a youth movement. We lived in the city of Afula for a year and worked in different educational roles in schools and after-school programs. Afula has a large Ethiopian-Israeli community, and that was the first time I was invited to celebrate Sigd. There, with mostly youth, it was indeed not a day of fasting but a celebration of the Ethiopian-Jewish tradition, including music, dancing, traditional clothing and Ethiopian food. Since then I have had the opportunity to celebrate Sigd in other cities as well and to learn more about the uniqueness of the Jewish-Ethiopian community.

There have been two main *Aliyah* (immigration) waves from Ethiopia, assisted by the Israeli government and Jewish Agency: Operation Moses in 1984 and Operation Solomon in 1991. Operation Moses was also assisted by the U. S. air force. The rather large Jewish population in Ethiopia at the time was persecuted. Jews were not allowed to practice their religion, suffered from the regimes and as citizens of Ethiopia, were not allowed to leave the country. As the Israeli government learned about their situation, it planned and carried out the first large secret operation. Before Operation Moses, about five thousand Jews immigrated to Israel. During this operation, that included walking to

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Israeli President, Rivlin, at the Sigd Celebration in Jerusalem

Injera – Traditional Ethiopian Bread

In Israel, this is probably the most well-known Ethiopian food. It is like a savory, sour pancake or pita made from special teff flour. It is usually served with different meat, vegetable or legumes

chutneys, spreads, or stews on top. It has a unique fermented flavor and is becoming more popular in Israel, where in the past couple of decades has seen the growth of many Ethiopian restaurants.

Injera

Ingredients:

- 2.2 pounds (1 kilo) teff flour
- 1 tbsp dry yeast
- 7 cups of water

Preparation:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour with the yeast and gradually add 4-5 cups of lukewarm water. The mixture should be runny. Leave the mixture at room temperature for twenty-four hours.
2. After twenty-four hours, the fermented water should have risen to the top. Dispose of that excess water. Then, add 2 cups of lukewarm water to the mixture and whisk vigorously to achieve a smooth mixture. You should see small bubbles rising due to fermentation.
3. Heat a lightly-oiled large nonstick skillet. Pour a ladle of the mixture into the skillet, and form it into a thin layer similar to making a crepe. Wait until bubbles cover the surface, cover for another thirty seconds and remove from heat.
4. Do not stack one on top of the other when very warm and fresh, the Injera is still sticky. Serve with cooked spicy vegetables, legumes, or meat of your choice.

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Connecting with Israel

How well do you know Israel and Israeli culture?

1. The Dead Sea is ___ times saltier than the ocean?
2. The unusually high salt concentration in the Dead Sea allows you to do what?
3. Thanks to what snack are babies in Israel 10 times less likely to suffer from peanut allergies?
4. Name the four seas/ponds in Israel.
5. What is hummus made of?
6. How many times did Israel participate in the World Cup?
7. I'm travelling in Israel from north to south. Which city will I get to first: Tel-Aviv or Haifa?
8. How many Olympic medals does Israel have?
9. What is the name of the Israeli actress who played Wonder Woman in the most recent DC movies?
10. For what NBA team does Omri Caspi play?
11. What is Israel's national food?
12. What is the name of the Israeli currency?
13. What is the highest denomination of the Israeli money?
14. What is the lowest denomination of the Israeli money?
15. In U.S. dollars, what is the average price of falafel in Israel?
16. Who wrote the Israeli anthem?
17. What is the largest city in Israel?
18. What is the name of the GPS navigation software that was developed in Israel and was bought by Google for 1.1 Billion dollars in 2013?
19. Name all four countries that border Israel.
20. How many Israeli films have won the Oscars?
21. What is the name of Israel's national airline?
22. What year did Israel declare its independence?
23. Who was Israel's first prime minister?
24. Who said: "if you will it, it is no dream"?
25. How many people live in Israel?
26. What is the most popular filling for suganiyot (Hanukkah donuts) in Israel?
27. What is the most popular filling for hamantashen in Israel?
28. What is the name of Israel's national cemetery in Jerusalem?
29. In what year was the IDF formed?
30. Why is the Green Line called this?
31. What does Tikun Olam literally mean?
32. With what countries did Israel sign a peace treaty?
33. How many times has Israel won the Eurovision contest?
34. Which party won the last elections in Israel?
35. What is Benjamin Netanyahu's nickname?
36. When people say "afternoon" in Israel, what exact time are they referring to?
37. Approximately, how much does one dollar get you in Shekels?
38. What was the name of Israel's only woman prime minister?
39. In what US city did Golda Meir grow up?

86 times. 2) Floating. 3) Bamba. 4) Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean. 5) Chickpeas. 6) once, in 1970. 7) Haifa. 8) Nine. 9) Gal Gadot. 10) the Memphis Grizzlies. 11) Falafel. 12) New Shekel. 13) 200 Shekels. 14) 10 Agorot (cents). 15) \$5. 16) Natall Herz Imber. 17) Jerusalem. 18) Waze. 19) Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Jordan. 20) 0. 21) El-Al. 22) 1948. 23) David Ben-Gurion. 24) Theodor Herzl. 25) about 8.5 million. 26) Strawberry jam. 27) poppy seeds. 28) Mount Herzl. 29) 1948. 30) Because they used a green pencil to draw it. 31) Repair of the world. 32) Egypt and Jordan. 33) 4. 34) The Likud. 35) Bibi. 36) 4pm. 37) 3.6. 38) Golda Meir. 39) Milwaukee.

Sigd

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Sudan through many dangers, and with many who did not survive, about seven thousand Jews made it to Israel. Six years later Operation Solomon was carried out because there was a civil war in Ethiopia. During this Aliyah wave, about 14,000 Jews immigrated to Israel. Today, almost two percent of the Israeli population are Ethiopian Jews, meaning immigrants or descendants of immigrants of the Beta Israel Jewish communities in Ethiopia.

Even though those Aliyah waves took place some years ago, the Ethiopian-Israeli community is still experiencing the struggles of immigrants. There are several organizations working to support full integration and successful absorption.

The fact this holiday is recognized as a national holiday in Israel means

several things. First, it is a day that any employee can request as a paid vacation day. Those who celebrate it have official recognition and the social right to take the day off. The deeper meaning, though, is the public recognition of the holiday and the people who celebrate it, and its effect on making us all one nation. It is always amazing to think about the many different Jewish communities and traditions that make up Israel. When those traditions are kept and shared with the rest of the communities, it creates new Israeli traditions and brings people closer together. So many people in Israel who came from so many different places celebrate the Russian Nobi God (new year), the Moroccan Mimunah (right after Pesach), and the Ethiopian Sigd.



Sigd in Jerusalem

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