



# JEWISH NEWS

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## JFM Award Recipients for 2018

The strength of our community rests on the commitment and dedication of individuals who work to improve the lives of others. The Jewish Federation of Madison proudly recognizes outstanding individuals who, by their achievements, exemplify the qualities we hold dear. The Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership award, the Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional award, and the Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service award will be presented to this year's deserving winners at the JFM Annual Meeting on November 18, 2018.

The Jewish Federation of Madison has a long-standing tradition of recognizing future leadership. In 1975, the Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award was established by her parents Isadore and Ida Singer (z"l) in memory of their much admired and dynamic young JFM leader. This award not only recognizes the achievements and future potential for leadership but enables the recipient to attend the Jewish Federation of North America General Assembly through an endowment fund established by her parents. We are fortunate that Jeremy

Tunis is this year's young leadership award recipient. He will attend the JFNA General Assembly in Tel Aviv between October 22-24.

Jeremy has been involved in many aspects of the Federation since he arrived in Madison with his wife, Dr. Michelle Poliak-Tunis and their two children Jaime and Lola. Jeremy is on the Board of Directors of JFM, and has been particularly involved in fundraising for Gan HaYeled, and is the co-chair of this year's Tzedakah Campaign. Jeremy is an attorney who manages a Madison-based public-affairs, crisis communications, grassroots and legislative advocacy and fundraising consultant business. The award will be presented by last year's recipient, Dr. Jesse Sondel.

The 2018 Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award will be presented posthumously to Cheryl Rosen Weston for her years of devoted service to the Madison Jewish community.

The late Cheryl Rosen Weston was chosen for this honor because of her many years of devoted involvement in the Jewish community. Cheryl served on the Board of Directors of the Federation and served as president of the Board of Jewish Social Services and UW-Hillel. Cheryl was an attorney and co-founder of Cullen, Weston, Pines and Bach, full-time faculty member of the UW-School of Law and was CEO of the Douglas Stewart Company. Cheryl was particularly committed to protecting the human rights and dignity of all individuals.

Cheryl left large legacy gifts to the Jewish community which will sustain her involvement and influence for many years to come. The Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award to Cheryl will be accepted by Cheryl's daughter Samantha Weston.

The 2018 Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award is being presented to Terrie Goren, Executive Director of Temple Beth El. The Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award was created to recognize a Jewish community professional that promotes Jewish community outreach, engagement and action that best serves Klal Yisrael. Terrie was chosen not only for her work at Temple Beth El but also for her work as the Executive Director of Jewish Social Services and the volunteer leadership of the Jewish Burial Association of Madison. Terrie has also served locally as the director of the Madison Public Library Foundation.

Terrie is married to Len and is also the mother of Adam and Jamie. Terrie is a Certified Fundraising Executive and has been an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.



Cheryl Rosen Weston and her grandchildren



Terrie Goren



Jeremy Tunis

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 Watch for details in the November MJN or at our website, [www.JewishMadison.org](http://www.JewishMadison.org)

# Student Leaders on the Rise at Hillel: Meet the Interns!

By ELISE GOLDSTEIN AND ALEX FISHKIND, EDITED BY AARON SELIGMAN  
UW HILLEL IS A BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

With fall semester in full swing, Hillel at UW-Madison is introducing 15 new student interns. Each student intern, who comes from a variety of geographic backgrounds and other campus involvement, has a different focus area under a broader theme of student engagement. The three categories are: programming, outreaching, and communicating/marketing. Within these areas, interns are planning and promoting events to invite and welcome other students this school year.

In addition to specific roles, interns will work together to tackle projects together, and participate in a first-ever evening and full-day retreat. The retreat allows them to enjoy a Shabbat dinner together, reflect on the (busy) first month of school with welcome activities and high holidays, and plan next steps as a team. Interns have created and set goals to make the most of their experience and utilize the positions effectively. Goals include building professional skills, collaborating with others, and increasing student outreach and opportunities for others to connect with Jewish life on campus. For example, senior Sofia Biros wants to learn about development and build a professional portfolio by creating a series of communications and presentations to explain different Hillel programs to supporters. Interns will also

do a deeper dive into what Jewish life means to them, what role Hillel can play, and the skills they want to learn to make a greater impact.

The interns play a special role in building community because they help to generate these programs and provide input. Internship supervisor and Hillel Assistant Director Aaron Seligman said, "We recognize the unique role of interns both as participants in Jewish life, and leaders on campus. They know what appeals to other students and how to connect with them. It is our role as a staff to provide the space, mentoring, and coaching to help them bring their ideas and talent together to build our broader community."

For example, Max Bibicoff (class of 2020) is a programming intern. Specifically, he is managing the Jewish Learning Fellowship, which is an outlet once a week for Jewish students to come together and discuss texts and Jewish values and eat dinner as a community. Max says that he is "excited to help lead group discussions for students to explore Judaism and meet new people in a comfortable setting." Another intern, Leah Rosenblum (class of 2021) is working on student outreach and immersing Jewish students into the Hillel community. When asked what she is most excited about for the upcoming

year, she said, "I'm eager to meet new people, make people feel welcome in a Jewish community, and make programs that appeal to a range of audiences." The third category of internships plays a role in the promotion of events. The communications and marketing interns utilize digital and social media and word of mouth to bring students into Hillel. Elise Goldstein (class of 2021) says that she is looking forward to "capturing the excitement that Hillel provides and

spreading it to other students in fun and engaging formats."

Ultimately, the fall 2018 interns at UW Hillel are extremely eager and enthusiastic about their positions and are eagerly anticipating all the wonderful students that join the community. Follow their work through Hillel's social media and other communications, stop by anytime to visit, and recommend any student leaders you know for future internships!



Hillel interns Max Bibicoff, Elise Goldstein, Kate Nerone, Jaime Klau, gathered with a friend at Hillel's Welcome BBQ during the first week of class.

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# Celebrating the New Bernie D. and Sandra K. Goldstein Lounge

By CHAD S.A. GIBBS  
CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES

At the end of August, the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies had the pleasure of celebrating our plans for the new Bernie D. and Sandra K. Goldstein Lounge with students, staff, faculty, and many members of the Goldstein family.

Bernie Goldstein is a 1949 graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, a true Badger fan, and an avid supporter of CJS. His sizeable gift has enabled us to create a lounge and resource facility for students and faculty that will greatly benefit our community of students and scholars. The Goldstein Lounge will feature a projection and collaboration space, a laptop bar work area and relaxation space with flat screen television.

The resource center built into this space will eventually hold a copy of all books assigned in CJS courses as well as works of note for our common fields of study. This collection will also contain a section concentrated in the study of the Holocaust. Bernie specifically asked that the donation in support of these volumes be titled in honor of his wife, Lenora. In an act of true generosity—in keeping

with his deep belief in tzedakah—an endowment has also been created to continually refresh the holdings and update the lounge as needed.

Celebrating with us at this event were also Stewart M. Goldstein, '82 and Joshua B. Goldstein, '15. The Goldstein family, currently, represents a three-generation commitment to the UW–Madison and, more recently, our

educational mission here at CJS.

Speakers at this event included Tony Michels, Director of CJS, and Professor Jordan Rosenblum. Both spoke to the ways in which this new facility and its community-building presence will enhance the education of our students while giving them a place to meet and collaborate with peers.

Of the Goldstein Family, Bernie himself spoke, as did his grandson,

Joshua. Bernie stressed his appreciation for the work of CJS and the pleasure he has taken from attending almost all nineteen annual offerings of the Greenfield Summer Institute. A program he has also committed to support.

We offer our thanks to Bernie and his entire wonderful family and look forward to the completion of this new resource early in the semester.



The Goldstein family and CJS faculty gather to celebrate the dedication of the new lounge

## Thank You and Congratulations to Judith Sone from the Mosse / Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies

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Everyone at the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies would like to wish Judith Sone all of our best as she transitions from her work as our Associate Director to lecturing in the Hebrew language here at the UW–Madison. Though Judith's excitement at the prospect of returning to the classroom is clear, her amazing talents and wonderful personality will be deeply missed in the administration of the Center.

Since starting as Associate Director in 2014, Judith has trained employees, facilitated countless events, dutifully

kept the books, and toiled with the utmost devotion toward the advancement of our educational goals.

Above all else demanded by her position as Associate Director, it has been Judith's primary responsibility to act as the academic advisor to all CJS students. Jewish Studies senior, Hilary Miller, has had the advantage of Judith's guidance in this capacity and in other activities during her time at the university.

Hilary states that "after each advising session with Judith, I left feeling more excited about my courses, professors, and schedules for the coming semesters. She has an incredible sense of calm about her that makes all students feel more confident and less overwhelmed."

During Hilary's work as editor of Avukah, the UW–Madison's new undergraduate journal of Jewish Studies, she always had the benefit of Judith's full and unwavering support. "When I approached her with the idea of creating a student journal for the department a year ago she was not only open to the concept but also devoted so much time from her already busy schedule to make it a reality. She was extremely encouraging, and I always appreciated her accessibility and responsiveness."

Chad Gibbs praised Judith for being a kind and helpful mentor during his time as a graduate student employee at CJS. "I learned a great deal from her about the mission of the Center and how the university works that will continue to help me down the road. Judith even connected me with her father to help me with my Yiddish-language studies and I can't thank her enough."

"It was a pleasure to work with Judith over the past year," states CJS Director, Tony Michels. "She was always level-headed and wise, tireless in her devotion to the work of CJS and its students, wonderful in her warmth toward community members who frequented our events. I learned much from her and will miss seeing her in the office every day, but I'm thrilled she is now CJS' Hebrew lecturer. She's an extraordinary teacher and we're fortunate to have her."

Judith taught upper division Hebrew

language and literature courses while working as Associate Director. In her new position she will continue providing these offerings and take over lower level classes from the recently retired Haya Yuchtman.

We thank Judith for her service to the Center and offer our congratulations on her return to the classroom full time. CJS faculty, staff, and students wish her all the best in the future!



Professor Judith Sone

## To the Madison Jewish Community

We wish to inform the community that Rabbi Paula Winnig has decided to step down from her position as the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, effective September 14, to pursue other professional paths.

JFM thanks Rabbi Winnig for her efforts, and for the numerous successes she has brought to the organization during her tenure. Her contributions and hard work are very much appreciated.

Rabbi Winnig appreciates the opportunity she has had to serve the Madison Jewish Community, and she values the many relationships she has formed in the process. She looks forward to her future endeavors in Madison and as a member of the Jewish community.

The Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM) and Rabbi Paula Winnig extend to everyone our best wishes for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling new year.

Sincerely, The Jewish Federation of Madison and Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig

# Your Federation Dollars at Work: iREP

People want to understand what their Federation funds support in Israel. One contentious issue is the religious pluralism within the State of Israel. To respond to this concern, we joined with 18 other federations to become a supporter of the **Israel Religious Expression Platform, iREP**. Through our participation as an iREP Federation, we have the good fortune to support significant programming that will grant more opportunity for pluralistic Jewish expression within Israel.

This year iREP awarded over \$440,000 in grants to ten programs that promote public awareness and engagement in this issue. iREP's goal is to create widespread active civic support for expansion of recognized forms of marriage in Israel. *The New York Times* recently reported on this rising opposition to only having the option of Orthodox controlled religious marriage in Israel. You can read more at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/19/world/middleeast/israel-weddings-orthodox-alternatives.html>.

Your Federation dollars are going to work to help change this situation through our iREP partnership. Here are the latest grant recipients and descriptions of their programs.

- **Yisrael Hofsheet (Be Free Israel), IMPJ (Reform) Movement, and the Masorti (Conservative) Movement** will run a joint media and grass-roots campaign encouraging secular and traditional Israeli couples to choose alternative marriage options.

- **Hiddush** will raise consciousness and advocate for marriage freedom through public opinion polls on different aspects of the marriage issue.

- **Ne'emanei Torah Va'Avodah** will raise awareness among the religious Zionist sector about the problems with current marriage laws, how people from the FSU are affected by the current policies, and promote civil marriage as a solution for those unable to marry through the Rabbinat.

- **The Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women at Bar Ilan University** will build on the research mapping the field of alternative marriage ceremonies and their legal and halachic implications.

- **Mavoi Satum** will provide orthodox marriage ceremonies for couples outside the chief Rabbinat, and publicize

this service through media work and conferences. This service will create choice in marriage for more traditional and Orthodox couples.

- **Hashgacha Pratit** will provide marriage ceremonies according to Halacha outside the Rabbinat and create a national campaign reaching hundreds of thousands of Israelis via the news media, social networks, advertisements, and demonstrations convincing them that they have a choice in the type of ceremony even if they want an Orthodox marriage.

- **Tmura Israel and Atid Bamidbar** will raise awareness of the Russian speaking group on the options for Jewish marriage outside the Rabbinat and the legal status of these marriages, through lectures, conference and media work in Russian.

- **Project Keshet Israel** will raise awareness of the Russian speaking group on the options for Jewish marriage outside the rabbinat and the legal status of these marriages through leadership seminars for Russian speaking women in the periphery, training of Russian language journalists on these issues, and engaging young Russian speaking Jews on Masa program.

- **BINA: The Jewish Movement for Social Change** will build a curriculum and teach hundreds of non-Orthodox (hiloni and masorati) young Israelis on the issue of marriage freedom and the options for getting married outside the Rabbinat. The curriculum will be shared with many other organizations providing Jewish education to young adults in pre-army seminars (Mechinot).

- **Tikun** will facilitate consolidation of a Masorati ("traditional") perspective on marriage through a roundtable discussion of the 120 Tikun members, all Masorti and Mizrahi leaders. The materials will be publicized in order to encourage the inclusion of Masorati viewpoint on the marriage issue in the public debate around it.

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## Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS

### Shmini Atzeret

Monday, October 1

### Simchat Torah

Tuesday, October 2

### Matzah Balls Play Kickball

Wednesday, October 3, 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 17, 24, 31, Time TBA

Bowman Park, 1775 Fish Hatchery, Field #2, Madison, WI 53713

The Matzah Balls, our co-ed sports team, is playing Kickball this season. Come cheer the team on as a spectator or join the team as a player.

Games will be Wednesday evenings weekly through October (at varying times.)

Contact Tiz at [outreach@jewishmadison.org](mailto:outreach@jewishmadison.org) for more information or to inquire about playing on the team.

### Ivrit Bekef

Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 24, 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm

Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St., Madison, WI 53711

Learning Hebrew through fun activities for students K-2nd grade.

Registration and more information at [JewishMadison.org](http://JewishMadison.org).

Contact Shlomit at [israel@jewishmadison.org](mailto:israel@jewishmadison.org).

### Ivrit Kallah

Mondays, October 8, 15, 22, 29

Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, 6434 Enterprise Ln., Madison, WI 53719

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Beginner Level: introduction to letters, vowels, and vocabulary

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Advanced Level: continuation of vocabulary and sentences

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Contact Shlomit Ezer at [israel@jewishmadison.org](mailto:israel@jewishmadison.org).

### Family Potluck Shabbat at Gan

Friday, October 19, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, 6434 Enterprise Ln., Madison, WI 53719

Join us for a fun filled Shabbat sing-a-long with candles, kiddish and challah, a PJ Library story, followed by a potluck dinner! Please bring a vegetarian dish. We hope to see you there!

## Refugee Shabbat Nation: Madison Synagogues and UW Hillel Celebrate Refugee Shabbat

This month HIAS is organizing Refugee Shabbat Nation as moment for congregations, organizations, and individuals around the country to create a Shabbat experience dedicated to refugees. We are witnesses to one of the largest humanitarian crises in human history. There are now more than 65 million people who have fled their homes due to persecution and violence.

And, yet, in this moment of unprecedented need, our government is grinding the U.S. refugee admissions program to a halt and cutting humanitarian aid. This year, the United States is poised to admit tens of thousands fewer refugees than in years past. Refugee Shabbat is a moment when we must give voice to our values as Jews and as Americans and stand up for the safety and the lives of people around the world.

The president has proposed capping the number of refugees at 30,000, a record low – and just before the 2018 midterm elections. It is the perfect moment to raise awareness in our community, to recognize the work that has been done, and to reaffirm our commitment to welcoming refugees.

Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Hillel at UW Madison in conjunction with Jewish Social Services will participate in Refugee Shabbat Nation with families resettled by JSS sharing their stories, in addition to pointed d'verei Torah and liturgy to uplift the necessity of welcoming refugees. Please join us for these special Shabbatot.

October 14, 2018	Shaarei Shamayim
October 19, 2018	UW-Hillel
October 20, 2018	Beth Israel Center
October 26-27, 2018	Temple Beth El

## Madison Hadassah

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

### UW Arboretum Walking Adventure at Wingra Woods with Shelly Stillman Sunday, October 7, 12:00 pm

Join us for a woodland walk to enjoy peak fall colors and explore a corner of the arboretum that many people miss. Wingra Woods includes a beautiful old oak savannah, a meandering creek, skunk cabbage bridge, Indian mounds, and more.

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Path to the Indian mounds is uneven.

Everyone welcome.

Please RSVP so we know to expect you.

Email: madisonhadassah@gmail.com Call: (608) 770-6521

And check Facebook for updates: www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison

Meet at Wingra Springs Parking Lot

Directions:

Wingra Woods is most easily reached from the east entrance to the arboretum.

Enter the arboretum from the east side near St. Mary's Hospital. The east

entrance is at Haywood Drive and North Wingra Drive/South Mills Street.

Follow Arboretum Drive past the residential area.

Park at Wingra Springs parking lot. The lot is one half mile northeast of the

Visitor Center.

Madison Hadassah invites you to:  
**A Small Group Discussion on Zionism Today**  
A follow-up talk by Paula Winnig on  
**Contemporary Zionism - Is this what Theodore Herzl and  
Henrietta Szold Envisioned?**  
**Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm**

Refreshments served. Call or email for reservation and location. Limited to 12.

Email: madisonhadassah@gmail.com Call: (608) 770-6521

Or visit Collectors Corner at 6633 University Ave., Middleton. For more information please visit: www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison



Explore the UW Arboretum's Wingra Woods with its skunk cabbage wetlands and Indian mounds on this month's Hadassah walking adventure on October 7.



The October 11 small group talk on Zionism Today is a follow up to the August discussion with Rabbi Paula Winnig on contemporary Zionism: Is This What Theodore Herzl and Henrietta Szold had in Mind?

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## Simchas & Condolences

### Mazel Tov on the birth of

**Harrison James Semrow**, son of James and Gena Semrow, sister to Rowan, and grandson of Debbie Martin

### 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

**Amme Anderson**, grandmother of Mark (Tanya) Anderson, great-grandmother of Lily and Samuel Anderson

**Norma White**, mother of Bill (Linda) White, grandmother of Natalie, Erika, and Holly White

**Dorothy Whitcomb**, mother of Patricia Green-Sotos (Bart Green (z"l), Peter Sotos), wife of Bill Whitcomb (z"l), grandmother of Alisha (Jay) Johnson, Jeremiah Green, and Rachel Green (z"l)

**Lillian M. Ihnchak**, mother-in-law of Elayne Ihnchak, grandmother of Tiz Ihnchak, and great-grandmother of Micah, Eliana, and Nathan Goff

**Ruth Stocker**, cousin of Judith (Marc) Herstand, and Micah and Ari

**Fay Forester**, mother of Scott (Rabbi Betsy) Forester and Robin (Marc) Joseph, wife of Ben Forester (z"l), grandmother of Rena, Benjy and Shira Forester and Brad (Lauren), Michael and Josh Joseph

**Bobbie Krinsky**, mother to Amy Hansen (nee Fishman), grandmother to Erik Hansen, and stepmother/grandmother to the Imig Family (Ann, Ben, Elliot, Max), The Kayros Family (Dan, Anat, Yael, Yehonatan, Maoz, Amos), and the Krinsky/Titus Family (Rachael, Scott, Kenna, Gwen)

**Anita Daitch Parks**, wife of Dr. HK Parks (z"l), mother to Dr. Barbara Parks (Mike Basto), Dr. Richard Parks (Dr. Miriam), and Dr. Roberta Parks; aunt to Claudia (Willie) Haus; grandmother to Tamar, Hadas, Moriah, Michal, Taliah, Avraham Eliyahu, Ben and Molly, and more than 25 great-grandchildren



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# Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

## October Events

- 01 Erev Simchat Torah Celebration (BIC)**  
*Monday, October 1, 6:00 pm*  
We'll unroll and explore the inside of a Sefer Torah, from end to end, then dance with our Torah scrolls. All are welcome! Dinner (for those who RSVP'd in advance) begins at 5:30 pm.
- 01 Simchat Torah Celebrations (CSS)**  
*Monday, October 1, 5:30 pm*  
Free Pizza dinner followed by a service at 6:15 pm, with dancing, singing, rolling the Torah, and a dessert potluck. Contact the office to RSVP for pizza.
- 02 Simchat Torah Services & Children's Program (BIC)**  
*Tuesday, October 2, 9:30 am*  
Traditional services and dancing at 9:30, children's programs at 10:30.
- 05 Shabbalala (TBE)**  
*Friday, October 5, 5:45 pm*  
Gathering at 5:45 pm for a 6:00 pm service. An all-generation, musical Shabbat experience.
- 05 06 Shabbat Retreat at Goose Lake (CSS)**  
*Friday and Saturday, October 5, 6*  
Sleep under the stars or join us on Saturday only for hiking, good discussions, and great community. Just an hour away at the summer house of Jeff and Sheryl Spitzer-Resnick.
- 06 Parsha Study (BIC)**  
*Saturday, October 6, 12:45 pm*  
NEW: About once a month, join Rabbi Forester after kiddush lunch for discussion of the week's parsha.
- 07 Keshet: Connecting Little Ones to Jewish Community (CSS)**  
*Sunday, October 7, 10:30 am - 11:30 am*  
Our eight-session program for two to four-year-olds and their parents begins. Located at RISE, 2120 Fordem Ave.
- 07 Kadima Goes Mini-Golfing (BIC)**  
*Sunday, October 7, 1:15 pm - 3:30 pm*  
Middle schoolers go mini-golfing, and top off the afternoon with a scoop of frozen custard. Email Deborah Hoffman at [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) for more information.
- 09 10 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan (BIC)**  
*Tuesday and Wednesday, October 9, 10, 7:00 am*  
Celebrate the new month at morning minyan, followed by a light breakfast.
- 12 Shabbat Dinner (BIC)**  
*Friday, October 12, 5:45 pm*  
Enjoy a catered Shabbat dinner with old and new friends at BIC. RSVP to [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) by October 4.
- 14 Yom Rishon (BIC)**  
*Sunday, October 14, 10:00 am - 11:15 am*  
Preschoolers and their grownups come learn through play, crafts, stories, and songs with Education Director Beth Copelovitch.
- 16 Havurah on Aging (CSS)**  
*Tuesday, October 16, 2:00 pm*  
Please contact the office for more information.
- 17 Keshet Film Series (TBE)**  
*Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm*  
"Junction 48" ~Winner Tribeca Film Festival~ Set in an Arab ghetto of the Israeli town of Lyd, Junction 48 portrays the life of a Palestinian rapper bent on portraying the difficult conditions of his life through his music. Faced with the obstacles of a family tragedy, violently pro-Israeli singers, parental restrictions of both his and his girlfriends' families and drug dealers, Kareem surfaces, bit by bit as a strong, responsible and hopeful human being. Writer/producer: Udi Aloni Produced: 2015 Run Time: 1 hour, 37 minutes Rating: Keshet Israel Committee rates this film for those age 18 and over.
- 19 Singles Creating Community Coffee Klatch (TBE)**  
*Friday, October 19, 9:00 am*  
The Egg and I, 2501 Beltline Hwy
- 19 Shabbat Dinner Get Together (TBE)**  
*Friday, October 19, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm*  
Taste of India, 2623 Monroe St. #150
- 19 MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze (BIC)**  
*Friday, October 19, 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm Services, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Dinner*  
Jewish high-schoolers are invited to daven and dine together with Rabbi Forester. All prayers, edibles, and hospitality provided.
- 20 Refugee Shabbat (BIC)**  
*Saturday, October 20, 9:30 am*  
BIC is pleased to welcome organizers and beneficiaries of local refugee resettlement efforts to share their experiences with Shabbat School students and the congregation during and after Shabbat morning services. Kiddush will be sponsored by the BIC Social Action Committee to welcome our guests.
- 20 Shabbat Z'mirot (BIC)**  
*Saturday, October 20, 12:45 pm*  
Sing a little after Shabbat kiddush lunch.
- 21 Hebrew on One Foot (BIC)**  
*Sunday, October 21, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm*  
Learn to decode Hebrew so you can follow along in a prayer book and begin to develop familiarity with the language. This class will serve as an important foundation for Hebrew beginners interested in studying Talmud with Rabbi Forester. Cost: \$36 for BIC members, \$54 for non-members.
- 21 Get to Know Us Brunch (CSS)**  
*Sunday, October 21, 9:50 am - 11:30 am*  
Interested in learning more about Shaarei Shamayim? Join us for bagels and coffee. Members will discuss their experiences and our membership committee will be available to answer questions. Located at RISE, 2120 Fordem Ave. RSVPs requested.
- 21 PJ Library Tots & Tunes (TBE)**  
*Sunday, October 21, 10:30 am*  
For young children (ages 0-5) and their families. Enjoy playful, musical, educational moments, including a PJ Library story and meaningful craft project.
- 24 Singles Creating Community Dinner (TBE)**  
*Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 pm*  
Free House Pub, 1902 Parmenter St., Middleton
- 25 Talmud Class Begins (BIC)**  
*Thursday, October 25, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm*  
The first of several six-week sessions of Talmud study with Rabbi Forester.
- 26 Shabbat Worship Service "The Refugee Crisis Shabbat" (TBE)**  
*Friday, September 26, 7:30 pm*  
At this special Shabbat service, we will deepen our understanding of the global refugee crisis, connect with the Jewish movement to aid refugees, and celebrate our community's work with refugees alongside Jewish Social Services, HIAS, Open Doors for Refugees, and other partners.
- 27 Author Visit (BIC)**  
*Saturday, October 27, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm*  
BIC welcomes Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg, who will present a program based on her new book, *Miriam's Well: A Modern Day Exodus*.
- 27 Susan Weinberg Book Talk (TBE)**  
*Saturday, October 27, 10:15 am - 11:30 am*  
Susan Weinberg, an author and artist from Minneapolis, will speak about her book *We Spoke Jewish: A Legacy in Stories*, based on oral history interviews.



Madison Jewish community high schoolers gathered to make and deliver Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags for Jewish seniors, in conjunction with Jewish Social Services on Sunday, September 9. (BIC, CSS, TBE)



David Balkansky, silver polisher extraordinaire! (BIC)

### Regular Shabbat 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 kiddush (October 13 and 27). Once a month we also have Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00 pm followed by a vegetarian potluck (October 19). 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.



Havdalah with Rabbi Betsy Forester (BIC)



Shaarei Shamayim teens go camping at Camp Shalom

### Legend

#### Beth Israel Center (BIC)

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

#### Congregation Shaarei Shamayim (CSS)

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

#### Temple Beth El (TBE)

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

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



Shaarei Shamayim men's havurah gathers for coffee

# Who We Were: The Rise and Fall of the House of Lenz

By JONATHAN Z. S. POLLACK

Many Madisonians know that the building in James Madison Park that is now known as Gates of Heaven was Madison's first synagogue building, Shaarey Shomayim. The congregation built their temple in 1863 on West Washington Avenue, between Fairchild and Henry Streets. However, reasons for the congregation's decline during the 1870s, to the point that it ceased to exist in 1879, are little known.

In a small congregation like Shaarey Shomayim in the 19th century, the fortunes of one person could make or break its ability to hold services. The one such person was Jacob Lenz (1818-1899).

Lenz was born in Kerpen, in what was then the Kingdom of Prussia. He came to Wisconsin in the 1850s with his wife Henrietta, settling in Milwaukee and Manitowoc before coming to Madison in 1858. He joined the fledgling community of Jews who held services in members' homes and he assisted in their efforts to build a temple.

Although Lenz, like other German Jews, socialized with non-Jewish Germans, his daughters married Jewish men while in Madison. His eldest daughter Lena married Madison merchant Emanuel Cook. His next-oldest daughter Caroline married her first cousin, Simon Leiser, who came to Madison in 1869 to work in his uncle's

businesses. His third daughter, Sophia, married Simon Leiser's brother Gustav, and upon Gustav's death, married his brother Max.

Lenz built business partnerships with Madison's Jews beyond his family ties. In 1858, shortly after arriving in Madison, he entered a partnership with clothing merchant Benedict Israel, who declared bankruptcy and fled to San Francisco a year later.

In the early 1860s, Lenz bought land around rural Dane County. He opened a general store in Black Earth and a brewery in what was the Pleasant Branch settlement, near what is now the corner of Branch Street and Century Avenue in Middleton. He also opened a brewery and distillery in Chicago. In addition, he was a silent partner in at least five other Jewish merchants' stores in Madison and rural Dane County.

By the early 1870s, though, Lenz was overextended. Credit reports from 1870 called him "somewhat cramped for money." By 1872, that became, "Owes everybody and everybody owes him." The negative reports were balanced by appraisals that called him "a sharp bright hardworking man" and "smart as a trap." Finally, on May 1, 1873, the Dun and Company report on Lenz read as follows:

His affairs are so extended and complicated that we do not expect his estate will pay anything in bankruptcy.

He was broken in health and spirits and driven to distraction by small suits. Some think he has killed himself, we fancy he has gone to Europe, he maybe has gone to NY to see his creditors, but we fear and believe he has turned scamp and absconded, and that his estate is worthless to general creditors. He shipped everything he could get hold of and took off with money.

The final Dun and Company report on Lenz, from July 4, 1874, concluded that Lenz took \$100,000 from associates in Madison (equivalent to roughly \$2 million today) and claimed that he was "repeating the same procedure now at Puget Sound, British America." The reporter was correct: Lenz had packed up all of his stock that could be transported, and he and his family fled to Victoria, British Columbia.

Because Lenz had chosen his fellow Jews as business partners, Madison's Jewish community was devastated. Lenz's former partners left for

Milwaukee, Chicago, and elsewhere to move in with relatives and attempt a fresh start. Meanwhile, Lenz, working with his son, Moses, and nephews/sons-in-law Simon, Gustav, and Max Leiser, built a department store empire in Victoria, British Columbia that branched out into general stores in the gold-rush boomtowns of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. In Victoria, Lenz and his family were active members of Temple Emanu-EL, and Henrietta Lenz and her daughters served on the executive board of the Hebrew Ladies of Victoria.

Lenz's daughter Caroline joined the rest of the family in 1888, when she and her husband Emanuel Cook moved from Madison to Victoria, and when her husband died a few years later, members of the Thuringer family made the trek out there to participate in his funeral.

Perhaps, the Lenz family reconciled with their former neighbors and associates from Madison.

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# Jewish Education

## New Year, New Addition!

By MARLA BECKER  
DIRECTOR OF GAN HAYELED

“Children need the freedom to appreciate the infinite resources of their hands, their eyes and their ears, the resources of forms, materials, sounds and colours.” - Loris Malaguzzi

We have an “art studio” at Gan HaYeled! What a wonderful opportunity for the children to freely explore an array of media and materials to make their own creations. With everything arranged by colors, the children can easily navigate and take care of the space. They each have their own sketch journal, as well

as their own cubby space to store their works in progress.

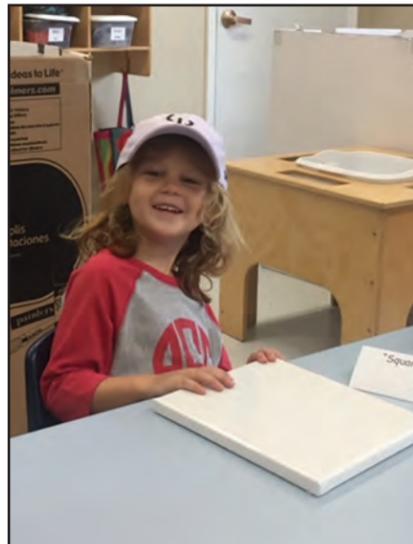
Our goal of offering open-ended art experiences is to emphasize the process of creation, rather than the goal of creating a finished product. Introducing various media through open-ended full exploration helps the children to fully understand a medium. They figure out how it behaves, how they can use it, how it feels when they touch it and what tools they need to use it.



Just relaxing on the bench outside...how is your day?



Making our own sculptures/creations takes lots of planning and concentration.



Wassily has circles in his paintings and we are exploring circles and cycles!



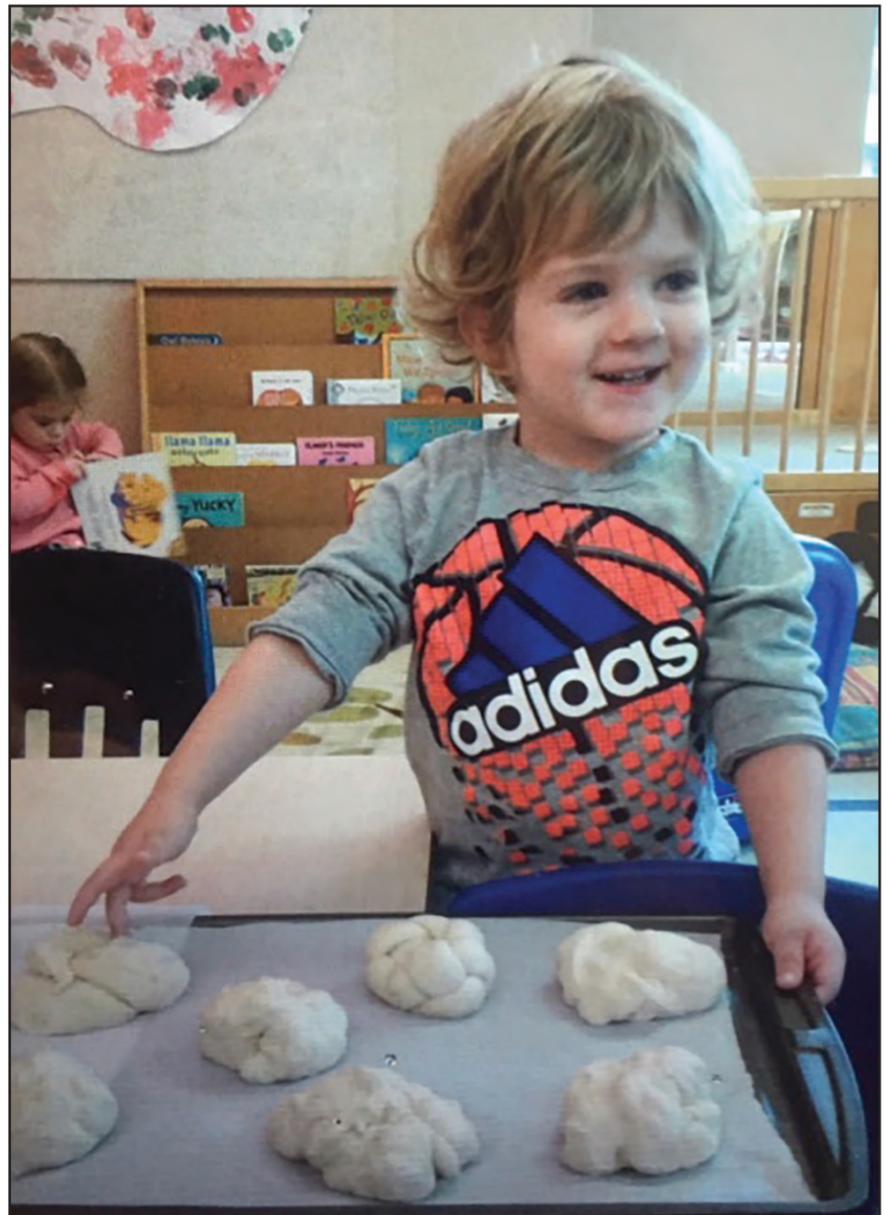
Mailing Rosh Hashanah cards to our families was so fun.



Our all school Shabbat is such a special way to culminate the week!



Our youngest ones enjoy outdoor play and can't wait for our new nature area.



Get your challah, freshly made!

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# Camp Corner



## And That's a Wrap! Camp Noar - Bogrim Bids Another Summer Goodbye

By LISA FRIEND-KALUPA  
DIRECTOR OF CAMP NOAR-BOGRIM

The end of another camp season is always bittersweet. There is the satisfaction of having completed another successful summer, but there are also the goodbyes: the staff who will not return as they move into year-round jobs, experiences abroad, required internships; and the campers who have completed their final year with us and who—we hope—will return next summer as CITs, but will no longer be part of our immediate NOBO family. The tears falling during the last hour on the last day are genuine, and in their own way, also a reflection of a successful summer.

Summer 2018 was a great one for us! We once again had full enrollment, and our fabulous counselor team kept our campers busy searching out Bucky statues, visiting state parks, and paddling and log rolling on Lake Wingra. Farms were visited where campers got to, literally, try their hand at milking cows. Trails were biked into Verona, into Mt. Horeb, and across the new Capitol Springs boardwalk area.

Back at camp, there were creative activities throughout the summer. DIY opportunities included upcycling clothes (a la "Project Runway"), making spa products, constructing miniature golf obstacles, and experimenting with new art forms. We cooked...and tasted. We played Bubble Soccer, basketball, water polo, ultimate and zombie apocalypse. We learned to decorate cupcakes...and counselors. On Friday mornings we danced, and on Friday afternoons, we sang. We defied the rain by playing in it

when we could, and we defied the heat with a little shade and a LOT of water!

One of the highlights of second session is always Maccabiah, but there were other highlights as well. Tal and Shlomit, our Israeli shlichim, put together and led a wonderful Yom Yisrael for us. Not only did campers get the opportunity to cook Israeli favorites like shakshuka and pita, but they engaged in a variety of activities and even got to find out why people the world over prize mud from the Dead Sea for facials! We are so appreciative to Castle Bath for their donation of Tres'Yours Dead Sea Mud. Our campers really enjoyed trying it out (and our counselors probably enjoyed it even more!). We were also able to offer a drumming yitzeerah (skill development program) led by Dr. Yorel Lashley. It was a great experience for our campers and we hope to offer a repeat opportunity next year!

Of course, one of the highlights of the NOBO summer is also the overnight experience. Camp Interlaken hosted our first session ninth graders, and Camp Chi during our second session. The campers were able to enjoy experiences on site at the camps, and engage in activities in and around those camps. Our sixth through eighth graders were happy to be able to camp off-site at Crazy Horse Campground this year after being rained out on both overnight dates last summer. We did not completely escape the rain, though; we had to move our campers from their tents around midnight when a lightning storm popped up on the radar during our second session overnight!



Eighth grade teamwork

### Important Dates to Remember

**Camp Shalom Winter Camp:**  
December 26-28 (registration will begin online on November 1)

**Camp Shalom Spring Break Camp:**  
March 26-28

**Camp Shalom Registration for Returning Families and Alumni:**  
March 6

**Camp Shalom Registration for Everyone:**  
March 7

But the beauty of camp is that everything is an adventure; you are with some of your favorite people in the world, so even the tough times are more "good" than "bad". It was no surprise to any of us on staff that our kids took everything in stride with good humor. Big kudos to our fabulous staff for shepherding 80-plus kids to safety in the dark, and then getting them resettled into their tents a couple of hours later. I am sure campers and staff will be telling the story for years to come!

And that's a wrap! While the 2018 season may be over, we are already thinking ahead to 2019. The waiting list springs up quickly, so mark your calendars for registration on that first Tuesday in March; we can't wait to welcome back our returning campers, and to welcome in our next NOBO generation!



Together at Devil's Lake State Park



Basketball competition at Maccabiah



NOBO - it's all about the friendships



Red Team Maccabiah victory!



Tracking down Bucky Badgers was a summer highlight



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# Major Gifts Dinner

By ALICIA SCHIFF  
PRESIDENT OF JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

On Thursday, September 6, we held our Major Gifts Dinner at Quivey's Grove. It was a lovely evening attended by almost 30 people. Guests enjoyed appetizers, conversation and mingling, which was followed by a delicious dinner enjoyed by all. Following dinner, our speakers from Jewish Social Services (JSS) provided information on the topic of refugees. JSS Executive Director Dawn Berney provided a thorough background and history of

the refugee situation. Becca Schwartz, Resettlement Coordinator, and Rihab Taha, Resettlement Case Manager/ Arabic Translator, were joined by a refugee who shared his story about resettling in Madison, Wisconsin. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us, it was a lovely and educational way to begin our Tzedakah Campaign.



Susan Roquitte, Roberta Gassman, Jean Landweber, and Jan Loeb

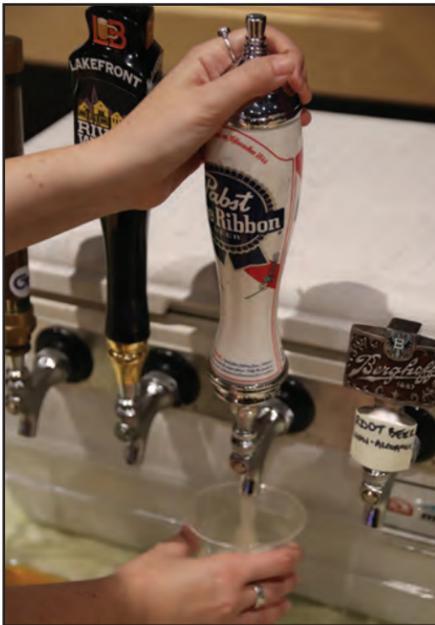
# Tzedakah Campaign Kick Off!

By DEBBIE MINKOFF  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON

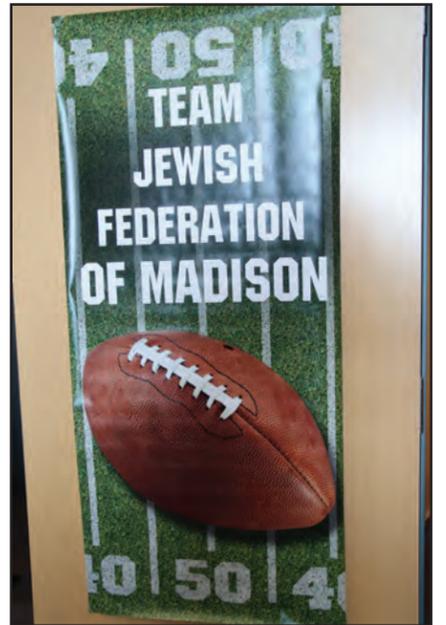
Thank you to Jonathan and Susan Lipp for hosting our annual Tzedakah Campaign Kick Off at Full Compass.

A good time was had by all at our first ever kosher tailgate featuring a MEGA screen viewing of the Packers vs. Viking football game, chili cook-off and beer pull. It was a family friendly event with activities and games for all ages. We also unveiled our inspiring I ♥ Jewish

Madison video. This begins the annual Tzedakah Campaign which raises essential funds for all Jewish Federation of Madison programs and events, and allows us to fulfill our mission and support the Madison Jewish community. We look forward to connecting with you in the next few months to join us in this effort.



Thirst quenchers



All about the game



Shlomit and Tiz



Robyn, Zach, and Ben



Eva



Joel, Byron, and Janet



Dan and Jeremy



Jason, Yolanda, Rhett, and Harlow



Aaron, Jami, and Mara



Mara



Great seats for viewing the game

# Temple Beth El's 52nd Annual Food-A-Rama Luncheon Offers a Welcome Break from Partisan Strife on Election Day

Our nation's political climate is contentious these days, yet we can all agree to enjoy good food!

After you vote on Tuesday, November 6, head over to Temple Beth El Sisterhood's annual Food-A-Rama luncheon, now in its 52nd year, for delicious deli-style food and baked goods.

The entire community is invited to Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, to enjoy Food-A-Rama's tasty corned beef sandwiches, kosher-style hot dogs, Mediterranean vegetarian platters, scrumptious baked goods, and more. Dine in, carry out, or place an order for delivery to your home or workplace.

Dine-in hours are 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Bakery and deli sales are 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Bakery sales feature homemade pies, cakes, tortes, bars, and Jewish delicacies including rugelach and mandelbrot. Popular items sell out quickly, so come early!

Deli items include corned beef, frozen matzah ball soup and cabbage soup, fresh chopped liver, and challah. Potato knishes, a favorite 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](http://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](http://food-a-rama.com) until noon on Monday, November 5, or by phone at (608) 467-3196 on Election Day.

Food-A-Rama started in 1966, inspired by a similar fundraiser held each spring by the similarly named Temple Beth-El in Rockford, Illinois. The Madison organizers chose Election Day because the temple building was a polling place then.

Voting no longer takes place on site, yet Food-A-Rama chair Leslie Kemp explains that the event continues as a "celebration of democracy," noting, "we can have this delicious food and come together, whether we are Democrat or Republican or independent."

In a typical year more than 1,100 lunches are served at Food-A-Rama or delivered.

*The room is abuzz. You never know who you'll meet, from within or outside the Jewish community. There's good food and good company. You can feel the camaraderie in the room.* - Leslie Kemp

This tasty event helps to support many causes in the Madison area, including Camp Shalom scholarships, Temple Beth

El, and other community organizations.

*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/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.* -Ellen Weisner, Director of Camp Shalom

Everyone is welcome to attend Food-A-Rama or place an order! For more information, contact Leslie Kemp at (608) 798-4212, email [sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com](mailto:sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com), or visit [food-a-rama.com](http://food-a-rama.com).





## FOOD - A - RAMA

### ELECTION DAY

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

**Temple Beth El • 2702 Arbor Drive**

Temple Beth El Sisterhood invites everyone to enjoy deli-style favorites and scrumptious baked goods at our annual luncheon and community gathering.

After you vote on Election Day, join us for this delicious event, now in its 52nd year!

- **Dine-in**      11:00 am–1:30 pm
- **Delivery**    Orders due November 1 (see [food-a-rama.com](http://food-a-rama.com))
- **Carry-out**   Call ahead (608-467-3196) or drop in
- **Bakery**      10:00 am–1:30 pm
- **Deli**          10:00 am–1:30 pm

For more information, contact Leslie Kemp at 608-798-4212 or [sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com](mailto:sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com).

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## About our Programs

### Monday, October 8

Come meet Jewish Social Services Finance and Administrative Director! Chris Shanahan is a woman of many talents. Our favorite is her generous offering of professional made-to-order birthday cakes and pies. In her spare time and other life, Chris provides desserts and flowers for special events and weddings. Her business is named, The Florettes. Today at Lechayim, Chris will introduce us to, and give us an opportunity to try our hands at floral design. She will talk to us about basic ideas and rules of design using fresh pumpkins and a variety of flowers in developing ideas and examples of colorful seasonal arrangements. Chris has a master's certificate in Floral Design from Madison College.



The Mad City Jug Band

### Monday, October 15

The Mad City Jug Band portrays Americana and roots music at its greatest. It is a unique seven-member-performance band dedicated to preserving and celebrating the classic jug band music from the 1920s and 30s as well as the jug band revival hits from the 1960s that were made popular by musicians like the Grateful Dead and Jim Kweskin and the Jug Band. The band features instruments such as guitar, banjo, ukulele, fiddle, harmonica, upright bass, accordion, kazoo, washboard, mandolin, other percussion instruments,



Dan Barker

and of course, a jug. (Everything but the kitchen sink!) The band was a finalist at the Madison Area Music Awards, audience favorite and award-winner at the Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association, and Isthmus Critic's Choice. Please join us for a unique musical experience!

### Monday, October 22

Dan Barker is a talented pianist and composer who never fails to impress us with his musical stylings as well as the breadth of his knowledge about popular American composers. Dan Barker graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a degree in religion and was ordained as an evangelist minister at the age of fifteen. He became a "freethinker" in 1983 and is now the co-president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation with his wife, Annie Laurie Gaylor. Dan is the author of several books and the composer of a great deal of music.

### Monday, October 29

Bob Skloot's presentation is entitled, "Wandering with Firm Purpose: Raphael Lemkin's Crusade Against Genocide." Raphael Lemkin (1900-59), a Polish Jew, was the central historical figure in the creation and ratification of the United Nations Treaty against Genocide, a word which he coined in 1944. He is largely forgotten today. Bob Skloot's talk will discuss Lemkin's life and work and how he used both as the subject for his 2006 play, *If the Whole Body Dies*.

Bob Skloot retired from the University of Wisconsin in 2008 after 40 years of teaching, researching and administrating. He is the author of many books and articles about the theatre of the Holocaust and genocide. His play about Lemkin has been seen throughout the U.S. and internationally.



Floral Designs by Chris Shanahan

## Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors

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

### 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.

October 5

November 2

### Oakwood Village West, Oak's Community Room

6225 Mineral Point Rd.

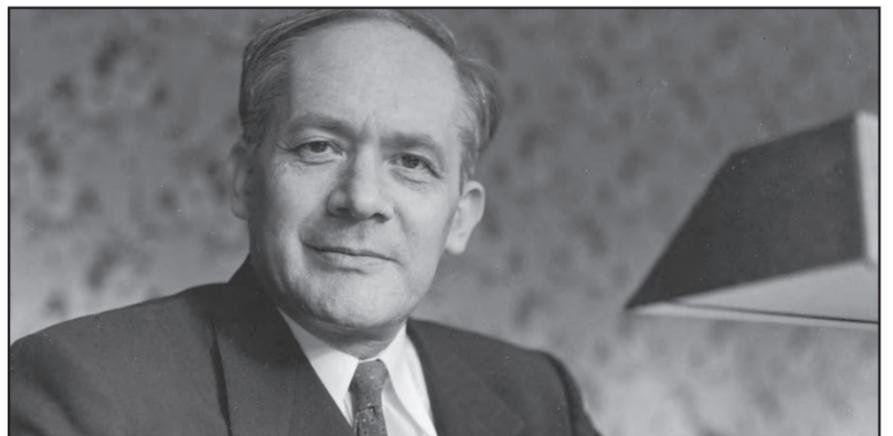
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A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. Led by Rabbi Renee Bauer with the assistance from JSS volunteers. Music by Paul Grossberg

October 19

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## Annual Meeting

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 At the annual meeting, we will be dedicating the Mindy Wiseman-Jewish Social Services Memorial Garden which was lovingly designed and built by our own Jim Mackman.

Find changes, updates, and new information about JSS programs on our website, [www.jssmadison.org](http://www.jssmadison.org).

Welcome back to the start of the new season! Join us for great food, friends, fun, and interesting programs at the Harry J. and Belle Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus Program.

We meet 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 [paul@jssmadison.org](mailto:paul@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.

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### October Lechayim Calendar

**Monday, October 8**

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 Fettuccini Alfredo, Caesar salad, market vegetable, fruit, brownie

1:00 pm-2:00 pm Chris Shanahan interactive presentation, "Art and Craft of Fall Flower Arranging"

**Monday, October 15**

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Roasted chicken with clementine and fennel, rice, roasted carrots and parsnips, rugelach, fruit (Vegetarian option: seitan with clementine and fennel)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm Mad City Jug Band: unique and eclectic Americana music

**Monday, October 22**

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Eggplant Parmesan, Greek salad, rolls, minestrone soup, dessert

1:00 pm-2:00 pm Dan Barker: Great composer series on piano

**Monday, October 29**

11:30 am-12:00 pm Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Hickory smoked BBQ chicken, tszimmes, couscous, fruit, rugalach (Vegetarian option: Hickory smoked BBQ seitan)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm Bob Skloot presentation, "Wandering with Firm Purpose: Raphael Lemkin's Crusade Against Genocide"

**Next Month's Dates:** November 5, 12, 19, 26

*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).*

## Making Lechayim reservations

- When you check-in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
- Call Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4801 or email [office@jssmadison.org](mailto:office@jssmadison.org) **before 2:00 pm on the preceding Wednesday.**
- If you did not make a reservation but would like to come, **contact Paul (608) 442-4803, [paul@jssmadison.org](mailto:paul@jssmadison.org)** to see if there have been cancellations.
- We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins.

## Happy October Birthdays

Barbara Jacobson  
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 Lois Frank  
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 Martin Kades  
 Michael Pressman  
 Nan Youngerman  
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 Sue Schroeder  
 Davera Steurer

# Ordinary Time, Sacred Moments

By RABBI RENEE BAUER  
COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN AT JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES OF MADISON

As October begins we wind down the intense Jewish holiday season and welcome in the new Jewish month of *Cheshvan* (which begins at sundown on October 9). The classical rabbis refer to this month as *mar Cheshvan*, the bitter month because it is the only month on the Jewish calendar that has no holidays. Ever since my first child was born on the first day of *Cheshvan*, I have said that *Cheshvan* is not a bitter month for me. I suspect that for many of us, the idea of a month without holidays is not a bitter time. The High Holiday season is a wonderful time that we often spend with community, family and friends, eating favorite foods and revisiting beloved rituals that ground us in our past. But

by the end of the holidays we can feel tired and 'holidayed' out. We crave the ordinary time that lies before us in *Cheshvan*.

For those of us who are mourning a loss or suffering from a debilitating illness, reactions to this cycle of sacred and ordinary time can be especially poignant. The holidays themselves can bring a particular sting as we feel the absence of a loved one or as we long for the community that we had been part of before we were incapacitated by illness or before we relocated to age near our children. *Cheshvan* can bring relief from the intensity of loss and longing felt during the holidays.

On the other hand the holidays with

their gathering of community and family and the rituals set aside for remembering can be comforting. *Cheshvan* can feel like a time of returning to loneliness and private grief. When we lose a loved one we often miss them most at mundane moments in our daily lives. Tears come when we sit down with our morning coffee and the chair across the table where our spouse always sat is empty, when we go to dial the phone but our sister is not on the other end, or when we walk into a restaurant where we always ate with a dear friend.

The loss of physical abilities can trigger a sense of despair as well. When the flowers bloom in the spring and we are no longer able to go for a walk or

plant our gardens our hearts tighten.

We learn from this pain that holiness is not found just in the sacred times delineated by tradition but in everyday life through the connections we make, the love we share and the wonder we witness. We often do not recognize these moments of blessings until we lose them. May we each transform *Cheshvan* 5779 from a bitter month to a holy month by celebrating the sacred moments in our everyday lives.

If you would like to talk with Jewish Social Services' Community Chaplain, she can be reached at (608) 442-4088 or [rabbii@jssmadison.org](mailto:rabbii@jssmadison.org).

## Friends and Food at the JSS BBQ



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Barbara



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BBQ fare



Ginny



Jeff

## The Jewish Museum Milwaukee's Exhibit: *Stitching Histories From the Holocaust*



Ellie Gettinger of the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee (top left) and the group in front of the Chagall tapestry



Jeff (foreground) and Sven listening to Ellie Gettinger at the museum

# JText: A New, Fun Way for Teens to Learn Jewish History

By Rabbi Avremel Matusof  
YJP Madison

With teens being on their phones approximately 1,440 minutes a day, JText is a great way to meet them where they are. As Jordan, a JText player, put it, "Madison teens can put their time on phones to good use by learning important Jewish facts with JText."

Every Monday and Thursday at 7:00 pm, a Jewish trivia question gets texted out. The seventh person to respond with the correct answer wins a \$10 amazon gift card. Signing up is simple: Just text the words @proudjew to 81010. The goal is to be the "seventh person at 7:00 pm." to answer the trivia question correctly.

JText is a fun way to test your knowledge of Jewish history. JText has featured a range of questions from "Which country had the earliest settlement of Jews?" to "Who were the first set of twins in the Torah?" to "Which location celebrates the longest Shabbat?"

Following the question, the text includes four multiple choice answers. Teens receiving the text can respond 1, 2, 3 or 4. Once they submit an answer,

the teens receive a response telling them if they are correct or not.

Teens compete with their friends and other teens in the JText program to be the seventh person to respond correctly. The competition is richer due to the \$10 prize, but the mission of JText is two-fold. As Sophie says, "Jtext is a great way to make some Amazon cash while learning about our important Jewish history."



"Jtext is a simple concept, rich with engagement, value and Jewish thought. It's a real win-win-win," says Ms. Menucha Matusof program director of CTeen Madison.

"We were looking for a program that

could attract the spectrum of teens that we engage with and this one fit the bill perfectly," she says.

CTeen and Jtext are Chabad of Madison programs.

## 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

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# Israel *and the* World

## Israeli Society Through Music

By SHLOMIT EZER  
ISRAELI SHLICHA

Last month, right before Rosh HaShana, one of my favorite Israeli traditions continued: every year, on the day of Rosh HaShana's eve, several music radio stations release their top hits chart for the previous Jewish year as voted by the stations' listeners. The most popular radio station, "gglz" (galgalatz), has a special four-hour broadcast of its top forty songs. During those four hours they count down the top songs and announce various awards, such as favorite singer, number one band new artist of the year, and more.

I am not sure how to describe the uniqueness of this event. It might be similar to the experience of watching football on Thanksgiving Day: something we wait for all year, and listen to while cooking, cleaning and making the last arrangements before the holiday dinner. I would usually make a bet with my sister about the first place and we would wait eagerly to see who was right.

This year, the experience was different for me. First of all, not having lived in Israel this past year, I did not know many of the top songs of the year. This was a strange realization and led me to a small "new year resolution", to listen more to the online Israeli radio while I'm here. I was also caught off-guard, as, for some reason the countdown was broadcast a few days before the holiday. At that time, I was in New Jersey, on the last morning of a conference. It was a short conference of community shlichim from all over North America who decided to stay for a second year of shlichut (as a side note: it was wonderful to see those friends and share thoughts and ideas from the different Jewish communities in which we all work). We were having breakfast and starting the day, checking the online radio occasionally to reassure ourselves that we were not missing the very top songs. When the radio station began to play the songs, we all listened together, danced and sang along, and for a few moments we felt like we were in Israel.

Aside from the great fun and tradition, this yearly countdown can teach us a

lot about the popular trends in Israel and how they have changed over the years. This year, the number one song was by Omer Adam—probably the youngest and most successful musician in Israel. The second song was the song that represented Israel and won in the Eurovision Song Contest this past May, "Toy" by Netta Barzilai. Netta herself won the title "Breakthrough of the Year" and also "Person of the Year", along with Omer Adam and Eden Ben Zaken. All three artists have one thing in common: they were all "discovered" in different singing reality TV shows.

Another interesting thing to look at is the musical genre of the top songs. In Jewish society in Israel, most people can only go back a few generations for family born in Israel. Israel is an immigrant country, to where Jews from all over the world fled once it was established. Everyone has a different background. And so, one of the very common questions we ask each other is where our families (grandparents, for my generation) are originally from. Across the country there are many different answers, but most will fall under one of

two categories: Ashkenazi (Jews from European countries, usually) or Mizrahi (Jews from Arab countries, usually). When Israel was just established, the vision of its leaders was for it to be a melting pot: many believed that this is the only way to create a united Jewish state with all the different backgrounds. The issue, as we can say in retrospect, was that the desired outcome of that melting pot was aimed to be Ashkenazi. Mizrahi culture and customs were often viewed as inferior to the Ashkenazi, western, "real" culture—by the Ashkenazi hegemony at the time.

Over the seventy years of Israel's existence, there has been much change in that perception. Some claim that there are still forms of discrimination against Mizrahi Jews today; there is so much to be researched and discussed on this important topic, and I cannot address it all today. One thing that can be said for sure is that many people from all different origins did keep their traditions and cultures, and three generations later, the separation is not as clear as it was when people first came to this country. If you are following our articles regularly, you know that my family is half Ashkenazi (mother's side) and half Mizrahi (father's side). In my generation it is already very common, and the traditions are not necessarily forgotten like in the melting pot metaphor. The way I see it is synergy and the creation of something new, Israeli.

Does this all connect to the yearly top hits countdown? Very much so! When we examine the top forty songs, we see that the majority of artists come from a Mizrahi background. In some way, nowadays, I do not think this should be a category we think of as much. But it does bring up two points that I think are important. One, this is not something that would happen in the first decades of Israel: today, the genre of Mizrahi music is mainstream in Israel. Second, and maybe to question my last statement, this is not exactly old fashion, original Mizrahi music. The hit songs today in Israel have Mizrahi (Arabic) musical

influences and are written and performed by Mizrahi musicians, but it is actually a new genre, here often referred to as "Israeli pop". Something new and very successful was created over the past couple of decades and became mainstream. It is not a melting pot deleting cultures, but a modern Israeli culture that consists of adaptations of several different ones.

Jewish traditions brought to Israel from Ashkenazi and Mizrahi Jews is the topic of one of my Midrasha classes this semester. I am looking forward to discussing this topic and many more with the students.

If you are interested in music and want to learn more about Israel through its music, don't forget to follow us on Facebook to see the #IsraeliPlayListOfTheWeek, posted every weekend. If there is any specific topic or style of Israeli music that you would particularly like to listen to, you can always reach out and ask for it to be on our next playlist.



Netta Barzilai - Breakthrough and Person of the Year



Omer Adam - Person of the Year and #1 Song

### Ptitim (Israeli Couscous)

#### Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp oil
- 1 cup Ptitim - (Israeli couscous)
- 1 cup boiling water
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper

#### Preparation:

1. Heat a deep skillet on medium for about a minute.
2. Add the oil, and when it is hot add chopped onion. Saute for a few minutes until golden.
3. Add the ptitim and begin stirring.
4. Turn to low heat and add a glass of boiling water. Continue stirring.
5. Cook with the lid on for 15 minutes while stirring every few minutes.
6. After 15 minutes, taste the ptitim. It should be soft and there should not be fluids.
7. Enjoy!





# Connecting with Israel

## The School Year Has Begun!

By TAL SHEFFER  
ISRAEL FELLOW AT UW MADISON

After a long summer break from school, the UW school year finally began on September 5, and UW Hillel had some amazing events to celebrate it.

The first event was Hillel's Shabbat tailgate. It was the second year in a row that Hillel has had a Shabbat tailgate, rather than a traditional Shabbat dinner, since the first Badgers football game was on Friday night. The tailgate was an opportunity for students to celebrate the kick off of another football season, meet fellow students, enjoy the great atmosphere, rock to a great DJ, eat

delicious food (thanks Adamah!) and welcome Shabbat in a unique, fun way.

Hillel's second event of the year was the annual Welcome Week BBQ. During the event, students had a chance to meet all the student-led groups that have a home at Hillel and learn about their different activities and programs while enjoying Adamah's delicious food. What made the barbeque even more enjoyable was the fact that Bucky himself showed up at the event, letting everyone take pictures with him.

The barbeque was also an opportunity for me to present all of the different Israel related programs and student groups that I work with at Hillel. Hopefully the students were excited about the groups and will join them. Here is a short description of the programs and groups I will be working with this year:

**Israel interest group (IIG):** IIG is a student-led group for students who are interested in Israel and Israeli culture. The group's goal is to bring various aspects of Israel to campus, such as Israeli speakers, films, artists, food, and more. The students in IIG will also help plan the Annual Israeli Film Festival by selecting the movies and venues for the festival. The festival dates are TBD.

**Israeli American Council (IAC) Mishelanu:** IAC Mishelanu is a national student-led group which provides a home for Israeli-American students to help them strengthen and maintain their Jewish and Israeli identity through

culture, language, heritage, and a strong connection to Israel. The group usually meets once every month to speak Hebrew, watch Israeli movies, eat Israeli food and discuss recent events in Israel.

**J Street:** UW students are forming a new J Street group at Hillel, and are hoping to have an active, meaningful, and successful chapter this year. The J Street group will be a political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace students who are committed to ensure Israel's future as the democratic homeland of the Jewish people through a two-state resolution. The group is planning to meet once or twice a month to talk about recent events in Israel and understand the complexity of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**Hebrew Club:** Hebrew Club is the place for students who want to practice their Hebrew and expand their vocabulary. The group meets every week and learns Hebrew through film, songs, Israeli culture and of course, Israeli food and snacks. The club is also the perfect place for students who need help with their Hebrew homework.

**Birthright:** As I did last summer, this winter I will be leading another UW Hillel Birthright to Israel. I wrote about my Birthright experience in the previous issue of the Madison Jewish News, but I feel like I cannot say enough about how amazing I think this trip is and how thankful I am that I have the opportunity to lead this trip again, share this experience with incredible students, and

be able to show them my home firsthand.

I am excited for this year to start and I can't wait to meet all the new and returning students.



Jewish Federation representation (and Bucky) at the Welcome Week BBQ



Ori Etzion is the UW Mishelanu chapter president and the Israel intern at Hillel is presenting the Israel table at the Welcome Week BBQ

## Thank You for Travelling With Us

In every issue of MJN this past year we wrote about a different part of The Israel National Trail. We wanted to show you the diversity of the different parts of the trail, and expose you to the fact that even though Israel is a small country, it offers many beautiful places to visit and hike. We hope you enjoyed

our writing, and that it made you want to visit those places. Thank you all for traveling with us for the past year, and as always, if you have any question or need a recommendation on where and when to travel in Israel, we are here and will love to be helpful.



Israel National Trail

## August Talks - Recent Events in Israel

We wanted to thank everyone who attended one of the two dates for discussion about recent events in Israel (specifically the current situation in Gaza). We believe that learning together, asking questions and trying to understand current realities in Israel

are a very important for the connection between our communities. On that note, please feel free to reach out about any Israel-related topic that interests you, or if you would like to host a discussion evening in your home led by us.

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