





#### **SEPTEMBER 2025**

# Madison Jewish Center

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Friday September 5<sup>th</sup>
Candle Lighting 7:0pm
7:30pm Services on ZOOM

Saturday September 6th Services in the Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am Torah portion: Ki Teitzei

Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>
Candle Lighting 6:51pm
Birthday/Anniversary
Shabbat

Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>
Services in the
Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am
Torah portion: Ki Tavo

Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>
Candle Lighting 6:39pm
7:30pm Services on ZOOM

Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> Services in the Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am Torah portion: Nitzavim Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>
First day Rosh Hashannah
Mon Sep 22 6:30 PM on
ZOOM

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>
Tues Sep 23 9:30 AM in
person and zoom
Second day Rosh
Hashannah, 6:30 PM on
zoom

Wednesday Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30am in person and zoom

Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>
Candle Lighting 6:28pm
7:30pm Services on ZOOM

Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>
Services in the
Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am
Torah portion: Vayelech

## Rabbi's Message September 2025

Even though there is nearly a month of Summer left as of this writing, life has begun to radically change from the mental and physical laziness that the summer seems to afford us. Families prepare for the upcoming academic years as schools and vacations are ending. In the Jewish religious world, planning and preparation for the High Holydays and Sukkot are under way. A large part of that radical change is the time, or better still, the adjustment of how that time is perceived. We can go from lazy, lackadaisical, slower actions to hectic, manic, busier actions in just a moment or a blink of an eye, because our realization of needed accomplishment and planning, which are the use of time, has been forced to change.

William Penn wrote; "Time is what we want most, but what we use worst." It seems that what he is stating is that we are not good at how we manage our time. I recently saw an interview on You Tube given by Kevin Leary of Shark Tank fame. What you may not know is that Kevin once worked for Steve Jobs who was the co-founder of Apple Inc. Now you should know Steve Jobs had a reputation for not being a nice man but a man of intense focus. There is a concept known as Signal and Noise. Noise refers to distractions and Signal refers to whatever your focus is at the time. Mr. Leary stated in this interview was that Mr. Jobs 'Signal' was his driving factor, he didn't tolerate 'Noise' which to him was a waste of 'time'. Mr. Leary further remarked that he had only met one other person in his entire life who had a higher 'Signal'; Elon Musk! To them 'Noise' was a waste, it used 'time' that was not recoverable. To them, time management was/is the key to their success.

The late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks (ז'ל) wrote; "Time management is more than management and larger than time. It is about life itself... However rich we are, there are still only twenty-four hours in a day, seven days in a week, and a span of years that, however long, is still all too short. Whoever we are, whatever we do... the single most important fact about our life, on which all else depends, is how we spend our time." (*Life-Changing Ideas p. 169*).

I spend a lot of my time visiting and working with Jewish and non-Jewish inmates studying Judaism. Every week I am inside a prison or correctional institution meeting, teaching, coaching inmates. One of the things we discuss is 'time management'. Inmates have to find ways to occupy their time/lives on the 'inside' and most institutions do not offer any programming whatsoever. Most institutions have shut down their libraries and only if the inmate has financial means, can have access to a tablet or books they can order. The concept of rehabilitation has

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moved radically towards a punishment of dehumanization. As a side note, the fact that inmates have so much unoccupied time on their hands, forces their brain to find other ways to occupy time. Because of this, the incarcerated find inventive and radical ways to try and get around the system, rules, etc., therefore causing the institution to be stricter and harsher in its rules and control. I have witnessed this first hand.

At MJC we should ask ourselves, how did we spend our time in the past? How did we handle 'Signal' and 'Noise'? What did we accomplish or achieve this past year? Did we spend our time wisely because we can't recover it and what can we learn from that?

The תוֹרָה (torah) teaches us at ראש הַשְּנָה (Rosh Hashanah) the following: ראש הַשְּנָה מָקָרָא־קְּדָשׁ: יָשְׂרָאַל לַאמֶר בַּחֹדָשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִּי בְּאָחָד לַחֹדָשׁ יִהְיָה לָכֶם שַׁבְּחוֹן זִכְרְוֹן תִּרוּאָה מִקְרָא־קְּדָשׁ: יַבְּרָא־קְּדָשׁ: יַשְׂרָאַל לַאמֶר בַּחֹדָשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִּי בְּאָחָד לַחֹדָשׁ יִהְיָה לְכֶם שַׁבְּחוֹן זִכְרְוֹן תִּרוּאָה מָקְרָא־קֹדְשׁ: יִבְּרָא כִג'כד)

"Speak to the Children of Israel, saying: In the seventh month, on the first of the month, there shall be a rest day for you, a remembrance with shofar blasts, a holy convocation. (Leviticus 23'24)."

On this day we have the commandment of remembrance, to think back and remind ourselves of many things as Jews. But what we may not be focusing on is that the commandment also means we have to also look at time management, to remind ourselves that time is invaluable, it is non-recoverable once lost and must be used to its fullest when presented.

As the New Year approached, let us focus on this issue, time management. May the Lord bless us with a renewed understanding of its wealth, use and need. Bless us with more 'Signal' and less 'Noise'

Devorah and I wish you a לְשֵׁנָה טֹובָה (a sweet New Year).

Rabbi Johanan Bickhardt

## President's Message September 2025

September is a month of contrasts. The days grow shorter as summer slips away, and we return to the rituals of our daily lives. Summer homes are locked up and our young ones try to get into school mode as we wonder where did the time go.

It is hard to believe how quickly this summer has flown by, and that by the time you get to read this, Labor Day may have come and gone.

As the sun begins to set earlier, and the evenings begin to get cooler, we often feel a tinge of sadness as nature signals summer is coming to a close. As we bid farewell to lazy days, warm evenings, and endless adventures with a sense of nostalgia, we also look ahead to the busy days of autumn

Before we have time to finish reflecting and wondering, a new season is upon us as we begin our preparations, mentally, physically, and spiritually for the wonders of the High Holiday season. Here at Madison, we eagerly welcome members back from their summer homes and embark on the myriads of preparations needed for the upcoming high holidays.

The ritual committee has been hard at work since August and will continue working up until and through the conclusion of the holidays. By now, you should have received all of the holiday flyers. Please get your ticket orders as soon as possible, and please be generous when making your Koidre and Yizkor pledges, as it is these donations that keep Madison's doors open.

Although September will be filled with the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation, there will still be plenty of activity at Madison. Join us for morning minyan Monday and Thursday on zoom at 7:15 and for weekly Shabbat services in the Beit Hamidresh at 9:30. Catch up with friends as you support Sisterhood's opening brunch on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> and the ice cream fundraiser at We got the Scoop on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup>. However you spend the waning days of summer; enjoy, be safe and keep Madison close at heart.

Rosh Hashanah, the "Head of the Year" is a time of for prayer, self-reflection and t'shuvah. Join us for services Help us make 5786 a sweet, meaningful year for all. May this year bring more sweetness, more joy, and more time well spent together.

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## Shalom parents,



We still need a parent to run the Parents' Association

# The Latest from Sisterhood

# September 2025

I hope everyone had a healthy, relaxing, enjoyable, and safe summer. We are already working hard at work planning activities for this year.

The opening brunch is scheduled for Sunday, September  $7^{th}$  from 10-12. The guest speakers are Harriet Blank, LSW Director of OHEL and Rachel Kaylie, Esquire. Thank you to Shelli and Teresa for organizing the food.

The ice cream fundraiser will be at We Got The Scoop. It will take place on Wednesday, September  $17^{th}$  from 4-7 pm. A percentage of the sales will be donated to the Sisterhood.

Ellen, Linda, Barbara, and Fran are providing refreshments to break the fast. This will occur on October  $2^{nd}$  at the end of Yom Kippur.

The next Sisterhood meeting will take place on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating with pizza in the Succah.

The Sisterhood Shabbat will take place on Friday evening, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Ilene Karpas is the chair. It will be followed by a dessert oneg.

Many more activities are being planned. Watch for flyers, check your email or our new website madisonjc.org for further information. A phone tree also goes out every week.

L'shana Tova U'metukah!

Ilene Karpas

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# SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS September 2025

I hope everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable, healthy, and safe summer. The Social Club is already planning activities for the coming year.

The Kosher food collection for City Harvest will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be made either online or brought to MJC. Instructions will follow.

The annual raffle fundraiser will begin after the holidays. You will receive a book of five tickets. You can either purchase them yourself or sell them.

Watch for further information.

Elyse and Michele are working very hard investigating various places for our educational trip. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

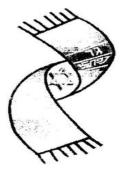
Our annual BINGO night will take place this winter. The date is to be determined.

Please keep MJC alive by supporting as many activities as you can. Check your email, the Message, and our new website, madisonjc.org, for further information. Phone trees will be going out every week. Watch for flyers.

L'shana Tovah U'metukah!

Ilene Karpas

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## Madison Jewish Center

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Rabbi Johanan Bickhardt Linda Parnes,

President

Wouldn't you like to be a Kiddush sponsor with good food and good friends, continuing a successful tradition? Madison Jewish Center's major function is to provide for our religious and spiritual needs. Social needs are often closely related to these. Joining with other members of the MJC community to sit down to a meal can give us religious, spiritual, and social benefits. Following Saturday services Madison Jewish Center has a weekly Kiddush luncheon, giving attendees quality time together.

Once again we would like to encourage as many people as possible to sponsor or co-sponsor these weekly luncheons. Comments from past participants range from, "great conversations", "opportunity to make good new friends", "no need to run home after services" to "hope these continue". There are levels of sponsorship to suit every budget. We are offering you the opportunity to donate \$25.00 a month as a co-sponsor (or just \$200.00 for the year) or \$50.00 per month as a Platinum level co-sponsor (or just \$300.00 per year), to our Kiddush Fund. If you sign up you will be listed in the monthly Message.

If you choose to be a full sponsor for a special occasion, the cost is \$200.00 for the basic Kiddush (tuna, egg salad, bagels, cream cheese, cake, coffee and tea) for up to 40 people.

Please email your response to <a href="mailto:emg522@aol.com">emg522@aol.com</a>, or send your check or Zelle to the MJC office if you wish to be a regular or Platinum level sponsor for the 2025-26 year. Checks should be made out to Madison Jewish Center, (or you can use Zelle to <a href="mailto:info@madisonjc.org">info@madisonjc.org</a>).

See you at services!

Thank you,

#### Luncheon Kiddush Committee

We are deeply grateful for the generosity and ongoing support of our regular sponsors, whose commitment makes our programs and community initiatives possible. Their dedication helps us celebrate milestones, honor achievements, and extend kindness throughout our community.

## **HONOR FUND**

To: Terri & Joe Harary

A donation has been made in honor of your Special Wedding Anniversary

By: Barbara & Barry Stein

To: Judy Posniack

A donation has been made in honor of your Special birthday

By: Fran Liebowitz

To: Beth & Seth Flash

A donation has been made in honor of the graduation of your daughter Kate Flash

From Edward R. Morrow High School

By: Judy Posniack

To: Shelli & Ronald Feldman

A donation has been made in honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary

By: Judy Posniack Barbara & Barry Stein

Fran Liebowitz

To: Beth & Seth Flash

A donation has been made in honor of the graduation of your daughter Emma Flash from Cunningham

**IS234** 

By: Judy Posniack

To: Bunny & Brian Bender

A donation has been made in honor of the graduation of your granddaughter Emma Flash from

Cunningham IS234

By: Fran Liebowitz

To: Bunny & Brian Bender

A donation has been made in honor of the graduation of your granddaughter Kate Flash from E.

Morrow high School

By: Fran Liebowitz

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To: Bunny & Brian Bender

A donation has been made on the Bnai Mitzvah of your granddaughters Zoe Olivia & Allie Logan

Bender

By: Marlene Podell

Ellen Green

Linda & Michael Parnes

Linda & Stephen Bell

Irma & Roy Alexander

Ilene Karpas

Barbara & Barry Stein

To: Eva & Elias Hirsch

A donation has been made in honor of the birth of your grandson Elijah

By: Fran Liebowitz

Marlene Podell

Ellen Green

Linda & Michael Parnes

Linda & Stephen Bell

Irma & Roy Alexander

Irina Makarovskaya

Bella Benders

Shelli & Ronald Feldman

Harriett & Stephen Cohen

Barbara & Barry Stein

Bunny & Brian Bender

Myra Lee & Albert Fleischman

Terri Miller

Michael Sosin

Elyse & Mel Glenn

To: Eva & Elias Hirsch

A donation has been made in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson

Noah Adam Hirsch

By: Marlene Podell

Ellen Green

Linda & Michael Parnes

Linda & Stephen Bell

Irma & Roy Alexander

Terri Miller

Bunny & Brian Bender

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## Memorial Fund

To: Melissa Kiner & Bonnie Kiner-Strachan & Family A donation has been made in memory of your beloved mother & grandmother Mady Kiner-Strachan

By: Judy Posniack

Ilene Karpas

Hope & Matt Lieber

Beth & Seth Flash

Marlene Podell

Irma & Roy Alexander

Bunny & Brian Bender

Ellen Green

Linda & Stephen Bell

Irina Makarovskaya

Bella Benders

Fran Liebowitz

Ilene & Charles Marcus

Myra Lee & Albert Fleischman

Michael Sosin

Stuart Cohen

Teresa & Mario Gottesmann

Linda & Michael Parnes

Randi & Bruce Herman

## Memorial Fund continued

To: Baum-Hymowitz Family
A donation has been made in memory of your beloved Jack Baum
With heartfelt condolences,
Ilene & Charles Marcus & Family.

To: Annette Gielchinsky
A donation has been made in memory of your beloved

husband Jacob

By: Judy Posniack

To: Steven Weinerman & Family

A donation has been made in memory of your beloved father, grandfather & great grandfather

Gerlad Weinerman

By: Marlene Podell



Many thanks to my friends for their generous donations to MJC for my Special Birthday
Judy Posniack

## Torah Fund

To: Judy Posniack

A donation has been made in honor of

your Special Birthday

By: Barbara & Barry Stein

Elysa & Seth Resnikoff

Jeff Weinstein

Teresa & Mario Gottesmann

Myra Lee & Albert Fleischman

To: Melissa Kiner & Dr. Bonnie Kiner-

Strachan & Family

A donation has been made in memory

of your beloved mother& grandmother

Mady Kiner

By: Harriett & Stephen Cohen

Jon Besunder

To: Spivak Family

A donation has been made in memory of your

beloved Joshua

By: Fran Liebowitz

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To: The Family of Selma Weiss

A donation has been made in memory of your

beloved Selma Weiss

By: Jon Besunder

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To: Ellen Green

Thank you for your help and friendship

From: Lois Weintraub

# R'fuah Sh'leimah Prayer

R'fuah Sh'leimah Prayer

For Dr. Richard Charles

By: Myra Lee & Albert Fleischman

Bunny & Brian Bender

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Stu Cohen

For: Roy Alexander

By: Myra Lee & Albert Fleischman

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Linda & Michael Parnes

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For: Shelli Feldman By: Ilene Karpas Fran Liebowitz

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Bella Benders Michael Sosin

Linda & Michael Parnes Harriett & Stephen Cohen

Irina Makarovskaya Randi & Bruce Herman

# The Paul Podell Roof and Building Repair Fund

Paul devoted himself to Madison and worked tirelessly to make sure that Madison's bills were paid, that repairs were made, and that Madison was always open to all.

Our building is aging and is in desperate need of expensive repairs. Linda's message asked, "What would Paul do?" Paul would say we can't wait and must raise the funds needed ASAP.

Therefore the Podells have made a sizable donation to spearhead the roof repair fund. Join us in giving what you can to keep our roof from collapsing and to keep Madison the vibrant, welcoming synagogue it has always been.

**Marlene Podell** 

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## **Paul Podell Memorial Roofing Fund Donors**

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Robert Bienstock

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Ellen Green

Ellen Hamou

Fran Liebowitz

MJC Social Club

Terri Miller

Linda & Michael Parnes

Judy Posniack

Gail Resnick

Michael Sosin

#### **CONDOLENCES**

To: Melissa Kiner & Bonnie Kiner-Strachan & Family
On the loss of their beloved mother, and grandmother Mady Kiner

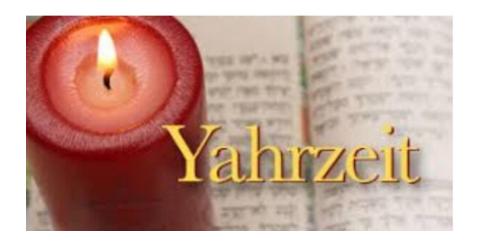
### IN MEMORIAM

We record with sorrow the passing of esteemed member Mady Kiner

May her soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to her family

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#### DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 HAVE BEEN MADE BY:

Shelli Feldman

Ronni Ableman Cynthia Beltzer Bella Benders Jeffrey Bernstein Bryan Blank Bruce Blumstein Terri Bobrow Judy Brand Philip Brodkin Sandra Cinkay **Bruce Cotler** Lon Dobbs Stephen Epstein David Falk Amy Feinstein Lynn Feldman Samuel Feldman

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# Madison Jewish Center High Holiday Schedule 2025

### First Day of Rosh Hashanah -

Monday night September 22 - 6:15pm (only on Zoom)

Tuesday Sept 23 - 9:30am Main Sanctuary

Tashlich – 5:00pm meet on Avenue U and Burnett Street

### **Second Day of Rosh Hashanah**

Tuesday Evening Sept. 23 - 6:30pm (Zoom)

Wednesday Sept 24 - 9:30am - Main Sanctuary

#### Yom Kippur

Wednesday October 1 - Kol Nidre - 6:00pm - Main Sanctuary

Thursday Oct 2 9:30am – Main Sanctuary

Yizkor

Healing Service 4:15pm Mincha 5:15pm

Shofar is blown at 7:16pm

Please note that all daytime holiday services are live, and in the Main Sanctuary

Zoom codes (for evening and daytime services) will be sent out to those who purchased tickets.

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#### SAVE THE DATE

#### Sisterhood

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-noon Opening Brunch Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 4PM-7PM ice cream fundraiser at We Got the Scoop Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> Sisterhood meeting Friday evening October 24<sup>th</sup> Sisterhood Shabbat

#### **Social Club**

#### **Congregation**

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#### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Friday Evening 7:30 PM
Saturday Morning ...9:30 AM
Weekday Minyanim (Monday &
Thursday)
on ZOOM.......7:15 AM

If you need a Minyan at any other time, please call the office and we will attempt to arrange one.

If you have Yahrzeit and need a minyan on a day when we don't have a service scheduled, please contact the office, so we can schedule a service for that day.

#### **TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS**

The Synagogue office will be open Monday through
Thursday from 9:00am to
4:00pm, Friday from 9:00am 12 noon
We are closed on all Jewish and legal holidays.

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# September

# **Birthdays**

Michael Parnes 7<sup>th</sup> Ellen Hamou 19<sup>th</sup>

# **Anniversaries**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 Elul 14	8 Elul 15 ZOOM services at 7:15am Exec Bd meeting	9 Elul 16 Admin board meeting 7:30PM	10 Elul 17	11 Elul 18  ZOOM services at 7:15am	12 Elul 19 Candle Lighting 6:51 pm zoom services 7:30 PM birthday/anniversary shabbat	Elul 20 Services in Be Hamidrash, a 9:30am Selichot servic
14 Elul 21	15 Elul 22 ZOOM services at 7:15am	16 Elul 23	17 Elul 24	18 Elul 25 ZOOM 7:15am	19 Elul 26 Candle Lighting 6:39pm ZOOM Services 7:30pm	20 Elul 27 Services in th Beit Hamidras at 9:30am
21 Elul 28	22 Elul 29 ZOOM services at 7:15am Erev Rosh Hashanah	23 Tishrei 1 Rosh Hashanah 9:30am; Zoom 6:30pm	24 Tishrei 2 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> 9:30am	25 Tishrei 3 ZOOM services at 7:15am	26 Tishrei 4 Candle Lighting 6:28pm ZOOM Services 7:30pm	27 Tishrei 5 Services in th Beit Hamidras at 9:30am
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