



Levy

SUMMER SERIES
2025



Jewish Social Services of Madison

Looking forward to seeing you!

We are grateful to be together again this year. The Summer Levy Series has become a welcoming of summer, and an occasion to socialize, share a wonderful meal, and feed our minds with a variety of inspiring presentations and discussions.

We encourage all to continue to be mindful in gathering, and take whatever precautions necessary in protecting yourselves and others. Please stay at home if you are not feeling well, and consider an antibody test before attending if you are unsure. Thank you all for being considerate and patient as we all work to continue to adapt, cope, and stay active and engaged with each other.



Jeffrey C. Levy

Madison businessman Jeffrey C. Levy is co-owner of Phillips Distributing. Jeff is a member of Temple Beth El and Beth Israel Center. He serves and collaborates with several foundations including United Way, Meriter-Unity Point, and University of Wisconsin-Madison. Jeff and his family have been committed supporters of Jewish Social Services for many years.

With his generous support, Jewish Social Services welcomes you all to our eleventh year of Levy Summer Series programming.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4



Rob Golub

Editor of the *Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle* and SuccessfulJournalism.com

Prior to Rob Golub's position as editor of the *Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle*, he was the chief editor of *The Journal Times* in Racine, where he supervised both editors and news reporters. Golub has won multiple awards from the Milwaukee Press Club for his work, including a first-place award in 2022 for *Best Long Hard Feature Story*. For more than 15 years, he has run an internship program that trains the leading journalists of tomorrow. His "graduates" have become employees and interns at Facebook, CNN, Bloomberg, MSNBC, and other news organizations worldwide.

"Sustaining Journalism and Serving Jewish Wisconsin"

What are the major challenges that confront journalists? What can Rob Golub and other journalists do to fight for a better way forward? Rob will explain approaches sometimes referred to as "community journalism" and "community engagement." He will also share experiences from his journalism career and all about the training programs he leads, which have been a launching pad for some great American journalists. We will learn about the *Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle*, its role in the community, and how you can connect with it.

Lunch: Nakoma Golf Greens and Veggie Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette, assorted Artisan Rolls and Mini Muffins **choice of entrée:** Broiled Whitefish with Caper Piccata Sauce **or** Vegan Sweet Potato Curry, Barley Pilaf, French Beans and Baby Carrots
Dessert: Chocolate Mousse Sundae



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18



Mark L. Loudon, Ph.D.


Alfred L. Shoemaker, J. William Frey, and Don Yoder, Professor of Germanic Linguistics, UW-Madison

Mark L. Loudon is the Director of the Max Kade Institute for German American Studies, and an affiliate faculty member in the Mosse/Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his undergraduate and graduate education at Cornell University. Professor Loudon taught for 12 years at the University of Texas at Austin before joining the UW-Madison faculty in 2000. His research focuses mainly on heritage Germanic languages spoken in North America, especially Pennsylvania Dutch and Yiddish. He serves as a medical and legal interpreter, cultural mediator, and patient navigator for Amish and traditional Mennonites.

“Yiddish and Pennsylvania Dutch”

Today, about one-half of the world’s approximately 7,000 languages are in danger of losing their native speakers. However, a small number of languages associated with highly traditional Jewish and Christian groups are resisting the pressure of linguistic assimilation and are thriving. The two most widely spoken of these exceptional languages are, coincidentally, historically related to one another: Yiddish and Pennsylvania Dutch. In this presentation we will explore the success of Yiddish and Pennsylvania Dutch, which is connected to the demographic health of their main speaker populations, the Hasidim and the Amish.

Lunch: Caesar Salad, assorted Artisan Rolls and Mini Muffins **choice of entrée:** Pesto Crusted Sea Bass **or** Roasted Vegetable Napoleon, White and Wild Rice Blend, Steamed Asparagus **Dessert:** Tiramisu



TUESDAY, JULY 1



Rachel Baum

Deputy Director of the Sam & Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Rachel teaches courses on the Holocaust and American Jewish culture. She is also a certified life coach and host of the podcast, *Making Midlife Magic*, where she offers weekly insights on how to create a life of joy and meaning.

“How Jewish Wisdom Can Help Us Grow Older, Better”

The Jewish tradition is filled with practical wisdom that can help us age with more hope, resilience, and good humor. In this conversation, Holocaust scholar and certified life coach Rachel Baum shares three wise voices from different time periods of Jewish life. How can these voices be put to use today in giving us inspiration in creating a life of intention and joy? What are some essential tools for overcoming obstacles in this pursuit?

Lunch: Cream of Asparagus Soup, Assorted Artisan Rolls and Mini Muffins **choice of entrée:** Atlantic Salmon stuffed with Shiitake Mushrooms and Spinach, Wild Mushroom Cream Sauce **or** Tofu Poke Bowl with Veggies, Ginger Soy Sauce, and Sesame Seeds Honey Glazed Carrots, Dauphinoise Potatoes **Dessert:** Mango Sorbet with Pirouline Cookie

TUESDAY, JULY 22



Rabbi Judy Greenberg

Rabbi and Senior Jewish Educator,
University of Wisconsin Hillel-Madison

Prior to her work at UW Hillel, Rabbi Judy spent a summer serving as rabbi of Moses Montefiore Congregation in Appleton, Wisconsin. Previously, she taught Jewish studies at Rochelle Zell Jewish High School in the Chicago suburbs. Judy was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she also

received a master's degree in Midrash. She has a BA from Harvard College. Judy loves reading and baking, but you can most often find her knitting. This week Judy and her family celebrate seven years of living in Madison.

“New Beginnings: Contemporary Re-Readings of the Genesis Narratives”

The creation stories in Genesis are foundational to our narrative as Jews in the world. They have been mined for meaning throughout the generations – each generation uncovering new layers that speak to their moment. Contemporary voices continue this practice. We will explore cartoonist Liana Finck's graphic novel of Genesis and also Midrash written in recent years by Israeli women. What is novel in their interpretations? What new possibilities do they uncover? We will open such questions as: why keep returning to these narratives? How can these stories inform our relationship to the messy, ever-changing world that we inhabit?

Lunch: Vegetable Barley Soup, assorted Artisan Rolls and Mini Muffins *choice of entrée:* Baked Tilapia With Cucumber and Red Pepper Relish *or* Portabella Fettucine, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetable Medley

Dessert: Turtle Sundae

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6



Sandra Fox

Rifkind Chair in American Jewish History at
the Jewish Theological Seminary



Professor Fox received her doctorate from New York University's joint History and Hebrew Judaic Studies program in 2018. In addition to her research, Sandra is the founder and executive producer of the Yiddish-language podcast *Vaybertaytsh: A Feminist Podcast in Yiddish*, and is on the editorial board of *In geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies*. She is director of the

Archive of the American Jewish Left in the Digital Age. Her research interests include American Jewish history, the history of youth and childhood, Yiddish culture, and the history of sexuality. Sandra will be discussing her book, *The Jews of Summer: Summer Camp and Jewish Culture in Postwar America* (Stanford University Press: 2023).

"The Jews of Summer: Summer Camp and Jewish Culture in Postwar America"

In the decades directly following the Holocaust, Jewish leaders anxiously debated how to preserve and produce what they considered authentic Jewish culture, fearful that upward mobility and suburbanization threatened the integrity of Jewish life in America. Many communal educators and rabbis contended that without intervention, Judaism as they understood it would disappear altogether. In their searches for solutions, postwar Jews came to see residential summer camps as panaceas to their communal ills, constructing their programs with an eye towards collective transformation.

(Note: Professor Sandra Fox will be joining us via Zoom for this talk)

Lunch: Caprese Salad, assorted Artisan Rolls and Mini Muffins **choice of entrée:** Pan-fried Walleye with Panko Breadcrumbs **or** Sun-dried Tomato and Asparagus Quiche in Puff Pastry, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Stir Fry Vegetables
Dessert: Door County Cherry Pie à la Mode

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20



Liza Wiemer

Educator and Author



Liza Wiemer's second novel, *The Assignment*, was published by Delacorte Press and has received 12 honors, including being named a Sydney Taylor Notable Book. To date, *The Assignment* has also been translated to Russian, Polish, Italian, and Korean and has been optioned for film. In addition, Liza has had two adult nonfiction books

published and several short stories included in the New York Times bestselling Small Miracles series. Since August 2020, she has presented over 650 talks and workshops across the globe. Her debut picture book, *Out and About: A Tale of Giving*, was published in August 2023. Every month, she writes a children's book review column for the *Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle*. Liza received the honor of being named one of "The Top 100 People Positively Influencing Jewish Life, 2021" by the Algemeiner. A graduate of UW-Madison, Liza has two married sons and lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with her husband, Jim.

"What is Happening in Our Schools? Anti-Semitic Assignments and Empowering Students to Speak Up"

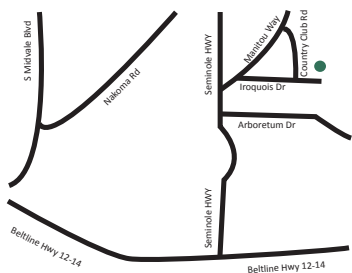
A chance meeting at a bookstore in upstate New York propelled author Liza Wiemer to write *The Assignment*, which explores how two brave teens found the courage to speak up against antisemitism and hatred. Join us for a powerful presentation about the real-life assignment, the behind-the-scenes details, the fascinating World War II research, including the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Center in Oswego, New York, and the impact on students across the globe.

Lunch: Seasonal Fruit Plate, assorted Artisan Rolls and Mini Muffins **choice of entrée:** Mahi-Mahi with Toasted Kale Buerre Blanc **or** Stuffed Portabella Mushroom, Au Gratin Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables

Dessert: Assorted Cookies and Bars

Nakoma Golf Club

Located at 4145 Country Club Road in Madison, off Seminole Highway just north of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum entrance



SCHEDULE

10:30-10:50	Check-in
11:00-12:30	Program
12:30-1:30	Lunch

Each program is \$25:
includes meal and presentation

REFUND POLICY:

Please provide two weeks' notice for refund. Fees may be transferred to reserve for another participant.



Levy Summer Series Registration

Registration by phone: **608-442-4081**

Mail or in-person: **Jewish Social Services, 6300 Enterprise Lane, #309, Madison, WI 53719**

Please print your name(s) on dates you will attend and check your meal preference(s). All programs are \$25 per person. On the provided lines, please list the names of your guests and their meal preference.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4: ROB GOLUB

Broiled Whitefish **or** Vegan Sweet Potato Curry

NAME	FISH	VEG
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Deadline for registration is May 29

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18: MARK LOUDEN

Pesto Crusted Sea Bass **or** Roasted Vegetable Napoleon

NAME	FISH	VEG
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Deadline for registration is June 12

TUESDAY, JULY 1: RACHEL BAUM

Atlantic Salmon **or** Tofu Poke Bowl

NAME	FISH	VEG
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Deadline for registration is June 26

TUESDAY, JULY 22: RABBI JUDY GREENBERG

Baked Tilapia **or** Portabella Fettucine

NAME	FISH	VEG
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Deadline for registration is July 17

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6: SANDRA FOX

Pan-fried Walleye **or** Sun-dried Tomato and Asparagus Quiche

NAME	FISH	VEG
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Deadline for registration is July 31

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20: LIZA WIEMER

Mahi-Mahi **or** Stuffed Portabella Mushroom

NAME	FISH	VEG
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Deadline for registration is August 14

Meals in this series have been generously subsidized.

Program and menu descriptions are also at
www.jssmadison.org/events/levy-summer-series

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use your credit card.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PROGRAMS @ \$25 EACH

of programs _____ X # of attendees _____

Total Program Fees: _____

Additional Optional Donation for Senior Program

Scholarships: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

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credit card information.*

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Check Number: _____

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Speaker Series, Jewish Social Services
offers a variety of enrichment activities
throughout the year. Please check our
website, jssmadison.org, or contact us
for details on these activities and
other events.*

*Jewish Social Services receives
generous support from Jeffrey C.
Levy to make this series possible.
We also appreciate any donations
which help us continue and enhance
programming and support for those
in need.*

*Thank you for your interest in the Levy
Summer Speaker Series.*

*We welcome your participation
and feedback,*

*Paul Borowsky, Program Manager –
Events and Volunteer Engagement*





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Jewish Social Services established the Levy Summer Series in 2013 with the generous support of Jeffrey C. Levy. We continue this partnership to bring you this year's program series. It is an opportunity for lifelong learners to interact with scholars, artists, and community leaders over a broad range of topics of interest. We look forward to seeing all of you at this year's Levy Summer Series.

Thank you for recommendations and assistance in this year's series: Jeffrey C. Levy, Kai Yael Gardner Mishlove, Anne Altshuler, Rob Golub, Barbara Immergluck, staff at Center for Jewish Studies, JSS staff, and Advisory Committee members.



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