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# Humanistic Judaism in Minnesota

**What is Humanistic Judaism? Why is there a congregation in Minnesota? How can you be a humanist and a Jew? Tune in on Sunday September 5th at 10am via Zoom and learn the answers!**

**A**llan Malkis is the current President of Or Emet, the MN Congregation for Humanistic Judaism. A retired researcher, Allan is originally from New York state but moved to Minnesota nearly 50 years ago to attend U of M graduate school, receiving an MA in Sociology. He has worked for a variety of non-profit organizations, for the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs and most recently for Ramsey County. Allan has been a member of Or Emet for over 30 years. He lives in Saint Paul with his spouse Diane Wanner and Sam & Ted, two pampered felines.







# JOIN US FOR **HAPPY HOUR**

**4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, September 2nd at Mexico Lindo,  
Fitgers Brewery Complex**



# Next Pavilion Party September 25th

Pavilion Parties continue this summer on the fourth Saturday of each month at the home of our “Flounder”, Bill Van Druten.

**Plan to arrive at 1pm.** Bring a food item you have made, or maybe an interesting libation to share with other attendees. We’ll talk and laugh at Dr. Van Druten’s home: 2931 Greysolon Road in Duluth. Park anywhere on Greysolon Road but not on 30th Avenue!





# September Social Dinner

Join us September 15th at 5:30 pm at Billings Park in Superior, for our fourth outdoor Summer Social Dinner. Bring your own food and beverage.





# The New Harvard Chief Chaplain Greg Epstein is an Atheist.

By Emma Goldberg • The New York Times

**M**r. Epstein, 44, author of the book “Good Without God,” is a seemingly unusual choice for the role. He will coordinate the activities of more than 40 university chaplains, who lead the Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and other religious communities on campus. Yet many Harvard students — some raised in families of faith, others never quite certain how to label their religious identities — attest to the influence that Mr. Epstein has had on their spiritual lives.

“There is a rising group of people who no longer identify with any religious tradition but still experience a real need for conversation and support around what it means to be a good human and live an ethical life,” said Mr. Epstein, who was raised in a Jewish household and has been Harvard’s humanist chaplain since 2005, teaching students about the progressive movement that centers people’s relationships with one another instead of with God. To Mr. Epstein’s fellow campus chaplains, at least, the notion of being led by an atheist is not as counterintuitive as it might sound; his election was unanimous.

The dozens of students whom Mr. Epstein mentors have found a source of meaning in the school’s organization of humanists, atheists and agnostics, reflecting a broader trend of young people across the United States who increasingly identify as spiritual but religiously nonaffiliated. That trend might be especially salient at Harvard; a Harvard Crimson survey of the class of 2019 found that those students were two times more likely to identify as atheist or agnostic than 18-year-olds in the general population.

“We don’t look to a god for answers,” Mr. Epstein said. “We are each other’s answers.”

