



# Kol Emanu-El

Voice of Emanu-El

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The Center of Jewish Life in Waukesha County

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## When it's CHANUKAH

It's time for

# LATKES and FUN

### FUN DAY in school

**DATE**

Sunday,  
Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**TIME**

10 a.m.

**WHERE**

During Religious  
School at CEEW

**WHAT**

Chanukah  
activities, songs,  
dreidel playing  
and food.

**WHO**

Contact  
Carrie Barbakoff  
with questions.



## LATKE

### Pot-luck dinner

Bring your favorite latkes  
to share for a Latke Bake-off,  
and a dish to share.

**DATE:** Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** CEEW

**TIME:** 6 p.m.

**RSVP:** by Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, with how many  
people in your party, and  
what you are bringing  
to share for dinner,  
to Carol O'Neil  
[caroljo@tds.net](mailto:caroljo@tds.net)  
or 920-699-3682  
and leave message

(At 7 p.m., there will be a kid-friendly  
Shabbat service led by Cantor Martin  
and our 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.)

## ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE presents ...

### JEWISH TRAVEL PROGRAM

**Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**

### Cuba, the Caribbean and Uruguay to be discussed

By **ELAINE GOLDBERG**  
Adult Ed Co-Chair

**Cantor Martin and Mari-Claire Zimmerman**  
will talk about their experiences in visits to Cuba  
and the Caribbean.

In St. Thomas they visited one of the oldest  
synagogues in the world, which was described in  
Alice Hoffman's book, *The Marriage of Oppo-  
sites*.

**Adrian Richfield and Elaine Goldberg** will  
talk about the Jewish Heritage tour they took in  
Montevideo, Uruguay.

Please join us in an interesting evening of  
Jewish travel experiences. There will be time for  
you to share any Jewish travel experiences you  
have had.



The beautiful  
sanctuary of  
The Hebrew  
Congregation  
on St. Thomas  
includes a  
sand floor and  
an ark made  
of local  
mahogany.



**LET CANTOR MARTIN AND CARING COMMITTEE KNOW:** Do you know a Temple member who is ill or in need of spiritual support of any kind (i.e. loss of job, divorce, difficult life transitions, etc.)? You can contact Cantor Martin at 608-698-4363 or [spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org), or contact a member of CEEW's Caring Committee.

*CNN notes that of the 1,679 religious hate crimes reported to the FBI in 2017, 58.1 percent were anti-Semitic, while the next largest number was 18.6 percent anti-Muslim.*

## Evil tongue, gossip and social media give rise to anti-Semitism

**A**s I write this, we've had two shootings murdering 23 people within two weeks, as well as the injuries suffered from them.

One of the shootings was in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, killing 11 people — the worst anti-Semitic attack ever in the United States.

The rise of anti-Semitism in this country worries me greatly. I spoke about this in my sermon on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht in Germany and the beginning of the horrendous acts of Hitler and the Holocaust. It is hard to fathom how anyone could have committed the heinous crimes against humankind, murdering six million Jews.

Much of the Holocaust began with *lashon harah*, which is the spreading of lies and gossip about others. German citizens were told that the Jewish people were the cause of all evil in the world, especially in Germany. All the freedoms Jews had enjoyed were soon taken away from them. They could not go to school, teach, practice law or medicine or sell their goods to anyone other than Jews. They were harassed and beaten. Then, of course, things got much worse and the horrors that happened to them are too vast and gruesome to write in this article.

After it was over, we constantly repeated "Never again!" So now, it is up to us and our society to make sure that it never happens again.

Human beings tend to blame things on others. So minorities are often the scapegoats who pay the price for everything and anything that happens in society. Those doing the blaming may never have met the people they are blaming. Or perhaps, they had a bad encounter with one person, and then decided that all people of that minority



**CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN**

**From the Spiritual Leader's Desk**



Marsha Fensin photo

Approximately 13 members of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha were in the standing-room-only crowd estimated between 1,800 and 2,000 at the Community Gathering held at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. People of all faiths — including Jews from 17 synagogues — joined in mourning the 11 Jews who died in Pittsburgh. (A few days later, **Cantor Martin** combined a memorial service at CEEW with the regular Shabbat service. Cantor Martin gave a moving Dvar Torah, and asked congregants to express their feelings, which several congregants did.)

must be horrible. Once people start talking, it snowballs and pretty soon there is no turning back.

We must nip those types of conversations in the bud. If we are listening to something like this, we must stand up and tell the person they are not right and need to please stop stereotyping a whole group of people because of something one person may have done. "No, not all Jews are rich and greedy or untrustworthy or evil, or ... (fill in the blanks)."

One major problem we have in society is social media. Very nasty things can be posted on Facebook and Twitter,

some of which are dangerous because they blame others and say terrible falsehoods about them.

The man who killed the people at the Pittsburgh synagogue had a horrible post on social media, saying that a Jewish organization that helps give shelter, food and jobs to refugees was letting in the immigrants who were going to kill us so we need to get rid of all of these evil Jews. Louis Farrakhan posted that he wasn't an anti-Semite, he was an anti-termite (a phrase that Hitler used referring to Jews). Facebook

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**DON'T FORGET FOOD BIN:** We are reminded that if each of us brings a food item for the Waukesha Food Pantry each time we come to Temple, the bin could be overflowing. Also, the tzedakah box in the upstairs lobby is dedicated to the Waukesha Food Pantry. Please help.

## CANTOR

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took it off right away, but Twitter left it up.

This type of use of social media is *lashon harah* and promotes hatred, bigotry and violence, and is very dangerous for our children to see.

Children tend to mimic what they see and hear, and what they are seeing and hearing these days isn't pretty.

We must find a way to combat this type of horrible speech and bigotry. In my sermon, I suggested that we cancel our Twitter accounts so we don't see and hear this horrible, hateful speech and keep it from our children.

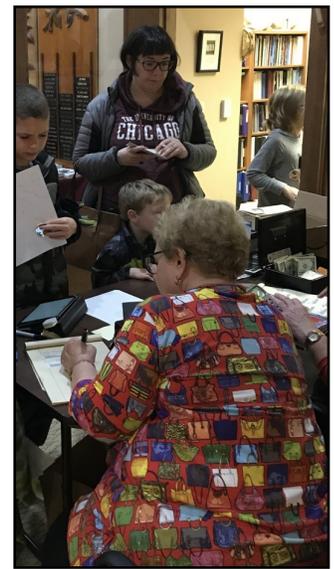
We need to model good behavior, not bad. If we cancel our accounts and encourage others to do the same, in protest to Twitter for allowing this type of bigotry and speech to be allowed, perhaps they will monitor it, instead of

letting people say and video anything they wish.

On the evening of Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we begin the holiday of Chanukah in celebrating the victory over Syrian oppressors who would not allow Jews to practice their religion.

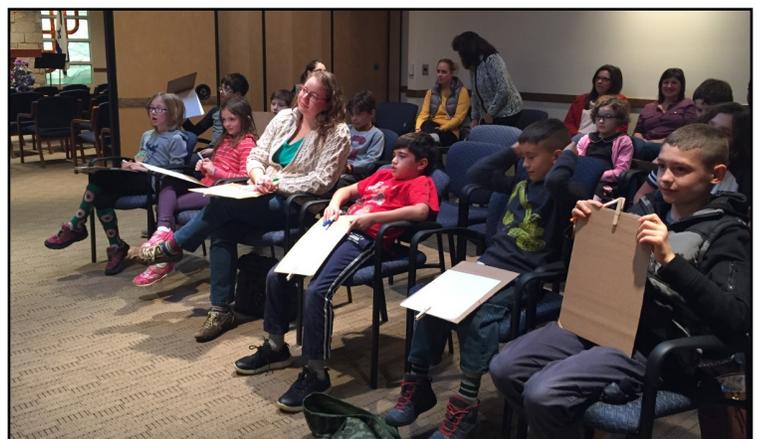
Let us honor that struggle and fight for freedom in a different way in December 2018, freeing ourselves from the fetters of unfair and dangerous speech around the world.

# 2018 BOOK FAIR at CEEW



Adrian Richfield photos

Left: **Wes Ecker** and sons **Torin** and **Rylan** check out the variety of books that were for sale at the CEEW Book Fair on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Middle: **David Cornale** shows son **Henry** one of the featured books. Right: **Alice Lambie** helps out at the desk.



Cindy Levy photos

Left: Authors **Alan Silberberg** and **Laurie Keller** sign books for **Elizabeth Hamlin** and her children. Right: Staff, students and congregants listen as the two authors make their presentations.



**B'NAI MITZVAH COORDINATOR SOUGHT:** Cantor Martin is looking for someone to help our B'nai Mitzvah families so they have someone they can contact for the logistics of the service: **1. How to get the key; 2. Whom to call if they need to open the sanctuary wall; 3. Whom to contact about doing an oneg or doing a reception at CEEW.**

## Endowment, Volunteering, Gratitude Various topics discussed

Writing this column is a bit like trying to see into the future: It's written almost three weeks before you receive it out of consideration for the bulletin staff's publication schedule. For you, Thanksgiving has come and gone; for me, it's still in the planning stages (to brine the turkey or not?).

Advance planning has its virtues to be sure, as does spontaneity. Long-range planning has worked well as we've sorted out how to build the framework for our Temple's endowment.

That stage of its development is now complete. Preliminary documents necessary for its formation and function have been drawn up.

### JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO MANAGE OUR ENDOWMENT

The Temple's Board of Trustees voted at its Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to select the Milwaukee Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Foundation to manage our endowment.

The JCF has many advantages for us in terms of planning our fundraising campaign, marketing the endowment for donations, etc. The specifics of the actual endowment documents can be finalized now that the Board has made the decision of a management entity.

Many synagogues, Jewish families and individuals also have charitable funds and endowments through JCF.

The Endowment Committee, comprised of **Michael Goldstone, Cindy Levy, Ann Merkow, and Alan Meyers**, will consult with the JCF. Soon you will hear more about the campaign. We'll plan to build our endowment, but the expertise and help of all members will be needed to make this vital effort happen.

Fortunately, we have mentors in our friends at Beth Hillel Temple in Kenosha, who have encouraged us to learn from their experience in building their very successful endowment and from their other fundraising efforts. But every member's time, funds and/or other valuable talents will be needed.



**ANN MEYERS**

From the CEEW President's Desk



Marsha Fensin photo

Members of our 2018-19 Board of Trustees were honored at the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Shabbat service. Flanked by **Cantor Deborah Martin** and Administrator **Marie Loeffler** were, from left: Sisterhood Co-President **Denise Stodola**, Member At-Large **Laurie Schwartz**, Immediate Past President **Phil Schuman**, Secretary **Elaine Goldberg**, Treasurer **Alan Meyers**, Vice President **Mark Levy** and President **Ann Meyers**. Missing were Members At-Large **Joe Dailey, Sandy Villa** and **Ed Weiss**; Sisterhood Co-President **Sandy Small**; and Youth Education Committee Co-Chairs **Andi Patz** and **Loren Schmidt**.

### CONSIDER JOINING LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2019-20

On another note but in the same vein of future planning, the Board's Nominating Committee was established in October to begin the task of building a leadership team for 2019-20.

The committee is comprised of five members: **Doug Anson, Jennifer Ecker, Mark Levy, Laurie Schwartz** and **Sandy Villa**. They will be approaching members soon to discuss the possibility of serving in various leadership roles.

Yes, the Temple needs people to serve as our new president, vice president, secretary and a few trustees, but committee members and leaders are desperately needed as well. Many hands make light(er) work. Tasks of all sizes and durations need to be accomplished.

But members should know there is a lot in it for those who serve as well.

While the experience is different for everyone, many say they enjoy their time

on the Board and committees; learn more about how our Temple works; learn more about Judaism; and meet other Temple leaders with the chance to learn and share with them.

Please give this mitzvah some thought, because it's a two-way proposition.

### WE THANK MANY PEOPLE FOR COMPASSION, SAFETY

Finally, we had an outpouring of solidarity and compassion from many, many houses of worship and from individuals at the time of the attack on Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue.

The City of Waukesha Police Department gave us tremendous support on the Shabbat immediately following the attack, and has continued to be vigilant on our behalf, as they always are although we're not always aware of it.

**Cantor Martin** and I have written to Chief **Russell Jack** and to Mayor **Shawn Reilly** to express our gratitude.



**WEATHER CLOSINGS:** Weather related (and other) closings at the synagogue will be posted on WTMJ TV4 (Channel 4) and WISN-TV (Channel 12).

## Chanukah lights up the darkness of the season

**D**ecember is the beginning of the winter season. In Wisconsin, it is getting cold and dark.

However, we as Jews light the menorah to celebrate the holiday of Chanukah. We say a special prayer after lighting the menorah, thanking God for performing miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time.

It is apropos that the holiday of Chanukah generally falls during the doldrums of winter, and lights up the darkness.

It behooves us all to glean from this enlightening holiday a small spark of thanksgiving and gratitude, and reflect about the miracles in our daily lives.

I thank our parents for bringing their students each week to Religious School. I recognize the winter weather will be less conducive to driving your students, and I hope you will continue to make the effort each week, as you have so far.

I also thank our teachers for creating exciting lessons that are encouraging our students to want to come to Religious School each week.

### SAVE THE DATES IN DECEMBER

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** is Chanukah "Funday" - stations of activities related to the holiday of Chanukah. Families with children of all ages are invited to participate in Chanukah activities, songs, dreidel playing and food.

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** is our first student participation Shabbat service in which our first- and second-graders and our third- and fourth-graders will be a part of the service

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** is our second student participation Shabbat service. Our fifth- and sixth graders and our Confirmation students will be a part of the service

We look forward to everyone's attendance at these events.

### BOOK FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

**Alan Silberberg** read from his new book, *Meet the Latkes*, and **Laurie Keller** read from her book, *Potato Pants!*

Alan taught the students how to take a scribble or a "mistake" and turn it into a person or an animal. Laurie showed how to draw different expressions.



**CARRIE BARBAKOFF**

From the Education Director's Desk



Adrian Richfield photo

Authors Laurie Keller and Alan Silberberg were on hand at CEEW's annual Book Fair on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.



## MAKING ECO-MEZUZAHS

JOIN THE CEEW SISTERHOOD  
and the  
CEEW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

On Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
for an intergenerational program.

We will be creating eco-mezuzahs from a naturally downed tree branch.

Eco because we are reclaiming trees.

The mezuzah means doorpost. One of the 613 laws is to place a mezuzah on our doorpost, front door, back door or any door in the house except the restroom. In a drilled hole in the wood, Shema prayer will be placed. Decorations will be made of dried flowers. Appropriate Hebrew letters, but especially the shin will be made with sharpies.

SEE YOU THERE.



**SUPPORT B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS:** All members of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha are invited to support our B'nai Mitzvah students and families by attending their services on Shabbat. Check Temple calendar for dates and times.

**2018 BEGIN INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT CEEW**

# Emotional evening: Area religious communities come together in unity



Marcy Hotz photo

Approximately 200 people attended the BEGIN Interfaith Thanksgiving program at CEEW on Nov. 14th.

**By MARCY HOTZ**  
CEEW Past President

The emotion in the sanctuary was palpable.

One couldn't help but be deeply moved by the unity that was felt as the approximately 200 people from 15 religious organizations at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> became aware of the similarity of the prayers and realized that we all want the same things in life: peace, safety and good health for our families.

There was indeed a feeling of oneness and support for one another.

The occasion was the Brookfield-Elm Grove Interfaith Network annual Thanksgiving program. Leaders and members from our Jewish community, the Baha'i community, Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Mormon, Presbyterian, Methodist, Unitarian Christian churches and the Islamic mosque attended.

Cantor **Deborah Martin**, CEEW's spiritual leader, coordinated the program that included musical pieces and hymns, and lessons given by Reverend **John Horner-Ibler** of Unity Lutheran Church, Father **Ed Kornath** of St. John Vianney Parish and **Imam Noman Hussain** of the



Marcy Hotz photos

Imam Noman Hussain, left, of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee Brookfield, and Father Ed Kornath of St. John Vianney Parish, provided lessons to the group.

Islamic Society of Milwaukee-Brookfield.

The CEEW choir sang and **Ted Reinke** accompanied them on the keyboard.

Representatives of the BEGIN Youth group lit candles they made, and a video was presented, showing the youths making the candles at a recent workshop led by Cantor Martin. The candles were braided, like Havdalah candles, and made of various colors, depicting the diversity and unity of our various religions

and members.

Prayers and songs of Thanksgiving were given by **Nancy Molstad** of Living Hope Presbyterian Church, **Dr. Mina Khorshidi** of the Baha'i Community of Brookfield and Cantor Martin. Imam Hussain sang two verses of the *Quran* in Arabic.

The large group adjourned to a bountiful repast of treats brought by CEEW members and others.



**CONTACT ADMINISTRATOR ON RECENT DEATHS:** Contact Administrator Marie Loeffler prior to a service to add a name of a relative or friend to the recent list of those who have died.

## Scenes from the **BEGIN** service at CEEW



Marcy Hotz photo

**Ali Zaibak**, left, from the Brookfield Mosque, and **Sara Jester** from United Lutheran Church light candles BEGIN Youth created.



Cindy Levy photo

Kids from CEEW participated in the service. From left: **Milo Patz**, **Molly Schmidt** and **Natalie Hirsch**.



Cindy Levy photo

Members of the CEEW choir provided music at the event. From left: accompanist **Ted Reinke**, **Janet Reinke**, **Marie Loeffler**, **Natalie Hirsch** and **Paula Duval**.



Left: One of several food stations. Right: Sisterhood Co-Presidents **Sandy Small**, left, and **Denise Stodola** helped with the food, as did several other CEEW members.

Marcy Hotz photos



Cindy Levy photo

Cantor **Deborah Martin**, CEEW's spiritual leader, coordinated the Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> program.



Cindy Levy photos

Among the speakers were, from left: Rev. John Horner-Ibler from Unity Lutheran Church of Brookfield, Dr. Mina Khorshidi from the Bahai community of Brookfield and Rev. Kris Androsky from the Community United Methodist Church of Elm Grove.



**GIFT SHOP HOURS:** Fridays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and some Sunday mornings. To arrange additional times, contact Judy Shabman (jshabman@att.net).



Cindy Levy photo

2018 CEEW Sisterhood Woman of Valor **Sandy Villa** is flanked by WRJ Midwest Division immediate past president **Janet Buckstein** and Woman of Valor Chair **Penny Shnay**.

## **SANDY VILLA** Woman of Valor

By **CINDY LEVY**

Past Sisterhood President

The CEEW Sisterhood is honored to have **Sandy Villa** as our 2018 Woman of Valor.

Sandy accepted the award at the Women of Reform Judaism Midwest Convention on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Here is what Sandy has done:

She epitomizes the words Tikkun Olam. She is active in social action activities both in and out of the Jewish Community, and whenever possible blends the two together.

Sandy has been active both with the Waukesha Food Pantry and the Waukesha Women's Center for years, and on many occasions, she has organized Tikkun Olam projects for the synagogue through the Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha Sisterhood.

For the past number of

### **THROUGH THE YEARS** CEEW Sisterhood Honorees

**Alice Lambie**  
**Cindy Levy**  
**Sandy Small**  
**Sandy Villa**

years Sandy has coordinated the High Holiday Food Drive. To ensure that the food pantry is receiving what it needs the most, grocery bags with the 10 top most needed items are distributed between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and the food collected is delivered in between the Yom Kippur services.

Throughout the year several CEEW Sisterhood members have been involved with the food distribution process under Sandy's supervision.

Sandy took over the CEEW

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## **SISTERHOOD**

### **CO-PRESIDENTS**



**DENISE STODOLA**  
and  
**SANDRA SMALL**



# **A new tradition at CEEW is CHANUKAH CARDS**

**T**he Women of Reform Judaism convention was the Sisterhood focus throughout October and November.

The WRJ convention, held this year in Milwaukee from Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, is a significant event. The many activities, information and awards from the convention will be remembered and celebrated as we move ahead to more Sisterhood events in the coming months.

As the winter season arrives, CEEW Sisterhood looks toward Chanukah. We have a new tradition of sending Sisterhood Chanukah greetings to all friends and family at CEEW. The greetings will remind us of the warmth of Chanukah, and its cultural heritage.

The beautiful Chanukah card designed by an artist will complement any home during the holiday, and beyond.

**Many thanks to all who participated, and supported our new Chanukah tradition.**

We hope you will take note of Sisterhood's intergenerational mezuzah project with our Religious/Hebrew school students, coordinated by **Carol O'Neil** on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Our students will design their own unique mezuzah.

**We hope to expand Sisterhood's intergenerational projects, and would love to have your input on new and exciting ideas.**

### **SISTERHOOD SHABBAT ON JAN. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Our traditional Sisterhood Shabbat is coming up on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, coordinated by **Marsha Fensin**. We'll honor our founding women with a lovely musical program, and participating Sisterhood members.

**Michelle Scheinkopf**, president of WRJ Midwest, will be our guest speaker. Michelle is busy gathering material regarding the history of CEEW, including our past 10 years as a Sisterhood.

We welcome your involvement as Sisterhood moves forward in the months ahead.

**Many thanks to the members of our congregation, our Spiritual Leader and our Education Director for all their help and support of Sisterhood.**



**CHECK YOUR EMAIL:** Weekly emails contain valuable information about our synagogue and what's going on. If you would like to include something that is of interest to other congregants, please contact Mark Levy at [communications@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:communications@waukeshatemple.org).

## SANDY

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Sisterhood's Purim Crib project to collect items for agencies in need and again provided an overall plan. Working with the Religious School, Sandy involved the Confirmation Class and expanded the students' understanding of the community needs.

Sandy works each year with the Waukesha Women's Center and the Hope Center to ensure that products in need are collected. Over the years, the items donated have included toiletries, pajamas for children and underwear.

You should have seen the response when she delivered tons of underwear. The volunteers at the Hope Center opened their almost empty drawers of underwear. Many people have only one set of underwear, which they wear several times a week.

For the past few years, Sandy also has helped coordinate the social action projects run by the Midwest WRJ Leadership Conference held at OSRUI in the spring. One year the group collected books, and another it collected art supplies for children. In each case, Sandy found the donations a home and made the deliveries.

This year Sandy was deeply involved in developing and coordinating the Tikkun Olam of the WRJ Midwest District Biennial held in Milwaukee in October. Sandy worked with the district leadership to develop a program on human trafficking and a collection of items needed for victims of human trafficking. One seminar called "Making a Difference for Women in Peril" was devoted to creating backpacks with the collected items, and Sandy delivered the donations.

Sandy has been the driving force behind the our Sisterhood's successful social action program. She has inspired everyone in the CEEW Sisterhood and the entire synagogue to actively participate, and she is always finding new ways for us to perform a little more Tikkun Olam.

## WRJ MIDWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION

# Women learn, connect, do good work ... and sing

By CINDY LEVY  
Past Sisterhood President

Nothing is more beautiful than attending a Women of Reform Judaism Shabbat service.

The Midwest District WRJ women really know how to sing. WRJ held its Midwest Convention in Milwaukee in October, and many from our congregation attended.

We all had the opportunity to attend a beautiful Friday night service at Shalom, and a Saturday morning "green" service at the Hyatt, in which a PowerPoint was used to project the service. The wonderful part about doing this is that the service could be customized and that the graphics behind the prayers were meaningful.

Convention participants had an opportunity to learn, network, perform Tikkun Olam and spiritually connect with Sisterhoods from seven states. Our Sisterhood is part of a larger organization — the Women of Reform Judaism, a division of the Union for Reform Judaism to which our synagogue belongs.

Our own **Sandy Villa** was in the center of the Tikkun Olam project as well as the panel discussion called "Making a Difference for Women in Peril."

Participants generously donated toiletries, socks and other goods that could be placed in backpacks donated by the CEEW Sisterhood. Fifty-seven backpacks were created during the convention and given to the Waukesha Women's Center (along with lots of extra toiletries) to be given to women in peril who come through the Women's Center.

Sandy also organized a panel discussion with the director of the Waukesha Women's Center and a police officer from the special unit dealing with human trafficking, aimed at educating women on human trafficking and clearing up the myths on who is susceptible to human trafficking. Young women from the low-income inner city are not the only targets.

There were many opportunities to study and learn about leadership. I was one of

the facilitators at a session introducing the "Chai Mitzvah" program, which provides a context for a group to study together using biblical text, commentary and questions to pepper the discussion.

Other sessions included learning about working together with people with different leadership styles, "Navigating the Second Half of Life with Meaning," "Leveraging Your Image for Attracting and Engaging Members," and more.

The convention also included a Shabbat dinner, a Youth, Education and Special Project brunch used to raise money for our future, a Kavod Awards luncheon and a Saturday night dinner followed by a Comedy Sportz entertainment program.

Of special mention is the Kavod Awards ceremony. In addition to Sandy Villa earning a Woman of Valor Award, our Sisterhood received two additional awards. It should be no surprise that under Sandy's leadership, we were first for our Social Action, Community Involvement with our Tikkun Olam Purim Crib Project where we collected PJs. **Congratulations to our whole community on this one!**



Andi Patz

We received special mention in Membership Engagement for the Religious School program that the Sisterhood helped fund — "Jewish Identity Project." The program, conceived by **Andi Patz** and coordinated with **Cantor Martin** and Religious School teachers, used art through a mask-making project to identify the concept of Judaism and its meaning to each child.

All our members should consider attending a future convention. The camaraderie, the learning and spirituality is on a bigger scale than that of our synagogue.

But the take-away from the convention is that our synagogue may be small, but our Sisterhood's impact on our community and WRJ is big.



**HOST AN ONEG:** If you would like to host an Oneg Shabbat to celebrate a simcha in your family, there are signup sheets on the social hall door, or call the Temple office, 262-547-7180.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

# Still time for a 2018 tax deductible gift to CEEW

By ALAN MEYERS

There are various ways you can donate to CEEW and have it be tax deductible.

- Pay your dues so that they are postmarked by Dec 31, 2018, if you wish them to be counted as a tax deduction for 2018.
- You can make a stock donation directly to CEEW, and there is no capital gains tax. If you would like to do a stock donation in 2018, you should start it as soon as possible. A stock donation has to happen through your broker and it takes time. Start now. If you wait until late December, the transfer from your broker may not happen by the end of the year.
- If you are 70½ or older, you can make a donation from an IRA. The donation is not taxable and counts toward your required minimum donation. Check with the company that is managing your plan for information on how to do it.
- Of course, you can send us a check.

Marsha Fensin, left, and Marcy Hotz have started a Mah Jongg program for CEEW members. The games are held at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month, and at 6 p.m. the third



Barb Zacher photo

Monday of the month. Marsha and Marcy are happy to teach beginners. Contact one of them for more information.

## COMING IN JUNE FROM ADULT ED COMMITTEE



# You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby! BUT, WHO ARE YOU?

On Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m., the CEEW Adult Education Committee will hold its annual year-end event, this year titled: *You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby!*

One fun feature will be our poster board of baby and youth pictures of our CEEW members, and a contest to guess who is who.

There will be hints for each picture, and each month the bulletin will feature a few baby pictures for you to ponder and guess the identity of the baby.

### DO YOU KNOW THESE TWO?

(f you do, SHHHHHH! (until June 8<sup>th</sup>))



These two babies eventually met and got married, and are long-time members of CEEW.

She's on the left and is always active. He loves music.



## TEMPLE'S 2019 TRIP TO ISRAEL IS ON

The trip is ON. CEEW and Temple Israel of Duluth, Minn., are teaming up for a journey to Israel next year.

As of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 20 people had signed up for the Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 trip, led by **Cantor Martin** and **Rabbi David Steinberg**.

Ayelet has provided a website (<http://secure.ayelet.com/Martin2019.aspx>) where you can sign

up for the trip. Contact Cantor Martin if you have any questions, or use Jeff Rubtchinsky's contact information from Ayelet about any specific tour questions:

Jeff Rubtchinsky, Ayelet Tours  
19 Aviation Road, Albany, NY 12205  
800-237-1517

[www.ayelet.com](http://www.ayelet.com); [jeff@ayelet.com](mailto:jeff@ayelet.com).



**WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TEMPLE:** A copy of the Temple calendar that is kept on the Temple website is as up-to-date as possible so members and prospective members can see what's going on. If you are interested in scheduling a Temple event, please contact Lee Fensin at [Lee.Fensin@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:Lee.Fensin@waukeshatemple.org).

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTES

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

By JOE DAILEY

- After a presentation by **Cantor Martin**, the Board passed unanimously a motion condemning bigotry of all kinds and especially all bigotry coming from schools where students emulate Nazi conduct. The motion supported efforts of the Jewish Community Relations Council.
- The Board passed unanimously a motion that moves CEEW forward with a preliminary proposal to establish an endowment in collaboration with the Jewish Community Foundation of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.
- **Mark Levy** reported for the Facility Committee on a series of repairs that have been made possible by a greatly appreciated anonymous donor.
- **Joe Dailey** reported on behalf of the Three-year-plan Subcommittee of the Board (**Loren Schmidt** and **Sandy Villa** are the other members). The committee had provided the fifth draft of the plan to the Board, and Joe anticipated an approximate 60-day schedule of Board work toward a finished product. He anticipated that the Board itself would do the remainder of the writing and revising.
- **Cantor Martin** and President **Ann Meyers** have sent a letter of appreciation to the Waukesha Police Chief; it thanked the police for all of their help to us and for all they do for the community.
- The Board approved unanimously the contract format for Religious School and Hebrew School teachers.
- **Mark Levy** reported on the now-evolving CEEW website, and showed samples on our large monitor.

## תודה רבה Todah Rabbah Many Thanks to . . .

- Soup-er Shabbat coordinator **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** and **Dennis Stodola** for making soups for the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Soup-er Shabbat. And thanks to everyone who brought food to share, and those who helped set up and clean up in the kitchen.
- **Maddy Baumann** and **Avery Kukuk**, who chanted the tifilah during the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Shabbat services. Maddy, the daughter of Dan and Jennifer Baumann and the granddaughter of Diana Stroshine, and Avery, the daughter of Danielle and Norm Kukuk, become Bat Mitzvah together on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Alan Levy**, who has been doing guitar accompaniment during Shabbat services.
- **Cindy Levy**, for annually arranging the Temple's Book Fair to benefit the Temple's library. And thanks to all who helped Cindy this year.
- **Mark Levy**, for organizing things at CEEW as it hosted the Brookfield-Elm Grove Interfaith Network Thanksgiving service on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. And thanks to all who helped Mark — especially Sisterhood members — with setup, cleanup and food.
- **Ann Meyers**, who on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> helped Cantor Martin give a tour of the synagogue to a group of Catholic Memorial High School students who were learning about Judaism.
- **Marie Loeffler**, for chanting Torah during the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Shabbat service. It was the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah last year.
- **Jeff Shabman**, for giving what Cantor Martin described as a "great talk" before the Meetup event to see the Samson and Delilah opera at the Brookfield Majestic Theatre on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.

*(Are there people you would like to thank via the temple bulletin for doing something nice, special, etc?)*

*Please send your  
Todah Rabbah items to:  
[temple-news@hotmail.com](mailto:temple-news@hotmail.com).)*



## DECEMBER'S SHABBAT SERVICES

### DECEMBER 7

6 p.m.: Latke pot-luck dinner

7 p.m.: Cantor-led service, with first- through fourth-graders

### DECEMBER 14

7 p.m.: Cantor-led service

### DECEMBER 21

7 p.m.: Cantor-led service

### DECEMBER 28

7 p.m.: Member-led service



**PARTICIPATE IN SCRIP PROGRAM:** Purchasing gift cards and electronic Scrip with access to more than 750 retailers will earn CEEW anywhere from 2.5 percent to 16 percent. It's easy and costs you nothing. Check it out at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). To learn more or to start purchasing Scrip, contact Laurie Schwartz at (303)888-5137 or at [lss303@aol.com](mailto:lss303@aol.com).

# Yahrzeits

## Kislev / Tevet (December)



**PLEASE NOTE:** Some of the listings don't have a Hebrew date; that is because we have been changing the database and offering English / Gregorian dates to those who prefer them. In such cases, only the English / Gregorian dates will be listed.

**Alvin Cohen:** Sunday, December 16; Tevet 8  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Mollie Mackman:** Wednesday, December 19; Tevet 11  
*Mother of June (Milton) Kulakow*

**Isaak Drubinsky:** Saturday, December 15; Tevet 7  
*Grandfather of Irene (Robert) Elkin*

**Jack Moskowitz:** Saturday, December 15; Tevet 7  
*Stepfather of Ann (Alan) Meyers*

**Samuel Evans:** Wednesday, December 5  
*Father of Alice Lambie*

**Claire Musickant:** Friday, December 14  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Marion Goldberg:** Tuesday, December 18  
*Mother of Jack (Elaine) Goldberg*

**Chavalah Pilmaier:** Thursday, December 13; Tevet 5  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Ruth Louise Horwith:** Tuesday, December 11; Tevet 3  
*Grandmother of Ardis (David) Gacek*

**Edward Rudoy:** Friday, December 21  
*Father of Marcy (James) Hotz*

**Celia Kraines:** Saturday, December 15; Tevet 7  
*Mother of Nate (Elly) Kraines*

**Werner Spanier:** Monday, December 17; Tevet 9  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Clara Levy:** Monday, December 3  
*Mother of Karen (Peter Lee) Levy*

**James Thalman:** Saturday, December 8; Kislev 30  
*Father of Jan (Bill) Lowell*

**Merriam Levy:** Tuesday, December 11; Tevet 3  
*Mother of Mark (Cindy) Levy*

**Mildred Schnoll Wasserman:**  
Friday, December 21; Tevet 13  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Benjamin Lewis:** Monday, December 17; Tevet 9  
*Father of Joanne Wagner*

Yahrzeits compiled by CEEW Administrator **Marie Loeffler**.

## MAZEL TOV to ...



**ANNIVERSARY:** Denise and Dennis Stodola, who will celebrate their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

### BIRTHDAYS

• **Julie Baum**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

- **Marsha Fensin**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Dave Gacek**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Natalie Hirsch**, daughter of John Hirsch and Tracey Buckner, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Alice Lambie**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

- **Ed Weiss**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.

### WORKPLACE

- **Jim and Marcy Hotz**, whose son John Gruenwald's company, PGA Engineers in Houston, was eighth on the list of 100 fastest growing "Cougar" (University of Houston alums) led companies. John's business partner is Raini Payne. The company is involved with electrical, security, IT and telecommunications. For more information on the company, go to [www.pgaengineers.com/projects/](http://www.pgaengineers.com/projects/)

Share with the congregation all the wonderful things happening in your family. Send info to: [temple-news@hotmail.com](mailto:temple-news@hotmail.com).

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Sponsor an Oneg to celebrate a special event; sign up on the social hall door.



**FREE GUITAR LESSONS FOR KIDS:** A congregant has generously offered to teach our Religious School children how to play guitar for free. Please contact Cantor Martin if your child would like to learn how to play guitar.

**IN APPRECIATION:** We thank the following people for their generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha.

Donations submitted by CEEW Treasurer Alan Meyers

**IN MEMORY OF**

**Edna Kalstein** (Elaine Goldberg's mother): Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

**Samuel Orshansky** (Elaine Goldberg's uncle): Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

**Arthur Kulakow** (father of Milt Kulakow): Donation from Milt and June Kulakow

**Lucille Fensin** (mother of Lee Fensin): Donation to Education Fund from Lee and Marsha Fensin

**Isabelle Richfield** (mother of Adrian Richfield): Donation from Adrian Richfield

Jack and Elaine Goldberg

**OTHER DONATIONS**

From Bernard and Marie Sandler, for the Mensch Fund and the Spiritual Leader's Discretionary Fund

From Laurie Schwartz (thank you to Cantor Martin for blessing Laurie's home), for Spiritual Leader's Discretionary Fund

**IN HONOR OF**

**Laurie Schwartz:** Donations from Carol O'Neil and

**Recent donations are listed in the CEEW bulletin every month. If you do not want your name to appear, please indicate that with your contribution.**

**BOOK CLUB REPORT / Mari-Claire Zimmerman Reviews: *Outlander***

**Romance, time travel, danger, mystery**

*Outlander* author **Diana Gabaldon** did not set out to write a fantastic novel, having a PhD in Environmental Ecology, and being a professor at Arizona State University.



Diana **GABALDON**

She wanted to improve her ability to do research, and after watching a *Dr. Who* episode that involved a Scotsman from the 1700s, she decided to do research on the 1700s in Scotland. She learned about the strength of the Scottish

clans and their border skirmishes, and about Scotland's warring with the British.

She researched diseases and maladies and folk remedies available at that time. She researched their vernacular Gaelic, their superstitions and religious beliefs. Superstitions and folk tales also included stories of the "standing stones: circles, such as those at Stonehenge. She wrote about how a Scotsman would live in this sort of world, and named this character Jamie.

**CEEW Book Club Meeting**



**What:** Discussion of *Outlander*, led by Mari-Claire Zimmerman and Marcy Hotz

**Date:** Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** CEEW

But what would happen if the stone circles were a time travel portal? Could happen, as in *Dr. Who*.

OK, then how about if a 20th century English woman, a nurse from WWII who knew a lot about English and Scottish history, accidentally traveled through the stones? Who would she encounter? What would be her advantages and her liabilities being suddenly thrust into 1740s Scotland?

Would she be safe? Would she be taken in by a clan? Would she be suspected of being a British spy? Knowing the battle of Culloden was not far away, could she influence what would be the outcome?

Claire Beauchamp Randall is on a belated honeymoon in Scotland with her husband when she comes upon the circle of standing stones.

An excellent book, which became an international bestseller for more than 25 years, *Outlander* combines historical accuracy, romance, time travel,

danger and mystery.

As the characters in her books take control over the author's hand, the result is a book you won't want to put down.

I have read *Outlander* twice and listened to it on CD, and watched the two years of *Outlander* on the Starz channel.

When published, this book was supposed to be the first of a trilogy. So far, it is the first of eight in a series (yes, I read them all.)

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If you are interested in joining the CEEW Book Club, please email **Barb Zacher** at [zacherhc@wi.rr.com](mailto:zacherhc@wi.rr.com).



**DINING GROUP:** The group goes to Meiji in Waukesha on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more info or to RSVP, contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com). One reviewer wrote: "Meiji has some of the finest Asian food in the area."

5779 2018		DECEMBER			KISLEV TEVET	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 23 Kislev Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  <b>Vayeshev</b>
2 24 Kislev Religious School, 9 a.m. at Temple Chanukah Fun Day, 10 a.m. at Temple  Sisterhood Board Meeting, 12 p.m. at Temple <b>Erev CHANUKAH</b>	3 25 Kislev Mah Jongg, 1 p.m. at Temple  <b>CHANUKAH</b>	4 26 Kislev Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple  <b>CHANUKAH</b>	5 27 Kislev Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Book Club, 1:30 p.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple  <b>CHANUKAH</b>	6 28 Kislev     <b>CHANUKAH</b>	7 29 Kislev Latke Pot-Luck Dinner, 6 p.m. at Temple  Cantor-led 1st through 4th-grade service, 7 p.m. at Temple  <b>CHANUKAH</b>	8 30 Kislev Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Dining Group, 5:30 p.m. at Meiji's  <b>CHANUKAH</b>  <b>Miketz</b>
9 1 Tevet Religious School, 9 a.m. at Temple  <b>CHANUKAH</b>	10 2 Tevet Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple  <b>CHANUKAH</b>	11 3 Tevet Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	12 4 Tevet Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple  Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	13 5 Tevet Adult Ed Jewish Travel Program, 7 p.m. at Temple	14 6 Tevet Cantor-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	15 7 Tevet Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple   <b>Vayigash</b>
16 8 Tevet Religious School, 9 a.m. at Temple	17 9 Tevet Temple Mah Jongg Group, 6 p.m. at Temple	18 10 Tevet Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	19 11 Tevet Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple  Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	20 12 Tevet	21 13 Tevet Cantor-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	22 14 Tevet Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple   <b>Veyechi</b>
23 15 Tevet NO Religious School	24 16 Tevet	25 17 Tevet NO Hebrew School,	26 18 Tevet Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple NO Hebrew School	27 19 Tevet	28 20 Tevet Member-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	29 20 Tevet Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple   <b>Shemot</b>
30 21 Tevet NO Religious School	31 22 Tevet <b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>					