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Peter Lee photo

Among the people responsible for a wonderful Sisterhood Shabbat dinner and service on Jan. 11th were, from left: Sisterhood Shabbat chair **Marsha Fensin**, **Karen Levy** (guitar), **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** (piano), **Marie Loeffler** (singing and chanting), **Judy Shabman** (clarinet), **Cantor Martin** (all-around help and support — singing, chanting, greeting, words of wisdom, etc.), **Cindy Levy** (service leader), **Ann Meyers** (Temple president), **Alice Lambie** (Sisterhood founder) and **Carol O'Neil** (food coordinator). **More about Sisterhood, and the Jan. 11th service, on Pages 6, 7 and 8.**

UW-Milwaukee professor to discuss **JEWISH AMERICAN FILM AND TV**

Adult Education Committee Program at CEEW
Thursday Night, Feb. 21st

By **ADRIAN RICHFIELD** / Bulletin Co-Editor and Adult Ed Co-Chair

Rachel Baum, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will present a most entertaining program on Thursday, Feb 21st, beginning at 7 p.m. at CEEW.

There will be light snacks before the program. Friends and family are always welcome at Adult Education Committee programs.

The program is titled: "Oy vey! New Jewish-American Film & TV, and the Future of Judaism."



UWM Professor **Rachel Baum** has researched Holocaust literature and film, Holocaust pedagogy, post-Holocaust emotions and women in the Holocaust.

Baum will discuss what we can tell about Jewish identity from the films and television shows created, acted in and viewed by Jewish Americans.

While Baum says earlier generations were cautious in their on-screen expressions of Jewishness, she adds that today's young people are claiming their right "to be just as messed up" as their non-Jewish peers.

In this engaging talk, Baum will show clips from current movies and television shows and analyze what they say about Jewish identity now and in the future.



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, or contact a member of CEEW's Caring Committee.

Music key to Jewish worship

As a cantor, I have always been fascinated with the wealth and diversity of Jewish music.

Anyone who has studied Jewish history realizes that Jews survived for thousands of years by adapting to their new homes and cultures while still keeping their Jewish identity.

We have no idea what music sounded like in the ancient days of the Temple, but we do know there was lots of it. We have records of the double Levitical choirs and of the many types of instruments used to enhance worship. From the Bible we know that King David was a talented musician, poet and singer who would praise God with dance and song.

One of the earliest forms of written music was the cantillation system that uses symbols for musical phrases. This is the system that we use today to sing to the text of the Bible. We also have a system of *nusach* (modal chant) melodies used for the singing of different services, based on time of day and holidays.

Music always has been key to any Jewish worship. In a Christian services, you might hear three to five hymns or solos; it's impossible to know the average number. But in a Jewish service, we have music woven throughout the entire service. Even our readings of the Torah or Haftarah are sung.

Once in the diaspora, Jews had to assimilate to the societies in which they lived. They learned and developed different languages, such as Ladino and Yiddish. Jews might very well sing prayers and melodies in the style of their new homeland. That is why today we have liturgical music based on Spanish, German, and Arabic motifs — and music with melodies from places such as Iraq and Turkey — and Israeli working songs with melodies that mix Russian, German and other folk melodies.

American music forms — including folk, Broadway musicals, rock and jazz — have greatly influenced our new modern Jewish melodies.

I truly believe we have survived as



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk



Lee Fensin photo

Cantor Martin sings at the Sisterhood Shabbat on Jan. 11th.

Jews because of our adaptations of the cultures in which we lived. Meanwhile, we still used the same Hebrew Bible, texts and prayer to communicate with God and to form communities with each other.

For a people who have had to leave their homes time and time again because of oppression, find new homes and adapt to new ways of living, it is amazing. We have survived as a people for 5,000 years!

**CONCERT AT CARROLL
ON APRIL 14th TO CELEBRATE
OUR 80th ANNIVERSARY**

To explain more about Jewish music, I will be holding a **special concert and**

Here's your chance to be on stage

Purim play rehearsals begin

Purim is coming on Sunday, March 24th.

Please let **Cantor Martin** know if you are interested in being in the The Little Mermaideleh Purim Shpiel, and let her know if you sing or want strictly a speaking part. Rehearsals have begun.

"Take part in the fun and merriment and be in the Purim shpiel," Cantor Martin said.

lecture at Carroll University on April 14th at 3 p.m. Many of my colleagues and fellow cantors will join me as we sing Jewish music from different parts of the world. We also will show how Jews have influenced popular music in America and how American music has influenced Jewish music in our synagogues and camps.

This also will be a celebration of our Temple's 80th anniversary. Funds collected will help pay off our mortgage.

Please let me know if you would like to help sponsor this event and/or buy an ad in our program.

It gives me great pleasure to help our congregation thrive and continue to keep its doors open for another 80 years, or more.

As you know, a project like this takes a lot of help from a lot of people, and I would like, first of all, to thank **Laurie Schwartz** for being the chairperson for this project. It takes a lot of planning and work to make it come together.

I will be thanking many more people in the future, as we form a committee for this project. The concert is open to the whole community, so please encourage your non-Jewish friends, as well as your Jewish friends, to come.

More information will be forthcoming.



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.

Congregation connects us to each other and a rich Jewish life



Our Midrash class is reading a wonderful book, *The Land of Truth: Talmud Tales, Timeless Teachings*, by Jeffrey L. Rubenstein.

One of the well-known characters in these tales is Honi the Circle-Drawer. Honi had the high esteem of everyone in his community and was considered a venerable Torah scholar in his day.

Many stories of Honi's exploits and wisdom are recounted, including a Rip Van Winkle-like sleep of 70 years.

When he awakens, he finds that everyone of his generation and of his children's generation are gone. No one believes he truly is Honi the Circle-Drawer. When he goes to the House of Study, he is dismissed as a crank and ignored. In short, he has become invisible. When he realizes all he has lost, he prays to God for mercy and passes away from this life.

EXTREME REACTION?

Honi's reaction may seem extreme: Notice and value me, or I will die. But anyone who has experienced loneliness, or who knows people who do, understands the terrible cost levied against a person's health and happiness by chronic loneliness, social isolation or marginalization.

It can disrupt a child's brain development, steal cardiac health at any age, leave one vulnerable to infectious disease and hasten cognitive deterioration in the elderly.

In short: we need to be connected to others in order to be healthy and happy.

I will extend the idea of connectedness to a synagogue and to other Jews. I've said before that being fully Jewish



ANN MEYERS

From the CEEW President's Desk



Lee Fensin photo

Laurie Schwartz, left, and **Ann Meyers** each did a reading at the annual Sisterhood Shabbat, this year held on Jan. 11th.

requires belonging to a community. Maybe our ancestors understood the human need for connectedness intuitively, and so it has been built into our rituals for celebrations as well as for mourning. Hillel did, too: "Do not separate yourself from the community", he admonished. "If I am only for myself, what am I?"

IMPORTANT CONNECTION

Our congregation exists to connect us to each other so that each of us can

have the chance to enjoy a rich Jewish life with all it has to offer: educational programs, spiritual fulfillment and social opportunities.

We are proud to be welcoming and open to Jewish families and singles, as well as to interfaith families, LGBTQ individuals and to people who are considering or studying for conversion. In this way, we try to exemplify inclusion rather than let exclusion and isolation rule.

I guess we can say CEEW is a place to come for good health. L'chaim!



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.

Fostering a loving community within our synagogue

The month of February on the Hebrew calendar coincides this year with Adar I.

Just like the Gregorian calendar has a leap day, the Hebrew calendar has a leap month.

Whereas the Gregorian calendar is a lunar calendar, the Hebrew calendar is a hybrid between solar and lunar calendars. Each month represents one lunar cycle, but we occasionally add a 13th month to the year to keep the calendar in sync with the sun and seasons.

That correction was, like the Gregorian calendar, a response to a religious problem. According to the Torah, Passover must fall in the season of spring (Exodus 23:15). By adding that extra month every few years, the Hebrew calendar makes sure Passover will not drift out of springtime, as it would in a purely lunar calendar.

However, because the Hebrew calendar also is not a purely solar calendar, dates on the Hebrew calendar shift back and forth each year in relationship to a solar calendar. That is why Passover can begin anywhere from late March to mid-April.

JEWS CELEBRATE LOVE

The only February holiday is Valentine's Day. While this is certainly not a Jewish holiday, Judaism certainly believes it is always wonderful to be able to celebrate love – whether of a spouse, child, relative or good friend.”

In fact, the Torah commands Jews in the verse in Leviticus (19:18)



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director's Desk



Marsha Fensin photo

Lia Ecker (second from left) and **Molly Schmidt** were among the older students (5th, 6th and Confirmation classes) who helped Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff** and **Cantor Martin** lead the Shabbat service on Dec. 21st.

that reads “love your neighbor as yourself.”

There are two instructions given here, and in very specific order. The verse is commonly used to remind us to love others, but we ignore, at our own peril, the first necessary step that has to be taken in order to accomplish the goal of loving others. “Love your neighbor,” the Bible teaches, “as yourself.”

LOVE, RESPECT YOURSELF

First you have to show yourself respect. If you love yourself, then you have to respect who you are.

And who are you? You are an American, a Jew (or part of a Jewish family), a member of a family, an adult or a child. We go to Temple and Religious School to nurture our Jewish self.

If we learn who we are and why we do what we do as a Jew, then we can decide what kind of a person we want to be. If you understand yourself, then you can love and respect yourself as you are. When you love yourself, then you are free to seek out love for others.

The secular world is trying to make connections with others and acknowledge our feelings for others.

When we go to synagogue and Religious School, we seek knowledge of Judaism and ourselves.

As we do that, we can connect with one another to seek out ways to show respect and care for one another as ourselves.

It is my hope that, as we grow and learn together, we can foster a loving community in our school and our Temple as whole.



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.

Cantor Martin describes Israel trip as a 'special experience'

By LEE FENSIN
Bulletin Contributor

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha and Temple Israel of Duluth, Minn., are teaming up for a journey to Israel next fall.

It will be led by Cantor Deborah Martin and Rabbi David Steinberg.

The trip is from Oct. 27th to Nov. 7th (with an optional extension to visit Eilat and Petra in Jordan).

"I truly hope you will be able to join me on this trip," Cantor Martin said. "You cannot really experience Israel from afar by pictures alone. The experience is so hands-on, spiritually and physically. Being on the spots where our ancient ancestors travelled and where our history began is a special experience, and I hope to share it with you."

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.

Overnight camp, college scholarship deadlines near

The deadline to apply for Jewish Federation scholarships to attend overnight camp is Feb. 15th.

Scholarship contact

TziporahA@MilwaukeeJewish.org

One Happy Camper contact

AnnaG@MilwaukeeJewish.org

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There will be \$5,000 scholarships awarded to Jewish high school seniors to help fund their freshman year of college. Awards are based on academics, community service and financial need.

The application deadline is Wednesday, March 20th. For applications and information, visit

MilwaukeeJewish.org/Scholarships, or contact Jen Vettrus (414-390-5722 or JenV@MilwaukeeJewish.org)

COMING IN JUNE FROM ADULT ED COMMITTEE



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

By ADRIAN RICHFIELD

Adult Ed Co-Chair and Bulletin Co-Editor

The CEEW Adult Education Committee has our annual end-of-the-year event planned for Saturday, June 15th.

The program is called **"You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby."** It will include a wonderful catered meal, some big band music, songs, musical performances and other entertainment as well. **SAVE the DATE!**



Isn't she a poster baby for sure! She's long-time member who has been a huge presence at CEEW. And isn't he just darling in his stroller? He also has been active in CEEW affairs for many years. They made a great pair as babies, and still are a great pair.



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 couple of baby pictures for you to ponder and guess about.

Please send your jpeg baby/youth pictures (with name) to Adrian Richfield (susu78@aol.com) for upcoming bulletins and for the event.



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



Sandy Villa photo

Many of the women who have served as Sisterhood president over the past 10 years were recognized at the Jan. 11th Sisterhood Shabbat. From left: **Carol O'Neil, Marsha Fensin, Sandra Small, Denise Stodola, Cindy Levy** and **Alice Lambie**.

Sisterhood celebrates 10th anniversary

Many thanks to all congregants who joined Sisterhood members as we celebrated our 10th Anniversary Sisterhood Shabbat with readings, music and prayer from talented Sisterhood members.

Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Karen Levy, Judy Shabman and **Marie Loeffler** provided most of the music. A special thanks also to WRJ Midwest District President **Michelle Scheinkopf**, who presented a lovely D'var Torah in honor of our 10th anniversary.

The evening began with a light *pareve* meal that was organized and chaired by food *maven* **Carol O'Neil**. The meal was followed by an innovative Sisterhood Shabbat to honor Sisterhood's 2009 steering committee members who formed Sisterhood, adopted Sisterhood's original bylaws and set up our dues structure.

Alice Lambie, who organized our

Sisterhood members and guests lingered after the service. From left: **Alice Lambie, Sue Braun, Denise Stodola, Marsha Fensin, Sharon Levy, WRJ Area Director Sandi Firsell** and **Cindy Levy**.

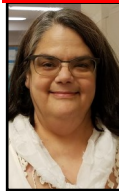
Beth Ann Waite photo



SISTERHOOD

CO-PRESIDENTS

DENISE STODOLA
and
SANDRA SMALL



2009 steering committee, was honored, along with **Ann Meyers, Arlene Spanier, Cindy Levy, Arlene Shelley, Mardi Smirl, Sally Pass, Barb Zacher, Anita Ward, Beth Raimond, Deb Hacker, Carol O'Neil, Marsha Fensin, Gail Jones, Debra Pass** and **Gail Adams**.

Kudos and thanks to **Marsha Fensin**, who organized and supervised an inspiring Sisterhood Shabbat; to **Carol O'Neil** for hosting an appetizing *pareve* meal, and to **Cindy Levy** for facilitating the program.

Official minutes from the first Sisterhood membership meeting, held



Sandy Villa photo

WRJ Midwest District President **Michelle Scheinkopf** was the guest speaker.

on June 24th, 2010, included our initial officers. **Alice Lambie** was elected president; **Deb Hacker, Gail Jones, Karyn Youso**, and **Marsha Fensin** were the elected vice presidents.

Carol O'Neil was elected secretary, and **June Kulakow** was elected treasurer.

Appointed 2010 positions included **Barb Dailey** as Sunshine chair and **Cindy Levy** as communication chair.

(See More Sisterhood news and photos on pages 7 and 8.)



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.

SISTERHOOD

Beth Ann Waite displays a blown-up version of the beautifully designed Chanukah greetings card that Sisterhood sent to congregants.

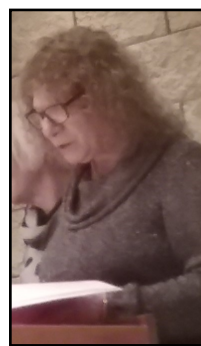


Lee Fensin photo

SHABBAT

Among the Sisterhood members who did readings were **Sara Anson, Sandy Villa, Jennifer Ecker, Elaine Goldberg, Carrie Barbakoff, Adrian Richfield, Sandra Small, Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Judy Shabman, Carol O'Neil, Deinese Stodola** and **Nancy Cummens**.

Lee Fensin photos



Marsha Fensin photo



Peter Lee photo



Sandy Villa photo



Lee Fensin photo

Clockwise, from top left: **Marie Loeffler, Karen Levy, Mari-Claire Zimmerman** and **Judy Shabman** provided much of the music; Marie sings and Karen plays her guitar; **Cindy Levy** leads the dancing around the sanctuary; co-presidents **Sandra Small** and **Denise Stodola**, and past president **Alice Lambie** accept a certificate from WRJ Midwest District President **Michelle Scheinkopf** commemorating the 10th anniversary.



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.

AROUND *the* SISTERHOOD

Heritage Dinner set for March 31st

Sisterhood Co-President **Sandra Small** says, "Be sure to join us at our Sisterhood Heritage Dinner, scheduled for March 31st at 5 p.m. at the Temple."

Sandra added that the dinner will be combined with a 10th anniversary commemoration theme. Invitations will be sent to our 2009 Sisterhood founders to join us for the occasion.

Detailed information will follow, "so be sure to mark your calendar as this is a popular event," Sandra said, adding that **Carol O'Neil** is coordinating the menu and that committee members include **Denise Stodola**, **Sandra Small**, **Barb Dailey**, **Sara Anson** and Communications Chair **Cindy Levy**.

Program changes

Please note the following changes in CEEW Sisterhood dates:

- The **Joanne Wagner February Program** has been postponed. A new date is to be determined.
- The **Sisterhood Heritage Dinner** has been postponed from February to **March 31st**.

A matter of history

Long-time Temple member **Elly Kraines** notes that this is CEEW's third Sisterhood.

"The first one was with Nettie Israel and her friends. (Nettie is **Ann Klein's** mother.)," Elly said. The second Sisterhood was with **Arlene Shelley**, me and I cannot remember others. And the third Sisterhood is the one that exists now."

From Sisterhood's account

Sisterhood Co-President **Sandra Small** said Sisterhood paid for the kitchen help and security at the Sisterhood Shabbat on Jan. 11th.

— *Compiled by Lee Fensin, Bulletin contributor*



Marsha Fensin photo

As **Anthony Waite** enjoys the dinner before the Sisterhood Shabbat service, **Alice Lambie** perhaps is mulling all that the Sisterhood she founded 10 years ago has accomplished over the past decade. Asked why they joined Sisterhood, several speakers at the Jan. 11th event said, "Because Alice asked me."

**Learn, and
play**



**MAH
JONGG
at CEEW**

By MARCY HOTZ
Bulletin Contributor

Do you play Mah Jongg, and are looking for a game? Look no further.

Monthly Mah Jongg games are being held at CEEW, one during the day and one in the evening.

Sessions on the first Monday each month will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sessions on the third Monday will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Don't know how to play? Join the regularly scheduled games, and you will

learn from other players. It is suggested that you look up the rules online or purchase a rule book from the National Mah Jongg League at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org/store.aspx#.

There is no cost to play, but a donation basket will be out for use of Temple supplies. Please bring a nosh to share. Games are open to CEEW members only.

If you have one, please bring your Mahj set along. We will provide league game cards for 2018, but you must purchase a card for the 2019 year. The current cost is less than \$10.

Questions? Contact Marsha Fensin at mfsings@wi.rr.com, 262-521-2717; or Marcy Hotz at marcyh@wi.rr.com, 414-507-4110.

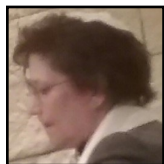


WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TEMPLE: A copy of the Temple calendar that is kept on the Temple website is as up-to-date as possible so members and prospective members can see what's going on. If you are interested in scheduling a Temple event or meeting, please contact Lee Fensin at Lee.Fensin@waukeshatemple.org.

תודה רבה Todah Rabbah Many Thanks to . . .

- Our 5th/6th-grade and confirmation students, taught by **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** and **Ann Meyers**, respectively, for helping **Cantor Martin** and Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff** lead the Shabbat service on Dec. 21st. The students were **Zack Jauquet**, **Noah Sulman**, **Avery Kukuk**, **Briar Rahmes**, **Lia Ecker** and **Molly Schmidt**.

- **Sisterhood**, for a wonderful Sisterhood Shabbat on Jan. 11th honoring its 10th anniversary. Thank you to Sisterhood Shabbat chair **Marsha Fensin**; to **Carol O'Neil**, who arranged for the dinner before the service and who provided most of the food, with contributions from **Denise Stodola**, **Alice Lambie** and **Barb Dailey**; to **Karen Levy**, **Marie Loeffler**, **Judy Shabman** and **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** who provided music, along with **Cantor Martin**, during the service; to **Sara Anson** for arranging for flowers given to founders and others; to the many Sisterhood members who did readings; to **Cindy Levy**, for leading the service; and to **Michelle Scheinkopf**, WRJ Midwest Division president, for coming from Illinois to speak.



Cindy Levy

And thanks to all congregants and guests who provided enthusiastic singing and dancing.

- **Mike Cummins** and **Marie Loeffler**, for leading the Shabbat service on Dec. 28th.
- **Mark Levy**, for all the work he has put into our soon-to-be-debuted new website.
- **Lori Fisher**, for making matzo ball soup and helping clean up at the Jan. 4th Soup-er Shabbat. And thanks to **Danyelle Kukuk** for making soup, **Barb Zacher** for helping clean up and **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** for organizing the monthly dinners.
- The Adult Education Committee, for the Sloppy Joes and a Movie program on Jan. 19th. Special thanks to organizer **Alice Lambie** and to **Sandy Villa**, who made the majority of the delicious Sloppy Joes.



Rick Loeffler photo

Marie Loeffler and **Mike Cummins** combined to lead the Shabbat service on Dec. 28th.

(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



FEBRUARY'S SHABBAT SERVICES

FEBRUARY 1

6 p.m.: Soup-er Shabbat
7:30 p.m.: Cantor-led service
(with grades 5 and 6)

FEBRUARY 8

7 p.m.: Member-led service

FEBRUARY 15

7 p.m.: Member-led service

FEBRUARY 22

7 p.m.: Cantor-led service
(Educators Shabbat)



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. To learn more or to start purchasing Scrip, contact Laurie Schwartz at (303) 888-5137 or at lss303@aol.com.

May Their Memories Be for a Blessing

Yahrzeiten

Shevat / Adar I (February)



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.

Arthur Cohen: Friday, February 22, Adar 17
Observed by the congregation

Leonard Edelstein: Monday, February 25, Adar 20
Observed by the congregation

June Freeman: Tuesday, February 5, Shevat 30
Observed by the congregation

Hannah S. Frisch: Thursday, February 21, Adar 16
Observed by the congregation

Sol Gellman: Thursday, February 14, Adar 9
Grandfather of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Joseph Kramer: Wednesday, February 27
Son of Sara (Doug) Anson

Clara Levin: Sunday, February 3, Shevat 28
Grandmother of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Max Levin: Saturday, February 9, Adar 4
Grandfather of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Aaron Levy: Saturday, February 16
Father of Karen (Peter Lee) Levy

Ben Lowell: Wednesday, February 27, Adar 22
Father of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Louis Small: Tuesday, February 1
Father of Marvin (Sandra) Small
Grandfather of Sydney Small

Lois Thalman-Bruni: Thursday, February 7, Adar 2
Mother of Jan (Bill) Lowell

Sophie Venango: Thursday, February 28
Mother of Arlene (Peter) Shelley

Yahrzeit list compiled by CEEW Administrator **Marie Loeffler**.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

CEEW's recycling project helps Temple, environment

By **LAURIE SCHWARTZ**
Fundraising Chair

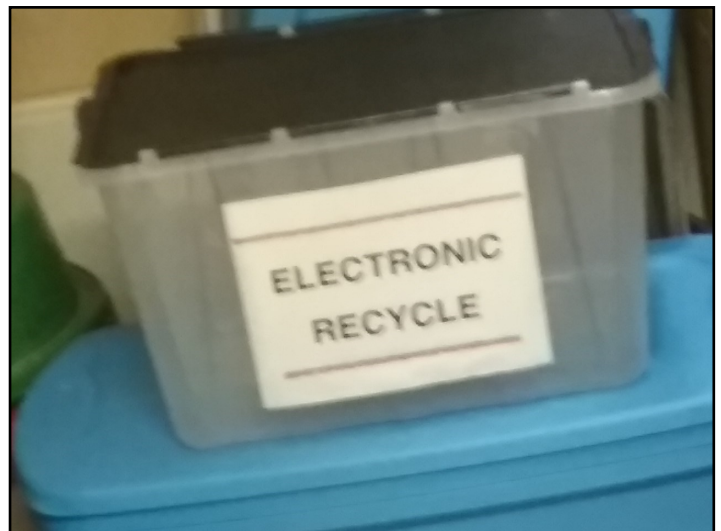
CEEW recently received its first payment for sending in used electronic items.

With only a few families participating, we made \$73.50 while helping the environment.

Most of us don't know what to do with those old electronic items collecting dust around the house.

So why not help CEEW and the environment at the same time by dropping your unused items in the recycle bin located in the back stairwell on the lower level at Temple?

For a list of accepted items, please go to



The recycle bin is located under the back stairwell on the lower level at Temple.

planetgreenrecycle.com/CEEW

Questions? Contact Laurie Schwartz at lss303@aol.com or (303) 888-5137.



HELP PUT DOWN SALT WHEN NEEDED: Our Facilities Committee notes that when icy conditions call for salt, we have a galvanized can of salt outside, near the main doors. If you are able, please grab the red scoop in or near the can, dig in and fling some salt where needed. There is also a green hand-held spreader in the cloak room.

Older Students Shabbat

Photos by Marsha Fensin



Members of teacher **Mari-Claire Zimmerman's** 5th/6th-grade class and **Ann Meyers's** confirmation class did some readings and gave their interpretations of a Torah portion during the Dec. 21st service. Clockwise, from far left: **Lia Ecker** and **Molly Schmidt**; **Ann Meyers** and **Zack Jauquet**; **Avery Kukuk**; **Briar Rahmes**.

- **Cantor Martin** reported on a large number of activities that included the cantillation class's accomplishments, working with Sisterhood, work with CEEW committees, work with the Brookfield-Elm Grove Interfaith Network, a planned retreat with some of our students at OSRUI, Midrash Class and planning for Purim. She worked with the Association of Waukesha Congregations as the organization planned ways to help the homeless. She reported on the planned April 14th fundraising concert at Carroll University.
- The Board approved three documents related to CEEW's on-going efforts to establish a permanent endowment that would be administered by the Jewish Community Foundation, a part of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. The establishing

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTES

Jan. 14th Meeting

By JOE DAILEY

- of that endowment was thereby advanced but not finalized.
- In the matter of hiring our next spiritual leader, **Mark Levy** reported that he had been in touch with Rabbi David Fine, a director of Consulting and Transition Management, a part of the URJ's Strengthening Congregations Team. It is likely that a team of three CEEW people will serve as an initial steering committee and get the process started.
- **Laurie Schwartz** reported on several different fundraising efforts. The April 14th concert at Carroll

University will feature **Cantor Martin** and several other cantors and musicians as well as the Carroll University Choir, which will be singing in Hebrew. Other fundraising efforts include the Scrip program, a Rosh Hashanah fundraiser and an electronics recycling fundraiser. Laurie mentioned that the most recent recycling effort, which involved items donated by only two families, raised \$73.50. "Imagine how much we could make if everyone participated," she said.

- The work of the Nominating Committee is underway in preparation for elections at the annual meeting. The committee has one person in mind for a trustee nomination.
- The Board worked to improve the draft of a three-year plan, but did not finish working on the plan.



SOUP-ER SHABBAT SET FOR FEB. 1st (with service time change): The next Soup-er Shabbat will take place Friday, Feb. 1st, starting at 6 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. clean-up. Cantor Martin and our 5th- and 6th-grade students will lead the service at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Mari-Claire Zimmerman and let her know what you are bringing to share — two soups are needed.

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

Samuel Fensin (Lee Fensin's father): Donation to Education Fund from Lee and Marsha Fensin

Marian Goldberg (Jack Goldberg's mother): Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

Irving Goodman (Peggy Goodman's husband and Kelly Goodman's father): Donations from Peggy Goodman and Kelly and Sheila Goodman

IN HONOR OF

The marriage of **Ed Weiss** to **NolaJoy Kramer**: Donation from Nate and Elly Kraines

MENSCH DONATIONS

From Mark and Cindy Levy, Anthony and Beth Ann Waite, Carol O'Neil, Michael and Nancy Cummings

GENERAL DONATIONS

From Milwaukee Funeral Services — Goodman Bensman
From Ed Weiss

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.

MAZEL TOV to ...

ANNIVERSARIES

- **Marsha and Lee Fensin**, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 2nd.
- **Barbara and Gregory Zacher**, who will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary on Feb. 26th.



Marsha and Lee Fensin, on Feb. 2nd, 1969.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Madeline Baumann**, the daughter of Jennifer and Dan Baumann and the granddaughter of Diana Stroshine, who will turn 14 on Feb. 3rd.
- **Cole Huskey**, the son of Ellyn Lem and Trevor Huskey and the grandson of Joanne Wagner, who will celebrate his 16th birthday on Feb. 28th.
- **Elly Kraines**, who celebrates a birthday on Feb. 10th.
- **Karen Levy**, who will celebrate a birthday on Feb. 19th.

- **Mark Levy**, who will celebrate a birthday on Feb. 9th.
- **Mary Schuman**, who will celebrate a birthday on Feb. 8th.

LIFECYCLE

- **Ann (Alan) Meyers**, whose cousin's younger son's daughter was named Dec. 14th at Congregation Shalom. "This was especially important for our family because my cousin's dad, who had marked his 100th birthday in August, passed away less than two weeks before the baby naming," Ann said. "So it was wonderful to have a simcha so soon after the shiva."

WORKPLACE

- **Marie Loeffler**, who has become Music Program Director at Greater Milwaukee El Sistema. The GMES website says it is inspired to transform the lives of students by providing them with skill-based music classes. It teaches young students how to play the violin, viola and cello. Marie also was recently accepted into the BINAH Certification Program for teachers through the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Two girls help needy for Bat Mitzvah project

Avery Kukuk and **Madie Baumann**, who will become Bat Mitzvah in July, made Blessings Bags for the homeless in Milwaukee as their mitzvah project (a project to help others — a good deed). Blessings Bags were drawstring backpacks that contained everyday essentials such as toiletries, toothbrushes and brushes; hats and gloves for the inclement weather; socks; \$5 gift cards for McDonald's; and granola bars. They collected donations through January and are handing the Blessings Bags out to the tent city near The Milwaukee Public Market. They also held bake sales.





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

CEEW to honor our educators on Feb. 22nd

By **LEE FENSIN**
Bulletin Contributor

Our annual Educators Shabbat will be held Friday, Feb. 22nd.

We will recognize the contributions to our Religious School and our new Hebrew School. Religious School teachers are **Marie Loeffler, Ilene Jauquet, Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Ann**

Meyers and Joe Dailey. Our Hebrew School teachers are **Cantor Martin** and Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff**. Please join us as we honor those who help educate our children.

BOOK CLUB REPORT

Letters tell story of Jewish people

By **BARB ZACHER**
Book Club Chair

Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor is a series of 10 letters to a hypothetical Palestinian correspondent.

The author, **Yossi Klein Halevi**, a native New Yorker and right-wing Zionist Jew, moved to Israel in the summer of 1982 during the Lebanon War. The letters are an intellectual story of the Jewish people and Israel.

We learn both sides of the conflict. Halevi urges the reader to live with justice and fairness for both nations. It is no simple solution. He fails to discuss a resolution, and we fear the only resolution may be the sharing of the lands.

This book is a community read; several congregations in the area will be discussing it.

If you are interested in the schedule, or if you want to join CEEW to discuss this book, please contact Barb Zacher at zacherhc@wi.rr.com.

Join Us for a Community Read! Attend Author Visit!

Our 2018-19 book selection is ***Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*** by Yossi Klein Halevi.

- 1 READ THE BOOK** and be moved by Halevi's balanced retelling of two narratives.
- 2 JOIN THE CONVERSATION:** Share your thoughts at MilwaukeeJewish.org/Read with community members; go to a book club discussion.

Let's envision a hopeful future for our homeland.

Join the Conversation at
Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha
Wednesday, February 6 at 1:30 pm

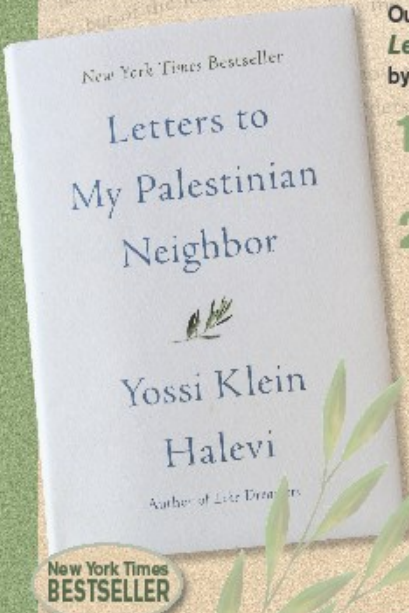


RSVP to Barb Zacher:
zacherhc@wi.rr.com

See and hear author in town!
Thursday, May 30 • 7 pm • Free
Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun
2020 W. Brown Deer Rd., River Hills

Book sale and signing • Dessert reception following presentation (dietary laws observed)

Learn more and RSVP required: MilwaukeeJewish.org/Read
or contact Allison Hayden at 414-390-5724.

MILWAUKEE JEWISH FEDERATION



DINING GROUP: The group goes to Parkside 23 in Brookfield on Feb. 23rd, beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more info or to RSVP, contact Elly Kraine (ellyanna340@gmail.com). One reviewer wrote: "Elegant, trendy décor; great service and excellent food."

5779 2018		FEBRUARY		SHEVAT ADAR 1		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 26 Shevat Soup-er Shabbat, 6 p.m. at Temple (cleanup 7 p.m.) Cantor-led service, with 5, 6-graders, 7:30 p.m. at Temple	2 27 Shevat Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Mishpatim
3 28 Shevat Religious School, 9 a.m. at Temple Sisterhood Board Meeting, 12 p.m. at Temple	4 29 Shevat Mah Jongg, 1 p.m. at Temple	5 30 Shevat Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	6 1 Adar Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Book Club, 1:30 p.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	7 2 Adar	8 3 Adar Member-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple 5th, 6th, 7th-grade	9 4 Adar retreat to OSRUI  Terumah
10 5 Adar Religious School, 9 a.m. at Temple	11 6 Adar Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	12 7 Adar Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	13 8 Adar Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	14 9 Adar	15 10 Adar Member-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	16 11 Adar Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Tetzaveh
17 12 Adar No Religious School,	18 13 Adar Temple Mah Jongg Group, 6 p.m. at Temple	19 14 Adar Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	20 15 Adar Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	21 16 Adar Adult Ed event, Prof. Rachel Baum discusses Jewish films and TV, 5:30 p.m. at Temple	22 17 Adar Cantor-led service, honoring our educators, 7 p.m. at Temple	23 18 Adar Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple Dining Group, 5:30 p.m., Parkside 23  Ki Tisa
24 21 Shevat Religious School, 9 a.m. at Temple	25 22 Shevat	26 23 Shevat Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	27 24 Shevat Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	28 25 Shevat		