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November, 2019

Sunday, Nov. 17th: The annual Book Fair will be held at CEEW between 10 a.m. and noon / Page 3

TIKKUN OLAM

Through the work of Sisterhood's **SANDY VILLA**, and the generosity and kindness of so many congregants, CEEW helps ...

REPAIR THE WORLD



Adrian Richfield photos

Food and checks donated by congregants for the Waukesha Food Pantry were plentiful on Yom Kippur morning. Clockwise from above: Sisterhood Tikkun Olam chair **Sandy Villa** stands between two of the generous donors, **Elly** and **Nate Kraines**; **Dennis Stodola** packs up his and wife **Denise's** van; **Sandy** stands with some of the 500 pounds of non-perishable food collected. **MORE ON PAGE 7.**



LET CANTOR MARTIN, 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.)? Contact Cantor Martin at spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org, or 608-698-4363, or contact Caring Committee Chair Marsha Fensin at mfsings@wi.rr.com.

WHAT IS FAITH? Believing in something you might not be able to prove

As I write this, we have just finished the High Holidays, and I am now preparing for the Sukkot and Simchat Torah holidays.

It is a busy and spiritual time of self-reflection and renewal. It has made me ponder my path toward becoming a spiritual leader and what I believe my faith to be and what faith is in general.

Faith means a lot of different things to different people. Belief in a particular religion and your personal belief in God can vary quite a bit, and no one should force their beliefs on others.

Freedom of religion is one of the reasons Judaism has thrived in the United States. Because of it, Jews have been able to enjoy worshipping freely in their synagogues. Because of it, we have had the freedom to pursue higher education and jobs in any profession.

Within Judaism, there are several different sects, with a variety of philosophies.

The Orthodox follow the Jewish laws and customs strictly, and men and women play specific roles within the society.

Conservative Jews follow some of the laws strictly, such as the kosher laws and keeping the main service on Saturday mornings; however, they are much more egalitarian in the roles that men and women play. Men and women sit together and women can read from Torah and lead prayer.

Reconstructionist Jews believe in a historical perspective on our faith, and the community decides together



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk



Marie Loeffler photo

Cantor Martin helps Soren Christian as Mark Levy teaches a shofar blowing workshop for our religious school students on Sept. 22nd.

which laws or customs (such as keeping kosher) they will follow.

Reform Judaism takes a much more progressive look at our religion and believes we need to look at the society we live in as we try to grow, change and evolve. Our faith encourages a deep understanding of the modern world and our concepts of God within it.

We came to the realization that God neither needs nor wants animal or produce sacrifices from us. So too our concept of who and/or what God is evolves as we study and grow as modern humans living with our many technological and medical advances. For instance, people were not allowed to ride anywhere on Shabbat in antiquity because they were not

allowed to make their animals work on Shabbat. Now, however, we have inanimate cars to move us, and we tend to live all over the place instead of in a small neighborhood surrounding a synagogue.

Because we are not making an animal work to go to a synagogue that is 10 or 20 miles away, there is no reason why we shouldn't drive. In Reform philosophy, it is better to observe Shabbat and pray with other Jews, than stay home and not be part of the community.

I love many things about the Reform philosophy. The philosophy is that we, as individuals, get to choose the customs that fit our personal beliefs. So, if you don't want to wear a kippah and tallit, you don't have to. If wearing them is special to you and

helps you feel connected to Judaism, you are more than welcome to do so.

I know Reform Jews who keep kosher and even put on tefillin — women, too. However, those who choose not to do these things are not looked down upon or treated as if they are "not as good" at being Jewish.

Reform Jews also have a difference in philosophy about the Messiah. Reform Jews believe in a "Messianic Age," and not a personal Messiah. We have seen so much death as the result of so-called Messiahs. As Reform Jews, we believe it is the responsibility of human beings to work together to end wars, hunger and oppression, so that we can live together in peace. Unfortunately, we still have a long way to go.

Reform Jews also stress the ethical commandments that help us behave in moral ways. That is why I'm so happy we are starting a social action committee to do things in our community to help others. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact **Mark Levy**.

Belief in God is a far more personal endeavor, something that should be a private conversation between you and your maker. As many of you heard at High Holidays, I believe God resides within us, but we often shut that "still small voice" out because of the many distractions that hide our connection to God. There is no way we can prove God exists, but it

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CONGREGANT TO SPEAK ON JEWISH BOOKS: Congregant Ellyn Lem will speak at the Waukesha Public Library about Jewish books at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21st, during Jewish Book Month.

CEEW Book Fair to be held Nov. 17th

By CINDY LEVY

A Book Fair will be held at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Nov. 17th.

The Book Fair will be held in conjunction with the independent book store Books & Company in Oconomowoc.

The Book Fair provides an opportunity to purchase featured adult, young adult and children's books with Jewish content.

"I carry all of these books in the book store, but this is the only opportunity that people have to see a full selection of Jewish materials all together,"

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Annual Book Fair

WHERE: CEEW

WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Nov. 17th

WHY: The Book Fair is a fundraiser for the synagogue library, and it gives us the opportunity to stock the library with new books.

QUESTIONS: Contact Cindy Levy at macalevy@mail.netzero.net

said Lisa Baudoin, owner of Books & Company.

"Chanukah might be a little late this year, but books are always a perfect gift, and they won't go bad for the month that they hide in the gift closet."

Social action committee forming

Reform Jews stress the ethical commandments that help us behave and act in ethical and moral ways.

That is why **Cantor Martin** is "so happy that we are starting a

social action committee to work on things we can do in our community to help others."

If you are interested in the committee, contact **Mark Levy** (communications@waukeshatemple.org).

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seems as if there has been a belief in God (or Gods) since the earliest of days of human experience.

Scientists tend not to believe in God, but I think you can believe in God and science. I believe the bible was written by men, but inspired with ideas by God.

Most of us don't believe the world was created in seven human days, but in order to have started life, I believe there had to be a spark of life from God to get it all started.

I cannot prove that God has spoken to me, but I know there have been times in my life when I have felt God's presence, either in my work as a spiritual leader, or in nature, or in connection with other people, or with just a feeling or an insight that tells me I should do something in my life.

I cannot prove it, but I sense it, and that is what you call faith — having faith in something that

you might not be able to prove.

It is ethereal, not something tangible that you can touch or know. Abraham felt it when he stopped worshipping idols and came to realize there was something bigger and more encompassing than clay or wooden idols.

Some Jews may not even believe in God. There is a humanistic sect of Judaism. Jews who don't believe in God, either. Jewish atheists or agnostics often still study the Torah and Tanakh to engage the ethical teachings that are still so relevant to us today.

Whatever your belief (or non-belief) in God and Jewish practice, it should give you meaning in your life, and help you become a better person.

In this season of Thanksgiving, may you find thankfulness in all the gifts you have and in the family and friends who surround you.

May God help to inspire you in all your endeavors in the coming months.

VETERANS SHABBAT

ON FRIDAY, NOV. 15TH, 7 p.m. WE WANT TO THANK CONGREGANTS WHO HAVE SERVED. THEY INCLUDE:



Noah Bledstein: U.S. Air Force and Army

Tom Braatz: lieutenant in a U.S. special operations force

Joe Dailey: U.S. Army, served in Vietnam

Jennifer Ecker: U.S. Army

Art Foss: U.S. Air Force

Rich Hacker: U.S. Navy

Nate Kraines: U.S. Navy

Phil Schuman: U.S. Army, served in Vietnam

Peter Shelley: U.S. Army Reserves

Marvin Small: U.S. Navy Reserves

Dennis Stodola: U.S. Navy, served in Vietnam

Cantor Martin will invite veterans up to the bimah for a blessing. There also will be some readings during the service that are appropriate for the occasion.

If you know of any other CEEW member who has served in the armed forces, please email temple-news@hotmail.com



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.

תודה רבה Todah Rabbah Many Thanks to . . .

- **Cantor Deborah Martin**, our spiritual leader, whose voice and work ethic ensured beautiful High Holidays services.
- **Beth Ann and Anthony Waite**, for sponsoring our High Holidays music.
- **Marcy Hotz**, for all the help she gave Cantor Martin preparing for the High Holidays. Marcy also mailed High Holidays passes to all congregants and worked with Carol O'Neil, who mailed passes to guests.
- **Carol O'Neil**, for taking High Holidays reservations for guests and meals.
- Members of the Membership Committee, who greeted people at the High Holidays.
- **Bernie Sandler and Mark Levy**, who did all the set-up (including putting the correct books out at the right time) and returning the sanctuary to its normal set-up.
- **Joe Dailey**, for arranging for High Holidays security.



Joe Dailey photo

Marsha Fensin chanted the Kiddush on Erev Rosh Hashanah.

Ia and Lia Ecker, and all those involved with cleanup. Thanks to **Ann and Alan Meyers** for providing lox, and to everyone else who brought food.

- **Mark Levy**, who blew the shofar during the High Holidays, who led a class in shofar blowing and, along with

- The many readers, to those who gave blessings for Torah and Haftarah, and to those who did the Torah and Haftarah chanting.
- **Elly and Nate Kraines**, for continuing to provide fresh flowers for the bimah during the High Holidays.
- **Sara Anson, Marie Loeffler, Bernie Sandler and Jeff Shabman** — congregants who were part of our High Holidays choir. And thanks to Marie for playing her violin, and to **Judy Shabman** for playing her clarinet.
- **Jennifer Ecker**, for her organization of the Break the Fast meal. And thanks to help given by **Carol O'Neil, Denise Stodola**



Joe Dailey photo

Nate and Elly Kraines donate flowers annually for the bimah during High Holidays.

Marcy Hotz, collected yizkor names.

- **Carol O'Neil and Laurie Schwartz**, for the work they did to ensure a wonderful Tashlich lunch.
- **Bernie Sandler**, for being our High Holidays coordinator, ensuring that everything was finished on time.
- **Mari-Claire Zimmerman**, for organizing the Oct. 4th Soup-er Shabbat and providing super tasty chicken vegetable soup. And thanks to everyone else who brought food to share, especially **Barb Zacher** who provided delicious corned beef made by her husband. Thanks to everyone who helped with cleanup.
- The Board of Trustees, for sponsoring the Oneg following the Erev Rosh Hashanah service Sept. 29th.
- **Sandy Villa**, for spearheading our Yom Kippur food drive to benefit the Waukesha Food Pantry, and our clothes drive in coordination with Congregation Shalom to help immigrants. And thanks to **Dennis and Denise Stodola** who helped, and thanks to all who brought food, clothes and checks.
- **Ilene Jauquet**, who taught a challah baking workshop in religious school.
- Organizer **Mark Levy** and helpers **Ed Cohen, Dennis and Denise Stodola, Loren Schmidt, Dave Cornale, Tabb and Andi Patz, Pete Koszarek, Mike Cummins, Alan Meyers** and **Wes Ecker** for putting up the Temple's sukkah.



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

IN APPRECIATION:

September donations, submitted by CEEW Treasurer Alan Meyers

IN MEMORY OF

Aaron Sweed

Donation from Laurie Schwartz

Bernard Israel Raskin

Donation from Mari-Claire Zimmerman

Ann Starr Raskin

Donation from Mari-Claire Zimmerman

Edward S. Rudoy

Donation from Marcy and James Hotz

Charlotte Cohen Rudoy

Donation from Marcy and James Hotz

Bertha Cohen

Donation from Marcy and James Hotz

Lois Thalman-Bruni

Donation from William and Jan Lowell

YIZKOR

Donations from Carol O'Neil, Cantor Deborah Martin, Jennifer Ecker, Bernard and Marie Sandler, June Kulakow, Lee and Marsha Fensin, Mark and Bonnie Siegel, Michael and Peggy Kotkin, Karen Levy, Adrian Richfield, Laurie Schwartz, Nathan and Elly Kraines, Sandra and Marvin Small, Peter and Arlene Shelley

GENERAL DONATIONS

Aaron Sulman, Adrian Richfield (for High Holidays), Paula Jeanine Duval

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

MAZEL TOV to ...

ANNIVERSARIES

- **Mark and Cindy Levy**, who will celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary on Nov. 27th.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Ruth Gacek**, daughter of Ardis and David Gacek, will celebrate her 17th birthday on Nov. 18th.
- **Amichai Yaakow Heifetz**, grandson of Mari-Claire and Bill Zimmerman, who will celebrate his third birthday on Nov. 18th.
- **Marie Loeffler**, who will celebrate a birthday on Nov. 19th.
- **Alan Meyers**, who will celebrate a birthday on Nov. 16th.
- **Noah Sulman**, son of Aaron and Cecille Sulman, who will celebrate his 12th birthday on Nov. 6th.



NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

NOVEMBER 1

5:45 p.m.: **Soup-er Shabbat**

7 p.m.: **Member led**

NOVEMBER 8

7 p.m.: **Member led**

NOVEMBER 15

7 p.m.: **Cantor led Veterans Shabbat**

NOVEMBER 22

7 p.m.: **Cantor led Younger kids service**

NOVEMBER 29

No service at CEEW

B'NAI MITZVAH

Upcoming at CEEW

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LIA ECKER

Daughter of Jennifer and Wes Ecker

April 4th, 3:30 p.m.

MILO PATZ

Son of Andl and Tabb Patz

Aug. 16th, 10:30 a.m.

NOAH SULMAN

Son of Aaron and Cecille Sulman

Nov. 14th, 10:30 a.m.

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MOLLY SCHMIDT

Daughter of Loren and Mark Schmidt

May 8th, 10:30 a.m.

Help needed for CEEW table at UWM-Waukesha book event Nov. 2nd

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha will be hosting a table with temple information and used books for sale at the Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books on Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Waukesha campus.

Volunteers are needed for shifts. Contact Ellyn Lem at ellynlem@earthlink.net if you can help, or can donate used books.

Go to www.sewibookfest.com for more information on the event, which will begin on Friday, Nov. 1st.



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).

Thanks to congregants for generosity

By DENISE STODOLA

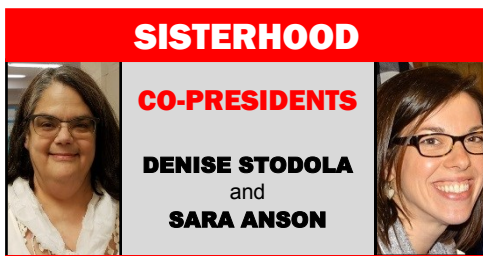
On behalf of my co-president **Sara Anson** and the entire Sisterhood Board, we wish everyone *Shanah Tova*, a Happy New Year. May 5780 be a fabulous year.

I'd like to extend an enormous "thank you" to the entire congregation for donating generously to the Sisterhood Annual Yom Kippur Food Drive, and to Sandy Villa for working hard to put this Tikkun Olam project together. We are truly a small but mighty congregation.

Hopefully everyone made it through October. It sure was a very busy month for CEEW, with the High Holidays, programming, the new member dinner and Sisterhood's first program of the year with **Justice Rebecca Dallet**. Thank you to **Cindy Levy** for re-establishing contact with Her Honor and taking the lead on this program.

Chanukah is coming, and with it the Sisterhood's Annual Chanukah Card Fundraiser. This year, we will have another gorgeous card, one designed by artist **Nina Bonos**. Please watch for the letter and order form coming to your mailbox.

We encourage the entire congregation to participate in this fundraiser. This lovely donation provides not only a Hanukkah greeting to your fellow



congregants, but it allows the Sisterhood to host events and programs, to sponsor more camp scholarships and to fund items for the synagogue and religious school.

The CEEW Sisterhood board is working on additional exciting programming, so please stay tuned for further information. The Sisterhood is seeking a chair to head up a programming committee; if you are interested, please contact **Sara Anson** or myself.

I wish all the Israel trip members *n'siya tova* (bon voyage).

CHANUKAH GREETING CARDS

By **Alice Lambie** and **Cindy Levy**
Sisterhood Past Presidents

The Sisterhood is excited to offer Chanukah cards.

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

If you haven't mailed in your Chanukah form and check to participate in the CEEW Sisterhood Chanukah Greeting, Nov. 27th is the deadline. For more information, contact Alice Lambie at 262-695-1225.



The response from last year was so wonderful that we again are teaming up with **Nina Bonos**, a member of the American Guild of Judaic Art, to send to each member of our CEEW congregation greetings for Chanukah.

Nina, a national award winner from the American Jewish Press in Chicago, is inspired by the land of Israel. On the back of each card, Nina describes the inspiration for her artwork and the symbolism and meaning in the paintings.

You should be receiving information from the Sisterhood that will explain how your family can be part of this new tradition.

Annual Sisterhood Membership Form

All women of the congregation are encouraged to join the CEEW Sisterhood. Please fill out the form below and send with check payable to CEEW Sisterhood by Oct. 31st.

Mail to:

CEEW Sisterhood, Barb Dailey, Treasurer
PO Box 332; Waukesha, WI 53187-0332
Questions: blndailey@sbcglobal.net

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rachel (Temple Member) – \$36.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Temple / Associate Member – \$54.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leah – \$54.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca – \$108.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to join, but would like to support Sisterhood. Check enclosed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah – \$180.00 | |

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Contact me by:

City, State Zip: _____

☐ Cell Phone ☐ Home Phone ☐ Email

Home Phone: _____

Sisterhood dues are tax deductible.

Cell Phone: _____



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.

‘MIGHTY FEAT’ BY CEEW AT YOM KIPPUR

Congregants give to food, clothes drives



Submitted photo

Above: **Sandy Villa**, right, and **Nina Edelman**, Tikkun Olam representatives from CEEW and Congregation Shalom, respectively, stand in Nina's garage with a pile of clothes and backpacks from a combination of area synagogues. Sandy brought seven garbage bags from CEEW, "a mighty feat in the midst of Yom Kippur and the food drive," Sandy said. Sandy also brought checks from friends. At right: **Barb Dailey** helps Sandy with bags Sisterhood provided at Rosh Hashanah and congregants brought back filled with food for the Waukesha Food Pantry to Temple on Yom Kippur morning.



Joe Dailey photo

Collection of food tops last year's; congregants help keep migrants warm

By **SANDY VILLA**

Sisterhood Tikkun Olam Chair

What a fabulous way to start the New Year.

This year's Yom Kippur Food drive was even more successful than last year's, and we thought last year's was amazing.

The food drive yielded 500 pounds of non-perishable food and \$850 to the Waukesha Food Pantry. As always, the food pantry is so appreciative of our timely donation due to the recent low inventory of food and the fact that our big donation always coincides with the

time of year when donations lag.

Thank you to all members of CEEW who make this event successful year after year. I'd like to extend a special *thank you* to **Dennis** and **Denise Stodola**, who helped pack their van with food and deliver the food.

In addition to our Yom Kippur food drive, we were able to spearhead, in conjunction with Congregation Shalom, a collection of coats, backpacks and socks for migrants being released from government facilities near the U.S.-Mexico border. Most of the migrants come from warmer climates and are in need of winter coats and other items. The need is overwhelming.

When I showed up the morning after Yom Kippur with a van full of donations, **Nina Edelman**, a Shalom congregant, was impressed that our little congrega-

tion could collect so much, especially given the timing and short notice.

The Edelman's garage was filled with 500 pounds of donations (approximately 1,300 sock pairs, 217 coats and 66 backpacks). It will require a larger vehicle than expected to deliver all of the donations to the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona, the local non-profit that will distribute all of the donations.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and kindness. The synagogue has done a wonderful job of starting the New Year with *tikkun olam* — with acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world.

The phrase is found in the Mishnah, a body of classical rabbinic teachings. It is often used when discussing issues of social policy, ensuring a safeguard to those who may be at a disadvantage.



MIDRASH CLASS OFFERED: All adults are welcome to join in the weekly Midrash class. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon most Wednesdays. Contact Cantor Martin for more information.

PUTTING UP THE CEEW SUKKAH



Andi Patz photo

Tabb Patz (on ladder) and **Pete Koszarek** work on the sukkah's roof.



Loren Schmidt photo

Dennis Stodola, left, and **Alan Meyers** take care of some of the high work,



Loren Schmidt photo

Putting up the sukkah frame were, from left: **Dennis Stodola**, **Ed Cohen** and **Mark Levy**.



OUR WEBSITE: Check out our creative new website developed by Mark Levy at www.waukeshatemple.org.

CEEW SEEKS PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CEEW seeks to fill our part-time administrative assistant position. The person would be needed beginning in mid-December when Marcy Hotz will be leaving that post. The job entails a flexible **10 to 12 hours a week**, working with Cantor Martin and CEEW staff and members.

THE QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- **Good computer skills;**
- **Familiarity with Windows and Office 365;**
- **Personable and professional with good communication skills.**

THE DUTIES INCLUDE:

- **Clerical skills**
- **Organizational skills**
- **General office skills**

A full list of responsibilities is provided in the contract.

COMPENSATION:

TBD based on qualifications and experience.

TRAINING:

Available prior to employment.

TO APPLY, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,
contact Marcy Hotz (administrator@waukeshatemple.org)
or Elaine Goldberg (elainego@mac.com).

**SAVE
the
DATES**

FRIDAY, NOV. 15TH

Veterans Shabbat, 7 p.m. at Temple. We will be honoring all of our veterans who served our country.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH

Book Fair, 10 a.m. to noon at Temple, featuring children's and adult Jewish books.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20TH

Interfaith Thanksgiving service, sponsored by The Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network (BEGIN), 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Brookfield. The theme is on how our faith communities give thanks.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22ND

Our kindergarten through second grade, and third- and fourth-graders will participate in the 7 p.m. Friday service and share what they have learned.



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



Officer Mark Conrad photo

Students and parents took part in Family Tashlich held Oct. 6th at Frame Park.

Lessons learned over holidays

October has been a very busy time for the Jewish people, full of many values.

It started with Rosh Hashanah, when we had a fun shofar blowing workshop, thanks to **Mark Levy**, and a yummy challah baking workshop, thanks to **Ilene Jauquet**. Many of our students and families attended and had a part in the family service.

Then we celebrated Yom Kippur, when we talked about *teshuva* (repentance) and *s'lichah* (saying your sorry). We heard about how Jonah was swallowed by a whale because he chose not to listen to God, but then was saved because he realized he had made a mistake.

This is an important lesson for our students and everyone else: Doing what's right might not be what you want to do, so — if you should choose to do what is wrong — you can possibly get a second chance. You must



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director's Desk

recognize your mistakes and make an effort to do better.

Next we celebrated the holiday of Sukkot. Thank you to those who braved the cold and rain to build the congregation's sukkah.

Our students in kindergarten through second grade talked about what it means to live in a temporary structure, possibly one that is made with things from the earth, and how the students in the class are lucky to have nice, permanent homes to live in. The students drew pictures of a home they might build, and these pictures are hanging in the social hall.

The students in third and fourth grade talked about *anava* (humility), and put together one big collage of all of their pictures of what humility means to them. This is also hanging in the social hall.

The students in fifth through seventh grade focused on *hakarat hatov* (being grateful) and worked in pairs to make posters demonstrating the things for which they are grateful.

These values allow our students to not only think of Sukkot as a hut out-

side, but also what it really means to be able to live in the United States with all of the privileges and rights. It is important for our students to recognize that not everyone has a nice home and that we should be grateful for what we have.

October ended with Simchat Torah, when we celebrate the end and the beginning again of the reading of the Torah. We commemorate the cycle of life and share stories from one generation to another. We also celebrate Consecration, the ceremony in which our newest students honor the start of their Jewish educational journey.

November is Thanksgiving on the secular calendar and it is Cheshvan on the Hebrew calendar, a month when we have no holidays. Sunday, Nov. 17th will be the Book Fair.

Friday night, Nov. 22nd will be a special service. This is when our kindergarten through second grade, and third- and fourth-graders, will participate in the Shabbat service and share what they have learned.

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

ROSH HASHANAH AT CEEW

Photos by Joe Dailey



Torin Ecker, son of Jennifer and Wes Ecker, sounded the long shofar blast along with **Mark Levy** on Rosh Hashanah as **Cantor Martin** listened — until Torin ran out of breath and looked at his watch to time his mentor's almost endless tone.



Cantor Martin directs our High Holiday choir. The pianist, **Ted Reinke**, was joined by, from left: front row — **Sara Anson**, **Marie Loeffler**, **Janet Reinke** and **Susan Krechel**; back row — **Bernie Sandler**, **Joseph Krechel**, **Greg Fischer** and **Jeff Shabman**.



Above left: **Cantor Martin** leads a service. Above right: with **Noah Sulman**, son of Aaron and Cecille Sulman, in the foreground, congregants such as **Mike** and **Nancy Cummens** and **Jonathan** and **Marissa Kurman** cast their sins of the previous year into the water during the Tashlich service at Bethesda Park in Waukesha.



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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTES

October 7th Meeting

By JOE DAILEY / Bulletin Co-Editor

- **Cantor Martin** reported that she has signed up for training related to social action projects. The course, called "Don't Kvetch, Organize," is a project of Join for Justice: Jewish Organizing Institute and Network. The seven-week online training course will run between Jan. 26th and March 18th. The course will "examine different ways that community organizing has been used to build a more just world for all and how our Jewish tradition and history inform our commitments and approaches to acting for justice," the Join for Justice website explained.
- **Cantor Martin** said she and six congregants met at on Sept. 24th with **Rabbi Jonah Pesner** of the Religious Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism, based in Washington, D.C. The subject of their meeting was social action projects. Later during the Board meeting, members discussed the work of the Religious Action Center, which is — according to the RAC website — "mandated by the Union for Reform Judaism."
- She also reported on conversations with possible new CEEW members.
- While **Cantor Martin** is away with congregation members in Israel, **Rabbi Noah Chertkoff** of Congregation Shalom and a clergy team will help if needed.
- **Cantor Martin** said she wants all congregants to know she can be called in Israel and that nobody should hesitate to call in cases of serious illness or death, "God forbid."
- The Board unanimously passed a motion authorizing Vice President **Mark Levy** to contract with the security company Elite Protection at a time he finds appropriate for transitioning from having our security provided by Sheriff's deputies.
- By the time of this Board meeting, CEEW had established a Social Action Committee chaired by Vice President **Mark Levy**.
- The Board expressed its gratitude to Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff** for her efforts in attracting new students and parents to CEEW's religious school. Carrie reported that we have four students in K-2 grade class, five students in 3-4 grade class, seven students in the 5-7 grade class, for a total of 16 students enrolled in the school. We have a total of 11 students enrolled in mid-week Hebrew.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 11th.

Condolences

Members and staff of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha were saddened to learn of the death of Marjorie Haldeman, aunt of Andi (Tabb) Patz. She was 94 years old when she died Sept. 27th.

During World War II, Marjorie volunteered with the USO. She spent her early professional years working as the executive assistant to the president of the New York Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange, and spent the remainder of her career working for AT&T as both an administrative assistant and corporate librarian.

She belonged to two book clubs, was a member of the Brookside Women's Club, volunteered at her church and was a supporter of The Seeing Eye service dog organization.

May her memory be a blessing for all who loved and knew her.



Marie Loeffler photos

Above left: **Mark Levy** teaches a shofar blowing class during religious school. Above right: **Laura Gacek**, daughter of Ardis and Dave Gacek, gives a mighty shofar blast as Mark and Cantor Martin look on.



NO SHABBAT SERVICE NOV. 29th: Because of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, there will not be a Shabbat service at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha on Friday, Nov. 29th.

BOOK CLUB REPORT / Barb Zacher Reviews: *My Own Words*

A look into justice's life and legal history

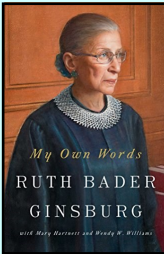


Ruth Bader GINSBURG

My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg offers a selection of her writings on subjects such as being Jewish, gender equality, the daily workings of the Supreme Court and interpretations of the U.S. Constitution.

Ginsburg was the second woman ever appointed to the Supreme Court. She is a women's rights icon with a history of working as a law professor,

CEEW Book Club



What: Discussion of *My Own Words*

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 6th

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: CEEW library

Leader: Elaine Goldberg

appellate advocate and judge. She has done more for gender equality

than any living person.

The book was written in 2016. Her biographers include Mary Hartnett and Wendy W. Williams. The book is her first since joining the Supreme Court in 1993.

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If you are interested in joining the CEEW Book Club, please email **Barb Zacher** at zacherhc@wi.rr.com.

May Their Memories Be for a Blessing

Yahrzeiten

Heshvan / Kislev (November)



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.

Joe Beringer: Friday, Nov. 1
Grandfather of Paula Jeanine Duval

Ruth Grigo: Sunday, November 24, Heshvan 26
Mother of Deb (Richard) Hacker

Henry Kassner: Sunday, November 24, Heshvan 26
Father of Pam (Bill Ochowicz) Kassner

Morris Kraines: Thursday, November 7, Heshvan 9
Father of Nate (Elly) Kraines

Arthur Kulakow: Tuesday, November 5, Heshvan 7
Father-in-law of June (Milt) Kulakow

Max Lowell: Sunday, November 11
Nephew of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Dr. Robert L. Merkow: Thursday, Nov. 14, Heshvan 16
Brother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Dr. Sidney Meyers: Wednesday, November 20
Husband of Gloria Meyers, Father of Alan (Ann) Meyers

Ada Mitchell: Friday, November 8
Aunt of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Dora Moskowitz: Monday, November 11, Heshvan 13
Grandmother of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Arthur Pass: Monday, November 4, Heshvan 6
Observed by the congregation

Edward Pokorny: Tuesday, November 5
Cousin of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Bessie Rich: Friday, November 15, Heshvan 17
Grandmother of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Adele Schuman: Monday, November 18, Heshvan 20
Sister of Philip (Mary) Schuman

Leah Weiss: Monday, November 18, Heshvan 20
Mother of Ed (NolaJoy) Weiss

Debby Fruchtman, former CEEW president, dies

By **LEE FENSIN**
Bulletin Contributor

Debby Fruchtman, former CEEW president, has died.

Her daughter, Sara Shomron, let Elly Kraines know that the funeral was Oct. 23rd.

Debby, who would have been 85 years old the week after her death, was

president in 1986. Debby's husband, Martin, who died in 2009, also was a CEEW president. Both died of complications from Parkinson's.

The family, which included three daughters, moved to California 12 years ago, Elly said.

Elly added that one daughter is an attorney in California, another is a wife and mother who remains friends with

the Kraines' daughter, Kim; and Sara, who lives in Israel, has seven grown children.

All three daughters went through the CEEW religious school, and Sara was confirmed with Larry Kraines, the son of Elly and Nate.

Larry and Sara were debate partners at Waukesha South High School, Elly said.

Did you hear the one about ...?

Adult Ed to present program on Jewish jokes Dec. 2nd

By **ADRIAN RICHIELD**
Adult Ed Committee Co-Chair

Dr. Simon Bronner will talk about the Internet age and Jewish jokes when he comes to CEEW on Monday, Dec. 2nd.



AT A GLANCE

What: The Jewish Joke Online

When: Monday, Dec. 2nd

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: CEEW

Who: Simon J. Bronner Ph.D, is the Dean of the College of General Studies at UWM-Waukesha

He will have a visual presentation that speaks to going from the oral joke tradition toward our digital age and culture.

What does the explosion of Jewish jokes tell us about the Internet and our modern culture?

Don't miss this very interesting program with Simon, someone you may have met here at services recently.

This Adult Education Committee program is free and open to all CEEW members, families and friends.



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form Movement.

One previous biennial attendee said, "Biennial helps me feel incredibly inspired and invigorated as a Reform Jew."

CEEW is hoping that one or two buses will be making one-day attendance possible for about \$100.

REGISTER AT
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The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Swarsensky



The memory of **Rabbi Manfred E. Swarsensky**, the founding rabbi at Temple Beth El in Madison and in whose honor the CEEW sanctuary is named, will be honored at Beth El on Saturday, Nov. 9th, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The program includes a Q&A. Bring your personal stories and memorabilia to share. The program is free to attend, but a donation of \$5-\$18 to the Rabbi Manfred E. Swarsensky Fund for continued scholar in residence programming at Beth El is welcome.

Ann Klein once wrote in the CEEW bulletin that Swarsensky traveled from Madison to lead a Sunday night service in 1940 and continued to lead our services for the next 41 years.

Maggie Merkow, daughter-in-law of the late **Bill** and **Riva Merkow** and sister-in-law of **Steve (Ann) Merkow**, painted the picture of Swarsensky that hangs outside our sanctuary.



DINING GROUP: The group goes to Union House in Genesee Depot on November 9th, beginning at 5 p.m. One reviewer wrote, "It doesn't get much better. The first time I dined here was 1968 and I have never stopped coming back." For more information or to RSVP, contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 3 Heshvan Soup-er Shabbat, 5:45 p.m. at Temple Member-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	2 4 Heshvan SE WI Festival of Books, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at UWM- Waukesha. (CEEW has a table.)  Noach
3 5 Heshvan Religious School, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	4 6 Heshvan	5 7 Heshvan Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Sisterhood board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Holocaust speaker, 6:30 p.m. at Carroll	6 8 Heshvan Temple Book Club, 1:30 p.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	7 9 Heshvan	8 10 Heshvan Member-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	9 11 Heshvan Dining Group, 5 p.m. at Union House in Genesee Depot Life and Legacy of Rabbi Swarsensky, 12:15 p.m. at Temple Beth El in Madison  Lech Lecha
10 12 Heshvan Religious School, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. December Bulletin deadline to submit articles/photos	11 13 Heshvan Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	12 14 Heshvan Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	13 15 Heshvan Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	14 16 Heshvan	15 17 Heshvan Cantor-led Veterans Shabbat service, 7 p.m. at Temple	16 18 Heshvan Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Vayera
17 19 Heshvan Religious School, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Book Fair, 10 a.m. to noon, at Temple	18 20 Heshvan	19 21 Heshvan Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	20 22 Heshvan Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple BEGIN Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, 7 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Brookfield	21 23 Heshvan Congregant Ellyn Lem talks about Jewish books, 6:30 p.m. at Waukesha Public Library	22 24 Heshvan Cantor-led service with younger children, 7 p.m. at Temple	23 25 Heshvan Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Chaye Sarah
24 26 Heshvan Religious School, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Temple band in Holiday Folk Fair, 1 p.m. at State Fair Park	25 27 Heshvan	26 28 Heshvan	27 29 Heshvan Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple	28 30 Heshvan THANKSGIVING	29 1 Kislev NO SERVICE AT CEEW	30 2 Kislev Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Toldot

NOV. 10TH: DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR THE CEEW DECEMBER 2019 BULLETIN

COMMUNITY EVENTS



BEGIN
Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network

Gratitude Unites Us
**AN INTERFAITH SERVICE
OF THANKSGIVING**

NOVEMBER 20, 2019 | 7:00PM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
755 WOELFEL RD, BROOKFIELD, WI 53005

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED | PLEASE CARPOOL TO EVENT
IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE CHOIR, PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:30PM

**PLEASE SUPPORT: WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE
FOODS & CASH/CHECKS FOR THE WAUKESHA FOOD PANTRY**



10th
Southeast Wisconsin
Festival of Books
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Waukesha

opening doors
NOVEMBER 1-2, 2019

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A year-long journey for GRANDPARENTS with their 5th & 6th grade GRANDCHILDREN

Want to spend time telling
your Jewish family story to
your grandchildren with other
grandparents/grandchildren?

**MEET THIS YEAR'S
PARTICIPANTS
TO LEARN MORE!**

**Sunday, Nov. 24
1:30-3 pm**

Congregation Shalom,
7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd.

Participants commit to 9 sessions from
January-December 2020, Sundays from
1:30-3 pm. Distance learning available.
Program culminates with a trip to Israel.



For more information, visit

MilwaukeeJewish.org/Israel
or contact Rabbi Hannah Wallick at
HannahW@MilwaukeeJewish.org
or (414) 390-5764.



A new way to connect your grandchildren to their Jewish identity

Behind the Wall: Conversation with Eva Zaret Holocaust Survivor



Born in Hungary, Eva Zaret lived through the Holocaust in the Budapest Ghetto only to find her family again caught in war at the outbreak of the Hungarian Revolution. Meet Eva and hear her story of survival told in conversation with veteran journalist and storyteller Ben Merens.

Contact: chaplain@carrollu.edu

**Tuesday,
November 5th
6:30-8:00 pm
Stackner Ballroom
Carroll University**

Presented by Carroll University's
Office of Spiritual Life
in collaboration with
the Nathan and Esther Perez
Holocaust Education Resource Center



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**Saturday, Nov. 16
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— *New York Times*

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— *New York Post*



Harry & Rose Samson Family
Jewish Community Center

For information on the Nov. 15-16 ShabbatMKE
contact your synagogue or Rabbi Hannah Wallick at
(414) 390-5764 or HannahW@MilwaukeeJewish.org

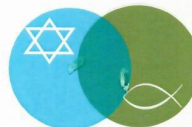
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Lux Center Holocaust Seminar



**Reflections on the Holocaust:
Franklin Roosevelt,
Immigration, and
the Jews**

**Lecture by
Dr. Tim Crain,**
the former director
of the National
Catholic Center
for Holocaust
Education and
Assistant Professor
of History at Seton
Hill University in
Pennsylvania.



The Lux Center
for Catholic-Jewish Studies
at Sacred Heart Seminary and
School of Theology

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 at 3 p.m.
Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology
7335 S. Hwy. 100, Franklin, Wisconsin 53132

Admission is free of charge. RSVP by Nov. 13
online at shs.st.edu/2019HolocaustSeminar
Bonnie Shafrin, Director, The Lux Center,
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