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Come for a **TWO-FER** ON FRIDAY, JAN 17TH, THERE WILL BE A **SHABBAT SERVICE** FOLLOWED BY ISRAEL TRIP PHOTOS



MORE 2020 SPECIAL SHABBATS March 20th

Karen Levy and Peter Lee,
 on small Italian cities with
 Jewish history — photos and
 travelogue

April 24th

Ellyn Lem presents Jewish
 books and authors

May 22nd

Peggy Rozga, Poet Laureate
 of Wisconsin

The first of several 2020 **FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES**

will feature a
 travelogue and
 pictures of
 CEEW's
 recent trip to
 Israel.

Congregants
 will share some
 favorite photos.

7-7:45 p.m.

Service, led by
 Cantor Martin
7:45-8:30 p.m.

Program,
 followed by pot-
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ADULT ED COMMITTEE presents on Saturday, Jan. 18th ...

DINNER *and* a MOVIE



TIME SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. — Havdalah

5:45 p.m. — Dinner

6:30 – 8:15 p.m. — Movie &
 discussion

WHAT

A joyous film about a joyous man: the life and times of
Itzhak Perlman

The famous violinist was born in Tel Aviv to a family of Polish
 origin. When he was 4, he contracted polio, losing the use of his
 legs. Despite his handicap, he learned the violin and became
 one of the world's most popular musicians. He is among the
 most brilliant violinists of his generation.

Dinner will be ordered from Mr. Wok in
 Waukesha and will include a Thai vegetable
 egg roll, a choice of two entrees, beverages and
 a fortune cookie.



COST (Pay at the door)

\$10 for dinner and movie; \$5 for movie (6:30 p.m.) only

RSVP (By Jan. 15th)

To wzimmerman1@wi.rr.com; 262-352-9270; or in
 person to Mari-Claire Zimmerman, with name(s) and two
 choices of entrees for each person.

YOU PICK TWO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Fried Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Pudd Thai |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Fried Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Pudd Thai |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Fried Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Egg Foo Young |

Contact Mari-Claire Zimmerman with questions.
Family and friends welcome.



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.

Social action is what we Jews do

January is a quiet month; it contains no Jewish holidays. That doesn't mean we at CEEW are dormant.

We are planning to be more active in *social action*, something we Jews do naturally. It's in our sacred texts, and it's in our inspired actions.

CEEW has formally established our Social Action Committee, and we are looking for members who would like to join the committee. As Reform Jews, we focus on the ethical laws of our sacred writings, and we focus not just on reading the words, but on following through with actions.

URJ has established "The Union for Reform Judaism 2020 Vision," a statement that includes the following: "Reform congregations and their leadership are strengthened and emboldened as they enlist the support of their members to repair the world. The vision and mission for 2020 is to catalyze a movement of people to make North America, Israel and the world, more just. Acting together through our congregations, other Reform institutions and with partners of all faiths, we can work to make a difference by leveraging our collective power."

Our social action group met in October with **Rabbi Jonah Pesner**, the director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. He spoke with us about how we could partner, as a congregation, with the RAC in a program called *Brit Olam* (Covenant with Our World). This program is a collaboration between the RAC and other elements within URJ.



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk



Adrian Richfield photo

The children in the younger religious school grades helped **Cantor Martin** lead the Shabbat service on Nov. 22nd. "The kids did such a great job," congregant **Aaron Sulman** said. From left: **Jonah Sulman**, **Rylan Ecker**, **Cantor Martin**, **Esme Patz**, Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff**, teacher **Sarah Berry**, **Taylor Ogden**, **Julia Christian** and **Ava Koszarek**. Hidden are **Laura Gacek** and **Soren Christian**.

After this meeting, our committee met to discuss what area we would like to work on as a congregational effort. We wanted this effort to bring our congregation together and to be something positive for us as we do the work of *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world.

Anti-Semitism is a huge concern in the minds of many American Jews. Locally, we have seen some terrible incidents affecting children in our own congregation.

We decided to propose to the Board that we join with the RAC in a *Brit Olam* in order to confront this problem in U.S. society and within our local community.

We anticipate that this effort will cost CEEW nothing financially. The RAC will help us to develop a plan. Going forward with a *Brit Olam* was approved by a unanimous CEEW Board vote on Dec. 9th.

Unfortunately, on Dec. 11th, America learned of another horrendous "premeditated, violent, anti-Semitic hate crime," this time in Jersey City, N.J. New York Mayor **Bill de Blasio** said the attack, which took at least four innocent lives, "confirms a sad truth. There is a crisis of anti-Semitism gripping this nation. It has continued to take on a more violent form all over this country."

The reality of that attack drives home the urgency of our choice to resist and overcome anti-Semitism in every way we can.

I am proud of our Social Action Committee, chaired by **Mark Levy**, for its commitment to working on this project and on other pertinent issues in the future. I'm sure that feeding and housing the homeless and poor in our community also will remain an

important committee activity.

Besides working with the Religious Action Center and our Social Action Committee, I also will be taking a course called "Don't Kvetch, Organize" for seven weeks, beginning in late January. It was offered to clergy so they can work in the community to make progress in areas of concern.

"This course is intended to help people learn effective community organizing strategies and get more involved in important social justice campaigns," the program's website noted. The program will help me and CEEW collectively as we work with interfaith organizations to promote the repair of our world.

We are stronger and more effective in numbers. Collectively we can work toward social justice, we can partner with other faiths and we can make friendships. We can, as URJ says it, "leverage our collective power."

We can work toward being seen, not simply as a religious or cultural minority, but as people of faith who are concerned about others, regardless of their ethnicity, faith, income, national origin, race or sexual orientation. We must remember to function as part of our wider community, along with all the people who live in it. We are commanded to "love your neighbor as yourself." (*Leviticus 19:18*).

I wish you all a very happy secular New Year. May you stay warm in the winter, may you be content in the things you do and may 2020 be a blessed year of happiness and fulfillment for you, your families and your loved ones.



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URJ's 2019 Resolution on ANTI-SEMITISM

For complete resolution, please go to:

www.urj.org/what-we-believe/resolutions/urj-resolution-anti-Semitism

By **JOE DAILEY**
Bulletin Co-Editor

The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) in 2019 adopted a resolution on anti-Semitism.

It did so because the hatred of Jews is on the rise in North America and globally.

"The general climate is one in which white supremacists and white nationalists feel emboldened," the resolution reads.

In the aftermath of the *Shoah*, the murder of six million Jews, the world seemed to have said, "never again." Yet, "despite this pledge, we now see acts of anti-Jewish hatred on the rise," the resolution reads.

In part, the resolution stated that the URJ resolves to:

1. Express our unequivocal condemnation of anti-Semitism in all its forms;
2. Strengthen the ability of our synagogues and other institutions to adapt to changing security, spiritual, emotional, physical and financial requirements necessary in a time of rising anti-Semitism;
3. Call on political, civic and religious leaders at all levels to clearly and forcefully denounce and delegitimize anti-Semitism, commend those leaders who do so, and condemn those who perpetrate anti-Semitic speech and acts;
4. Call on political leaders and online service providers in North America and across the globe to find ways to curtail online hate speech within the constraints of national and international guarantees of free speech;
5. Support educational programs that teach students, both youth and adult, about the dangers of anti-Semitism and how to fight it;
6. Condemn criticism of Israel that crosses the line into anti-Semitism;
7. Continue to act in solidarity and partner with other vulnerable communities tar-



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geted for acts of hate;

8. Recognize the particular dangers facing Jews of Color and Jews who identify as transgender and work to ensure the safety and security of all members of our community, within our institutions as well as outside our walls; and
9. Continue to engage with partners with whom we have common cause, both within the Jewish community and across the political and faith spectrum, in calling out anti-Semitic rhetoric and behavior whenever we encounter it, even while we combat hate speech and hate crimes wherever they occur.

The resolution itself includes a detailed account of rising anti-Semitism especially within recent years.

Among other things, the resolution noted that:

- Hate crimes against the Canadian Jewish community rose by more than 60 percent between 2016 and 2017.
 - We confronted in the news neo-Nazis in 2017 marching through the streets of Charlottesville chanting "Jews will not replace us."
 - The worst act of violence against Jews in American history came in October of 2018 when 11 worshippers at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue were murdered.
 - The World Jewish Congress found a 30 percent increase in online anti-Semitism between 2016 and 2018.
- The URJ's resolution was published well before the Dec. 11th murders of three civilians in a Jersey City kosher market.

URJ and its Religious Action Center nurture social justice

By **JOE DAILEY**
Bulletin Co-Editor

The Union for Reform Judaism has a long history of "leading, supporting and nurturing social justice," according to a URJ source. (<http://2020.urj.org/priorities.html>)

The URJ mandated the work of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (aka the RAC) in 1961, so it could function as the political and legislative outreach arm to advance the cause of social justice.

By late that year, the RAC had been saluted by President John F. Kennedy in a special tribute in the White House Rose Garden.

According to an online RAC timeline, the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act were both "drafted in the RAC's conference room by Jewish, African-American, and other civil rights leaders."

Among its many efforts, the RAC, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C., has helped struggling Jews in the Soviet Union and sought to relieve suffering from the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

The RAC introduced the *Brit Olam* in 2018 to serve as a "covenant to create a world in which all people experience wholeness, justice and compassion."

The CEEW Board voted on Dec. 9th to commit our congregation to joining with the RAC in a *Brit Olam* agreement. (See *Board Notes on Page 10*, and see *Cantor Martin's column on Page 2* for related information.)



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

All smiles as change smoothly takes place in administrative office

Stories and photo by **ADRIAN RICHFIELD** / Bulletin Co-Editor

Marcy Hotz retires from second stint as administrator

Marcy Hotz has retired for a second time from being CEEW's administrative assistant.

Marcy, who was our first administrative assistant when the position was created a few years ago, left after a year or so and then returned a second time last May to resume the job.

She has been a tireless worker in the office and as assistant for all of Cantor Martin's office and Temple needs.

She has taken on numerous special projects (Temple-wide clean up day among them), and she will be missed for all her hard work in helping to run and organize Temple day-to-day occurrences.

Most CEEW members probably do not realize all the ins and outs of running an office, much less a whole synagogue. There were many details, maintenance



Marcy Hotz, back, has passed on her administrative duties to **Jan Lowell**, leaving Cantor Martin in another set of capable hands,

issues, office calls, mail and other tasks that she was responsible for handling.

Marcy and her husband, Jim, winter in Florida, but she will be back in the spring as an active member of our congregation.

Jan Lowell knows her way around an office

Signing on to become our next administrative assistant is congregant **Jan Lowell**.

Jan and her husband, Bill, are long-time CEEW members, and Jan has helped with many projects, computer work and programs for CEEW. She has often volunteered her time and skills with whatever CEEW has needed.

Jan helped to develop letters to assist with evaluation of our Temple personnel, both electronically and with mailed responses. She also recently designed and had printed the tickets, flyers and brochure for last spring's successful cantorial fundraising concert at Carroll University while working with Cantor Martin. This was a huge job.

Jan at one time was also a bulletin editor and did the computer layout and distribution.

Jan knows her way around computers, programming and office details

Outgoing administrative assistant **Marcy Hotz** has helped Jan with office training and details.

From Bulletin Co-Editor Adrian Richfield

“

A big thank you to Marcy for her skills and dedication these past years as our administrative assistant.

We are fortunate to have Jan signing on as our new assistant. CEEW will be in good hands.

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

Part of Chanukah Fun Day in religious school on Dec. 15th was making *sufganiyot*, which are deep-fried jelly doughnuts. From left: **Noah Sulman, Molly Schmidt, Lia Ecker** and teacher **Marie Loeffler**.

Photo by Tom Braatz



Our students experience museum program

Thank you to everyone who participated in the collection of toiletries that went with our 3rd/4th-grade class field trip to Jewish Museum Milwaukee.

Our students joined 65 kids from six other supplementary schools for a special program at Jewish Museum Milwaukee. The program, co-sponsored by the Coalition for Jewish Learning, Jewish Museum Milwaukee and Jewish Family Services, explored the exhibit: *Inescapable: The Life and Legacy of Harry Houdini*.

In addition to a guided tour of the exhibit, the students studied Jewish texts, participated in a mitzvah project packing all of the toiletries for residents at Deerwood Crossing and Bradley Crossing, residences run by Jewish Family Services.

January is the start of a new secular year, which gives us a chance to reflect on the past. Seeing as it is a new decade, it gives us a chance to reflect on the previous decade.

The 2010s were heavily influenced by social media. As a school, we have taken to advertising events on Face-



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director's Desk

book and reaching out to potential families via Facebook groups.

Social media, when used appropriately, can be a helpful tool for spreading information quickly.

However, the rise of social media has its challenges, and it is important that we remember to be mindful when engaging in conversation on social media. We must be conscious of the content we are viewing, and how much time we are spending on social media.

It is hard to believe we are starting the 2020s, a decade that seemed so far in the future. As we live our lives in this new decade, we must put into perspective what it means to be a Jew. We need to recognize how celebrating Jewish holidays, or stopping to take a moment each week to rest on the Sabbath, is just as important now

as it was in the time of Moses, when the commandment to observe the Sabbath was given.

In Hebrew school, our students are learning the language of the Jewish people. In religious school, our students are learning the values and customs of our people. It is my hope that as fast as technology is advancing, our students, parents and greater synagogue community recognize the value of our history and take that historical perspective into their future lives.

The religious school will usher in the new year with a welcome-back breakfast on Sunday, January 5th. On Jan. 31st, everyone is invited to honor our teachers and madrichim (high school aides) at our Educators Shabbat.

The teachers and I look forward to an educationally enriching second half of the school year.



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.

Thank you to those who teach our children

Educators to be honored Jan. 31st

By **JOE DAILEY**
Bulletin Co-Editor

CEEW will honor our religious school teachers and our education director at this year's Educators Shabbat service on Friday, Jan. 31st.

In anticipation of that event, Youth Education Committee Co-Chair **Loren Schmidt** said that CEEW's religious school is "very fortunate to have the leadership and faculty we have." She added, "It's nice to have the opportunity to honor them at the Educators Shabbat for the work that they do."

In talking about our educators recently,

Cantor Martin recalled how very special and important teachers are in the Jewish tradition. She pointed to a number of classical sources about the value of teachers, sources such as the Torah, the Mishna, Pirkei Avot and prayers.

One admonition from Pirkei Avot (1:6) emphasizes how essential having a good teacher is. "Acquire for yourself a teacher, a competent mentor who can correctly transmit the tradition, and thereby avoid error. Be willing to submit to that teacher's direction, for without a mentor to respect, a person is directionless."

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THEIR AIDES

From September through December: Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff** has been teaching kindergarten through second grade. It is anticipated that **Aviva Bergtrom** will be teaching those classes January through May.



Sarah Berry

Sarah Berry is teaching our third / fourth-grade class. **Briar Rahmes** has been helping out in her class

Marie Loeffler is teaching our fifth- through seventh-grade class. **Zack Jauquet** has been helping out in her class



Marie Loeffler



Carrie Barbakoff

MIDWEEK HEBREW TEACHERS

Aleph level Hebrew (first-year Hebrew students)
Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff**
Bet level Hebrew (second-year Hebrew students)
Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff**
Gimmel level Hebrew (third year and beyond)
Cantor **Deborah Martin**

Ann Meyers is teaching one student.

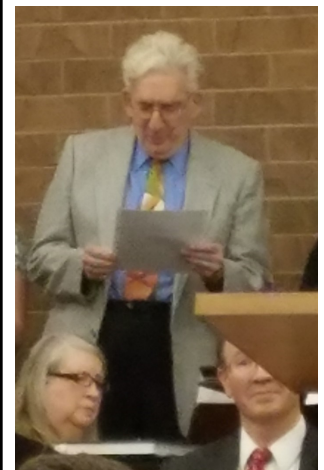


Giving Thanks

Cantor Martin, above, spoke, and **Bernie Sandler**, below, sang in the interfaith choir at the Nov. 20th Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network (BEGIN) Thanksgiving service held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Brookfield.

The theme of this year's service was how our faith communities give thanks. Many members of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha were at the well-attended service.

Marsha Fensin
photos





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.

**Cantor Martin's Sunday
afternoons course will be ...**

Exploring Judaism

Cantor Martin is offering a four-week Exploring Judaism course on consecutive Sundays, beginning Jan. 5th, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The class is for anyone interested in learning about Judaism: Jews wishing to reconnect with their Jewish roots, interfaith couples, adult children and grandchildren of interfaith couples, in-laws of Jews, interested individuals from various faith and cultural backgrounds or those interested in conversion.



Course leader **Cantor Martin** did some exploring on the path to Petra.

WHEN

Four consecutive Sundays, beginning Jan. 5th, from 1 to 3 p.m.

WHERE

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukeshah

WHO

Anyone seeking more about Judaism from a good beginner course.

COST

\$45 for non-CEEW members; \$25 for CEEW members, due at registration. The fee covers the cost of materials and refreshments for all four classes.

RSVP

By Jan. 2nd, to **Cantor Deborah Martin** at spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org

HAKUNA MATATA
*Purim is coming, and that
means a Purim spiel.*



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Cantor Martin is looking for singers and actors for the play. This year, we'll be doing the fantastic music and theme from "The Lion King." The performance this year is on March 8th.



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).

Donations to Sisterhood projects appreciated

By DENISE STODOLA

On behalf of my co-president, **Sara Anson**, and the entire Sisterhood Board, we would like to extend an enormous "thank you" to all those who participated to have their names in our annual Chanukah Card.

Your donation to this wonderful card allows Sisterhood to host events / programming, to sponsor more camp scholarships and to fund items for the synagogue and religious school.

With yet another generous Sisterhood Annual Yom Kippur Food Drive behind us, we would like to remind everyone to continue to donate throughout the year as well. The Waukesha Food Pantry is truly grateful for CEEW's contributions, as I'm sure are all those who receive our assistance.

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Calling all Sisterhood members willing to volunteer your time, talents, knowledge and personality. Sisterhood is seeking a chairperson for our Programming Committee and others to be on the committee. We have exciting program ideas and contacts, but we need someone to help bring it all together.

If interested or have questions, please contact **Sara Anson** (sara.marie317@gmail.com).



Soup-er Shabbat, church group visit on Jan. 3rd; another group coming here Jan. 31st

Our first Soup-er Shabbat of the new decade will begin at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Jan 3rd.

RSVP to **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** with how many people in your party and what you can bring for the pot-luck dinner – a soup, a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert.

A group of fifth- and sixth-graders from the Unitarian Universalist Church West, accompanied by two teachers and a few other adults, plan to attend that night's 7 p.m. Cantor-led service.

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A group of about 30 people from the First United Methodist Church in Waukesha will be visiting us on Friday, January 31st.

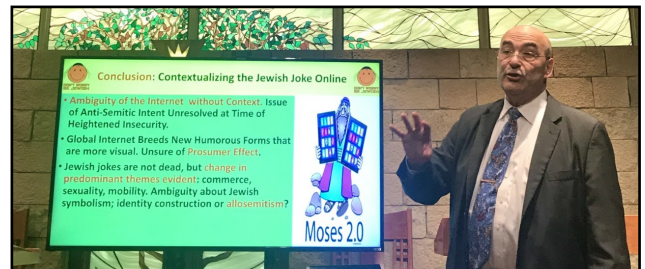
They will attend both the service and oneg, so congregants are asked to bring extra food for the oneg that night.

תודה רבה Todah Rabbah Many Thanks to ...

• **Simon Bronner**, a dean at UWM-Waukesha, for his enjoyable Jewish Jokes Adult Education Committee presentation on Dec. 2nd. And thanks to the **Adult Ed Committee** for the work put into the program, and for the refreshments.



Adrian Richfield photos



- From **Sandy Villa to Cindy Levy**: "Thank you for heading up the Book Fair year after year. It's always a good time."
- From **Marcy Hotz**: **Ann Klein** and I received this nice thank you from Temple Beth El in Madison. It read: "Many thanks for your help providing me with information about Rabbi Swarsensky's role at CEEW. Thank you Ann for the wonderful details of your personal experience of knowing and working with him." Swarsensky, who served CEEW for many years and for whom the CEEW sanctuary is named, was founding rabbi at Temple Beth El, which presented a program about Rabbi Swarsensky on Nov. 9th.
- **Ann Meyers** and **Mari-Claire Zimmerman**, for making soups for the Dec. 6th Soup-er Shabbat. And thanks to Mari-Claire for organizing the pot-luck meal and to everyone else who brought food to share.
- **Mari-Claire Zimmerman**, and **Marsha & Lee Fensin** for leading the Shabbat service on Dec. 13th.

Please send your Todah Rabbah items to:
temple-news@hotmail.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 or meeting, please contact Lee Fensin at Lee.Fensin@waukeshatemple.org.

CEEW 2019 BOOK FAIR NOV. 17th

We are a community of readers

Books sell quickly
as Library Fund benefits

By **CINDY LEVY**
Book Fair Chair

The Adult Education Committee held its annual Book Fair in conjunction with Oconomowoc's Books and Company at the synagogue on the morning of Nov. 17th.

First, I would like to thank everyone who came to the Book Fair, whether you only perused or you purchased books.

We definitely have a community of readers. We sold more than 75 books in two hours.

Second, I would like to thank **Lisa Baudoin** from Books and Company, who has been our partner for many years. Books and Company is a fabulous resource within the community, and I would highly recommend going there if you are looking for a book. It is a magical place.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who make this book sale possible. Without the people to schlep the books in and out from Lisa's car, set up and tear down the book displays, help people look for books and purchase them, we would not be able to have the Book Fair at the synagogue.

A special thanks to **Elaine Goldberg, Ady Richfield, Marsha Fensin, Sharon and Mark Levy, Carol O'Neil, Denise Stodola, Laurie Schwartz** (and her son, Jason), **Sandy Villa** and **Sara Anson**.



Adrian Richfield photo

Students had a chance to peruse books at the synagogue Book Fair and give their parents some Chanukah gift ideas. From left: **Laura Gacek, Esme Patz and Ava Koszarek**.

The 2019 Book Fair provided people with a huge display of books of Jewish content and books by Jewish authors. It brought in approximately \$288 in profit that will be donated to the Library Fund to be used for book purchases.

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If you have anything you would like to have in the library please contact our librarian, **Carol O'Neil**.



JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

JANUARY 3

5:45 p.m.: **Soup-er Shabbat**
7 p.m.: **Cantor led**

JANUARY 10

7 p.m.: **Ann Meyers and Mike Cummins led**

JANUARY 17

7 p.m.: **Cantor led special service**

JANUARY 24

7 p.m.: **Mike Cummins led**

JANUARY 31

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



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@waukeshatempel.org.

BOOK CLUB REPORT / Barb Zacher Reviews: *WITNESS: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom*

Wiesel was a master teacher

This is the debut book written by **Ariel Burger**, an artist and



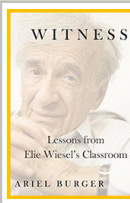
**Ariel
BURGER**

Orthodox rabbi who first met **Elie Wiesel** at age 15 and eventually became his teaching fellow after years of study at Boston University.

This is a deeply moving memoir that has been compared to *Tuesdays with Morrie*, which was written by Mitch Albom.

Burger shares with us Wiesel's lessons and teachings. We see

CEEW Book Club



What: Discussion of *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom*

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 8th

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: CEEW

Burger grow and eventually develop a hero worship and respect.

Through Burger's writings, we learn Wiesel was not only an extraordinary human being, but also a master teacher.

A final highlight of the book is the recommended reading list, which includes books that are central to the discussions in specific chapters as well as those that were a consistent part of Wiesel's teaching.

Wiesel is a Holocaust survivor and a Nobel

Peace Prize recipient.

Burger lives in the Boston area.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTES

December 9th Meeting

By JOE DAILEY / Bulletin Co-Editor

- CEEW has formally established a new Social Action Committee that will be chaired by Vice President Mark Levy. (Please see **Cantor Martin's** column on Page 2 for related information.)
- The Board voted unanimously to approve a formal *Brit Olam* ("Covenant with our World") agreement with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism whereby we agreed to join in the Reform Movement's vision for social justice. (Please see **Cantor Martin's** column on Page 2.) Among other things, CEEW agreed to have a "team" with one clergy member and two lay leaders. We agreed that our *team* would join in:
 - "fostering a culture of sacred and civil dialogue in our congregation where all opinions are heard;"
 - "acting in solidarity with vulnerable communities;"
 - "building relationships across lines of difference in our local community."
- At the time of the December Board meeting, the Board anticipated that **Jan Lowell** would sign a contract to serve as CEEW's next administrator. Board members anticipated that her schedule would be flexible and that she would average approximately 10 hours per week. A motion to offer Jan the appropriate contract was moved, seconded and passed unanimously. (Please see Page 4.) The Board authorized Jan to use a CEEW credit card for Temple purposes.
- **Cantor Martin** will be creating a new Purim *spiel* (Yiddish for Purim play). Place your bets that the theme will be *The Lion King*. (Will a lion have a Jewish queen?) Cantor Martin is looking for cast members for the production, which is scheduled for March 8th. (Please see Page 7.)
- Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff** said she and Cantor Martin have an ongoing dialog with an experienced professional teacher who might be able to join the CEEW religious school faculty. (Please see Page 6.)
- The Board understands the need to establish a new search committee for our next spiritual leader. **Cantor Martin** anticipates she will leave her current position with CEEW approximately in June of 2021.
- CEEW Co-President **Laurie Schwartz** will be out of the country visiting family until Jan. 8th.
- We are in the process of updating the insurance on all of our Torah scrolls.
- The next Board meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 13th.



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

IN APPRECIATION:

November donations, submitted by CEEW Treasurer **Alan Meyers**

IN HONOR OF

Anniversaries of Cindy and Mark Levy, Denise and Dennis Stodola, NolaJoy and Ed Weiss

Donation from Ann and Alan Meyers

Birthdays of Alice Lambie, Marsha Fensin, Julie Baum, Ed Weiss and Jim Hotz

Donation from Ann and Alan Meyers

IN MEMORY OF

Jack Brandner, father of Andi Patz

Donations from Sandy Villa, Ann and Alan Meyers

Dr. Sidney Meyers

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Jack Moskowitz

Donation from Ann and Alan Meyers

Faye Reinherz

Donation from Barbara Mulhern

Samuel Evans

Donation from Alice Lambie

Clara Levy

Donation from Karen Levy

WITH GRATITUDE TO

Cantor Deborah Martin, for her hard work and persistence in making CEEW's Israel trip a big success

Donation from Ann and Alan Meyers

ENDOWMENT FUND

Donations from Carol O'Neil, Ann and Alan Meyers

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

- **Mari-Claire and Bill Zimmerman**, who will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on Jan. 1st.

28th, and whose grandson, **Amichai Upshoren**, celebrated a birthday on Dec 1st.

LIFECYCLE

- **Bill Zimmerman**, who celebrated a birthday on Dec 5th.
- **Mari-Claire and Bill Zimmerman**, whose granddaughter, **Molly Heifetz**, celebrated a birthday on Nov. 28th, and whose grandson, **Amichai Upshoren**, celebrated a birthday on Dec 1st.
- **Deb and Rich Hacker**, on the Nov. 8th birth of a granddaughter, **Vivian Shoshana Hacker**. Vivian, whose parents are Erich and Rachel Hacker, was born 8 pounds, 3 ounces. She joins big brother — Theodore (Theo) Raphael.

**SAVE
the
DATES**

FRIDAY, JAN. 3RD

Soup-er Shabbat, 5:45 p.m., followed by 7 p.m. Cantor-led service at which we will have guests from a church.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5TH

Welcome Back to School Breakfast and class, 9 a.m. First of four consecutive Sundays of Exploring Judaism class, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 17TH

Special abbreviated Cantor-led Shabbat service and short program (Israel photos and travelog), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18TH

Adult Ed program, Chinese dinner and a movie (about famous violinist Itzhak Perlman), 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31ST

Educators Shabbat, 7 p.m. Cantor-led service at which we will have guests from a church. (Please bring extra food for oneg.)



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.

May Their Memories Be for a Blessing

Yahrzeiten

Tivet / Shevat (January)



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.

Marshall Astrin: Thursday, January 30; Shevat 4
Observed by the congregation

Alvin Cohen: Sunday, January 5; Tevet 8
Observed by the congregation

Samuel R. Fensin: Monday, January 21
Father of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Clara Heuman: Saturday, January 18
Aunt of Marcy (James) Hotz

Emanuel Jacobs: Wednesday, January 22
Observed by congregation

Ruth Kalstein: Saturday, January 4
Aunt of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Celia Kraines: Saturday, January 4; Tevet 7
Mother of Nate (Elly) Kraines

Benjamin Lewis: Monday, January 6; Tevet 9
Father of Joanne Wagner
Grandfather of Ellyn Lem (Trevor Huskey)

Michelle Lotz: Wednesday, January 22
Mother of Doug (Sara) Anson

Gary Lustig: Friday, January 31
Grandfather of Jan (Bill) Lowell

Olga Martin: Wednesday, January 1
Aunt of Paula Jeanine Duval

Jack Moskowitz: Saturday, January 4; Tevet 7
Stepfather of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Chavalah Pilmaier: Thursday, January 2; Tevet 5
Observed by the congregation

Jeanne Pokorny: Friday, January 10
Aunt of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Bernard Raskin: Thursday, January 23
Father of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

Florence Rothman: Thursday, January 30; Shevat 4
Observed by the congregation

Charlotte Rudoy: Saturday, January 11
Mother of Marcy (James) Hotz

Itzhak Rudoy: Wednesday, January 15
Grandfather of Marcy (James) Hotz

Werner Spanier: Monday, January 6; Tevat 9
Observed by the congregation

Adelaide Starr: Wednesday, January 29
Grandmother of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

Richard J. Steinberg: Monday, January 27, Shevat 1
Father of Rick (Mary) Steinberg

Mildred Schnoll Wasserman: Friday, Jan. 10, Tevet 13
Observed by the congregation

**B'nai
Mitzvah
at
CEEW**

2020
LIA ECKER
Daughter of
Jennifer
and Wes Ecker
April 4th, 3:30 p.m.

2020
MILO PATZ
Son of Andi and
Tabb Patz
Aug. 16th, 10:30 a.m.

2020
NOAH SULMAN
Son of Aaron
and Cecille Sulman
Nov. 14th, 10:30 a.m.

2021
MOLLY SCHMIDT
Daughter of Loren
and Mark Schmidt
May 8th, 10:30 a.m.



DINING GROUP: The group returns to Mitchell's Fish Market in Brookfield at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25th. One reviewer wrote, "Wonderful meal, wonderful server, wonderful occasion." For more information or to RSVP, contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 4 Tevet New Year's Day	2 5 Tevet	3 6 Tevet Soup-er Shabbat, 5:45 p.m. at Temple Cantor-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple (Church group to attend.)	4 7 Tevet Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Vayigash	
5 8 Tevet Welcome Back to School Breakfast, and class, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Exploring Judaism class, 1 p.m. at Temple	6 9 Tevet	7 10 Tevet Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Sisterhood Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	8 11 Tevet Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Book Club, 1:30 p.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	9 12 Tevet	10 13 Tevet Ann Meyers, Mike Cummings-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple Deadline for February Bulletin content	11 14 Tevet Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Vayechi	
12 15 Tevet Religious School, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Exploring Judaism class, 1 p.m. at Temple	13 16 Tevet Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	14 17 Tevet Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	15 18 Tevet Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	16 19 Tevet	17 20 Tevet Special Cantor-led Shabbat service that includes Israel travelogue, 7 p.m. at Temple	18 21 Tevet Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple Adult Ed program: dinner and movie, 5:30 p.m. at Temple  Shemot	
19 22 Tevet Religious School, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Exploring Judaism class, 1 p.m. at Temple	20 23 Tevet	21 24 Tevet Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	22 25 Tevet Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	23 26 Tevet	24 27 Tevet Mike Cummings- led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	25 28 Tevet Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple Dining Group, 5:30 p.m. at Mitchell's in Brookfield  Va'era	
26 29 Tevet Religious School, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Exploring Judaism class, 1 p.m. at Temple	27 1 Shevat	28 2 Shevat Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	29 3 Shevat Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	30 4 Shevat	31 5 Shevat Cantor-led Educators Shabbat, 7 p.m. at Temple (Church group to attend.)		

JAN. 10TH: DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR THE CEEW FEBRUARY 2020 BULLETIN