



# Kol Emanu-El

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The number of years  
**ADRIAN RICHFIELD**  
has been a member of  
CEEW. Adrian is  
our Volunteer of the  
Month.

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### DATES OF NOTE

#### Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

Soup-er Shabbat  
6 p.m., at Temple  
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#### Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

Jewish Life Class  
10 a.m., at Temple  
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#### Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

8th-grade service  
7 p.m., at Temple

#### Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

Jewish spirituality,  
7 p.m., at Temple  
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#### Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Latke Dinner  
6 p.m., at Temple  
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#### Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Intergenerational  
Chanukah program,  
featuring popular  
musician Lil' Rev  
9:45 a.m., at Temple  
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## SANDY SMALL HONORED: SISTERHOOD SELECTS WOMAN OF VALOR / PAGE 9

*There were bubbes, zeydees, boychicks and a meeskait  
learning a bissel of **YIDDISH**. There was so much  
naches that guests were ready to plotz. **FERSHTAY?***

**Haymish atmosphere  
at Temple on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  
for YIDDISH NIGHT.  
You'd be meshuggina  
to miss the next one**

By Adrian Richfield



Henry Sapoznik,  
Director of the  
Mayrent  
Institute for  
Yiddish  
Culture in Madi-  
son, delighted  
the crowd on  
Yiddish Night at  
CEEW.

**P**hil Musickant has fond memories of growing up with Yiddish all around him. That prompted him to dream up what turned into our Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Yiddish Night. And boy did he have a good idea. We all *kvelled* about the evening.

Approximately 40 people attended and brought their favorite Yiddish foods, including three types of meatball dishes, chicken soup with matzo balls, chopped liver, gefilte fish, several types of lox, kugels like you've never seen and wonderful desserts.

The program following dinner included Yiddish songs by Marsha Fensin, Cantor Martin, Rabbi Levi Emmer of the Milwaukee Jewish Home and Yiddish expert Henry Sapoznik, Director of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The *shtick* concluded with more wonderful Yiddish songs played by the temple band and sung by Mike Kotkin.

Yiddish Night was presented as part of our Adult Education program, and organized by the Adult Education Committee.

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### OUR LEADERS' THOUGHTS

**CANTOR DEBORAH  
MARTIN**  
Spiritual Leader

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**PHIL  
MUSICKANT**  
Principal

"I read long ago that, when you have problems, the best thing to do is help someone else."

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**ANN  
MEYERS**  
President

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**LET CANTOR MARTIN 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 [spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org) or 608-698-4363.

**CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN** / *From our Spiritual Leader's desk*



## LET US WAKE WITH LISTENING HEARTS

**A**fter an incredibly warm and beautiful fall season, I sit here knowing that the winter will indeed be hitting us in full swing very soon.

We shared a beautiful Thanksgiving season and an interfaith service with the members of BEGIN (Brookfield / Elm Grove Interfaith Network). We now settle into our cold season, looking forward to the holidays and vacations and cold-weather sports.

Some animals, like bears, go into hibernation. Although we humans stay awake, we do have the opportunity to slow down a bit and relax more. We can watch movies, read books, and perhaps, connect to your and/or your spouse's or partner's Jewish roots.

To help you with this, I will be leading some classes and programs.

**On Sundays, December 4<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10 to 11 a.m.**, I will be leading a class on **how to live a Jewish life** in our hectic world and lifestyle today. We will focus on the basics of Judaism, Holidays, music, customs and life cycles. Feel free to bring questions with you. This class is for everyone, regardless of knowledge, and will be very interactive so that people can share their experiences of what makes them feel that they are living Jewish lives. I hope to see you there.

We will have our **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade classes leading services on Friday night, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. On Friday night, December 16<sup>th</sup>, our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-grade class will be leading services in a *Chanukat hasiddur* – ("dedication of the prayer book") a dedication service celebrating their formal start of Hebrew learning. They will receive their *siddur* (prayer book) that they will use for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We will also have a **latke dinner** on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m., followed by the service at 7 p.m.**

**On Tuesday evening, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.**, I will be presenting a program on **Jewish spirituality and meditation**. I have been fascinated with the mystical teachings of the Kabbalah, and



although I am certainly not a scholar on this subject, I will explain some of the basic concepts of it and we will end the class by my leading you in some guided meditations focused on Jewish values.

**On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have an Intergenerational Chanukah program highlighting Lil' Rev at 11 a.m.** Lil' Rev has delighted our congregants before, so don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Chanukah with a lively program and lots of food (what's Chanukah without *latkes*?), fun and *dreidel* playing. This will be free to members, and a \$5 fee per non-member (\$18 maximum for families), so invite your friends to join us.

This year is one of those unusual years where **Chanukah begins with the first candle on Christmas Eve on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**. While I feel there is no reason for the overlap of the two holidays to cause difficulties in interfaith families, I can also imagine that, in rare cases, a difficulty might arise. Any such difficulty should be worked out in generous, thoughtful and celebratory ways.

If you need some ideas or help in figuring out any of that, please feel free to

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 a.m.**

**Intergenerational Chanukah celebration with food, music, dreidel playing and a 10:45 a.m. musical performance by Lil' Rev (left). Free for CEEW members, \$5 for non-members (\$18 per family).**

**RSVP to Cantor Martin:**  
[spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org)  
**or to Principal Phil Musickant:**  
[principal@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:principal@waukeshatemple.org)

contact me. Last month's interfaith session discussed these very issues and I still have some materials from the class.

I also want to mention that we have finally ended a very difficult campaign season. Some of you are happy about the results, and some are not. However, we cannot look back into the past or complain about things that cannot be changed. What is most important right now is to work towards the future to help our country heal from it.

**In an article in Reform Judaism, Rabbi Zoë Klein** reminded us of an excerpt from Kings 1, chapter 3, verse 9: When God offered King Solomon anything he wished, King Solomon asked for one thing only: **"Give me a listening heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?"** King Solomon showed the greatness of a truly wonderful leader. He did not ask for power, for wealth or even for wisdom, although his answer to God certainly showed us that he already had that. A

**CANTOR** – Please continue on page 10





**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SYNAGOGUE:** We are looking for a few volunteers to assist Cantor Martin with various tasks. Contact Marcy Hotz at 414-507-4110 or [administrator@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:administrator@waukeshatemple.org).

**"Volunteering brings a special feeling to your soul that one is not able to describe but only able to feel."**

- Adrian Richfield

## VOLUNTEER *of the* MONTH

**V**olunteering is ingrained deep inside **ADRIAN RICHFIELD**. "I grew up with the idea of volunteerism and helping others from my family, especially my mother who was always volunteering, especially with her Jewish causes; Hadassah and synagogue activities," Ady said. "My father also did some volunteering (including Meals on Wheels).

"Although I did some volunteer work when working, once I retired (from teaching), there was so much more time to allow for this sort of work."

Her parents belonged to Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun. "When I moved my parents to this area, my mother made contact with Mary Schuman about coming for Passover and the High Holidays. We also came to a few services. I became interested in becoming a member and exploring my Jewish roots more than I had in the past. Rabbi (Steve) Adams officiated at both my parents' funerals, and he knew them both from past relationships. Thus, the connection was made."

And what a connection it's been. "I have become an active member and enjoy participating in the many activities, services and holidays that are offered at CEEW," Ady said.

Her most satisfying experience has been working on the Adult Education Committee — she and Elaine Goldberg are co-chairs. "(The committee) always has good ideas and programs combined with educational speakers," she said. "Because of the many special interest programs here, it has become a very active synagogue."

She also takes satisfaction from the role she plays with Temple landscaping.

"The building inside and out deserves to be well taken care of, and this can only be done with volunteers," she said.

Ady counts off many benefits to volunteering, including: "There is something about the comradeship and fellowship of working with others for others."



Elaine Goldberg photo

Adrian Richfield posed at the New York Botanical Garden on a recent trip.

### Nominate congregants for Volunteers of the Month

It's easy to do: Congregants should email temple administrator Marcy Hotz at [administrator@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:administrator@waukeshatemple.org) with nominations from the large pool of people who volunteer their time, their effort and their expertise for the good of our synagogue. Perhaps include why they are worthy candidates.

The Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month, at which time a name will be pulled from a basket to be honored that month.

### CEEW HONOREES 2016

**Nate and Elly Kraines**  
**Phil and Mary Schuman**  
**Mark and Cindy Levy**  
**Adrian Richfield**

"I would tell every member it is absolutely their responsibility to find some way and some job or committee to volunteer for here at CEEW in order to fulfill their membership to this synagogue," Ady continued. "Just paying your dues and saying you are a member is not enough. Supporting CEEW

### Ady's Activities

#### CEEW

- ◆ On the Temple board for a second two-year term (secretary for the first term on the board; member-at-large the second term)
- ◆ Bulletin co-editor for several years
- ◆ Coordinator of the CEEW Book Club for several years
- ◆ Member of the Library Committee that purchased new furniture for the room
- ◆ Co-Chair of the Adult Education Committee for three years
- ◆ Worked on the unofficial Landscaping Committee for the outside improvements of the building
- ◆ Worked on recent grant applications for outside funding for CEEW as part of the Grant-Writing Committee

#### COMMUNITY

- ◆ Volunteer at Waukesha Literacy Council (tutoring English as a second language) and at HAWS animal shelter
- ◆ Tutors high school and elementary school children in Waukesha
- ◆ Provides rides for clients at Waukesha Interfaith

financially is essential, but supporting the inner workings, committees, board, school and our Spiritual Leader is what makes CEEW a special place.

"And along the way, they will find so much more meaning and spirituality in their life. It should be part of who we are as Jews."



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

**PHIL MUSICKANT / From the Principal's desk**



## Chanukah celebrates a victory, so make a difference

I read long ago that, when you have problems, the best thing to do is help someone else. I was reminded of this when visiting a rehab center where a colleague was recovering from surgery on her leg. She told me that she tried to talk to everyone else there, to try to make them feel better!

**Continuing the theme of making a difference, in December the school has its Toy and Winter Clothing Drive. Through Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting gently used or new toys (unwrapped) and new and lightly used coats, hats, mittens, boots, scarves, etc.** These will go to support the Waukesha Women's Center and the Hope Center. Our efforts are in honor Jeri Phillips (obm), a long-time synagogue member who was a founder of the Women's Center. Both centers are located on the east side of Waukesha.

**On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m., the religious school will prepare for Chanukah, which will begin on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup>.** Come join the students as we get ready for Chanukah with songs, candle-lighting, games and more. One spe-

cial part of our preparation for Chanukah will be the return of Lil' Rev, who will bring his talents and enthusiasm to our celebration. The word *Chanukah* means "dedication," and comes from the same Hebrew root as the word "*chinuch*" (education).

One way to show dedication to Jewish education and Judaism is to improve your Hebrew and prayer skills. I would like to emphasize that anyone can learn Hebrew if they just spend 10 minutes each day practicing the *Alefbet* and building up their skills with the *siddur* (prayer book). With the cold, dark days of winter so near, now is the time to sit with your children or to practice on your own for a few minutes before bed. That is how I sat with Hannah and Aaron — just a few minutes each night — starting with the *Alefbet* and then practicing from the *siddur*. Make certain to read out loud so you build up muscle memory. If you need Hebrew materials (any synagogue member), please let me know.

**On Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m., the synagogue will hold its annual Latke Dinner (you must let Mary Schuman know if**

**you are coming for dinner) and Chanukat HaSiddur service. Please let Mary Schuman (262-367-6719) know if you are coming for dinner.** Come celebrate Chanukah at the synagogue and join with the third- and fourth-grade students as they receive their prayer books!

**And, on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in the Friday night service. Please join the students.**

In this season of light, bring light into your home by making a Shabbat dinner, bring light to the synagogue by attending services, and bring light to the lives of others in these tough times by bringing toys and clothes for those who have less. **Our children receive no greater education than the example we set when we dedicate ourselves to making the world a better place.** And, speaking of that, I want to thank everyone for making the Volunteer Day in November a wonderful success.

Finally, our observance of Chanukah celebrates our victory over the tyrant Antiochus IV and his brutal followers, the Syrian Greeks. Antiochus was the descendant of one of the generals of Alexander the Great. The Maccabees fought against a leader who was filled with hate and against those who followed him out of ignorance and prejudice. They hated those who were different — the Jews. They had no tolerance for that difference.

Judaism teaches us to care for the fallen and for those among us who are different (thus we had a joint event with the Brookfield mosque). The Yom Kippur service warns us against xenophobia, that shunning and rejecting of those who are different. That response to difference should be unacceptable to Jews. We were shunned. We were rejected. We were the victims of hatred and violence, and we each should espouse values that draw us closer and with compassion to all of our neighbors, to all of G-d's children. Justice, justice shall we pursue as we set out to accomplish acts of *Tikkun Olam*, as we set out to repair the world.

**Chag Chanukah Sameach!**

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**DON'T FORGET FOOD BIN:** We are reminded that if each of us brings a food item for the Waukesha Food Pantry each time we come to temple, the bin could be overflowing.

## תודה רבה

### Todah Rabbah – Many Thanks to . . .

- **Deb Hacker**, who made chicken knedlach soup, and **Judy Schneider**, who made lentil soup, for the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Soup-er Shabbat coordinated by **Mari-Claire Zimmerman**. Many people brought other food to share.
- **Marcy Hotz** and **Phil Musickant**, who coordinated Volunteer Day on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, and all the congregants who helped clean up the synagogue, inside and outside that day.
- Many of our **sixth- through eighth-graders, their teachers and aides**, who helped rake leaves, sweep and clean gutters at mobile homes of the elderly on Volunteer Day. "It was a pleasure to watch the students help those who, by age and incapacity, could not clean around their own homes," Principal Phil Musickant said.
- **Norm Kukuk**, who fixed our Sukkah after it was damaged.
- **Ann Meyers**, synagogue president, for teaching a class on the basics of Judaism.

#### JEWS & MUSLIMS

**Cindy Levy**, the program host, and **other members of the Adult Education Committee** who helped with our program, "Comparison of Prayer," held jointly with the Brookfield mosque. And thanks to **all those who brought food**.



Elaine Goldberg photo

We welcomed Imam Noman Hussain from the Brookfield mosque at the Adult Ed's Comparison of Prayer on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.

- **Judy Shabman**, who did the dishes after the consecration service dinner.
- **All who brought food** for the dinner on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> following a Veterans / Family

Shabbat service.

- **All those involved** with the spaghetti dinner on New Members Shabbat held Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **The parents and teachers** of our kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade students, who brought food for the potluck dinner Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> held prior to the class service. Special thanks to **Phil Musickant** for his chicken, **the Replogle family** that provided short ribs and **the Sulman family** that provided a brisket.
- **Members of teacher Lori Fisher's 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade class**, who created a wonderful bulletin board for Jewish Book Month.
- **Sisterhood**, which brought in Carroll University political science professor **Lilly Goren** to analyze the November election.
- The crew for the Sukkah takedown that included **Phil Musickant; Andi, Tabb, Milo and Esme Patz; Aaron, Noah and Jonah Sulman; John Hirsch** and his daughter **Natalie; Rick Loeffler; Mark Levy**; and **Judy and Jeff Shabman**.

#### YIDDISH NIGHT

**Phil Musickant**, who was host for the Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Yiddish Night at CEEW. And Adult Education Committee co-chairs **Elaine Goldberg** and **Adrian Richfield**, along with **others** who helped with the event and brought food.

The **Temple Band**, which included congregants **Mark Levy** and **Mike Kotkin**, performed at the event, while **Phil, Cantor Deborah Martin, Marsha Fensin, Rabbi Levi Emmer** and **Henry Sapoznik**, director of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture on UW-Madison's campus, added to the night's schtick.

#### BOOKS

**Everyone** who donated English-language books for children/teens that are being sent to Israel.

## Our annual LATKE PARTY

**Friday, Dec. 16th**

**RSVP:** to Mary Schuman (mschuman@prodigy.net or 262-367-6719)

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Where:** Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

**To be provided:** Lotsa Latkes

**To bring:** Side dish or dessert to share



As part of the evening, the third / fourth / fifth-grade Religious School class (teacher Ilene Jauquet) will be participating in the 7 p.m. Shabbat service.



**WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TEMPLE:** A copy of the Temple calendar is kept on the Temple website as up-to-date as possible so members and prospective members can see what's going on. If you are interested in scheduling a Temple event, please contact Administrator Marcy Hotz at 262-547-7180 or [administrator@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:administrator@waukeshatemple.org).

**ANN MEYERS** / *From our President*

## WE BELONG TO CEEW FOR VARIOUS REASONS



**J**ust for fun, this month let's play with some existential questions. First up: Why are we here? By this I mean, why are we here at CEEW, members of this small Jewish community in southeastern Wisconsin? Each of us has a different answer to this question. The answer could be related to geography ("I live and work here; it's closest to my home."); or a matter of preference ("We like a small, more intimate temple."); or a pragmatic one ("My parents / my spouse and I want our children to become b'nai mitzvah and have a Jewish education."); one of identity ("I am Jewish and believe I should be part of a Jewish community.") or spirituality ("I feel close to God when I pray with other Jews").

What is the purpose of our community? It's stated in our bylaws:

*"...to teach and perpetuate Judaism; to provide religious services; to provide and maintain facilities for all the requirements of the traditions of our faith and for the social needs of our membership; to cultivate a love and understanding of the Jewish heritage; and to stimulate fellowship in the Jewish community."*

What are our values? That's a bit trickier, but I'll try to articulate them based on our actions: love of Torah, love for learning, inclusiveness of all members their families, respect for all, integrity of leadership, a sense of community, *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world). Defining these is a task that can be interesting to undertake from time to time.

That last value — *Tikkun Olam* — is also our purpose as human beings on earth, according to our Reform Jewish

tradition. Through this mitzvah we care for nature, perform acts of kindness and care for each other as human beings. In this way, we act as God's partners and bring God into the world. As I often say, God doesn't speak from burning bushes anymore; God is made known through our heads, hearts and hands.

Nowhere on this list is politics listed as a reason for being at CEEW. That's why it's a pleasure for me to greet all members of our CEEW family, including those whom I know have other political beliefs than I do. It's not why we've attached ourselves to the community. Other, more noble reasons are our purpose for affiliating.

On a different note, everyone — Board of Trustees, Cantor Martin, Principal Phil Musickant and Temple members — must work together to increase our membership as a good way to strengthen our community and also to ease our financial stress.

If you would like to help in a direct way in this effort by working on a Temple committee, please contact me. Even small, short-term tasks can help. Mentioning us to friends can help elevate our visibility to unaffiliated families in the area. The Membership / Outreach Committee would like to hear from you. Contact me and I'll connect you with them. There's work to do in this area.

*Chanukah sameach:* Happy Chanukah! It's almost here. Enjoy your latkes and *sufganiot* (round jelly doughnuts traditional at Chanukah) and the twinkle of candles and delight in our children's eyes starting with the first light at sundown on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

## MAZEL TOV

### ANNIVERSARY

- **Mark and Cindy Levy** celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

### BIRTHDAYS

- **Marsha Fensin** will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Natalie Hirsch**, daughter of John Hirsch and Tracey Buckner, will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Clara Jones**, daughter of Cresta and Scott Jones, will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Alice Lambie** will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Phil Musickant** will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ed Weiss** will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Alexandra and Bridgette Youso**, twin daughters of

Karyn Youso, will celebrate their birthdays on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

### EDUCATION

- Members of teacher **Lori Fisher's** 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade class did an excellent job at their class service on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Students were **Henry Cornale**, **Emerson Kukuk**, **Carter Lewis**, **Esme Patz** and **Noah Replogle**.
- The consecration Torah recipients were **Julia Christian**, daughter of Elizabeth Hamlin and Christopher Christian; **Zachary Hootkin**, son of Stacie and Aaron Hootkin; **Noah Replogle**, son of Karen and Jacob Replogle; and **Jonah Sulman**, son of Cecille and Aaron Sulman.

### RELOCATION

- **Alice Lambie** moved into a new home.

Share with the congregation all the wonderful things happening in your family. Send info to: [temple-news@hotmail.com](mailto:temple-news@hotmail.com)  
(Sponsor an oneg to celebrate a special event by signing up on the social hall door or by contacting Marcy Hotz at [Marcyh@wi.rr.com](mailto:Marcyh@wi.rr.com))





**MIDRASH CLASSES ON WEDNESDAYS:** All adults are welcome to join in the weekly classes. They run from 10:30 a.m. to noon most Wednesdays. Contact Cantor Martin for more information.

## OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

By Adrian Richfield – From Notes Taken By  
Board Secretary Sandy Small

- Sandra Small was approved as secretary for the upcoming year.
- There are 30 students currently enrolled in Religious School.
- Sisterhood provided a \$2,000 grant for the security doors.
- The Endowment Committee met with a local attorney to continue plans for this committee.

## NOVEMBER BOARD NOTES

By Joe Dailey – From Notes Taken By  
Board Secretary Sandy Small

- Cantor Martin reported on the new B'nai Mitzvah handbook.
- Principal Phil Musickant reported that our Religious School has 29 enrolled students.
- Security Committee Chair Marc Schneider requested a change in budgeting so that future budgets would include a line item for Temple security, one that would go beyond budgeting simply for the armed security guards at High Holidays.
- A policy that a parent may opt out of the publication of a child's photograph in external publications was adopted.
- The Board decided that — in order to facilitate donations of money to our food drive — we should employ a tzedakah box and inform members that we are encouraging donations of money as well as donations of food.



## SOUP-ER SHABBAT

**6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### PLEASE ENJOY THE SOUPS

Mari-Claire Zimmerman (beef vegetable) and Phil Musickant will provide the soups.

### PLEASE BRING FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY

A dish to share — either meat or dairy, but labeled as such. Any dish that is parve, vegetarian or vegan should be labeled accordingly.

### PLEASE NOTE

Anything that includes nuts should be labeled because of food allergies.

### PLEASE HELP; IT'S ALWAYS APPRECIATED

One volunteer is needed with set-up at 5 p.m. Three volunteers are needed for clean-up at 6:45 p.m. so everyone can enjoy the 7 p.m. service led by Cantor Martin.

### WHAT

Dining and fellowship

### WHERE

The CEEW social hall (featuring new chairs)

### WHEN

6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(followed by 7 p.m. service led by Cantor Martin)

### WHO

Everyone welcome: old, young and in between; families encouraged to attend.

### RSVP

With number attending and what dish you are bringing to share by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to Mari-Claire Zimmerman  
(wzimmerman1@wi.rr.com)

Top Right: Cantor Martin chants from the beginning of the Torah as principal Phil Musickant looks on during a Simchat Torah celebration at the synagogue on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lower right: Carrying Torahs around the synagogue are, from left: Briar Rahmes, Mark Levy and Elaine Goldberg.



Joe Dailey photos

Soup-er Shabbat meals are coordinated by **MARI-CLAIRE ZIMMERMAN** (thank you, Mari-Claire)



**DINING GROUP:** The next dining group outing will be held on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Mitchell's at Brookfield Square. For more information or to RSVP, contact Elly Kraines (elly1103@sbcglobal.net).

## SISTERHOOD

**CINDY LEVY and CAROL O'NEIL/ *Sisterhood Co-Presidents***

### SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP HAS MANY BENEFITS

The CEEW Sisterhood is part of a larger organization known as the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ). The benefits of belonging to WRJ are many, including leadership training, connection to a larger sisterhood of women, speakers and ideas. This year Carol O'Neil had the privilege of attending the WRJ Midwest District Convention in Downer's Grove, IL. The convention was titled "B'reishit: A New Beginning." Its focus was our new beginning for Women of Reform Judaism and a new beginning for 5777.

Women of Reform Judaism has a motto: "Creating our WRJ Community One Woman at a Time." To do this, more than 130 women gathered for the weekend to study, pray and play together. At one dinner, Carol sat with a woman whose daughter is attending Carroll University and was too shy to contact the

Temple. The student now has the latest bulletin and has been invited to attend any service or activity she is interested in, and to bring friends!

Meetings included ideas for programming, and Carol discovered that the CEEW Sisterhood is doing a great job with both our numbers and physical space.

"Finding and Working with Volunteers" reminded Carol to call and ask, thank and thank, and give public credit to those who help. In addition, a little chocolate doesn't hurt.

"Engaging Young Members" presented by a millennial provided insight into what the younger generation needs to become involved. Carol was told to use social media, to not inform too far ahead, to provide childcare, to utilize their unique skills, be flexible, and to try to work membership into attendance at special

programs. "Chai Mitzvah" at [www.wrj.org](http://www.wrj.org) is a program to express gratitude, something so many of us need to work on.

Friday night services were held at Congregation Etz Chaim of DuPage County, and a very rousing and spiritual morning Shabbat service was run by our members.

On Saturday, our own Sandra Small was presented a Women of Valor award for the outstanding work she has done for the CEEW Sisterhood.

Carol's takeaway is that she would like to challenge all the women members of the congregation to make one small baby step toward membership in our local Sisterhood, our women's organization. This might include attending one program per year, volunteering for one activity, and/or participating in our Tikkun Olam projects.

### SISTERHOOD NEWS & NOTES

#### Gift Shop provides Chanukah needs

By Carol O'Neil

The Hanukkah Gift shop will be opened all religious school Sundays or by appointment in December. The shop will also be open on Friday nights during Souper Shabbat. You will find your Hanukkah needs: candles, decorations, small gifts, dreidels and more.

The gift shop currently has four consigners and is featuring their jewelry, clay pots and flower arrangements — ideal for gift giving.

Thanks, go to Karen Replogle, Sarah Rahmes, Michel Thouati, Mary Pat Farrell and Betsy Zollicoffer, who have volunteered, trained and scheduled volunteer dates in the shop. Thanks also goes out to Karen, who had ordered candles.

#### Many thanks for everyone's help with Community Days

By Sandy Small

Community Days event coordinator

Sisterhood had a very successful Community Days event thanks to all who purchased the coupon booklets, and the team who worked on the event. The proceeds will be used to help provide our Temple with numerous programs and projects for our Sunday school and congregants. Thanks to the Sisterhood members who made this year's Community Days fundraiser a success: June Kulakow, Sandy Villa, Carol O'Neil, Marcia Kasza, Marsha Fensin, and our treasurer, Barb Dailey. Thanks to our congregation, and the support of our CEEW Board of Directors.

### SAVE THE DATES

**MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>: Sisterhood Deli Dinner and Auction**

**MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>: Sisterhood Shabbat Service**





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

## SISTERHOOD

### SISTERHOOD WOMAN OF VALOR AWARDS / *by Sandy Small: 2016 Honoree*

The traditional "Woman of Valor" comes from Proverbs 31. In Hebrew, a "Woman of Valor" is *Eshet Chayl*. In the past, it was customary for a husband to recite a poem expressing thanks to his wife. His appreciation was expressed at the end of each week. The poem was limited to all his wife had done for her husband and family throughout the past week. The poem began with: "*An accomplished woman, who can find? Her worth is far above jewels.*"

Customs of the past are expressed in a different way today. The "Women of Valor" today are women of value. They are of value to their families, sisterhoods, congregations, communities, Judaism and the world. They are honored and valued by the WRJ Midwest District and the Sisterhoods they represent. The

achievement award is presented at the Kavod luncheon at the Midwest District Convention. The honorees are women who are active in their Sisterhoods, their congregations and their communities.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Sisterhood Board of Directors and the WRJ gave me the honor of being awarded a "Woman of Valor." I feel privileged to receive this honor, and thank my fellow board "Sisters" for the nomination. Alice Lambie also received this award in 2014. Alice founded our Sisterhood in 2010, and served as president. Cynthia Levy received this award in 2015, and is presently our Sisterhood co-president. It's an honor to join Alice and Cindy as "Women of Valor."

The "Woman of Valor" award gives me an opportunity to express appreciation

for the privilege of serving on our Sisterhood Board of Directors as parliamentarian. As Sisterhood members we come from different backgrounds and different experiences. Although there are times we have various opinions on the multitude of Sisterhood projects, we always come together in friendship and unity to serve our congregation in many ways — too many to mention here.



### POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS, WITH LILLY GOREN / *by Cindy Levy*

On Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, Lilly Goren, a Political Science Professor at Carroll University, presented an analysis of the 2016 election. Both parties were surprised by the results, she said. No one saw the results coming. Although not an expert on polling, Dr. Goren explained the scientific process of developing poll results, and just how wrong all of the polls could be. There were many factors, including the number of polls available (sources are typically universities and newspapers) and the mathematical models (based off of prior years). Neither the universities nor the newspapers had great resources to perform the polling, and the demographics of the vote proved to invalidated both the data and the model.

The most surprising things were who voted, who didn't and how. Overall there were fewer people voting than in the 2012 election, and many who voted didn't vote for the top of the ticket. Donald Trump worked on getting a segment of the population out who haven't historically voted, the blue collar rural communities which the RNC worked on getting

out the traditional Republican vote. Together this put the Republican Party ahead.

Dr. Goren also talked about the effect of the voter ID laws, which did seem to have some effect with young voters. First-time voters are always hesitant on getting it wrong, and without a family of traditional voters, many chose not to go to the polls in fear that they would be turned away. For Jews, this may seem an odd deterrent, as the percentage of Jews that vote is disproportionately higher than any other



Political science Professor Lilly Goren, of Carroll University is a long-time student of the American presidency.

segment of the population. (Our Parents taught us well!)

And then there is the Electoral College. This is a system unique to the United States and concocted when the United States decided it wanted more than just a legislative branch of government. Dr. Goren explained that our Forefathers wanted a monarch, but not with absolute power, and through a committee developed the concept of the Electoral College.

This quirky system allows a presidential candidate to win the Electoral College, but not the popular vote. It equalizes states, and essentially discriminates against larger states. To get rid of this system would require a constitutional amendment. So, chances are this will never happen.

The program was well attended both by Sisterhood members and others. The program started with brownie ice cream sundaes, because the Sisterhood felt that everyone needed something to make us happy after such a divisive election. Thanks to Carol O'Neil and Marcia Kasza for organizing the refreshments.



**REFORM JUDAISM LINK:** An electronic version of the bi-monthly magazine *Reform Judaism* is available. The magazine, a leading voice in the discussion of Jewish life, can be accessed at [www.reformjudaism.org](http://www.reformjudaism.org). It no longer comes in print format.

## ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

# SPIRITUALITY

## WHAT IT IS, HOW JEWS CAN ACHIEVE IT

*Learn about Kabbalah, meditation*

**WHEN**  
Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

**TIME**  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**WHERE**  
CEEW

Come join us in what promises to be an educational, interesting and fascinating evening of Jewish education.



Cantor Deborah Martin will explore how we can become more spiritual in today's hectic, technology-driven and often stressful world by discussing Jewish spirituality, what it is and how to achieve it.

She also will give a brief introduction about Kabbalah, a form of Jewish mysticism that is very ancient and not known to many people.

After a lecture, discussion and question period about these topics, she will lead guided meditations that focus on Jewish values.

## ANOTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FROM CANTOR MARTIN

Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-11 a.m. At CEEW

Cantor Martin will explore living a Jewish life in a modern world. It will include discussion of Jewish holidays, customs and lifecycles.

## Digging into a man's work



Professor Yosef Garfinkel, an Israeli archeologist, came to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> for an informal talk about his excavation work in Israel. From 2007 to 2013, he excavated at Khirbet Qeiyafa, a small, then unknown site located in the Valley Elah, the Valley of David and Goliath.

## CANTOR – Continued from page 2

leader who listens to his people, will respond by trying to answer them and work for them.

So I finish my article with this beautiful prayer that Rabbi Klein has given us:

*May the new leader of the free world be blessed with a listening heart. A heart that listens to the pain of a divided people. A heart that listens for commonalities. A heart that listens to those whose voices are tiny and soft. A heart that listens for the weeping at the margins. A heart that listens to the dreams of the poor, the hopes of the young, and the faint prayer of the dying. A heart that listens to the call of the earth and the haunting song of the sea. A heart that listens past language, dialects and differences to the very pulse of humanity. A heart that listens to the resounding message of history. A heart that listens to the spirits of our ancestors and the hum of the future. A heart that listens to you and listens to me and hears the mysterious harmonies that are so often hidden from us.*

*May we all be blessed with listening hearts, and step into tomorrow together with a commitment to hear one another. To receive each other's presence with hearts that are open and compassionate. With hearts that listen to one another's fears. With hearts that listen to one another's devotion. With hearts that listen to one another's achievements. With hearts that listen to one another's disappointments. With hearts that listen to one another's beauty. With hearts that listen to one another's goodness. With hearts that listen to one another's pride. Let us step into tomorrow with our hearts channeling Solomon's gift. With our hearts attuned to one another's precious and unique music, and learn to sing in harmony.*

*God, let us wake with listening hearts, and let the circle of compassion widen enough to include the vast and diverse American family, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

*Bless us, that we may bless each other. Amen.*

I conclude by offering my blessings to CEEW and to every congregant and their families and friends on this season of light. May the candles of Chanukah brighten your homes and your hearts with the message of peace and joy. *Chag Sameach*, have a very happy holiday of Chanukah.





**NICE TO SEE:** Freesia Bornstein, who will become a Bat Mitzvah next year, read a prayer during the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Friday night service ... Dave Carnale and his son Henry, a member of our 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade class, attended Yiddish Night on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. ... Two of our teens, Natalie Hirsch and Ruth Gacek, took part at the BEGIN Thanksgiving service on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

# YIDDISH NIGHT



Among those entertaining us on Yiddish Night on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> were, clockwise from above: Cantor Martin, Marsha Fensin, the Temple band, Rabbi Levi Emmer and Mike Kotkin.



## New way to give to our food drive

By Joe Dailey

Our board has made it just a little easier for us to support our on-going food drive. Now, if we would prefer to give money to the effort, we can simply place that money in the blue tzedakah box hanging on our northern wall near the sanctuary entrance.

We have come from a long tradition of generosity to those in need. Let us open our hands to them as well as we can, and let us work hard to teach our

children that tradition. We are reminded:

- \* "Give graciously, cheerfully, and sympathetically." — Maimonides
- \* "He who closes his ear against the cry of the poor will himself one day call and not be heard." — (based on) Proverbs (Mishle)
- \* "Who disregards charity is as one that serves idols." — Talmud, Ketubot
- \* "One mitzva (good deed) leads to another, just as one aveirah (sin) leads to another." — Sayings of the Fathers
- \* "Charity and loving-kindness intercede greatly and promote peace between Israel and their Father in Heaven." — Eleazar b. Jose, Tosefta: Peah
- \* "Help the poor, for you may not know what the day will bring forth, and the wheel revolves!" — N. Amram
- \* "The highest level of charity is to help others help themselves." — Maimonides

## WELCOME CEEW'S 2015-16 NEW MEMBERS

Daniel and Jennifer  
**BAUMANN**

Elizabeth **HAMLIN** &  
Christopher **CHRISTIAN**

Marie  
**LOEFFLER**

Marcia  
**KASZA**

Karen and Jacob  
**REPLOGLE**

Heather  
**ROSE**

David  
**RUBENSTEIN**

Marc and Judy  
**SCHNEIDER**

Laurie  
**SCHWARTZ**

Denise  
**STODOLA**

Sandy  
**VILLA**



**ADULT ED PROGRAM BOOKLET:** If you did not receive a copy on Yom Kippur, they are available in the synagogue lobby. Or contact Adrian Richfield or Elaine Goldberg, the Adult Education Committee's co-chairs.

## Closet Clean-up Day joins Volunteer Day to lessen Temple clutter, help neighbors

By Phil Musickant and Marcy Hotz

### Mitzvahs performed by congregants, students

**O**n Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, two storage areas behind our bimah were cleared out and organized by a cadre of volunteers.

These storage areas have been collecting various items for decades, much of which were no longer used or needed.

Our old prayer books were boxed up and will be either shipped to others who are in need of them, or taken to the Waukesha County jail, which has requested some for Jewish inmates.

Some prayer books will be ritually buried as prescribed by Jewish law. Old CRT monitors, keyboards and other non-working electronic equipment was hauled away by Kelly Goodman, and a truckload of items were delivered to Goodwill by Jim Hotz.

The large trash and recycling containers in our parking lot were FULL.

A few things remain, but will be picked up soon. This includes the organ currently taking up space in the Archive Hall on the upper level, as well as the old

folding chairs and their storage rack on the lower level.

Many thanks to Closet Clean-up volunteers Lee Fensin, Marsha Fensin, Elaine Goldberg, Kelly Goodman, Peggy Goodman, Jim Hotz, Nate Kraines, Cantor Deborah Martin, Alan Meyers, Adrian Richfield and Marc Schneider.

In addition, the 6<sup>th</sup>- through 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students went to a neighborhood mobile home park off of Summit and raked, swept and cleaned the gutters of three homes there.

While the students and Lee Fensin, Ann Meyers and Phil Musickant were raking leaves, parents joined in to buff and polish the synagogue, removing scuff marks from all over the synagogue and helping to make the kitchen all shiny, too.

Again, that so many people came out to help make their synagogue nicer and to help others is a testament to the spirit that moves us all.

Phil Musickant organized the Volunteer Day project, and Marcy Hotz coordinated the Closet Clean-up.



Above, from left: Cantor Martin, Nate Kraines, Ady Richfield and Elaine Goldberg work in the area behind the *bimah*. Below: Ady Richfield and Marc Schneider move things out of a storage closet.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Gifts of stock are good way to help synagogue

By Alan Meyers, CEEW Treasurer

**T**here are several tax-deductible opportunities for giving to the Temple. You can donate appreciated stock to the Temple. If you are interested, do not wait until late December; start the process now.

The donation has to be done as a transfer from your broker to the congregation's brokerage account. This process can take a week or longer, depending on how long it takes to get the paperwork filled out.

After you file the paperwork, it is all dependent on the brokers. If the transfer doesn't happen by the end of the year, it won't be deductible this year. Please contact me at [asmeyers@outlook.com](mailto:asmeyers@outlook.com) for more information if you decide to donate stock.

If you are 70½ or older, you have to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your IRA. Congress passed a law that you can make a donation from your IRA to a charity tax-deductible instead of taking a RMD. You cannot send us a check directly; you have to have your IRA custodian send us a check.

There is a story describing it on the Vanguard website:  
<https://personal.vanguard.com/us/insights/article/QDC-RMD-tax-break-122014>.

Disclaimer: We are not tax professionals. Please research this and contact a tax professional as necessary.





**CEEW FORMING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM: The CEEW Security Committee seeks volunteers willing to prepare to be well equipped for a variety of emergencies that could arise at Temple. Contact Marc Schneider (marc\_schneider@earthlink.net).**

# A GATHERING OF FAITH

## Jews, Muslims come together in prayer, dialog

By Joe Dailey, Elaine Goldberg, Cindy Levy and Adrian Richfield

**I**t was the call to prayer, the call that had been heard by Muslims five times a day throughout the centuries.

It was the fourth call of the day, but this call was intoned not in a mosque but in a synagogue.

Jews, Muslims and others had gathered to pray and to talk about prayer at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha. It was late on Shabbat, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, so the evening began with a Havdalah service.

Soon after the extinguishing of the Havdalah candle marked the end of Shabbat, the muezzin intoned the call to prayer and 14 Muslims — led by Shaykh Noman Hussain, the imam of the congregation of Masjid Al-Noor — prayed for the fourth time that day. (Masjid Al-Noor is also known as the Brookfield Mosque. *Al-noor* means light in Arabic. One surah (a chapter) in the Quran is called “Surah Al-noor.” Some scholars say the light mentioned can be the light of Allah’s guidance for man.)

The gathering marked the third meeting of neighbors from the two faiths. The first came in February of 2015, when Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha was honored to be the first congregation to visit the new Mosque in Brookfield. At that time, both groups were delighted and sometimes surprised to find similarities between Judaism and Islam. Then in September of 2015, members of the Brookfield Mosque visited CEEW during the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, and new commonalities were discovered and more traditions were explored.

Elaine Goldberg was “incredibly moved” as members of Masjid Al-Noor prayed at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha. “It was miraculous,” she said as she wondered about how many times in the history of the two religions similar sharing had ever taken place. She was both pleased and grateful that the relationship had grown between the two communities.



Watching Muslims pray in our sanctuary was a moving experience for some congregants.



Cantor Martin and Shaykh Hussain provided a history and explanation of parts of a prayer service in

A lovely meal provided by both congregations followed the prayer services. Members of both faiths sat together and enjoyed forging new friendships. Dishes like falafel, pita, hummus, tabbouleh and seasoned rice were familiar to everyone, and there were also new foods to try, things like blintz soufflé, kugel, cheese and spinach samosas.

At one table two nurses enjoyed talking to each other about their jobs, and at another table the older generation enjoyed talking to the younger generation about connections and differences. Everyone enjoyed both the delicious food and the company. It was difficult getting everyone back into the sanctuary for the formal program.

Cantor Martin and Shaykh Hussain continued the program with a history and explanation of parts of a prayer service in each tradition. Both Arabic and Hebrew are Semitic languages, and members of both congregations were delighted to hear similar sounds and words. Muslims believe in all of the Jewish prophets, and Cantor Martin pointed out that Abraham is the father of both religions.

Everyone left the program with warm feelings of friendship and a desire to

meet again. Cindy Levy and Bushra Zaibak, the main organizers for their respective congregations, are already planning for the next meeting at the Brookfield mosque in the spring.

The event was organized by the CEEW Adult Education Committee with lots of help from Cantor Martin. The committee is co-chaired by Elaine Goldberg and Adrian Richfield. Other members of the committee, who helped with the organization, were Alice Lambie, Phil Musickant, Marcia Kasza, Diana Stroshine, Sandy Villa and Mari-Claire Zimmerman.

### The call to prayer translated:

God is the greatest (*Allahu akbar*); intoned four times.  
I testify that there is no God but Allah (*Ashhadu anna la ila ill Allah*); intoned twice.  
I testify that Mohammed is God’s Prophet (*Ashhadu anna Muhammadan rasul Allah*); intoned twice.  
Come to prayer (*Hayya alas salah*); intoned twice.  
Come to security/salvation (*Hayya alal falah*); intoned twice.  
God is the greatest (*Allahu akbar*); intoned twice.  
There is no God but Allah (*La ilah ill Allah*); intoned once.



**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP:** If you are aware of a CEEW member who needs a condolence or a get-well card, send an email to Sisterhood Sunshine Committee co-chair Marcia Kasza at [marciackasza@yahoo.com](mailto:marciackasza@yahoo.com).

## Yahrzeits

Kislev / Tevet (December)

**Larry Alpert:** Thursday, Dec. 15, Kislev 15  
*Brother of Carol O'Neil*

**Samuel Evans:** Monday, Dec. 1  
*Father of Alice Lambie*

**Marion Goldberg:** Sunday, Dec. 18  
*Mother of Jack (Elaine) Goldberg*

**Irving Goodman:** Monday, Dec. 19, Kislev 19  
*Husband of Peggy Goodman;  
Father of Kelly (Sheila) Goodman*

**Julius Hahn:** Monday, Dec. 12, Kislev 12  
*Father of Elly (Nate) Kraines*

**Nettie Israel:** Friday, Dec. 9, Kislev 9  
*Mother of Ann Klein*

**Max Kurz:** Tuesday, Dec. 20, Kislev 20  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Clara Levy:** Saturday, Dec. 3  
*Mother of Karen Levy (Peter Lee)*

**Irving Mack:** Sunday, Dec. 4, Kislev 4  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Benny Martin:** Wednesday, Dec. 21, Kislev 21  
*Father of Cantor Deborah Martin*

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.

**Claire Musickant:** Wednesday, Dec. 14  
*Mother of Phil Musickant (Stephanie Astrin)*

**Joseph Pass:** Monday, Dec. 12, Kislev 12  
*Uncle of Deb Pass (David Kneib)*

**June Pass:** Friday, Dec. 9, Kislev 9  
*Mother of Deb Pass (David Kneib)*

**Robert Pincus:** Saturday, Dec. 10, Kislev 10  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Faye Reinherz:** Wednesday, Dec. 21, Kislev 21  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Edward Rudoy:** Wednesday, Dec. 21  
*Father of Marcy (James) Hotz*

**Harry Schnoll:** Wednesday, Dec. 14, Kislev 14  
*Father of Ed Schnoll*

**Dr. Marshall A. Shapiro:** Saturday, Dec. 3  
*Father of Stacie (Aaron) Hootkin*

**Jo Smirl:** Saturday, Dec. 17, Kislev 17  
*Observed by the congregation*

**James Thalman:** Thursday, Dec. 29, Kislev 29  
*Father of Jan (Bill) Lowell*

**Terri Zimmerman:** Saturday, Dec. 3, Kislev 3  
*Sister of Deb Pass (David Kneib)*






## RECENT DONATIONS

Thanks to information provided by Treasurer Alan Meyers – Prior to November 10<sup>th</sup>, the following donations were received by our congregation

- Patricia Andringa, in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- Anonymous, in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- Julie Baum, a Yizkor memorial
- Richard & Susan Brown, a Yizkor memorial
- David Cornale, a donation to the Security Guard Fund
- Michael & Nancy Cummins, a Yizkor memorial, a donation in memory of **Bill Merkow**, and a donation to the Mensch Fund
- Joe & Barbara Dailey in memory of **Bill and Riva Merkow**, a donation to the Prayer Book Fund
- Moira Desch, in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- Lee & Marsha Fensin, a Yizkor memorial
- Jack & Elaine Goldberg, a Yizkor memorial
- Kelly & Sheila Goodman, a Yizkor memorial
- Peggy Goodman, in honor of **Husband Irving**
- Andrah Grothey, in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- Richard Hein, in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- Marcy & James Hotz, a Yizkor memorial
- Cresta & Scott Jones, a donation to the Security Guard Fund
- Michael & Peggy Kotkin, a Yizkor memorial
- Nathan & Elly Kraines, in memory of **Bill Merkow**, and a Yizkor memorial
- Danyelle and Norman Kukuk, a donation to the Security Guard Fund
- Alice Lambie, a Yizkor memorial
- Randy Larson, in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- Karen Levy & Peter Lee, a Yizkor memorial
- Mark & Cindy Levy, a Yizkor memorial in memory **Bette Waite**, a donation in memory of **Bill Merkow**, and a donation to the Mensch Fund
- Carly Loden and David Poulson, in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- Rick Loeffler, in memory of **Bill Merkow**, and a Yizkor memorial
- Deborah Martin, a Yizkor memorial
- Mills Perry, in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- Phillip & Stephanie Musickant, in memory of **Bill Merkow**, and a Yizkor memorial
- Carol O'Neil, a Yizkor memorial
- Andi & Tabb Patz, a donation to the Security Guard Fund
- Karen and Jacob Replogle, a donation to the Security Guard Fund
- Adrian Richfield, a Yizkor memorial
- Bernard & Marie Sandler, a Yizkor memorial
- Frieda & Anthony Rothbaum Sarubbi, a donation to the Mensch Fund
- Judy and Marc Schneider, a donation to the Security Guard Fund
- Peter & Arlene Shelley, a Yizkor memorial
- Mark & Bonnie Siegel, a Yizkor memorial
- Sandra & Marvin Small, a Yizkor memorial
- Sandra Villa, in memory of **Bill Merkow**, and a donation to the Mensch Fund
- Mari-Claire Zimmerman, a Yizkor memorial



**PLEASE DONATE FOR NEW HHD PRAYER BOOKS:** CEEW will be changing to the new High Holy Days prayer book, beginning in 2017. The cost is \$40 per prayer book. Send donations to the Prayer Book Fund, in care of CEEW Treasurer Alan Meyers.

5777 2016		DECEMBER		KISLEV TEVET		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 1 Kislev        <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>	2 2 Kislev  Gift shop open, 6 to 7 p.m. Soup-er Shabbat, 6 p.m. at Temple Cantor Martin-led service begins at 7 p.m.	3 3 Kislev        <b>Toldot</b>
4 4 Kislev  Religious School, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Gift shop open, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish Life class 10 to 11 a.m. Faculty meeting 11:30 a.m.	5 5 Kislev	6 6 Kislev  Sisterhood Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	7 7 Kislev  Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon at temple Book Club at 7 p.m. at Adrian Richfield's home	8 8 Kislev	9 9 Kislev  Cantor Martin-led Eighth-Grade student Shabbat at 6:30 p.m. Oneg sponsored by the parents	10 10 Kislev        <b>Vayeitzei</b>
11 11 Kislev  Religious School, – 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Gift shop open, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Family Bowling at Fracaro Lanes, Waukesha at Noon	12 12 Kislev  Board of Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the temple	13 13 Kislev  Adult Ed program— Jewish Spirituality, Meditation and Kabba- lah – 7 to 8:30 p.m.	14 14 Kislev  Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon at temple	15 15 Kislev	16 16 Kislev  Latke dinner, 6 to 7 p.m. Cantor Martin-led 3rd/4th/5th Grade service begins at 7 p.m. Chanukat HaSiddur service at 7 p.m.	17 17 Kislev        <b>Vayishlach</b>
18 18 Kislev  Religious School, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Chanukah celebration in school with Lil' Rev at 9:45 a.m. Gift shop open, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	19 19 Kislev	20 20 Kislev	21 21 Kislev  Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon at temple	22 22 Kislev	23 23 Kislev  Phil Musickant-led service begins at 7 p.m.	24 24 Kislev       <b>Erev Chanukah</b>   <b>Vayeishev</b>
25 25 Kislev  <b>No Religious School</b>	26 26 Kislev	27 27 Kislev	28 28 Kislev  Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon at temple	29 29 Kislev	30 1 Tevet  Member-led service begins at 7 p.m.	31 2 Tevet       <b>Chanukah</b>   <b>Mikeitz</b>
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## Condolences

The members and staff of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha send deepest condolences to Robert and Judith (nee Blumberg) Kaplan and their family on the passing of their daughter Katie on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at age 29.

Katie grew up in our congregation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Willow Place for Women, 30 Garfield St. Suite A, Asheville, NC 28803, or to the charity of your choice.

May Katie's memory be for a blessing.





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## BOOK CLUB REPORT / By Adrian Richfield

### *Author's storytelling as compelling as ever*

Alice Hoffman has become one of our most prolific and distinguished novelists, and her latest novel, *The Marriage of Opposites*, became an immediate *New York Times* bestseller. The *Library Journal* review called it “lovely and imaginative,” and said that “Hoffman brings into focus the birth of impressionism and the forces that shaped Pissarro’s artistic drive through the complicated, rich, adventure-filled life story of his fiery mother, fueled by her love for her family, her stubborn flaunting of society’s rules and her deep loyalty to her friends.”

There is a surprising Jewish history on the Caribbean island of St. Thomas. Jews from Denmark first arrived on these beaches in the mid-17th century. They were descendants of a Jewish population that had fled Spain during the Inquisition. A Jewish community flourished in the capital city of Charlotte Amalie, which now boasts the Saint Thomas Synagogue and is considered a National Historic Landmark. The synagogue is famous for its sand covered floors, which go back to the

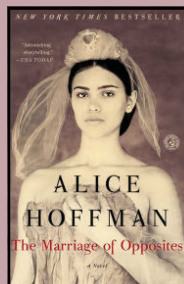
Inquisition-era custom of using sand to muffle forbidden prayer.

When Hoffman visited an exhibition of Camille Pissarro’s art in Williamstown, Massachusetts, she knew that Pissarro was one of the leaders of impressionism. When she learned more about his Jewish roots and family history, she became inspired to write a book based on his real life story.

The book is mostly about his impassioned mother, Rachel Manzana Pomie, who had a complicated life as daughter, wife, widow, wife and mother of 11 children, including Camille Pissarro. Hoffman’s imagined story, which is grounded in rigorous history, takes Camille from boyhood and into his early years as a painter. Rachel’s marriage to Pissarro’s father

created a public debate as they defied their synagogue, which for many years had forbidden this marriage.

Hoffman’s storytelling remains as compelling as ever in *The Marriage of Opposites*.



#### At a glance

**What:** CEEW Book Club meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Where:** Adrian Richfield’s home