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The number of years **PHIL MUSICKANT** has served as principal of the CEEW Religious School. Phil is our Volunteer of the Month.

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DATES OF NOTE

Jan. 6th

Soup-er Shabbat
 6 p.m., at Temple
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Jan. 8th

Jewish Life Class
 9:30 a.m., at Temple

Jan. 11th

Opera outing
 5:45 p.m., at Majestic

Jan. 14th

Havdalah, dinner, movie
 5:30 p.m., at Temple

Jan. 20th

Family service, dinner
 6:30 p.m., at Temple

Jan. 27th

6th/7th-grade service
 7 p.m., at Temple

Feb. 11th

Kaelan Thouati
 Bar Mitzvah
 10:30 a.m., at Temple

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ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

Havdalah, Movie, Chili Dump Dinner

THE MOVIE

“The Other Son”
 By Adrian Richfield

The issue of switched at birth, while not a new one, plays out with special intensity when it turns out to be Israeli and Palestinian young men.

During a missile attack near the hospital where they were born, they were accidentally switched and raised by each other’s families for the next 18 years. After enlisting in the Israeli Air Force, a blood test reveals the startling news for the families. What disturbs the families more? That their son was raised in another religion or raised as their enemy?

The families on both sides are decent people, and the interplay of how the mothers react versus the fathers is a strong focus. Both families have a valid view and all are honest people trying to do right by their sons. So, which is more important or influential: Genetics of your biology or your upbringing and environment? Who are you?

THE EVENING

Saturday, Jan. 14th



5:30 p.m.

HAVDALAH

5:45 p.m.

CHILI DUMP DINNER

6:30 p.m.

MOVIE

Discussion to follow

(We're confident the movie will work on our equipment: We had technology issues on our last movie night.)

THE DINNER

Chili Dump

We won't be dumping our chilis.

We will have black bean turkey chili, a regular hamburger chili and a vegetarian chili along with various sides, soft drinks & desserts. Perfect for a cold, January Saturday night.

All friends and family of CEEW members are welcome to attend this event.

Cost: \$10 per person, payable at the door

RSVP by Wednesday, January 11th, to Sandy Villa. We need to know how much chili to make, so please email Sandy at ...

svilla@wi.rr.com

OUR LEADERS' THOUGHTS

CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN
 Spiritual Leader

“Let us look to the future with much hope and promise of a good year of joy, good health, prosperity and success in all our endeavors for CEEW, for ourselves and our families, for our country and for the world.”

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PHIL MUSICKANT
 Principal

“Jewish sages emphasize that it is not enough to pray, nor is it enough to focus on social justice. One must do both.”

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ANN MEYERS
 President

“It's never a waste to spend time to reflect and then to confirm, reject or redirect our actions going forward.”

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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 or 608-698-4363.

CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN / From our Spiritual Leader's desk



THE NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH MANY ACTIVITIES

Happy secular New Year. We are now in full force of winter. Our first Fridays are a great way to warm up, though, with a nice hot soup dinner at 6 p.m. (bring a dish to share) before the service at 7 p.m. I love to watch our members schmooze and meet other members. We have such a warm and *haimish* congregation.

We have a few special Shabbats in January. The first is on January 20th, when we will have a shorter service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a pot-luck dinner and then a special presentation by the school, about a fantastic project it is doing with Andi Patz on masks and identity. Students will present their work right after the dinner. Please come and support our youth and their project. I also know how talented Andi is, so you don't want to miss what she has done with this project. Then, on January 27th, our 6th/7th-grade class will lead the service, honing their skills for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. It is a bright and talented group of young men and women.

I will be doing the second of a series of Jewish Life classes on Sunday, Jan. 8th at 9:30 a.m. I will discuss the major and minor Jewish holidays, including the variety of Jewish customs and foods associated with each holiday. I will be happy to chant blessings that you can learn and record on your phones, too.

On Wednesday, Jan. 11th, we will hold a Meetup at the Majestic Theatre in Brookfield to see Verdi's opera, Nabucco (see story on Page 6). Jeff Shabman will give us a synopsis of the story at 5:45 p.m. before the showing of it at 6:30 p.m.

For those of you willing to brave the cold weather, our Meetup group is planning a snowshoeing event on Sunday afternoon, January 22nd. I just bought snowshoes at Costco for this very event. We will meet in the main park building at Retzer Nature Center between 1 p.m.-1:45 p.m. so people have time to rent snowshoes, etc. There's a big parking lot and signs that will lead people to the



Cantor Martin and 6th/7th-grade teacher Marsha Fensin attended a Dec. 12th Coalition for Jewish Learning workshop on technology in the classroom.

building. We'll start hiking at 2 p.m. The link is: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/retzernaturecenter/>. Please sign up for Meetup at Meetup.com to get all the updates on programs we are doing. Also, if you would like to host an event on Meetup, just let us know by contacting Marie Loeffler: stradivari76@hotmail.com.

I am very excited that we have connected with the other Reform congregations on the North Shore so that our teens can join with them in doing things together with other Jewish teens. They have two groups: one is **MiTY** and is the **NFTY CYG** (city youth group) and it is for 9th to 12th grades. The advisor is Albert Marks: agmarks@gmail.com. **MiTY JR** is 6th to 8th grades and led by advisor Brian Avner: bavner279@gmail.com. Each has its own events. Irene Elkin has very graciously agreed to be the coordinator of our MiTY Jr. group and we are hoping to find another person to help with the older group. They will stay in touch with the coordinators and inform everyone about the programs. Please let Irene know if you have a teen who is interested in this. Her email is: relkin@wi.rr.com.

Some families have expressed an inter-

est in possibly doing a congregational retreat at OSRUI. I am looking into this possibility, but it would be helpful to find out how many are interested in doing this. It can be a relaxing and fun way to get away from our hectic lives, and truly celebrate Shabbat together with family and friends. This could be a purely family with children event, or something that is intergenerational with programming for everyone going on at different times. If this sounds interesting to you, please let me know, so that I have an idea of whether we will have enough interest in it.

At the High Holy Days, I mentioned the possibility of taking a congregational trip to Israel. I am looking into this possibility also, and would like to know if anyone would be interested. I am seeing some very inexpensive opportunities out there right now, so it could be a good time to book.

Looking a bit ahead to February, I want to make sure you mark your calendars for our Intergenerational Tu B'Shevat celebration and Seder on Sunday Feb. 12th at 10 a.m. This year we are going to try to do it using skype with the school in Israel so that we can share this holiday with them and connect with them on a more personal level. I am excited about doing this and I hope we have a great turnout. The fires in Israel were very close to the area where this school is, and it would be great to collect an extra amount of funds for trees in Israel this year because of the devastation the fires caused and the loss of many trees in the area.

As we celebrate the beginning of 2017, let us look to the future with much hope and promise of a good year of joy, good health, prosperity and success in all our endeavors for CEEW, for ourselves and our families, for our country and for the world.

Kein yehi ratzon – may this be God's will.



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.

VOLUNTEER *of the* MONTH

PHIL MUSICKANT is all about Tikun Olam.

Repairing the world is important to January's CEEW Volunteer of the Month.

"We live busy lives, and it is easy to let our lives become so central that we lose sight of the need to make a difference in the lives of other people," Phil said.

Phil has been principal of our Religious School since 2001. He has no title for his volunteer work, but when things need to get done, Phil is often there.

Organizing Volunteer Day, in which congregants, teachers, students and aides help out in the community, and promoting the collection of food for the Waukesha Food Pantry are his most satisfying undertakings.

"Both are about making a difference in the larger community, and I believe strongly that the synagogue should have a presence in the community," Phil said.

Phil lives in Milwaukee, so it's a schlep to come to Waukesha during the week to trim the bushes, rake the leaves and do what he can to keep everything looking nice.

AT A GLANCE

Among the many things Phil Musickant does around the Temple — in addition to being Religious School principal — are:



- ◆ helping with the grounds
- ◆ cleaning up around the kitchen — especially the refrigerator
- ◆ organizing the Volunteer Day
- ◆ promoting the food bin
- ◆ donating things for synagogue, such as the mat at the bottom of the short flight of stairs, brooms and a dust pan, and (with Marcy Hotz) buying the new shelving unit in the paper goods closet
- ◆ making sure the sanctuary is cleaned up after events
- ◆ helping with synagogue security
- ◆ helping with Adult Education
- ◆ being a lay leader for services

Daniel Fassbender photo
Phil Musickant is a big fan of the Green Bay Packers, and our synagogue — especially our children.

Why do it? "The synagogue as a community supports me — both spiritually and financially — so giving back to see that it remains not only strong, but also clean, is important to me," Phil said.

He encourages others to donate food, help around the mobile homes, donate

winter clothes and toys at Chanukah and baby items at Purim.

"These acts are the highest expression of Jewish values," Phil said. "People can get a sense that to be fully Jewish means giving as much as possible to make the world a better place."

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CEEW FACEBOOK AGE: www.facebook.com/EmanuElOfWaukesha/?fref=ts

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How to nominate fellow congregants for CEEW's Volunteers of the Month

It's easy to do: Congregants should email temple administrator Marcy Hotz at 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.

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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).

PHIL MUSICKANT / From the Principal's desk

Keeping our minds and hearts open to the needs of others



As I write this January column, it is not even Chanukah yet. This season of light, which comes at the depths of darkness, challenges us to bring light to the world. Not just by lighting candles or decorating our homes with strings of light, but more importantly by making a positive difference in the world. *Gemilut hasadim* (acts of love and kindness) and *tikun olam* (repairing the world) are central Jewish values. Jewish sages emphasize that it is not enough to pray, nor is it enough to focus on social justice. One must do both.

When I see the students bring items for the food bin each Sunday, I know the message is being understood. When I look into the bin, when I put my own donations in the bin and see that the bin is starting to fill up, then I know the membership is taking the message to heart. I feel the same way when I saw the contributions to our recent Winter Clothes and Toy Drive.

The bitter cold that just passed should be a reminder to us that there are many without warm coats, hats, mittens or boots. We cannot end all poverty or misfortune, but we can help ameliorate the worst effects for some people.

The hardest part of helping is remembering to help. We get so caught up in our own lives, we forget to bring food when we come to the synagogue. That is not surprising, nor is it shameful. It is natural. We need to care for our own families, friends and neighbors and we

CEEW'S 2017 B'NAI MITZVAH

KAELAN THOUATI
(Feb. 11th)

BRIAR RAHMES
(March 18th)

MIA YIANNIAS
(May 13th)

FREESIA BORNSTEIN
(June 17th)

JOSH ELKIN
(Sept. 2nd)

have our challenges and health to pay attention to. Still, I try to remind the

school community and the larger synagogue membership to keep the food bin "as a frontlet before your eyes," so that through the hurly-burly of our lives, we will keep at least a little of our minds and hearts open to the needs of others.

There are two events in the January school calendar to highlight. First, synagogue member and school parent **Andi Patz** is going to lead students in, what she calls, the Jewish Identity Mask Project. Over two class periods (Jan. 8th and 15th) the students will make masks that symbolize their Jewish identity and then the students will make short presentations on the meaning of their masks on Friday night, Jan. 20th. On Jan. 27th, the 6th/7th grade class will participate in the Friday night service. Please join the students and don't forget to bring an item for the food bin.

Finally, representatives from Camp Interlaken (Jan. 22nd) and OSRUI (Jan. 29th) will come to the synagogue to make presentations to the students and parents. Jewish camping experiences have been shown to have a powerful influence on future Jewish identity. While Jewish camping experiences can be expensive, both camps have endowments to lessen the cost, our own synagogue and Sisterhood have money available to help ease the cost, and families can also make contact with OneHappyCamper. Send your child to camp, and your child will have a positive Jewish experience.



LIL' REV CONCERT

Marc (Lil' Rev) Revenson drove in from Sheboygan on Dec. 18th to put on a concert during our Chanukah celebration for Religious School students, parents, other congregants and guests. Left: Briar Rahmes helps Lil' Rev with a song; Right: Natalie Hirsch, Phil Musickant and Cantor Martin share the bimah with Lil' Rev.





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

**JAN.
8TH**

THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Major and minor ones. We will also discuss the variety of Jewish foods and music that have become associated with each holiday.

BASICS OF JEWISH LIFE

**FEB.
5TH**

Calendar, philosophy, Jewish words, symbols and clothing that pervade the Jewish experience.

CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN PRESENTS:

JEWISH LIFE CLASSES

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Sundays, at CEEW

**MARCH
5TH**

LIFECYCLE

Birth, B'nai Mitzvah, weddings and death. Cantor Martin will delve into all of these major occurrences in the Jewish world.

PRAYERS, CUSTOMS, ETC.

**APRIL
2ND**

We will discover Jewish prayer, Jewish rituals, Jewish customs and the Jewish home lifestyle.

MAZEL TOV

ATHLETICS

- **Alex Fisher**, son of Lori Fisher and grandson of Lee and Marsha Fensin; and **Ethan Huskey**, son of Ellyn Lem and Trevor Huskey and grandson of Joanne Wagner, are members of the Waukesha South High School swimming and diving team, among the best in the state.

EDUCATION

- **Hannah Musickant**, daughter of Phil Musickant and Stephanie Astrin, graduated with honors from MATC on Dec. 16th. She earned her degree in auto body repair, and had a job lined up before graduation.

LIFECYCLE

- **Mari-Claire and Bill Zimmerman** have a new grandson, Amichai Yaakow Heifetz, born to son Ilan and his wife Leora. Ami was born Nov. 18th, and weighed 11 pounds. He joins his four sisters. "I refer to him as The Little Prince, as he is sure to be the center of attention in his family," Mari-Claire said.

Share with the congregation all the wonderful things happening in your family. Send info to: 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)

CEEW Book Fair brings in record amount of money

by Cindy Levy

The Adult Education Committee held its annual Book Fair at the synagogue on the morning of November 20th. It was held in conjunction with Books and Company, which is located at 1039 Summit Ave., Oconomowoc.

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

Second, I would like to thank Lisa 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 the volunteers who made 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, June Kulakow, Alice Lambie, Sharon and Mark Levy, Ann Meyers, Carol O'Neil, Sandy Small, Denise Stodola, Diana Stroshine, Sandy Villa, and Anthony and Beth Ann Waite,

The Book Fair brought in a record amount, and we estimate that \$320 will be donated to the Library Fund this year.



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.

ANN MEYERS / From our President



TREASURES TO BE FOUND IN 2017

Time seems to be in short supply for us in the 21st century (or in 5777, if you will). Some cars now come with transmissions having eight gears. Kitchen appliances tout faster cooking time. Don't even mention the exponentially increasing speed of computer chips. (No, really. Better to ask my husband Alan.) What do we regain from all this acceleration? Time with children? Time for relaxation? Time for elders, learning or travel?

As this issue of *Kol Emanu-El* arrives, 2016 is about to wink out. 2017 will soon burst on the scene with fireworks, confetti and energetic celebration. The ancient Romans portrayed January as the dual-headed god Janus, with one head looking back and the other forward. As Jews, we've "been there, done that" during the *Yamim Nora'im*, during the Days of Awe in the fall; but it's never a waste to spend time to reflect and then to confirm, reject or redirect our actions going forward.

The paragraph by Nobel laureate Par Lagerkvist (in the box at right) is one of my favorites since I first read it as a teen. I immediately linked the last sentence to my love of shelling on the beaches of Sanibel Island, Florida. There I'd lose myself for hours on winter break, hunting for just the right shells for my collection. My favorite shell was no longer than one inch, white and shaped like a squiggle of whipped cream. As if that weren't enough to make them elusive, the shell was classified as "uncommon" by experts. Nonetheless, a morning spent looking for wentletraps was enough to chase away a semester worth of stress. For that reason, finding even two or three was a triumph.

Although I don't go shelling anymore, there are still treasure-pebbles to be found if I take even a moment to look and listen. Beauty in nature and acts of kindness aren't that hard to find. But the pebbles may take a lot of polishing for me when it's not immediately evident there's beauty to be discovered.

Someone whose personality or appearance is different from the typical; culture or language that's unfamiliar; or values that vary from my own may take some patience and elbow grease before I can appreciate what's worth treasuring.

And the effort's been worth it. I've met a lot of interesting people I might not have otherwise; tried some interesting foods (some I may never try again, to be honest.); and seen value in opinions very different from my own.

I'll keep making time to look for more treasures in 2017. I hope the new secular year brings you and your dear ones good health and much to treasure.

"...But he is obviously fascinated by everything. I have seen him pick up a stone from the ground and examine it with the deepest interest, turn it and twist it, and finally pocket it, as though it were a rarity. And everything seems to fascinate him. Is he a lunatic? An enviable lunatic! One for whom a pebble has value must be surrounded by treasures wherever he goes."

Par Lagerkvist - The Dwarf (© 1945)

Opera About Biblical Nebuchadnezzar:

Jan. 11th CEEW Meetup Group

By Jeff Shabman

Nabucco, the third opera and first major success of Giuseppe Verdi (1813 – 1901), will be performed at the New York City's Metropolitan Opera and streamed live via satellite to movie theatres worldwide on Wednesday, Jan. 11th.

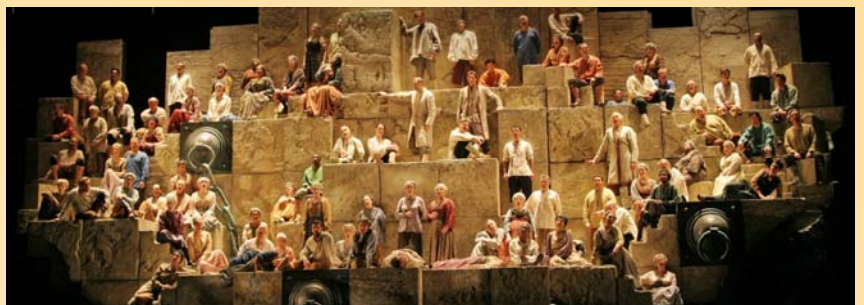
You are invited to join with the CEEW Meetup Group at 5:45 p.m. for a pre-performance talk and at 6:30 p.m. for the opera, both at the Marcus Majestic movie theatre in Brookfield. There you'll enjoy this telling of the story of the Hebrew people under the treacherous dynasty of King Nebuchadnezzar in ancient Iraq.

The opera story is an adaptation from the Bible, and the music is glorious. Among the hits from this opera is the choral work that became Italy's unofficial national anthem, "Va pensiero."

The legendary Plácido Domingo will bring another new baritone role to the Met under the baton of his longtime collaborator, Music Director

Emeritus, James Levine. Soprano Liudmyla Monastyrskaya will portray Abigaille, the warrior woman determined to rule empires. Mezzo-soprano, Jamie Barton, will be the heroic Fenena, Nabucco's daughter. Bass, Dmitri Belosselskiy, will provide the stentorian voice of Zaccharia, the high priest of the oppressed Hebrew people and Tenor, Russell Thomas, will portray Ismaele.

I will have a pre-curtain talk about Verdi's life and times as he prepared to create this masterwork, and I will make handout copies of the story available when we meet. I have a degree in music history.





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.

תודה רבה

Todah Rabbah – Many Thanks to . . .

- **Mike Cummins**, who at the New Members Shabbat service on Nov. 18th, chanted from Torah and told a heartwarming story of his journey to Judaism.
- **Elly Kraines**, who donated 50 sweaters she hand-knit herself to the Women's Center of Waukesha.
- **The Merkow family**, who donated \$2,000 worth of artwork to the synagogue.
- **Phil Musickant** and **Mari-Claire Zimmerman**, who made the soups for the Dec. 2nd Soup-er Shabbat. And **all others** who brought food to share and helped with set-up and clean-up.
- **Judy Shabman**, who has spent a lot of time volunteering around the temple, especially in the kitchen.
- **Sandy Villa**, who brought approximately 200 pounds of food from our food bin to the Waukesha Food Pantry in early December. And thanks to food bin organizer **Phil Musickant**, and **all those** who donated.
- Teacher **Mari-Claire Zimmerman's** eighth-grade class of **Ruth Gacek, Zack Jauquet** and **Briar Rahmes**, who helped Cantor



Martin lead the Friday service on Dec. 9th. And thanks to the parents of the children: **Ardis and Dave Gacek, Ilene and Patrick Jauquet** and **Sara Rahmes** for hosting the Oneg Shabbat that night.

Members of the eighth-grade class helped Cantor Martin lead the Friday night service on Dec. 9th. From left: Briar Rahmes, Zack Jauquet, Ruth Gacek and Cantor Martin.

- **Those who were involved** with the New Members Shabbat dinner on Nov. 18th – procuring the food, taking reservations, providing dessert, setup and cleanup.
- **Those who were involved** with the Chanukah celebration and Lil' Rev concert at temple on Dec. 18th.
- **Those who donated** to the Religious School's annual winter toys and clothes drive.
- **The Security Committee**, chaired by **Marc Schneider**, that had additional lights installed in the lobby.

*(Are there people you would like to thank via the temple bulletin for doing something nice, special, etc?
Please send your Todah Rabbah items to:
temple-news@hotmail.com.)*



SOUP-ER SHABBAT

6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6th

PLEASE ENJOY THE SOUPS

Please contact Mari-Claire Zimmerman if you can make a soup.

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 Ann Meyers

WHAT

Dining and fellowship

WHERE

The CEEW social hall

WHEN

6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6th
(followed by 7 p.m. service led by Ann Meyers)

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 Jan. 5th to Mari-Claire Zimmerman
(wzimmerman1@wi.rr.com)

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. 28th at 5:30 p.m. at Mitchell's at Brookfield Square. The February event will be at Wall Street Drink Exchange in Elm Grove on Feb. 25th. For more information or to RSVP, contact Elly Kraines (elly1103@sbcglobal.net).

SISTERHOOD

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

WOMEN CAN FEEL THE SISTERHOOD EXPERIENCE

The Sisterhood Board of Directors began the last board meeting with a round robin where each in attendance gave a one-word description of what the CEEW Sisterhood meant to them. The words that were shared included *kindness, belonging, friendship, comfort, encouragement and bonding*. If these are words that bring you comfort, consider becoming a member, getting involved, and you too can feel this experience.

The Sisterhood Board of Directors has been busy planning for our biggest fundraising event of the year, the Deli Dinner and several Tikun Olam projects. These activities allow the CEEW Sisterhood to support not only the congregation, but also the entire CEEW community. We hope that each of you will help to make these projects successful.

The Deli Dinner, held March 5th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. is Sisterhood's largest fundraiser of the year. It will feature corned beef sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, kosher pickles and many desserts. As in past years, people will be able to purchase the deli dinner as take-out or dine in. We encourage you to come and bring your friends and family to support this event. The auction will also include a wine pull.

We are looking for donations of items for the auction and wine pull. If you have something you would like to donate for the auction, please contact the Sisterhood Board of Directors at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com.

Looking for a Camp Scholarship? A portion of the money that we raise enables us to provide Jewish camp scholarships. The application of the scholarship is now availa-

ble in the Gift Shop and by contacting Cindy Levy. (See article on this page.)

Tikkun Olam is the Jewish concept defined as acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world. The phrase is found in the Mishnah, a body of classical rabbinic teachings. It is often used when discussing issues of social policy, ensuring a safeguard to those who may be at a disadvantage. The Sisterhood will be working with the Religious School once more on the Purim Crib Project. You can read more about this project from Sandy Villa. In addition we hope to unveil another project shortly.

The Sisterhood Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a secular Happy New Year 2017.

We thank everyone for helping the CEEW Sisterhood be successful.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & NOTES

Sisterhood Camp Scholarships Available

By Sandy Small

A Jewish camping experience can change your life. Our Sisterhood is delighted to help make this experience possible for children and grandchildren of CEEW Sisterhood members. Only camps with a Jewish experience will be considered for scholarships. Campers who have not been awarded scholarships in the past two years will be given priority.

If you are a member in good standing of CEEW Sisterhood, and have a child or grandchild who will be attending a Jewish camp in 2017, you may be eligible for a camper scholarship of up to \$500. The amount of the award depends upon the number of applicants and budgeted funds available.

The Sisterhood is taking applications through March 15th. Notification of awards will be made on or before April 15th.

Applications will be available in the Sisterhood gift shop, or contact Sisterhood co-president Cindy Levy, ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com.

Tikkun Olam Committee Busy

By Sandy Villa

The CEEW Sisterhood continues to increase the awareness of Tikun Olam. Elaine Goldberg and Sandy Villa continue to volunteer at the Waukesha Food Pantry when they are needed. Anyone willing to repackage nuts and other snack items, please contact Sandy Villa through the Sisterhood email ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com.

We are in the process of planning our Purim Project, and will be soliciting donations of pajamas for kids of all ages (toddlers to children's size 14). It is not too early to watch for sales for these items. Donations will be given to the Hope Center, which handles distribution of needed clothing throughout Waukesha County.

Your donations are needed now more than ever. I met with Ralph Zick, Director of the Hope Center in Waukesha. I learned that the number of people in need has increased dramatically, while donations from religious institutions have decreased due to declining enrollment. If anyone has items to donate and finds it difficult to deliver them, please contact Sandy Villa. I would gladly deliver them and provide you with a receipt for tax purposes.

Many New Items In Gift Shop

By Judy Shabman

The CEEW Sisterhood's Gift Shop has many new items. If you haven't visited lately, come and see the latest creations by members of the congregation. Andi Patz has beautiful jewelry that is available in many styles and shapes. To add color to any room in your home, Marcy Hotz has creative flower arrangements. What is better than sending a hand-made card carefully handcrafted by Barb Zacher? She has cards for all occasions. The next time you need a unique gift, stop in and see what we have to offer. Next month we'll highlight more of our consignment items. Thank you, too, to all the parent volunteers who staff the Gift Shop every Sunday morning for your shopping convenience.



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.



CEEW 2017 Jewish Summer Camp Scholarship Application Form

Requirements: Scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of CEEW members. Camps with a Jewish experience as well as campers who have not been awarded scholarships in the past two years will be given priority.

Date Due: **February 10, 2017** Date Received: _____

Name of Camper: _____ Relationship to CEEW member: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Name of Camp Attending: _____

Address of Camp: _____

Camp Contact Name (phone and email): _____

Camp Session Dates: _____

Tuition for Camp: \$ _____

Camp's Registration Deadline: _____

Applicant and Parent / Grandparent to complete this section:

Why is a Jewish camp experience important for the child and the parent / grandparent?

Applicants will be notified of their award on or before **March 10, 2017**. Scholarships will be **\$200 for a 5-day camp**, **\$300 for a 2-week camp** and **\$500 for a 4-week camp**.

Payments will be made directly to the camp on behalf of the applicant.

Please mail completed application to CEEW, 830 W. Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188

Attention: Cantor Deborah Martin

DECEMBER BOARD NOTES

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

- We currently have 84 members including one new member and our first Associate Membership.
- Security at Sunday school was discussed and more funding is necessary for the rest of the year.
- A budgetary request for Parsonage Allowance for Cantor Martin was approved which is part of her contracted salary.
- Nancy Cummings has volunteered to be the Membership Chairperson.
- We received art work donations from the Merkow family which will be appraised and evaluated for CEEW use in the near future.
- The endowment committee is continuing work on board goals for CEEW to be part of the endowment planning.
- The Administrator's contract was approved by the board.
- New prayer book donations are continuing for use at the 2017 High Holidays.
- The YEC reported the PTO committee will work with the YEC as a subcommittee.
- An amendment to CEEW bylaws regarding board committee memberships will be brought to the January board meeting.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE: Nancy Cummens is the new chair of the Membership Committee, and will be contacting new and potential members. We have 84 members units and one associate member.

Yahrzeits

Tevet / Shevat (January)

Marshall Astrin: Tuesday, Jan. 31, Shevat 4
Father of Stephanie Astrin (Phil Musickant)

Jeanne Brown: Wednesday, Jan. 11, Tevet 13
Mother of Richard Brown

Alvin Cohen: Friday, Jan. 6, Tevet 8
Observed by the congregation

Isaak Drubinsky: Thursday, Jan. 5, Tevet 7
Grandfather of Irene (Robert) Elkin

Samuel R. Fensin: Saturday, Jan. 21
Father of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Clara Heuman: Wednesday, Jan. 18
Aunt of Marcy (James) Hotz

Ruth Louise Horwith: Sunday, Jan. 1, Tevet 3
Grandmother of Ardis (David) Gacek

Ruth Kalstein: Wednesday, Jan. 4
Aunt of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Celia Kraines: Thursday, Jan. 5, Tevet 7
Mother of Nate (Elly) Kraines

Merriam Levy: Sunday, Jan. 1, Tevet 3
Mother of Mark (Cindy) Levy

Benjamin Lewis: Saturday, Jan. 7, Tevet 9
*Father of Joanne Wagner
Grandfather of Ellyn Lem (Trevor Huskey)*

Mollie Mackman: Monday, Jan. 9, Tevet 11
Mother of June (Milton) Kulakow

Jack Moskowitz: Thursday, Jan. 5, Tevet 7
Stepfather of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Chavalah Pilmaier: Tuesday, Jan. 3, Tevet 5
Observed by the congregation

Bernard Raskin: Monday, Jan. 23
Father of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

Florence Rothman: Tuesday, Jan. 31, Shevat 4
Observed by the congregation

Charlotte Rudoy: Wednesday, Jan. 11
Mother of Marcy (James) Hotz

Itzhak (Isadore) Rudoy, Sunday, Jan. 15
Grandfather of Marcy (James) Hotz

Werner Spanier: Saturday, Jan. 7, Tevet 9
Observed by the congregation

Adelaide Starr: Sunday, Jan. 29
Grandmother of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

Richard J. Steinberg: Saturday, Jan. 28, Shevat 1
Father of Rick (Mary) Steinberg

Mildred Schnoll Wasserman: Wed., Jan. 11, Tevet 13
Observed by the congregation

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.

RECENT DONATIONS

Thanks to information provided by Treasurer Alan Meyers – Prior to December 10th, the following donations were received by our congregation

- **Nancy and Michael Cummens**, a donation in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- **Jack and Elaine Goldberg**, a donation in memory of **Bill Merkow**
- **Marie Loeffler**, a donation in memory of her sister **Andria**
- **Ann and Alan Meyers**, a donation in memory of their parents
- **Phil and Stephanie Musickant**, a donation for school security
- **Adrian Richfield**, a donation for prayer books
- **Rick and Mary Steinberg**, a donation in memory of **Richard Steinberg**
- **Marie-Claire Zimmerman**, a donation for prayer books

CEEW Performs a Mitzvah with Books

By Marcy Hotz

While planning for the recent Volunteer/Closet Clean-up Day, we realized that the Temple had many *siddurim*, *hagadot*, and other prayer books that we haven't used in years. It is Jewish tradition to bury sacred books and objects in a respectful way, and to this end we were looking into burying them ritually in a cemetery.

Mark Levy had a better idea: he posted a notice on a Jewish electronic bulletin board, "The Tent," asking if anyone needed such books. He got a response: a rabbi in Kokomo, Indiana, takes religious books to penal institutions – jails and prisons – within the state. Mark inquired about how many he could use. The rabbi's response was "as many as you can send; we will pay the shipping costs."

Mark boxed up and shipped out 13 cases of books.





Following Volunteer/Closet Clean-up Day, we found many more books. Marcy Hotz boxed up another eight cases of books and with the assistance of David Rubenstein, shipped them to the rabbi in Kokomo as well.

At about the same time, Cantor Martin received a request from the Waukesha County jail for prayer books and other Jewish-focused books, both fiction and non-fiction. The Library Committee had recently done a clean-out of old books, and the Temple recently received a donation of more books. Four cases were packed up and hand-delivered by Marcy to the county jail.

Putting books to good use is preferable to taking them out of circulation, and everybody wins.



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.

5777 2017		JANUARY					TEVET SHEVAT	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1 1 Tevet No Religious School Chanukah	2 2 Tevet	3 1 Tevet	4 2 Tevet Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Temple Book Club at 7 p.m. at Elaine Goldberg's home	5 1 Tevet	6 2 Tevet Gift shop open, 6 to 7 p.m. Soup-er Shabbat, 6 p.m. at Temple Ann Meyers-led service begins at 7 p.m.	7 3 Tevet  Vayigash		
8 4 Tevet Religious School, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Gift shop open, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish Life class 9:30 to 11 a.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting, 1 p.m.	9 5 Tevet Board of Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Temple	10 6 Tevet	11 7 Tevet Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Temple Opera outing at Majestic Theater, Brookfield, 5:45 p.m.	12 8 Tevet	13 9 Tevet Cantor Martin-led service at 7 p.m.	14 10 Tevet Havdalah, Dinner and a movie 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  Vayechi		
15 11 Tevet Religious School, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Gift shop open, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	16 12 Tevet	17 13 Tevet	18 14 Tevet Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Temple	19 15 Tevet	20 16 Tevet Cantor Martin-led family service, dinner and Jewish Identify Mask Project presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.	21 17 Tevet  Shemot		
22 18 Tevet Religious School, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Camp Interlaken presentation, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Gift shop open, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Snowshoeing at Retzer Nature Center, 1 p.m.	23 19 Tevet	24 20 Tevet	25 21 Tevet Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Temple	26 22 Tevet	27 23 Tevet Cantor Martin-led 6th/7th grade service begins at 7 p.m. Oneg hosted by parents of 6th/7th-graders	28 1 Shevat Dining group at Mitchell's Fish Market, Brookfield, 5:30 p.m.  Va'eira		
29 2 Shevat Religious School, – 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. OSRUI presentation, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Gift shop open, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Faculty meeting, 11:30 a.m.	30 3 Shevat	31 4 Shevat						

BOOK CLUB REPORT / By Adrian Richfield

Book a mix of drama, history

Playing With Fire, the latest book by multitalented Tess Gerritsen, manages to create a combustible mix of contemporary family drama and a touch of European WW II



history. At its core we find a strange and mysterious musical score.

Gerritsen, both a physician and a prolific author, has turned out 11 Rizzoli and Isles novels plus 16 others. Yes, the *Rizzoli and Isles* TV series is based on Gerritsen's novels. *Playing with Fire*, from 2015, departs a bit in content and background, but keeps within her usual thriller genre.

Main character Julia Ansdell is a second violinist in a Boston string quartet. She finds an antique musical score while browsing in a music store in Italy. Intrigued by the piece, she buys it and brings it home to study and play. A bizarre and disturbing event occurs when she first plays the music; her three-year-old daughter is found grasping her mother's leg with a blood-smeared hand. The family cat is dead in another room. What caused this? What is wrong with the child? Does it have anything to do with the music? Those questions need to be answered.

Determined to learn more about the music, the story flashes back in time to the Jewish ghetto in Venice in the 1930s and

'40s. There we meet a young violinist who connects with a young cellist to conspire to play a duet at a famous competition. The problem is the young man is Jewish, and the young girl is not, and they are living in Mussolini's Italy.

Against the backdrop of the child's strange and violent medical condition, Gerritsen creates a terrific thriller as the two stories combine into one melody.

The story jumps back and forth between both of the tales.

A Kirkus Review states, "The crafting of the novel is masterful and the musical descriptions are perfect. Clear your schedule for this one — you won't want to put it down until you're finished."

Fact: The author created the haunting classical musical piece in her head and called it "Incendio." Readers can actually visit her website to hear the music or hear it played by violinist Yi-Jie Ausanne Hou at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYZy7SMbhWo>.



At a glance

What: CEEW Book Club meeting

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 4th

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Elaine Goldberg's home