

Levy family keeps stepping up



Mark, Cindy and Sharon Levy are co-sponsoring the Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year award.

Submitted photo

Couple co-sponsoring award for best Jewish educators

By SHARON LEVY
Bulletin Contributor

CEEW's own Mark and Cindy Levy will co-sponsor the Jewish Educator of the Year awards for 2020 and 2021.

The award, which began in 1982, honors a deserving Milwaukee-area Jewish educator. Although it is now run through the Coalition for Jewish Learning (CJL), the award itself has roots in a previous organization, the Milwaukee Association for Jewish Education (MAJE).

Educators are nominated by colleagues or peers and then are evaluated by a committee on a series of traits, including leadership and the ability to impart Jewish values to their students.

From 2017 to 2019, The Grinspoon Foundation added prize money for the first time. After the Grinspoon's grant ended, there was a gap to be filled. Mark and Cindy stepped up to sponsor the prize money for the 2020 and 2021 awards.

For many years, Cindy has worked on behalf of Milwaukee Jewish education. She held positions both as a board member and a co-president for the MAJE, as well as its successor organization, the CJL. Mark and Cindy also have been involved in CEEW's Sunday school programs, and sent their daughter to the Milwaukee Jewish Day School.

Mark, who has served three terms as CEEW's president, now serves as our vice president. Cindy, who is the driving force behind our fall CEEW Book Fair, has served CEEW in a variety of capacities, including terms as Sisterhood co-president.

Award meant to highlight area educators, inspire them to even greater heights

By LEE FENSIN
Bulletin Contributor

As Mark Levy presided over CEEW's 2019 annual meeting, it was mentioned that a new refrigerator had been purchased for the social hall kitchen.

A congregant asked a question that probably is asked every year at every annual meeting at every synagogue in the world: "How did we pay for it?"

To which Mark responded, "It went on somebody's credit card."

It didn't take Sherlock Holmes or Inspector Clouseau to figure out that "somebody" was Mark.

Mark and wife Cindy often have stepped up when there is a need — not only at CEEW, but in the Jewish community as a whole. (See the article written by their daughter Sharon elsewhere on this page.)

A few months later, the Coalition for Jewish Learning had a need — someone to co-sponsor its Jewish Educator of the Year award.

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LET CANTOR MARTIN, CARING COMMITTEE KNOW: Do you know a Temple member who is ill or in need of spiritual support of any kind (i.e. loss of job, divorce, difficult life transitions, etc.)? Contact Cantor Martin at spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org, or 608-698-4363, or contact Caring Committee Chair Marsha Fensin at mfsings@wi.rr.com.

Joy of Purim, threat of anti-Semitism

On March 8th, we'll celebrate Purim. We'll don costumes, read the Megillah and perform a new Purim *Shpiel* (play).

This merry holiday presents a story of our people, once again overcoming anti-Semitism. Haman, the murderous bad guy, tries to wipe out all Jewish people because Mordechai, a Jew, will not bow down to him.

The Purim story ends happily, and we are commanded to "drink and be merry" on this day. Obviously it actually touches on very serious subject matter.

We have experienced a worrisome rise in anti-semitism in America and all around the world. We wonder, *why is it that the Jewish people are always singled out as scapegoats? Why do some see us as people to hate and fear?*

Concern with anti-Semitism has moved CEEW to join in a "BRIT" (covenant) with the Religious Action Center (RAC) in Washington, DC, to learn how to better combat this rise in anti-



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

Rising anti-Semitism affects Wisconsin



UW-Oshkosh images (April 2019)

Poway Synagogue Shooting (April 27, 2019)

New Berlin West High School Yearbook (May 2018)

Baraboo High School Pre-Prom Photo (May 2018)

semitism.

I am taking a course called "Don't Kvetch, Organize," a course for cantors about social justice. In my coursework, I listened to a parable about a town of kind and

caring Jews living near a body of water. One day, to their horror, they saw a body floating close to shore. They gave the person a proper Jewish funeral.

The next day, they found

three more bodies in the lake, and buried them as well.

Day after day, more bodies were found in the lake, and the townspeople had to organize their response. They formed committees. Some people would swim to retrieve the bodies, some would care for the bodies before burial, some would dig graves, some prepared the funerals, etc.

All devoted themselves to working with compassion and dedication on behalf of individuals they had never met.

Some asked, "What do you think is going on here? Why do you think this is happening?" Others responded, "I don't know! I never thought about it. Honestly, between helping out and being so busy with my own life, I haven't had time to figure it out."

Eventually, four townspeople travel north to find out what was causing these people to die. When they did discover what happened, they slowly walked back and reported to the elders. They said: "We want to tell you two stories. The first is how wonderfully this town has responded to take care of the dead people coming down the river. We've united to care for the bodies deposited in our care. The second story is about what we saw that is causing this. It's pretty big. And after we tell you these two stories, we want you to think about what

New Survey by Claims Conference Finds Significant Lack of Holocaust Knowledge in the United States



There were over **40,000 camps and ghettos** during the Holocaust.

49% of Millennials cannot name a single one.

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B'NAI MITZVAH COORDINATOR SOUGHT: Cantor Martin is looking for someone to help our B'nai Mitzvah families so they have someone they can contact for the logistics of the service: 1. how to get the key; 2. whom to call if they need to open the sanctuary wall; 3. whom to contact about doing an oneg or doing a reception at CEEW.

Laurie Schwartz takes on expanded role



Laurie Schwartz is now the primary contact when there are questions or decisions to be made by a co-president.

We have had a new leadership role at CEEW this year, that of co-presidents.

Laurie Schwartz and I have been sharing the duties that come with leading the Board of Trustees of the Temple because a single person didn't come forward to be a candidate at the last annual meeting.

The arrangement has worked very well, as our skill sets have harmonized nicely.

During this year, Laurie has gradually assumed more of the presidential duties and I have



ANN MEYERS

From the CEEW Co-President's Desk

reduced my load. At this point, I can be considered as being "on the off-ramp" of my co-president role.

This is important for members to know, as Laurie is now the primary contact when there are questions or decisions to be made by a co-president.

Making this clear is necessary to avoid confusion and uncertainty, especially in situations when time is of the essence. Therefore, any questions or concerns

that members may have about CEEW or Board issues should be directed to Laurie.

I have the utmost confidence in Laurie's leadership. Her energy, strengths and love for this congregation are exactly what we need as we move ahead.

At the 2020 annual meeting on June 7th, I will become the immediate past president and look forward to continuing to serve on the Temple Board in that capacity.

MY WONDERFUL HANUKKAH GIFT

By **JOE DAILEY** / Bulletin Co-Editor

We met by happenstance on the afternoon of Dec. 23rd, the first day of Hanukkah in 2019.

As I approached the station's cash register to pay for the gas I had already pumped, I saw that the man behind the counter was seriously occupied with paperwork.



Joe Dailey

I paid him, and he handed me my change, saying, "Merry Christmas!"

"And a Merry Christmas to you," I said, as is my way on those occasions.

At the door, about to leave, I had a wait-a-minute moment. I returned to the man and asked, "Are you a Christian?"

"I am a Muslim," he replied.

"And I am a Jew," I said, and the two of us stood shaking hands, smiling and laughing probably the biggest laugh either of us would have all day, perhaps all week.



A short time later, seated behind the wheel and about to start my car, I heard a tapping on a window. My new mate, now bound to me by laughter and more, was asking me to wait a moment, and I did.

He entered the gas station and then returned, and through the open passenger-side window he handed me a nine-ounce box of Russell Stover chocolates. "Happy Hanukkah!," he said.

I would, if I could, add an insightful lesson to the story. Something extraordinary was built there, something of the soul, a something not obscure to me,

yet the name for it eludes me.

Whatever we call it, it binds so many American Muslims and Jews; it rebels against bigotry and assaults and hatred of the other. And it does so with acts and words of kindness.

I offer prayers of thanks for it. It is a wonderful gift.

(This story was published originally in the February edition of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle.)



The annual event will be held this year on Sunday, March 15th, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center in Whitefish Bay. Admission is free, but please register at the Coalition for Jewish Learning website. CEEW's A Band'n All Hope will play.

MARIE LOEFFLER

Teacher Impact Award

Marie has taught both the youngest students and currently is teaching the older students at CEEW.

Her Abraham's Tent project was nominated for the CJL's Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT Award) this year.

"Marie makes a point of really getting to know her students and talks to them about their interests," CEEW Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff** said. "She has patience, and a gentle way of meeting her students right where they are, and thus, making them feel important and cared about."

She is an accomplished violin player and violin teacher and sings in our choir.



Adrian Richfield photo

CJL award winners **Zack Jauquet** and **Marie Loeffler** flank CEEW Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff** at CEEW's Educators Shabbat on Jan. 31st.

ZACK JAUQUET

School Support Award

Zack became a Bar Mitzvah (on his 13th birthday) and was a confirmand at CEEW. He went on to become a valuable aide to teachers — at first to his mother Ilene, and this year to Marie.

"Zackary could be doing anything else on a Sunday morning like any other teenager, but he chooses to be at CEEW," CEEW Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff** said. "He's a mensch, and his patience and perseverance in motivating a challenging student to succeed are admirable."

Why become a teacher's aide? "The whole point of growing up is gaining knowledge that you can eventually share to future generations, and aiding was one of the best ways to do so," Zack said.

Zack plays lacrosse and volunteers at the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS).

LEVY

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"The Milwaukee Jewish community is blessed with superb Jewish educators, and CJL wishes to highlight their contributions and thereby elevate the status of Jewish educators in Milwaukee," said Tziporah Altman-Shafer, who directs the CJL for the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. "This award enables our community to show gratitude for all the time, effort and care our best educators give to their students."

"The past three years, the Grinspoon Foundation co-sponsored our award and allowed us to give \$1,000 to the winner (CEEW's **Marsha Fensin** received the 2017 award.). This year, the Grinspoon Foundation is no longer funding educator awards. The Levy

family stepped up to continue the funding for this award so that it continues at the same level."

Called the Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year award, it will be presented this year to **Yael Gal-Ben Yitschak**, who teaches at Nicolet High School and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Yael will receive the award at the Salute to Jewish Educators, to be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 15th at the Jewish Community Center in Whitefish Bay. Register at the Federation website.

CEEW's **Marie Loeffler** will receive a Teacher Impact Award, while her aide, **Zack Jauquet**, will receive a School Support Award. Marie also will be recognized for graduating from the CJL's **BINAH** (Building Inquiry-Based Network as Hevruta) Teacher Certification

Program.

Mark Levy said he and Cindy were "quite disappointed" upon learning that the Grinspoon Foundation was pulling out of its sponsorship.

"We thought that recognition by Grinspoon really put Milwaukee-area Jewish education onto the national map," Mark said.

"We already were aware of the high quality of Jewish education locally, but this award was the cherry on top of the sundae. We did not think that withdrawing the Grinspoon award money should reflect badly on our community and that's why we stepped up to continue the prize."

"We hope that having this money available to the Jewish Educator of the Year will be inspirational and maintain the high levels of Jewish education we have seen."



SUPPORT B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS: All members of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha are invited to support our b'nai mitzvah students and families by attending their services on Shabbat. Check Temple calendar for dates and times.

HAKUNA MATATA

PURIM is coming, and that means a Purim spiel.



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This year, we'll be doing the music and theme from "The Lion King." The performance is on MARCH 8TH. The celebration will begin at 3:30 p.m. and also will include a carnival for kids, Megillah reading and dinner.

PURIM CELEBRATION SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH TIME SCHEDULE

- 3:30-4:30 p.m.** — New carnival games and *hamantashen* station (open for all children)
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.** — Costume parade (for children). Costumes encouraged for adults; *Megillah* reading; Play — *The Lion King*
- 5:30 p.m.** — Dinner (taco bar from Casa Noble)

COST

FOR MEMBERS: \$6 per child (age 10 and younger) and \$12 per adult

FOR NON-MEMBERS: \$7 per child (age 10 and younger) and \$14 per adult

*all prices include our new carnival games and dinner

RSVP

By March 4th to Carrie Barbakoff, Education Director

eddirector@waukeshatemple.org



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

Please join us for this annual celebration of Passover.
Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

COMMUNITY SEDER

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 AT 6 P.M.

at Chenequa Country Club

Menu:

Seder foods include: Gefilte Fish, Charoset, Eggs, Matzo Ball Soup,
 Chicken, Potatoes and Vegetables
 Pot Luck Dessert Table** Coffee and Tea

Cost: \$40 for adults; \$20 for kids under the age of 12 (Temple members)
 *\$45 for adults; \$25 for kids under the age of 12 (*non-members of Temple)

****Please bring a Kosher-for-Passover dessert to share.**

**In lieu of a dessert, a donation of \$12 to cover the
 cost of matzo and wine can be substituted.**

Your check is your reservation. No reservations will be accepted without payment.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 26, 2020



2020 Community Seder Reservation Form

RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 26, 2020

Name: _____ Total number attending: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Adult meals (member):	_____	@ \$40 each =	\$ _____
Kids meals (member):	_____	@ \$20 each =	\$ _____
Adult meals (non-member):	_____	@ \$45 each =	\$ _____
Kids meals (non-member):	_____	@ \$25 each =	\$ _____
Donations:		Mensch fund	\$ _____
For Matzo / Wine in lieu of dessert:		\$12	\$ _____
		Total enclosed:	\$ _____

Send your check, (payable to CEEW) with this reservation form to:
Elly Kraines, 17110 Lake Road, Brookfield, WI 53005.

Deadline for reservations is March 26. Your check is your reservation. Payment is non-refundable.
 Questions? / Directions? Contact Mary Schuman at 262-367-6719 or mschuman@prodigy.net.



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

Come for a **TWO-FER**

**ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH,
THERE WILL BE A
SHABBAT SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY JEWISH
PRESENCE IN ITALY
PROGRAM**



**MORE 2020
SPECIAL SHABBATS
April 24th**

Ellyn Lem presents
Jewish books
and authors

May 22nd

Peggy Rozga, Poet
Laureate of Wisconsin



The second of
several 2020
**FRIDAY NIGHT
SPECIAL
SHABBAT
SERVICES**
will feature **Karen
Levy** and **Peter
Lee**, who will
share photos of
their recent trip to
Puglia, Italy,
where they were
surprised to find a
Jewish presence
in this remote part
of Italy. Come for
an interesting
discussion and
beautiful images

**TIME
SCHEDULE**
7-7:45 p.m.
Service, led by
Cantor Martin
7:45-8:30 p.m.
Program, followed
by pot-luck oneg.

ADULT ED COMMITTEE
presents on Saturday, April 25th ...

DINNER *and* a MOVIE

RESCHEDULED



TIME SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. — Havdalah

5:45 p.m. — Dinner

6:30 – 8:15 p.m. — Movie &
discussion

WHAT

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

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

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



COST

\$12 for dinner and movie; \$5 for movie (6:30 p.m.) only

RSVP (By April 22nd)

With name(s) and the two choices of entree for each person
and CHECK\$

Mail the above to:

Mari-Claire Zimmerman

S44 W34127 Deer Park Road, Dousman 53118

Or put in Adult Education Committee's mailbox in CEEW office,

YOU PICK TWO ENTREES

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

Contact Mari-Claire Zimmerman (262-352-9270)
with questions.

Family and friends welcome.



BACK TO SCHOOL WITH FULL STOMACHS: January 6th was the Welcome Back Breakfast in Religious School. Parents planned, prepped, cooked and served bagels, and egg cups for the kids and parents.

CHOCOLATE SEDER

To make sweet return to CEEW on Saturday night, March 28th

WHEN

Saturday, March 28th
Havdalah, 7 pm.
Chocolate Seder, 7:15 pm.

WHERE

**Congregation Emanu-El
of Waukesha**

COST (payable at door)

\$18 adults (Alcohol will be served to adults.); \$5 children and teens 4 to 20; little kids free.

RSVP

Reserve your spot with email to markallanlevy@yahoo.com

By MARK LEVY

CEEW Vice President

Mah Nishtanah haPesach
hazeh mikol haPesachim?

Why is this Passover different from all other Passovers? Every year at Passover, we hold a Seder retelling the story of the hardships the Jewish people faced in their escape from slavery to freedom.

Our Chocolate Seder is a special way to get ready for Passover, reminding us that freedom is sweet.

For the fourth year, we will be having our own Chocolate Seder. All ages are welcome — especially if you love chocolate.

Members and guests only.



Adrian Richfield photo

CEEW's first Chocolate Seder was held in 2017. The traditional symbols of the Passover holiday – matzah, maror, salt water, lamb shank and bitter herbs – were embodied in a variety of chocolate forms, making the story of the Exodus both delicious and memorable. Raising glasses of chocolate milk for the Kiddush are, clockwise from left: Lee Fensin, Cindy Levy, Mark Levy, Cantor Deborah Martin, Marie Loeffler, Laurie Schwartz, Marsha Fensin and Carol O'Neil.

תודה רבה

Todah Rabbah

Many Thanks to . . .

- **Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Marsha Fensin** and **Lee Fensin** for leading the Feb. 7th Shabbat service.
- **Ann Meyers** and **Barb Zacher's** husband, Greg, for supplying the soups for the Feb 7th Soup-er Shabbat. To Barb for helping set up and for leading the cleanup crew. And thanks to everyone who brought food for the pot-luck dinner.
- Those people who filled in at Religious School on Feb. 9th when Cantor Martin was on vacation and Education Director Carrie Barbakoff was at an OSRUI retreat.

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WAUKESHA

PRE SCHOOL



PASSOVER PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th

9:15 a.m. at Temple

The program, called "Passover Shalom," will be held before the school seder.

There will be activities, music and food. Those who want to stay for the 10 a.m. school seder are welcome.

Cost

Members: Free
Non-Members: \$5 per kid for program, \$5 per person for school seder that follows

**RSVP for program and seder
by March 23rd to**

Carrie Barbakoff
(847) 951-5274 or
eddirector@waukeshatemple.org



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

Purim Crib accepting donations through March 8th

By **SANDRA VILLA**
Tikkun Olam Chair

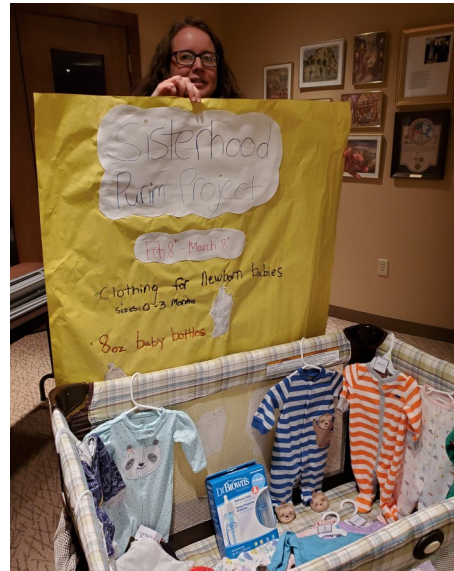
The Purim Crib is open for business, and the results already are heartwarming.

We are again working with the Hope Center, a non-profit organization that is geared to providing for the basic needs of those families and individuals in Waukesha who can't make it on their own.

This year the greatest needs are:

- Infant clothing size zero to three months;
 - 8-ounce baby bottles.
- Hope Center is well stocked on diapers, wipes and small bottles. Please refrain from including these items, as storage space is at a minimum. Donations will be accepted through March 8th.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact **Sandra Villa** at 262-424-2263 or sandravilla724@gmail.com.



Marie Loeffler, who teaches the fifth- through seventh-grade class, holds a sign that her students created for the Sisterhood's Purim Crib Project. Donations will benefit the Hope Center of Waukesha.

Marsha Fensin
photo

Dust off your social calendars

By **SARA ANSON**

Spring is almost here, and that means it's time to dust off our social calendars.

Please save the date and join us on Saturday, May 2nd, for the annual Heritage Dinner. Great food and fun will be had by all of us.

On May 15th Sisterhood members will lead the Friday night service for Sisterhood Shabbat as we honor our Board members. A light supper will be served before the service starts.

On behalf on myself and my co-president, **Denise Stodola**, we wish you all a joyous Purim.

Heritage Dinner on May 2nd to include wine pull, film

By **JUDY SHABMAN**
Heritage Dinner Chair

The Sisterhood's Annual Heritage Dinner will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Besides the dinner, that will include brisket, chicken, salads and desserts, there will be a wine pull and a special film showing by one of our own.

All the food will be prepared by our Sisterhood Board members.

SISTERHOOD

CO-PRESIDENTS

DENISE STODOLA
and
SARA ANSON

If you are interested in donating wine, contact **Judy Shabman** at JShabman@feldschumacher.com.

Come for an evening of good food and fellowship. The cost will be \$20 for adults and children over 5 years old. All proceeds are used to support the Temple. Watch for the registration in next month's bulletin.

Come out and support the CEEW Sisterhood and the Temple.

Jewish camp scholarships available

By **CINDY LEVY**
Past Sisterhood President

A Jewish camping experience can change your life. The Sisterhood is delighted to have helped make the experience possible.

If you are a member of the CEEW Sisterhood and have a child or grand-

child who will be attending a Jewish camp in 2020, you may be eligible for a camper scholarship. The Sisterhood is taking applications for camp scholarships through March 15th. Any CEEW member, of good standing, can apply.

Notification of awards will be made on or before April 15th. Contact Cindy Levy at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com for an application.

Sisterhood Shabbat May 15th

By **MARSHA FENSIN**
Sisterhood Shabbat Chair

The annual Sisterhood Shabbat will be held Friday, May 15th.

Sisterhood members lead the service, and we hope everyone in the congregation will attend.

All women in the congregation can help with the evening – taking a Hebrew or English part in the service, or by helping with the dinner before the service.

If you are interested in participating in the service, please contact **Marsha Fensin** at (262) 894-2718 or mfsings@wi.rr.com. If you can help with the dinner, please contact **Carol O'Neil** at (920) 669-3682 or caroljo@tds.net.



PARTICIPATE IN SCRIP PROGRAM: Purchasing gift cards and electronic Scrip, with access to more than 750 retailers, will earn CEEW anywhere from 2.5 percent to 16 percent. It's easy and costs you nothing. Check it out at shopwithscrip.com. To learn more or to start purchasing Scrip, contact Laurie Schwartz at (303) 888-5137 or at lss303@aol.com.



MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

MARCH 6

5:45 p.m.: Soup-er Shabbat (potluck)
6:45 p.m.: Soup-er Shabbat cleanup
7 p.m.: Led by Marl-Claire Zimmerman and Fensins

MARCH 13

7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin

MARCH 20

7 p.m.: Cantor-led Special Shabbat (including program on small Italian cities with Jewish history)

MARCH 27

7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin
Older classes service

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER AT CEEW

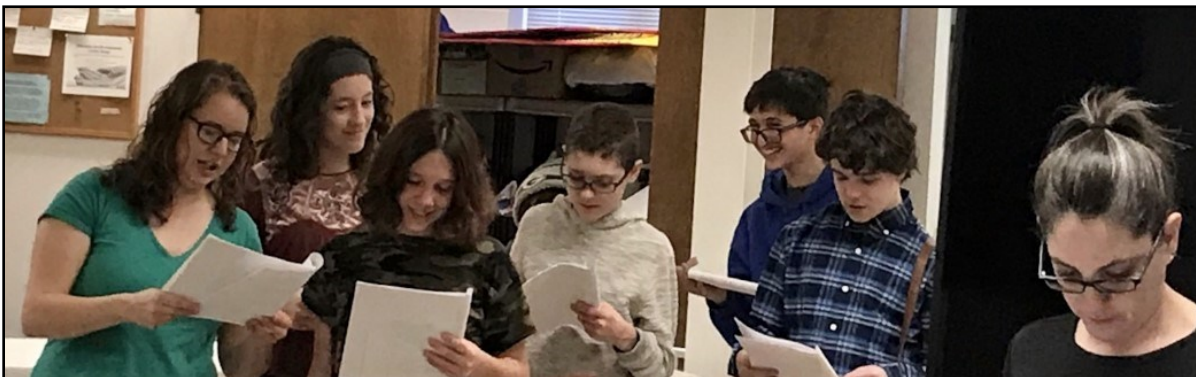
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Clockwise, from front: **Ava Kozarek, Julia Christian, Rylan Ecker**, teacher **Sarah Berry**, **Jonah Sulman** and **Esme Patz** do a reading about trees in Israel.



From left: **Julia Christian, Peter Kozarek, Cooper Kozarek, Becky Burris** and **Ava Kozarek**.



Doing a reading, from left: teacher **Marie Loeffler**, **Lia Ecker**, **Molly Schmidt**, **Torin Ecker**, **Noah Sulman**, **Milo Patz** and Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff**.

B'nai Mitzvah at CEEW

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

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

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

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



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

May Their Memories Be for a Blessing

Yahrzeiten

Adar / Nisan (March)



PLEASE NOTE: Some of the listings don't have a Hebrew date; that is because we have been changing the database and offering English / Gregorian dates to those who prefer them. In such cases, only the English / Gregorian dates will be listed.

Joe Beringer: Friday, March 20th

Uncle of Paula Duval

Arthur Cohen: Friday, March 13th, Adar 17

Observed by the congregation

Jerome Cohen: Monday, March 23rd, Adar 27

Father of Ed (Carol Vandenberg) Cohen

Jerry Donen: Monday, March 23rd, Adar 27

Grandfather of Heather (Brandon) Rose

Leonard Edelstein: Monday, March 16th, Adar 20

Father of Jeff (Maggie) Edelstein

Sarra Fainshtein: Monday, March 16th, Adar 20

Aunt of Irene (Robert) Elkin

Cyd Wendy Fishman Lash: Monday, March 9th, Adar 13

Observed by the congregation

Dorothy Goff Frisch: Sunday, March 29th, Nisan 4

Observed by the congregation

Hannah S. Frisch: Monday, March 12th, Adar 16

Observed by the congregation

Abraham Gottlieb: Thursday, March 12th

Father of Nancy (Mike) Cummings

Lena Gottlieb: Tuesday, March 31st

Mother of Nancy (Mike) Cummings

Arlene Gruenberg: Thursday, March 14th

Sister of Marvin (Sandra) Small

Aunt of Sydney Small

Jacque Hurwitz: Sunday, March 17th

Aunt of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Jeanette Jacobs: Saturday, March 14th

Observed by the congregation

Clinton Knee: Monday, March 30th, Nisan 5

Grandfather of Sara (Doug) Anson

Abraham Kotkin: Monday, March 2nd, Adar 6

Father of Mike (Peggy) Kotkin

Andria Loeffler: Tuesday, March 17th

Sister of Marie Loeffler

Aaron Lorber: Tuesday, March 10th

Observed by the congregation

Ben Lowell: Wednesday, March 18th

Father of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Beatrice Moore: Wednesday, March 18th

Mother of Alice Lambie

Donald Musickant: Wednesday, March 25th

Observed by the congregation

Joseph Richfield: Tuesday, March 31st

Father of Adrian Richfield

Richard Louis Rocamora: Thursday, March 19th

Observed by the congregation

Dr. Ruth Neufeld Shelley: Tuesday, March 3rd

Mother of Peter (Arlene) Shelley

Solomon Starr: Sunday, March 15th

Grandfather of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman



VISITORS PRAISE CANTOR MARTIN: CEEW had visitors from New Jersey at the Feb. 14th Shabbat service. Kim Aubry and 17-year-old daughter Rachel attended with Kim's parents, Nate and Elly Kraines. They were "blown away by the Cantor's translation of the Torah portion as she (chanted) it," Elly said. Kim became a Bat Mitzvah and confirmand at CEEW.

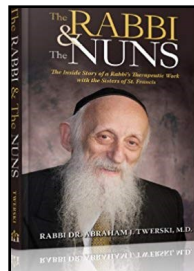
BOOK CLUB REPORT / Barb Zacher Reviews: *The Rabbi and the Nuns*

Rabbi forges mutual respect between religions

The book is the inside story of a rabbi's therapeutic work with the Sisters of St. Francis.

The book chronicles 20 years of the working relationship between **Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski** and the nuns and priests of the Pittsburgh Diocese and St Francis Hospital.

Twerski spearheads a groundbreaking rehab program, along with the staff, and forges mutual respect between



CEEW Book Club

The Wednesday, March 4th, Book Club meeting has been canceled. Group members will discuss *The Rabbi and the Nuns* at a future meeting.

the religions and their differences.

The book is insightful, inspiring and humorous at times. Twerski's personal account is frank and engrossing.

Twerski has written more than 60

other books, and has been featured in hundreds of magazines and newspapers.

He was born in Milwaukee. He can trace his ancestry back to the **Baal Shem Tov**, who is regarded as the founder of Chassidic Judaism.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTES

February 10th Meeting

By **JOE DAILEY** / Bulletin Co-Editor

- Vice President **Mark Levy** encouraged CEEW members to cast a vote in the World Zionist Congress (WZC) election and to do so before the March 11th deadline.
- **Loren Schmidt** reported that the Youth Education Committee (YEC) is in the process of building new games for Purim. "We have received a few donations to put toward the materials needed, and the donation drive is still ongoing," she said. She also reported on the parents' work on the Jan. 6th Welcome Back Breakfast, and on the Intergenerational *Tu B'Shevat* Seder, which was attended by about 25 to 30 people, "including several Sisterhood and congregation members." *Tu B'Shevat* is the 15th day of the month of *Shevat*, the New Year for Trees.
- Sisterhood co-president **Sara Anson** reported that Sisterhood will donate \$108 to Waukesha's overflow shelter for the homeless. She said that — thanks to **Sandy Villa** and some of our Sunday School students — the Purim Crib Project is under way. "We are continuing to accept donations of infant clothing size 0-3 months and large baby bottles," she said. Planning for the Heritage Dinner, scheduled for May, is under way.
- CEEW is no longer involved in an electronic recycling fundraiser.

A chance to vote (before March 11th) for Reform voices in Israel

By **JOE DAILEY** / Bulletin Co-Editor

A vote cast in the World Zionist Congress (WZC) election before March 11th provides a chance to impact the role of progressive Judaism within Israel.

To cast your vote, go to WZC Election at <https://azm.org/elections>. You'll immediately see a user-friendly "Vote Now" button. The \$7.50 registration fee goes to pay for administrative costs.

Approximately one-third of the 145 U.S. delegates to WZC represent Reform Judaism. The U.S. delegation is the largest from outside Israel.

According to the World Zionist Congress website, "you will be able to choose from over a dozen slates representing diverse political beliefs, religious denominations and cultural traditions."

If you wish to support the Reform point of view with your vote, select slate #2, which is identified there as "Vote Reform: ARZA Representing the Reform Movement and Reconstructing Judaism." The website makes it easy for you to see what slate #2 and all of the other slates stand for.

WZC meets every five years, and at that time it decides how a great deal of contributed money will be distributed, largely within Israel. CEEW vice president **Mark Levy** estimates that approximately \$4 million of WZC money is being distributed within Israel in support of Reform causes.



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

IN APPRECIATION:

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

IN HONOR OF

Marriage of Ariel Goodman and Sam Botbol

Donation from Cantor Deborah Martin

TOWARD PURIM GAMES

Donation from Laurie Schwartz

Donation from Marsha and Lee Fensin

IN MEMORY OF

Tillie Kulakow

Donation from June Kulakow

TOWARD LIGHTING REPAIRS

Donation from Laurie Schwartz

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

MAZEL TOV to ...



Molly O'Neil, the soon-to-be 8-year-old granddaughter of **Carol O'Neil**, created a Bouquet of Peace as part of a school project. Molly is in second grade at Lapham School in Madison.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Sara Anson**, who will celebrate a birthday on March 17th.
- **Nancy Cummins**, who will celebrate a birthday on March 7th.
- **Paula Duval**, who celebrated a birthday on Feb. 2nd.

- **Nate Kraines**, who celebrates a birthday on March 22nd.
- **Ellyn Lem**, who will celebrate a birthday on March 17th.
- **Molly O'Neil**, the granddaughter of **Carol O'Neil**, who will turn 8 on March 2nd.
- **Briar Rahmes**, who will celebrate her 17th birthday on March 26th.
- **Joanne Wagner**, who will celebrate a birthday on March 27th.

EDUCATION

- **Marie Loeffler** and her aide, **Zack Jauquet**, who will be given awards at the Coalition for Jewish Learning's Salute to Educators on March 15th at the JCC. Zack is the son of Ilene and Patrick Jauquet.

Share with the congregation all the wonderful things happening in your family. Send information to: temple-news@hotmail.com.

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Sponsor an Oneg to celebrate a special event; sign up near the social hall door.

**SAVE
the
DATES**

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

Intergenerational Purim celebration, 3:30 p.m. at Temple. Carnival, Megillah reading, play and dinner.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

CJL Salute to Educators, 3:30 p.m. at JCC. CEEW's Marie Loeffler and Zack Jauquet to be honored.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

Second Special Shabbat, featuring Karen Levy and Peter Lee discussing small Italian cities with Jewish history, 7 p.m. Cantor-led shortened service followed by program.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

Chocolate Seder, 7 p.m. at Temple. RSVP to Mark Levy.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

Pre-school Passover program, 9:15 a.m., followed by school seder, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Lia Ecker Bat Mitzvah, 3:30 p.m. at Temple



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@waukeeshatempel.org.

CANTOR

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those two stories have to say to each other and what you want to do about it.”

But we are never told in the parable what was causing the deaths. We are left to our imaginations.

To me, this parable is about how often we help, either by organizing or by taking individual initiative.

Often, in doing so, we never really ponder the “root causes” of the problems we address. In the parable, the root cause produced death. Instead of

just caring for the bodies of people after they die, we can ask *what can we do to prevent such deaths?*

Perhaps we need to figure out the “root causes” of anti-Semitism so we can find ways to work against it.

Anti-Semitism has burdened us throughout our history. How can we change that? These are things we need to work on in our CEEW Social Action Committee and through our BRIT with the RAC.

I was overjoyed to hear that the Holocaust and Genocide Education Bill was unanimously approved in the Wisconsin Assembly and moved on to the

Wisconsin Senate. The bill would require Wisconsin middle and high schools to teach about the Holocaust, something 11 states currently require.

There have been far too many anti-Semitic attacks and far too many people saying that the Holocaust never happened.

Children need to be educated about the Holocaust; they need to be encouraged to oppose bigotry and hate.

May you enjoy the holiday of Purim, and may we be merry and certain that today's “Hamans” will be defeated for all time.

Chag Sameach! (Happy Holiday!)



WHY HOLOCAUST EDUCATION?

- **Anti-Semitic incidents surged nearly 60 percent in 2017.**
- **Incidents took place in every state across the U.S.**
- **Incidents in schools nearly doubled in 2017.**
- **8 in 10 Americans believe that government should play a role in combating anti-Semitism.**

PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN

- **Recent research shows that memory of the Holocaust is fading; 22 percent of millennials surveyed said they hadn't heard of the Holocaust.**
- **There has been a documented rise in hate crimes and anti-Semitism across the state, nation and world.**
- **The Jewish Community Relations Council's Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents in Wisconsin showed a 143 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents since 2016, and that more than 25 percent of all recorded incidents took place among students or on campus.**

Student Voices

“Thank you for coming to our school and taking the time to talk to us about something that may be hard for you to talk about sometimes. I didn't really think about how if the Nazis did win there wouldn't be any more Jewish people in the world, that you wouldn't be here, or your kids. Thank you for making me have a better understanding and new perspective.”

— A student at Whitehorse Middle School in Madison, responding to a Holocaust speaker in April 2017

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“My generation are future leaders of our country, and in order to prevent further genocides, people must learn. When people learn of these horrors, they can hopefully prevent and stop them from ever occurring again.”

— A student at Menasha High School, in March 2018



SOUP-ER SHABBAT: The next Soup-er Shabbat meal will be held at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, March 6th, with soups provided by Pati Allen Brickman and the Stodola family. The 7 p.m. Shabbat service will be led by Mari-Claire Zimmerman and Marsha and Lee Fensin. RSVP to Mari-Claire with how many in your party, and what you will bring to share for dinner.

WORRIED ABOUT ANTISEMITISM?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 7 p.m. ANTI-SEMITISM UPDATE

Release of audit of anti-Semitic incidents.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 7 p.m. COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Facilitated discussion about anti-semitism, its effects and our collaborative responses. In partnership with Jewish Family Services.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 7 p.m. CONFRONTING ANTI-SEMITISM

Learn from Ariel Burger, Elie Wiesel's protégé. In partnership with Women's Philanthropy.

(Events organized by Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. All events at Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, 6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Whitefish Bay.)



Submitted photo

Adrian Richfield, left, and **Sandy Villa** flank **Joey Wagman** as the two CEEW members attended a film screening of *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel* on Jan. 27th at the Marcus North Shore Cinemas in Mequon. Wagman is a starting pitcher who helped secure the Israeli Olympic Baseball Team a berth in the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo. Israel was in the World Baseball Classic tournament for the first time. It fielded a team of mostly U.S. players (none of whom were in the major leagues at the time) and, with its Mensch on a Bench mascot, became the Cinderella team as it won and advanced beyond the expectations of many. Our Adult Education Committee hopes to show the film as a program in the fall.



In the April Bulletin

Lia Ecker becomes a Bat Mitzvah on April 4th. Read about all her activities as we profile the busy seventh grader.

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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).

FUNDS to which you can donate to help our synagogue

There are many ways to help the synagogue, among them donating to the various funds available at CEEW. Please circle the fund to which you would like your donation to go. Make checks payable to CEEW. Return form with check to :

Treasurer
Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha
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General Fund: All donations not otherwise designated.

Endowment Fund: A fund that is invested to serve as a continual source of stability and income for the synagogue.

Mensch Fund: Some of our members are not able to afford fees to attend synagogue events. The fund is used to help defray these costs.

Education Fund: Tuition does not cover the full cost of the Religious School. This helps support school expenses.

Library Fund: Used to purchase books and supplies.

Torah Fund: Used to repair our current scrolls or, perhaps, to buy a new Torah some day.

Bill and Riva Merkow Endowment Fund: The intent is to grow this fund so that the income will fund a significant portion of the synagogue's yearly expenses. Our first goal is to fund the spiritual leader full time.

Goldblatt / Adams Memorial Fund: Supports the development of teachers' skills that will benefit the synagogue, and helps young people attend Jewish summer camps, Israel programs or youth activities and/or conventions.

Spiritual Leader's Discretionary Fund: The spiritual leader can use this fund as needed as long as it meets the tax guidelines.

Lapham Reserve Fund: The Board controls this fund. It is used to meet unexpected expenditures.

Enclosed is a \$ _____ contribution.

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DINING GROUP: The group heads to Bonefish Grill in Brookfield at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21st. One reviewer wrote, "It really is always good. I have to admit I order grilled rainbow trout with mango sauce 90 percent of the time." Union House in Genesee Depot will be the April destination. For more information or to RSVP, contact Elly Kraines

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 5 Adar Religious School 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	2 6 Adar	3 7 Adar Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	4 8 Adar Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple	5 9 Adar	6 10 Adar Soup-er Shabbat, 5:45 p.m. at Temple MC Zimmerman, Marsha&Lee Fensin-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	7 11 Shevat Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Tetzaveh
8 12 Adar No School Purim celebration, 3:30 p.m. at Temple	9 13 Adar Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple	10 14 Adar Hebrew School for beginners, 6 p.m. in Temple library Hebrew School, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Deadline for April Bulletin content	11 15 Adar Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. at Temple	12 16 Adar	13 17 Adar Cantor-led service, 7 p.m. at Temple	14 18 Adar Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. at Temple  Ki Tisa
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