

2020 CEEW HIGH HOLY DAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 18th

7 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah service (Oneg to follow. Live Zoom link to be provided.)

Saturday, Sept. 19th

10 a.m.: Morning service

12:30 p.m.: Group luncheon (Live Zoom link to be provided. Have challah and wine ready for the motzi and kiddush.)

2 p.m.: Torah service (continued from the morning)

Sunday, Sept. 20th

10:30 a.m.: Children's live Zoom service (Link to be provided.)

1:30 p.m.: Short Tashlich service (at Frame Park). Music will be recorded and played; masks and distancing will be required.

VIA ZOOM



MESSAGE FROM CANTOR MARTIN

Let us take the coming weeks to think about how we can make these holidays joyous and special, how we can connect with one another, even if we aren't physically together.

SELICHOT

7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12th
 Including a video (More on Page 3)

YOM KIPPUR

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 27th

7 p.m.: Kol Nidre

Monday, Sept. 28th

10 a.m.: Morning service

1 p.m.: Study session (Live Zoom link to be provided.)

2 p.m.: Afternoon service will be recorded and people can watch at their leisure.

3:30 p.m.: Children's service (Live Zoom link to be provided.)

4:30 p.m.: Yizkor service and Ne'ilah (concluding) service

6:30 p.m.: Havdala and motzi; break-the-fast and schmooze. (Live Zoom link to be provided.)

All services will be shortened and on Zoom except for Tashlich, which will be at Frame Park.



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@waukeshatempel.org, or 608-698-4363, or contact Caring Committee Chair Marsha Fensin at mfsings@wi.rr.com.



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

You can make a sanctuary in your home

As we approach the High Holidays, we are all a bit sad and disappointed that we will be unable to share these holidays in our beautiful sanctuary.

I am especially disappointed because this most likely will be the last time I get to lead my congregation in prayer and song for the High Holidays.

The sanctity of life and your health and safety are, however, the most important things to consider, especially as we contemplate our lives and the coming year.

The *Unetane Tokef* prayer reminds us, "We are the ones who imbue this day with Sanctity, as we recognize its awesomeness and astonishing potential." The words tell us that it is we who can and — indeed — are obligated to make any Day of Awe special, no matter who we are or where we are, or who we are with. We can recognize the uniqueness of the day and the potential we have to make it special and awesome.

Therefore, even though not together in our sanctuary, we can still make these holidays special as we participate in our individual homes.

Let us take the coming weeks to think about how we can make these holidays joyous and special, how we can connect with one another, even if we aren't physically together.

How can we make a room in our house a special holy space for the High Holidays? What can we do to feel more connected to others, as well as, feel holiness in our home? What atmosphere would you like to create?

I would like to challenge you to be creative and fix up a room or area of a room in your home, especially for the High Holy Days. Maybe you can bring in flowers, either bought or grown in your garden. Maybe you can wear special clothing the way you usually do for the High Holy Days. Maybe you can decorate this area with Jewish artifacts or with pictures of family members you may not be able to see during the holidays this year.



Tom Braatz photo

Cantor Martin with her new puppy, Mazel, a rat-terrier-red-heeler mix. He was home with the Cantor by early August. "I've missed having a little pet at home with me, and Mazel has filled the bill," she said. "He's calm, and loving and just adorable."

Perhaps there are family members or friends who have been carefully staying safe, people you can safely invite over for dinner before the evening service — as long as you sit at safe distances during the dinner and service and/or wear masks.

Perhaps you can prepare special sweets made with apples and honey or pomegranates (along with the apples that you will dip in honey), and display them for everyone to see after the Rosh Hashanah evening service when we schmooze together.

Wearing white is a sign of purification during the holidays, so perhaps you might want to wear white for one or all of the holidays. Perhaps you might want a basin of water for washing your hands in purification of the holiday.

You can have candles ready to light for the candle blessing during evening services and have a kiddush cup with wine for the candle blessings and kiddush. For Yom Kippur Neilah service, you can have your Havdala set ready for that ceremony to end Yom Kippur.

You could either make or buy a special tablecloth to put ritual items on, and perhaps you can either embroider or use linen markers to mark this date as the most unusual High Holidays anyone in your family has ever experienced!

If you have children, ask them to build an ark for your special space and place their small Torah scrolls in it. Our kids always get them during kindergarten consecration. You or your children can make or write Rosh Hashanah cards to send to family members and/or congregants so that they can display them in their sacred spaces.

You could also send cards to people who live far away, and especially to the Jewish nursing homes to help people there feel less alone at this difficult time.

You and your children could create coloring book pages for Rosh Hashanah, color them and then display them, or send them out to our Religious School families.

We could have a contest to have children draw their own Rosh Hashanah coloring pages to express how they want to celebrate the High Holidays this year. They could write down what is special to them about the holidays.

We can also ask all of our shofar blowers to make a recording of their shofar blasts so we can show them to everyone during one of our live Zoom calls.

I would like to ask you for your suggestions and ideas for making this year's a special High Holy Day season. Please email me at spiritualleader@waukeshatempel.org with your thoughts, and also please send me pictures of how you have made sacred spaces in your homes, so that we can display them during our High

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ADOPT A BILL: Adopt-A-Bill has returned to CEEW. Partial payments are welcome. You can find a list of bills on the Sunday email blast. To adopt a bill, you may pay using [PayPal from our website](#). Alternatively, checks should be made payable to CEEW with "Adopt-A-Bill" in the memo area. Mail to CEEW Treasurer, 830 West Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Welcoming 5781: A year like no other

By **LAURIE SCHWARTZ**
CEEW President

Every year brings its own challenges, but this year has brought some that we have never faced in our history.

Because we will not be physically in the synagogue but rather enjoying the High Holidays from home, the decision has been made to not charge for "seats" this year. This decision mirrors the decision of the other synagogues in our area who also have opted to forgo charges this year.

Each year CEEW receives a substantial amount of income from selling tickets to our High Holiday services. We are hopeful that those who normally purchase tickets will honor us with a donation this year.

We have worked long and hard to make this year's High Holidays as warm and inviting as every other year. A big virtual applause to **Cantor Martin, Mark Levy, Tom Braatz, Carrie Barbakoff, Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Jan Lowell** and the many others for their devotion in getting and figuring out the technology necessary along with the arduous task of putting together this year's High Holiday services. I am excited that we will all be able to enjoy this beautiful High Holiday season together.

A special thanks to The Fund for Jewish MKE of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation for the grant allowing us to improve our ability providing online services and programming. A list of services and times can be found on Page 1. Information about how to access them will be provided prior to the holidays. Please note that gatherings following services will be on a different Zoom link.

Donations in lieu of tickets should be sent to CEEW, 830 Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188, or made through PayPal, which can be found on our website; www.waukeshatemple.org.

PRE-HIGH HOLIDAYS OBSERVANCES

Selichot to be held Sept. 12th with Beth Hillel

By **CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN**
CEEW Spiritual Leader

Our Selichot program and service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 7 p.m.

We'll be joining the congregation of Beth Hillel Temple of Kenosha and Rabbi **Dena Feingold** for this Selichot.

We'll watch a 10-minute video and have a discussion about it until approximately 7:45 p.m. then have Havdala, a Selichot service and end with eating snacks and shmoozing with each other.

During the month of Elul, we will be having daily meditations, songs and shofar blowing in preparation for the High Holidays. You'll be able to find these posts on our Facebook page and our Temple website.



Marsha Fensin photo

Karen Levy and Peter Lee helped **Cantor Martin** with the July 3rd Shabbat musical service, a celebration of Independence Day.

CANTOR

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Holy Day season, too. We can work together in making this year a *Shanah Tovah* — a good year for all of us — by starting with our efforts for the High Holy Days.

We already are planning to make our High Holy Days special by having small round *challot* that we will be distributing at Temple to each of our member families. We will be sending out information about this soon so that you can know when that will happen. Then we will all have our *challot* during our live Rosh Hashanah Zoom meeting for lunch.

We'll be able to do the *motzi* together

and eat our lunch and schmooze with one another. We will announce who all our bakers are, and — if you would like to make a donation in their honor to thank them — that would be wonderful!

We will be having Rosh Hashanah bags for all of our congregants to pick up. PJ Library is also giving our congregation Rosh Hashanah bags to hand out. The bags will be available to pick up by driving through our parking lot on Sept. 17th. Please RSVP to Laurie Schwartz by Sept. 10th to let us know if you will be picking up your bags.

Even though this has been a difficult time for most of us, let us please try to remember all of the blessings that we do have in our lives. Let's look forward to the coming year with great hope and

joy; let us pray for a vaccine and timely cure. Let us pray together for everyone's health and well-being.

We will be recording most of our High Holy Day services to avoid the glitches that can happen in live Zoom sessions. However, because we know how important and rewarding it has been for our congregants to see and talk with each other, we are adding several live Zoom meetings to provide the chance to interact with one another.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

My family and I wish you a very happy and healthy New Year. *Shanah Tovah um'tukah* — May you have a good and sweet New Year.



IN OCTOBER BULLETIN: Photos from the Beit Din that certified that Elizabeth Lamb and Kathryn Weisbeck had been “welcomed as members of the Jewish people.”

NEW MEMBER FOCUS

Elizabeth's Lamb's JOURNEY TO JUDAISM

By **JOE DAILEY**
Bulletin Co-Editor

A *Beit Din* (a court composed of three rabbinic judges), on Sunday, Aug. 16th, certified that **Elizabeth Lamb and Kathryn Weisbeck** had been “welcomed as members of the Jewish People” on that day.

On behalf of all in the CEEW family who have not yet had a chance, we wish them *mazel tov* and a hearty *yasher koach*!

Early in Elizabeth's journey to Judaism, a fictional Chinese cook and one Hebrew word were factors. The cook, Lee, was produced by the mind of John Steinbeck. The Hebrew word was pronounced as “*timshel*” in Steinbeck's California.

Perhaps unbeknownst to Steinbeck's Californians, the word is rooted in (מַשָּׁל *mah-shahl*). No matter how much or how little any Steinbeck character may have known about the Hebrew, they did have a sense of the root meaning, “to rule, to have dominion, to reign.”

Isn't all this Steinbeck stuff a bit far from a conversion to Judaism? No, not really. It's not as far as we might think at first.

Both the cook and the word show up in *East of Eden*, Steinbeck's Cain-and-Abel-inspired novel — Elizabeth's favorite novel. There was something in an extended conversation with the philosophical Lee about “*timshel*” from the Cain and Abel story in *Genesis*, something that pulled her toward the Jewish way of looking very closely for meaning within a biblical text — all while in a conversation with others.

Steinbeck's characters were not Jews, but that was exactly what those California farmers and a Chinese cook were doing in a kitchen as they looked for meaning in that dreadful story of the first generation in the human family, that story of the very first fratricide.

Elizabeth — who is also known as Beth — decided in about 2015 to see if



Joe Dailey photo

she could keep kosher. She had a good Jewish friend, and “vague thoughts of maybe becoming Jewish someday” had begun to emerge.

She learned more about Jewish ethics, customs and foods. (She now bakes *challah* every week.) “I just fell in love with it,” she said. She saw in Judaism things she already believed, ways of acting that already were hers.

Judaism “felt familiar to me,” she said. She started her Jewish home library, and she studied.

She visited Congregation Shaarei Shalom, a pluralistic Reconstructionist community in Madison, and she visited Beth Israel, Madison's Conservative synagogue. She attended services, classes, special events and a Torah study group.

“I tried to teach myself Hebrew, but I didn't seem to make much progress,” she said. “Then the shooting at Tree of Life in Pittsburgh happened, and I decided that it was time to take everything more seriously. I signed up for CEEW's 2019 community seder and then for Hebrew class, and it felt as if everything was coming together,” she said.

Beth, who works as the secretary of the Languages and Literature Department at the University of Wisconsin-

Whitewater, is a single mother of four, ages 14, 16, 17 and 21. She says the children “are some of my closest friends.”

She has a pronounced love of learning as well as a bachelor's degree in English literature and creative writing from Miami University in Ohio, but she made a substantial shift 22 years after she finished that degree. “I enrolled as a physics major at UW-Whitewater in 2011,” she said.

Right now, she says, “I'm learning Hebrew and Spanish and trying to learn how to play the guitar.”

She's studying Hebrew at CEEW with the adult class, and she was on track to become a Bat Mitzvah even while she was moving toward conversion. She hopes for a Bat Mitzvah ceremony in December.

She is continuing her Spanish studies, which started with 3½ years of high school classes followed by enough college Spanish to meet her graduation requirement. In about 2018 she returned to studying Spanish in a conventional class at UW-Whitewater. Now she can write Spanish language emails, texts and Facebook comments.

She's also a beginning guitar student. “I am working from a book, starting at the very beginning,” she said. “I am not even learning chords yet — just stretching my fingers and practicing how to play notes.” Beth also loves reading.

And what about “*timshel*” (*tee-m'-shahl* for us) and Lee, the Chinese cook, and the discussion of deep meaning in the the Cain and Abel story? The original words at the center of that discussion are: תְּשׁוּקָתוֹ וְאַתָּה תִּמְשָׁל בּוֹ. That's translated into several English versions, but — approximately — it means that *you may rule over your own desires*.

The literary folks tell us that Lee speaks what Steinbeck thought. At one point, Lee says, “The word *timshel* — ‘Thou mayest’ — that gives a choice. It might be the most important word in the world.”



SHOFAR BLOWING WORKSHOP: A shofar blowing workshop for children and adults, led by Mark Levy, will be held Sunday, Sept. 13th, at 11:15 a.m. Mark will demonstrate how to blow a shofar and share with us the different shofar sounds. Have your shofar available for your chance to practice.

Ilene Jauquet, Deb Hacker returning to religious school

September is usually the sadness of saying goodbye to summer and the excitement of going back to school. However, this year has not looked the same as previous summers.

This September might be cooler temperatures and shorter days but will likely not be very different from the last few months. For many of our students “going back” to public school is going to look very different.

Rather than getting on a plane and heading to Baltimore for this year’s NewCAJE conference throughout the month of July, I met with colleagues, teachers and experts in the field of Jewish education. Specifically this meant 1,389 Jewish Educators from 47 states, six countries, and four continents who came together virtually for four weeks of learning, laughter and networking.

There were 473 virtual sessions with 818 hours of programming and 210 workshop presenters from all over the world.

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CEEW’s religious school is going to look very different this school year. We will be meeting on Zoom on Sunday mornings.

The students in 3rd and 4th grade and 5th and 6th grade will be meeting for two 45-minute learning sessions, the students in Kindergarten / 1st / 2nd will be meeting for one 45-minute learning session and the students in 7th and 8th grades will be meeting for one 60-minute learning session.

At the end of the morning the whole school will come together for morning *t’filah* (prayer service). Midweek Hebrew will be meeting also on Zoom. I will teach the level 1 and 2 students, and **Cantor Martin** the level 3 students.



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director’s Desk



Marsha Fensin photo

Marie Loeffler, who received a Coalition for Jewish Learning Teacher Impact Award for 2019-20, will teach the 7th and 8th grades in CEEW’s religious school for 2020-21.

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Deb Hacker will be returning to the CEEW religious school faculty, teaching the 3rd– and 4th–graders and the 5th– and 6th–graders about Israel. She has been to Israel 10 times since 2006. For the 3rd and 4th grades she will be focusing on introducing our students to Israel’s history and geography, as well as its political, commercial and cultural life.

The 5th– and 6th–grade students will have a deeper dive into Israel education by being immersed in all aspects of Israel today, by meeting the diverse people who live there, by debating Is-

rael’s responses to its challenges and by beginning to develop a personal relationship with the Jewish homeland.

Ilene Jauquet also will be returning to the CEEW religious school faculty. She also will be teaching the 3rd– and 4th–graders and the 5th– and 6th–graders. The 3rd– and 4th–graders will be focusing on exploring the Bible as Jews have done for centuries — by pondering, personalizing and wrestling with the text of the book of *Genesis*. The 5th– and 6th–graders also will be exploring the Bible, but they will be learning the text of the book of *Exodus*.

Marie Loeffler will be teaching the 7th– and 8th–grade students. She will be guiding these students to learn how our Jewish values can help inform our students’ choices when navigating the challenges of our current age. Our students will learn to discuss and debate difficult issues and respectfully hear the opinions of multiple sides, which is something that we value in Judaism. This will help our pre-teens / teens consider today’s complex issues from a Jewish perspective.

Our kindergarten through 2nd–grade students will be continuing their study of holidays, and discovering *mitzvot* and what being Jewish means.

I look forward to the start of a new school year on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

I am also looking forward to seeing everyone wearing masks and being socially distanced at our combined congregation and school *tashlich* service at Frame Park on Sunday, Sept. 20th.



ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH RESCHEDULED: The Joint Adult B'nai Mitzvah, which was scheduled for Aug. 29th, has been rescheduled for Dec. 5th. The service is to include the six members of Cantor Martin's Adult Hebrew class. They are Joe Dailey, Marcy Hotz, Elizabeth Lamb, Adrian Richfield, Laurie Schwartz and Denise Stodola.

Many help with renovation of east side of building

BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



Adrian Richfield photos

From left: **Elaine Goldberg, Spencer Braatz and Laurie Schwartz**

Thanks to those who made the project possible financially:

Tom Braatz
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By **ADRIAN RICHFIELD**

Bulletin Co-Editor

What began as an endeavor to replace, remove and improve the landscaping on the east side of our Temple quickly became an earnest project of renovation.

There had been, over the years, some erosion of the land and vegetation that caused some water issues in the classrooms on that side of the building. So, the effort to replace, remove and improve the landscape became a much bigger deal.

It was determined that the wall needed to be waterproofed and the Styrofoam shield replaced and repositioned, which entailed digging along the wall to make the improvements. Once the waterproofing was finished, new dirt was added and sloped to have the water run toward the parking lot. All the old vegetation and bushes were torn out to give the east side a new look. Mulch was added as a final step. The new plantings include four Little Lime Hydrangeas and four Amber Jubilee Ninebark bushes. We may plant some perennials and bulbs this fall on each end of the east wall.

Although you may not often be aware of the front and sides of CEEW, there are efforts to keep the building's outside landscaping looking well maintained, and this project went a long way to accomplish that effort.

As always, it takes a village and our village, though small, helps out in so many ways. This is an ongoing effort, so — if you enjoy gardening, flowers, bushes and working outside — please consider helping out.

Spencer Braatz, son of member **Tom Braatz**, was hired to do all this work, and his efforts and attention to what needed to be accomplished were appreciated.

This was no small task.



SISTERHOOD PROGRAM SEPT. 8TH: Sisterhood's first Tuesday program of 2020 -21 will be held Sept. 8th at 6:30 pm on Zoom. The program comes from the Jewish Women's Archives. Rabbi Carole Balin talks about Jewish Women and the Suffrage Movement.

Sisterhood asks that we help two food pantries with checks



To: Members of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

From: CEEW Sisterhood

Re: Yom Kippur Food Pantry Collection

Each year our congregation has been using our day of fasting to feed others by collecting food for the FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County

In this most unusual year, during which we will not be gathering in person, the Sisterhood of our congregation has decided to host a virtual food pantry collection. Instead of bringing food to the Temple, we are asking you to write checks. These checks will then be divided to contribute to two food pantries: the Jewish Community Food Pantry and the Waukesha Food Pantry.

The Jewish Community Food Pantry, an effort co-sponsored by the JCC and the Women's Philanthropy of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, provides emergency food to individuals and families in crisis throughout the greater Milwaukee community.

Connecting clients to community resources, while increasing our community's awareness of hunger's impact and working to alleviate its impact, the Pantry is our Jewish communal response to hunger in Milwaukee.

The pantry is open to the general community, but also carries an assortment of Kosher items. It is located at 2900 W. Center St. in Milwaukee and is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third and fourth Sundays of each month.

The Jewish Community Pantry reflects the commitment to the values of *Tzedakah* (justice) and *Tikkun Olam* (repair the world) and to serving community members in need of *Kavod* (respect).



Marsha Fensin photo

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah **Molly Schmidt** and **Noah Sulman** unload donated food from a car during the Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha drive through food drive held July 19th in the Temple parking lot. The drive, organized by CEEW vice president **Mark Levy**, brought in an estimated 700 to 800 pounds of food and needed infant and toddler items for the FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County. Noah's father, **Aaron**, and Molly's mother, **Loren**, also helped.

The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County provides food, hope and dignity to county residents in need, and advocates to increase awareness of hunger through community partnerships.

The Food Pantry serves Waukesha County residents, including children, the elderly, working but underemployed people, individuals with disabilities or health issues, and the temporarily unemployed.

It is located at 1301 Sentry Dr. in Waukesha and is open 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Please mail your generous donation payable to CEEW Sisterhood with "Food Pantry" in the For line to Barb Dailey, P.O. Box 332, Waukesha 53187, by Friday Sept. 11th.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



JEWISH TRIVIA: Our Adult Education Committee's Jewish Trivia Night has been postponed, but here is a practice question: What Jewish professional golfer won this year's Charles Schwaab Challenge? Answer on Page 17.

In uncertain times, Sisterhood thriving

By SARA ANSON

It may seem redundant to call these times crazy and uncertain; after all it already has been six months since COVID-19 came to Wisconsin.

Many of us are adapting to a new normal every day and some are redefining what normal is over and over.

Sisterhood has come together to not only adapt and redefine what our normal is, but we are also thriving in many ways.

SISTERHOOD

CO-PRESIDENTS

SARA ANSON
and
DEB HACKER



Our Zoom meetings are a lovely way to see familiar faces and get down to business.

We rocked our Sisterhood Shabbat and had a wonderful annual meeting. Now we are bringing our programming to Zoom, which is helping to reach an even larger audience than we previously hoped.

I want to say a huge *thank you* to the Sisterhood board for making this happen. We are an amazing team of women and I am grateful to be part of our team.

Israeli youth think everyone in U.S. is rich

By CINDY LEVY
Sisterhood Past President

Uria Roth, the Shaliach from Israel, came to speak to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha at the invitation of the CEEW Sisterhood.

Twenty-three participants joined the virtual meeting as Roth spoke about the impression Israelis have about Americans, and the differences in priorities and why.

Roth was brought up in a Modern Orthodox community in Israel. His education on the U.S. was through American TV through such shows as *The Wonder Years*.

The impression of Americans left to Israeli youth was that everyone here is rich. This vision was not changed by students who came to the U.S. as camp counselors, as typically — if they got to stay with families — they stayed in big houses.

American Jews have long been seen as a source of funding. There is a movie in Israel that has the same reaction to *Gone with the Wind* — *Sallah Shabati*. It portrays Ethiopian Jews poorly, but highlights how American Jews in the 1960s were seen. Big donors were coming from Michigan to



Marsha Fensin photo

see a kibbutz. A sign was put up for one of the big donor families. Following that a group from California was coming in, so the sign was changed to recognize a big donor in that community. Traditionally the signage at universities are all in Hebrew except for donor signage.

Moving forward, the 2013 research from Pew Research center did a study on "What does it mean to be Jewish?" The results between American and Israeli Jews is striking. For American Jews, 73 percent believe it is their responsibility to remember the Holocaust, while in Israel that didn't even

make the top 10 percent. Discussion on the IDF and leading an ethical life (69 percent) were the most important.

For Israelis coming to America, they feel like the Holocaust is all that is discussed. Uria grew in an Ethiopian community where he was the only Ashkenazi Jew, and the Holocaust wasn't even part of the curriculum. However, this changed when the film *Schindler's List* was released. The Holocaust is now part of the Israeli curriculum.

Roth recommended Nathan Englander's book (meeting an Israeli — difference between Israelis and American Jewish) *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*. It provides an interesting perspective, including the difference between being the majority (Israeli Jewry) vs. a minority (U.S. Jewry).

Israelis think of American Jews as integrating. They don't understand why they aren't marrying Jews. The interesting thing is that about 900,000 Jews have left Israel since the Yom Kippur War and married non-Jews at an even higher level of inter-marriage than American Jews. Israelis don't understand about marrying outside of the religion.

Part of the Shaliach's job is to bring American Jewry back to Israel. Israeli Jews believe American Jews should support Israel, but not vice versa. This is critical as between Israel and America, it makes up most of the Jewish population.



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.

Sisterhood selects officers at annual meeting

By **CINDY LEVY**
Sisterhood Past President

The CEEW Sisterhood held its first (and hopefully only) virtual annual meeting on July 12th. There was no food, which was also a first. In spite of that, 22 women participated in the annual meeting.

The Sisterhood plans on going forward with its Chanukah Card fundraiser, but not the Heritage Dinner, as at this point we don't know when the breaking of bread together will be safe. Information will be coming on the Chanukah Card later in the year.

The Sisterhood is also planning to provide additional virtual programming during the time that we are apart.

A new CEEW Sisterhood Board has been accepted by the membership. The 2020-21 Board consists of:

Co Presidents: **Sara Anson** and **Deb Hacker**

Vice President: **Marsha Fensin**

Vice President: **Jennifer Ecker**

Treasurer: **Barb Dailey**

Recording Secretary: **Carol O'Neil**

Member at large: **Mari-Claire**

Zimmerman

Member at large: **Beth Anne**

Waite

Member at large: **Sandy Villa**

Immediate Past President:

Denise Stodola

Although the Sisterhood membership was not able to share food, we did get to share it virtually. **Sharon Levy** presented her Coe College Senior Film Documentary Project entitled "That Smells Good, what is it?" starring past Temple president **Ann Meyers** and her friend, **Jessica Plotkin**. The documentary presented two foods near and dear to Jews – how to make it, how to share it and what makes it special.

The short film provided a virtual way to break bread. It sparked an interest in perhaps having people bake or cook together virtually and share recipes.

Here is the rugelach recipe that Ann made in the film:

ANN MEYERS'S RUGELACH

Adapted from "Rugelach I" recipe in *The*

That Smells Good, What is It? A (Brief) Explortation of Judaism Through Food

Jewish-American Kitchen Dough Ingredients

1 pound stick margarine,
softened*

4 cups unbleached flour

2 cups sour cream*

Cut the first two ingredients together until well-combined. This goes quickly in the food processor. Pour the flour-margarine mixture into a large bowl. Work the sour cream into the mixture to form a thick, wet dough, but preserve bits of margarine in the dough. (This will make the dough flaky.)

Transfer dough to a plastic wrap-covered board. Form the dough into a thick square. Wrap completely in plastic and refrigerate at least four hours or up to two days. The dough can also be frozen at this point, then thawed in the refrigerator overnight.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Prepare additional sheets for the remaining cookies, as you can roll and top them with sugar for when the first batch comes out of the oven. If you wish, you can shape them and refrigerate them on the baking sheets for several hours before baking. Do not place rugelach directly on hot baking sheets as they will lose their shape and texture.

Fruit and Nut Filling:

1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon (Penzey's Vietnamese preferred)

½ cup granulated sugar or light brown sugar (or ¼ cup dark brown sugar and ¼ cup granulated sugar)

½ cup raisins (chop if large)

1/3 cup dried apricots, chopped and tossed in a little flour

1 cup chopped, toasted walnuts, pecans or almonds

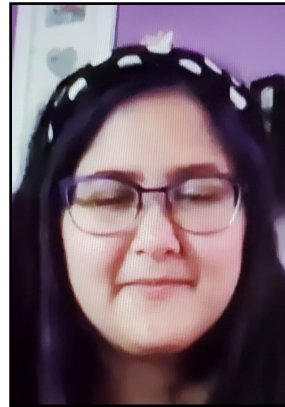
8 ounces apricot preserves, blended almost smooth if fruit pieces are large

(substitute: other fruit jams, but do *not* use jelly, fruit-only or reduced-sugar products)

Corn starch

Chocolate Raspberry Filling:

4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped (l



Marsha Fensin photos



Filmmaker **Sharon Levy**, top, and baker **Ann Meyers**.

use Ghiradelli's 70% cacao bar)
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
Raspberry preserves (seeded or seedless)
Corn starch

For the topping:

1 egg beaten well with 1 teaspoon water
Turbinado sugar

Assembly:

- Prepare the board for rolling the dough by flouring it generously. (You can roll on a silicone mat, too.)

- Divide the dough into 8 equal pieces. Keep remaining dough in the refrigerator as you roll.

- Roll a piece of the dough into a rectangle approximately 12" by 5." Brush with a thin coat of preserves, leaving a ¼" margin at the top and sides of the rectangle. Sprinkle with the sugar/nut/raisin mixture over the apricot preserves OR chocolate/sugar mixture over the raspberry preserves. Sprinkle a little corn starch over the filling to help keep the filling from running.

- Starting from the bottom, roll the dough tightly, keeping the edges straight. Turn the roll so that the seam is underneath.

Using a knife or bench scraper, cut the roll in half. Brush off any excess flour left from rolling the dough.

- Brush each roll half lightly with egg wash. Sprinkle with the turbinado sugar, or dip the rolls in the sugar. Then, cut the rolls into four pieces, each about 1-1/2" wide. Place the pieces on the parchment-lined baking pan.

- Bake 17 minutes. (Check for your oven's variation.) Rotate the pans front-to-back, and change racks to assure even baking. Bake another 17 minutes. Cool on a rack. (You can remove the entire parchment sheet to cool on the rack, and then remove the cookies when cool.)

The rugelach can be kept in a tightly closed container for several days or frozen (tightly wrapped) for several months.

Makes about 64 rugelach.



DINING GROUP ON HIATUS: Anyone interested in joining the Temple's Dining Group should contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com). There are no outings scheduled for the summer.

Deb Hacker re-introduces herself to Sisterhood

By **DEB HACKER**
Sisterhood Co-President

Dear Sisterhood Members:

Hope this message finds you well. As you may know, while I haven't been as active at CEEW in the past few years, I have maintained congregational as well as Sisterhood membership.

I have been nurtured in learning and friendship by **Cantor Martin** during this time, as well as occasionally subbing at Sunday School. **Carol O'Neil's** persuasive powers and confidence in me can be credited because she assured me that I would be fine as a co-president.

I've missed you all. I missed the caring community of women, and your woman's voice in decision-making. I've missed your spiritual power.

What the Women of URJ stated as part of its mission resonated with me. I hope I can continue to assist as Sisterhood "cultivates women's personal and spiritual growth" and "fosters our women's Jewish growth."

Sisterhood has a special role in Women's Jewish education and programming at CEEW to do just this. I have been so impressed with the tech savvy, creativity and planning that went into the Sisterhood Shabbat ser-



Submitted photo

Deb and Rich Hacker are surrounded by grandchildren.

vice this year, as one example. I know personally, I was very uplifted by the service.

I have met with **Denise Stodola** and have corresponded with **Sara Anson** in

an attempt to get up to speed.

Feel free to send an email to say hi, send a text, PM me on Messenger, Whats App or even call me at 262-853-1869.



Marcy Hotz photo

Sisterhood presidents through the years

Alice Lambie (founder)
Gail Jones
Marsha Fensin
Cindy Levy
Carol O'Neil
Sandra Small
Denise Stodola
Sara Anson
Deb Hacker

Sisterhood members on Zoom for the group's annual meeting.



SEARCH COMMITTEE: If you would like to join the Spiritual Leader Search Committee, contact committee chair Mark Levy at markallanlevy@yahoo.com.



LAURIE SCHWARTZ

From the President's Desk

Judaism and Current Events quite a learning experience

When I first heard about a proposal by Marcy Hotz and Pati Allen Brickman to form a Judaism and Current Events discussion group via Zoom, I thought, "Well, this is a disaster waiting to happen."

Recognizing that the political views of CEEW members run the gamut, and our efforts to keep politics out of the synagogue, I thought we would surely need to squash this endeavor. But when Marcy and Pati presented their idea to the Board of Trustees, it was immediately evident that they had put a lot of thought, time and effort into putting together an interesting and non-political educational forum.

I have been fortunate to be able to attend the majority of programs and wow, have I learned a lot. While I have always known what gerrymandering is, I now understand it with a greater depth after the presentation on the topic. I had sporadically contacted both my state and national representatives in the past, but after the presentation on "Effecting Change," I now know how to do so more effectively.

Discussions thus far have entailed racism and the impact of George Floyd, what the country might look like after the COVID-19 pandemic, safer elections and managing stress during these difficult times. Neither Marcy nor Pati profess to be experts on these topics, but the presentations have been well-researched and colorfully presented.

All participants are encouraged to ask questions and have their say, and no one is ever judged on their ideas. Outright political opinions are discouraged because facts are what matter.

The Reform Jewish perspective is always brought into each discussion. Generally, the URJ has published something germane to each topic.

August programs included guest speakers on social action (CEEW's Sandy Villa and Mark Levy) and civic engagement by congregation members (Julie Webb of the Religious Action Center in Illinois). Discussions about safe school opening, how to speak with people who don't agree with you, white privilege, the Electoral College and many more interesting topics have either been discussed or are in the planning. Suggestions for additional timely topics are eagerly welcomed.

These discussions are open to CEEW members only. Watch your weekly Blasts and the CEEW website for dates of each presentation. Contact Pati for the Zoom link. I encourage you to attend.

UPDATE

Spiritual Leader Search Committee

By MARK LEVY
Search Committee Chair

As you should all know by now, Cantor Martin has announced that she will retire in June 2021 after serving as CEEW's spiritual leader for six years. A search committee has been convened.

Phil Schuman chaired the committee last year and it did a fantastic job starting the process. Committee members went through all the preliminary work to determine what we are looking for in our next spiritual leader. Now we are charged with filling out the applications for placement.

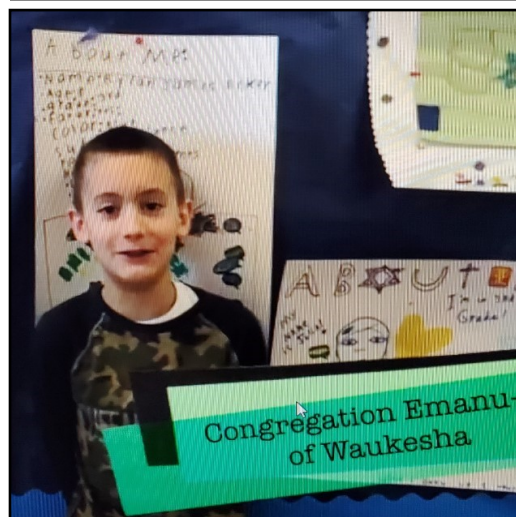
Eventually the committee will be interviewing candidates before recommending a finalist to the Board and membership.

For our search, the committee is looking at both rabbis and cantors. There already has been a meeting with the placement director of the American Conference of Cantors (ACC), and the committee will be scheduling a session with the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) shortly. The ACC and CCAR are the clergy professional organizations for Reform Judaism. They have well-defined procedures for placing their members at URJ congregations and our application process is right on schedule.

The committee is composed of the following members: Marsha Fensin, Elaine Goldberg, Mark Levy, Adrian Richfield, Loren Schmidt, Laurie Schwartz, Phil Schuman and Mari-Claire Zimmerman. In addition, Carrie Barbakoff has been invaluable for helping the committee understand the working relationship among our staff.

Once our applications have been submitted to the placement offices, the committee will be open to adding new members.

Contact Mark Levy (markallanlevy@yahoo.com) if you are interested in participating.



Rylan Ecker, son of Jennifer and Wes Ecker, was among the students who talked about their teachers at the Coalition for Jewish Learning's Salute to Educators via Zoom on Aug. 9th.

Marsha Fensin photo



RITUAL COMMITTEE: If you would like to join the Ritual Committee, please contact committee chair Mari-Claire Zimmerman at wzimmerman1@wi.rr.com.

COMMITTEE FOCUS: **Ritual Committee**

Group performs variety of tasks

By **SYDNEY SMALL**
Bulletin Contributor

One of our congregation's great assets is the commitment of so many people involved in a wide range of activities — committees, social events and classes.

On the four-person Ritual Committee are Chair **Mari-Claire Zimmerman**, **Denise Stodola**, **Marsha Fensin** and **Marie Loeffler**.

Mari-Claire became the committee chair in 2006 when **Rabbi Steve Adams** was our spiritual leader. Mari-Claire has been in charge of our Soup-er Shabbats for the past several years. These gatherings were originally initiated by **Deb Hacker** and Rabbi Adams.

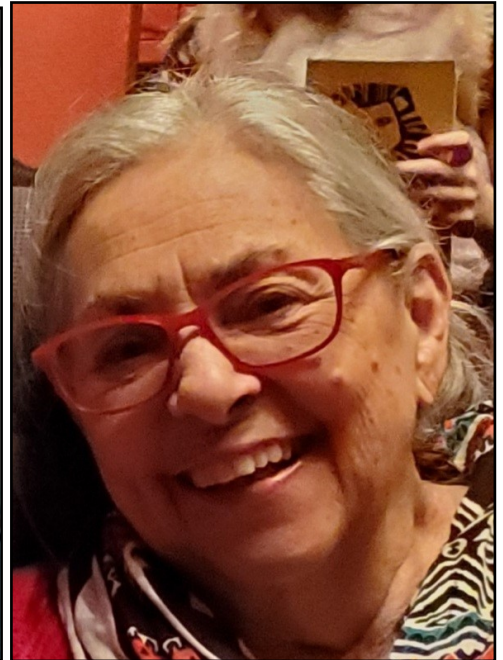
Previous activities of the Ritual Committee include children's High Holy Day services coordination, the pursuit of new High Holy Day prayer books and helping to provide member readers for those holidays.

The committee partnered with **Cantor Martin** in the selection of readings from the new prayer books. The committee also introduced a new food policy for pot luck and other meals so that we now have separate tables for meat and dairy items in the social hall.

Another significant task of the Ritual Committee is to provide leadership for Shabbat services when Cantor Martin is not present. This includes leading prayers and helping to set up the Shabbat table for the oneg after the service.

Once the major autumn holidays are over, the Ritual Committee also reviews committee bylaws with Cantor Martin and the synagogue Board.

In these "interesting times," the Ritual Committee has a new task — participating in Zoom meetings to



Members of the Ritual Committee are, clockwise from top left: **Mari-Claire Zimmerman**, **Marsha Fensin**, **Marie Loeffler** and **Denise Stodola**.



determine the proceedings for the High Holy Days during the COVID-19 crisis. Mari-Claire initially met with Cantor Martin, **Dr. Mike Cummins**, **Dr. Jonathan Kurman**, **Cindy and Mark Levy**, **President Laurie Schwartz**, **Dr. Cecille Sulman** and other congregants to discuss High Holy Day plans.

Meeting notes were sent to the rest of the Ritual Committee and shared with Board members.

The Ritual Committee performs a variety of tasks during the year and is open to anyone who would like to join.

Contact Mari-Claire or Cantor Martin for more information.



REPAIR COST REVEALED: The cost of work on the water shut-off system was \$800, Facilities Chair **Bernie Sandler** reported during the June 13th Board meeting.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTES

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

AUG. 10TH MEETING

- **Cantor Martin** reported on a number of things, especially preparation for the High Holidays. She explained that she was in “high gear” with those preparations. She was in the process of recording HH elements well in advance. “Most of the services will be pre-recorded, except for the children’s services, the study session on Yom Kippur and the live events where we will be able to schmooze and eat together,” she said in her written report.
- Vice President **Mark Levy** said the Spiritual Leader Search Committee has put together a job description that will be passed among Board members. The committee intends not to submit, until after the High Holidays, any applications for assistance from the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and from the American Conference of Cantors (ACC).
- The subject of moving money to the Adult Education Committee was introduced by **Mark Levy**. Treasurer **Alan Meyers** said, “I’ve been making the request that they ask for voluntary donations or people to sponsor programs; I got push-back on that.” President **Laurie Schwartz** responded that the Adult Education Committee has made income that supports programming, and — in this year — they cannot do that in the most usual ways. Speaking of Adult Education programs, she said, “It’s imperative that we go ahead and put programs together.” **Mark Levy** moved that the Board would allocate \$300 to Adult Education. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Cantor Martin** said, “We are so proud of them,” speaking of **Zack Jauquet**, who received a School Support Award, and **Marie Loeffler**, who received a Teacher Impact Award at the online virtual Salute to Educators on Aug. 9th. The event was sponsored by the Coalition for Jewish Learning of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.
- President **Laurie Schwartz** said, “We still need to raise money for the work on the east side of our building.” We are looking for donations to help with that now finished project. We need \$1,300 more to cover the cost of those repairs, **Alan Meyers** said.
- High Holiday participation will require technology, and we are encouraged to look to our weekly email blasts for information about how to use that technology.
- Those who are not CEEW members will not be charged for High Holidays this year, but donations will be accepted. We anticipate that no other Milwaukee area congregations will be charging non-members.
- The Board agreed that there is no need to lend High Holiday books because all of the relevant words will be available on the screen. In other words, there is also no need to purchase High Holiday books. For anyone who would like to own the books, the two-volume set, *Mishkan HaNefesh: Machzor for the Days of Awe*, is available from CCAR Press.
- Sisterhood Co-President **Deb Hacker** reported that there will be no charge for Sisterhood membership this year and that replacing our usual in-person Yom Kippur food drive will be a campaign for dollar contributions to both the Waukesha Food Pantry and the Jewish Food Pantry. Co-President **Sara Anson** said every second Tuesday of the month will be scheduled for programming.
- Treasurer **Alan Meyers** asked if the Sisterhood intends to continue the Gift Shop. **Deb** replied that Sisterhood had taken no vote about the future of the Gift Shop. “I would say it’s in limbo at this point,” she said.
- **Laurie Schwartz** thanked Sisterhood for ongoing online programs.

JULY 13TH MEETING

- **Cantor Martin** noted that the most important Jewish laws demand the

preservation of life. Now, in the face of a growing death toll from the pandemic, the Board must be guided by the need to preserve life, she said. The Board passed a motion saying that most High Holiday services would be held virtually and the Temple building will not be used for conventional, physical services during the High Holidays.

- **Cantor Martin** anticipated that **Tom Braatz**, **Mark Levy** and **Garrett Waite** would help with technology during the High Holidays. She also thanked **Beth Ann Waite** for her support of our HH services.
- President **Laurie Schwartz** said about 30 people responded to the CEEW survey about possible responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and a substantial majority of them did not want us to return to the building in the near future. She also said she had applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation to cover the use of technology during the High Holidays. The Federation did award CEEW that grant. She also said someone has pledged to pay for interior work related to damage from water seepage through the concrete block on east side of building.

JUNE 15TH MEETING

- **Carrie Barbakoff** will be working on the children’s High Holiday service.
- **Bernie Sandler** recommended a biannual review of the congregation’s three-year plan.
- The Board asks that the following disclaimer be stated before each of the *Judaism and Current Events* Zoom sessions: “By consensus, the Board recognizes that a group of members decided to hold their own forum. Views expressed during conversations may not necessarily be those of CEEW.” Those Zoom sessions operate under the leadership of **Pati Allen Brickman** and **Marcy Hotz**.



MEMBER DUES RELIEF AVAILABLE: Members having trouble paying the rest of their 2019-20 dues or considering dropping their memberships because of job loss or future uncertainty are encouraged to contact our treasurer, Alan Meyers, to make confidential arrangements.

MY OH MY MAIMONIDES

Midrash Class's adventure in Jewish philosophy

By **PATI ALLEN BRICKMAN**
Midrash Class Member

Cantor Martin's Wednesday morning Midrash Class has ended the summer season with several weeks of discussion of the great 11th Century thinker Moses Maimonides, aka the Rambam, under the inspired and kind tutelage of **Joe Dailey**.

Participants received the classes enthusiastically, their appetites whetted for further study.

Here's a sample of the wonders we encountered in these fascinating classes.

Born in Córdoba on Passover eve in 1138, Maimonides showed an early interest in science and philosophy, and excelled as he studied with his father, Rabbi Maimon.

The Almohads, a fanatical fundamentalist Berber dynasty, conquered Córdoba in 1148. They abolished the state protection for non-Muslims, which had guaranteed religious freedom. Maimonides and his family tried mightily to remain in Córdoba, and they did so for about 11 years. Eventually, however, they chose exile over forced conversion to Islam.

The family then settled in Fez, Morocco, where they dressed as Muslims dressed. Young Moses studied medicine there, even as he continued to study the sages of the Talmud as well as Greek philosophy.

In 1165 or later, they sojourned to Palestine; Moses wrote, and studied Torah and medicine along the way.

Eventually, the family settled in Egypt where he was appointed court physician to the Grand Vizier al-Qadi and then physician to the great military leader Sultan Saladin.

Maimonides died in 1204, and his remains are honored at his tomb in Israel on the western shore of the Sea

of Galilee.

Through his exile, his traveling, and the loss of his brother — which brought near financial ruin on the family — Maimonides developed him-



Five of the ten participants in Cantor Martin's July Midrash class dedicated to studying the remarkable medieval philosopher Moses Maimonides (1135? to 1204). Pictured above, from left: **Lisa Barnett, Pati Allen Brickman, Joe Dailey, Adrian Richfield** and **Elaine Goldberg**. Also in the class are **Marcy Hotz, Cindy** and **Mark Levy** and **Beth Ann** and **Garrett Waite**.

Maimonides and CEEW in 1942

By **JOE DAILEY**

Bulletin Co-Editor and Midrash Class Member

You'll see in **Pati Allen Brickman's** story on this page that Cantor Martin's Midrash Class set out in July to get a taste of the ideas of the great thinker Maimonides.

The class dove into the experience. The Midrash Class had touched very lightly on the subject of Maimonides several years ago and had occasionally talked about returning to his ideas.

But CEEW's link to Maimonides goes back much farther, all the way back to some of our very earliest days as a congregation.

A small publication dated Feb. 22, 1942, marked "the dedication of our new temple building," a two-story house on Arcadian Avenue that had been converted into the first synagogue building we ever owned. On the first page of text, that little publication included the famous passage in which Maimonides spelled out the eight levels of charity. You can read Maimonides' eight levels of charity in the original 1942 CEEW publication upstairs at our Temple in the archive display area.

If you do look there, you will see that the originators of that CEEW publication did not stop with only the eight levels. They went on to quote Maimonides about a source of his thinking, a passage from Leviticus 25-35: "*And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee, then thou shalt relieve him; yes, though he be a stranger or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.*" This is the highest step and the summit of charity's golden ladder. — from Maimonides."

As far as I can tell from looking into our archives, that little 1942 brochure is the very oldest CEEW printed item we have. They started with Maimonides on giving *zedakah*. What a great start!

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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.



Among the members of the Midrash Class are, from left: **Marcy Hotz, Mark and Cindy Levy and Beth Ann and Garrett Waite.**

MIDRASH

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self into a prolific writer, a rabbi, a Jewish scholar, an astronomer, a philosopher and a physician with a Herculean work ethic.

His *Mishneh Torah*, a 28 volume code of Jewish law, is still considered one of the most authoritative codifications of Jewish law. In his *Sefer Hamitzvot* (*The Book of Commandments*), he listed all 613 commandments, perhaps for the first time ever.

He formulated the “13 principles of faith” that summarized what he viewed as the required beliefs of Judaism. He even delineated eight levels of charitable giving from the least to the most worthy, wherein the highest form of charity is to help sustain a person *before* they become impoverished — a

progressive concept even today. (See *Joe Dailey's sidebar*.)

A centerpiece to our study was Rabbi Mark Golub's YouTube introduction to Maimonides' 600-page *Guide for the Perplexed*.

Rabbi Golub asserts that questioning and doubt are natural features of Judaism, that agnosticism is an authentic Jewish position. The idea that you could be a committed and faithful Jew and still be doubtful and perplexed about the existence and nature of God is, in fact, to be expected in Judaism. Doubts, confusion, contradiction, questions — they're all routine. Questioning, it seems, is the point. “Questions drive Jewish life, and they drive the Talmudic discussion,” Rabbi Golub said.

Maimonides fought against perplexity by insisting on the use of rationality when interpreting the Torah and by

arguing against literal interpretation when logic moves away from the literal.

Maimonides said the anthropomorphism of God — attributing human characteristics to God — is a kind of idolatry.

As a class we were universally impressed at how this 11th century philosopher's ideas are entirely congruous with a modern, progressive, reform approach to Judaism and Torah study. Our discussions were always lively, and — in keeping with the spirit of the Rambam himself — our queries were always met with Joe's almost universal statement, “That's a good question.”

Needless to say, we look forward to future adventures in Jewish philosophy when we reconvene after the High Holy Days.

We hope that you will consider joining us.

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תודה רבה

Todah Rabbah Many Thanks to . . .

- Sisterhood, especially **Sandy Villa** and **Cindy Levy**, for arranging for community Schliach Uriah Roth to speak to the congregation via Zoom on July 1st.
- **Karen Levy** and **Peter Lee**, for their music during a Cantor-led Shabbat service on July 3rd celebrating Independence Day.
- **Garrett Waite**, son of Beth Ann and Anthony Waite, for his jazz programs during the summer.
- **Bill** and **Jan Lowell**, owners of Business Development Directives, for handling the High Holidays survey sent to congregants to help Temple leadership better arrange for services.
- To **Sharon Levy**, for an interesting cooking film during the Sisterhood annual meeting on July 12th.
- To all those whose sweat, expertise and money went into the renovation of the east side of the building. **See story and list of donors and workers on Page 6.**
- To members of the Adult Hebrew Class who have helped Cantor Martin lead Shabbat services.
- To **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** and **Marsha Fensin**, for leading the July 24th Shabbat service. A special treat was the videotaped music with Mari-Claire playing the piano and Marsha singing.
- To **Cindy** and **Mark Levy**, for technical support during Zoom ser-



Marsha Fensin photo

vices. Special thanks to Mark for the hours of music embedding he did prior to the July 24th service. Sisterhood thanks Cindy for setting up and hosting the Zoom annual meeting and creating the meeting PowerPoint.

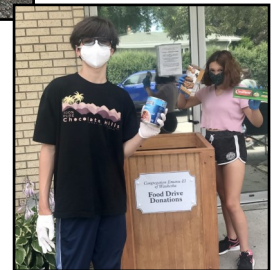
- Sisterhood thanks **Denise Stodola** for serving as co-president for the past three years. Denise said that she has enjoyed being able to lead the CEEW Sisterhood and her positive experience had led to much personal growth. She said she cherishes her Sisterhood sisters who have become family. Sisterhood also thanked outgoing Board member **Judy Shabman** for her many years on the board.
- **Garrett Waite**, who is helping Mark Levy with the High Holidays video recordings and putting them together.
- **Jan Lowell**, for setting up PowerPoints for Shabbat services.
- **Mark Levy**, for organizing the July 19th food drive to benefit the

FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County. And to **Loren** and **Molly Schmidt**, and to **Aaron** and **Noah Sulman**, for carrying the food from people's vehicles to the food bin and Temple lobby.

- **Mari-Claire Zimmerman**, for helping Cantor Martin with preparing readers for the High Holidays.
- Board of Trustees members who took part in the Aug. 14th Shabbat service, which was Board Installation Shabbat. Special thanks to vice president **Mark Levy**, who gave the D'var Torah. And thanks to Education Director **Carrie Barbakoff**, who read from Torah.
- **Mike Cummins** and **Marie Loeffler**, for leading the Aug. 21st Shabbat service.

Left: **Noah** and **Aaron Sulman** volunteered to help at the July 19th drive-through food drive in the Temple parking lot.

Below: **Noah Sulman** and **Molly Schmidt** put food taken from congregants' vehicles into our food bin.



Adrian Richfield photo

From CEEW Past President **Marcy Hotz**, to Bulletin Committee members **Joe Dailey**, **Adrian Richfield** and **Lee Fensin**:

"Super great job on this (the summer Bulletin) — and EVERY — Bulletin. I know how much work it is to put these together. You are all masters. Our congregants generally take it for granted, but I want you to know it

is an important piece of my life, to keep abreast of CEEW happenings, to know who's who, to hear of the birthdays, anniversaries and donations. To know what our leaders are doing and thinking. There is absolutely NO wasted space in these monthly newsletters.

Thank you all so much for the time, effort and love you put into doing this."



JEWISH TRIVIA ANSWER (from Page 8): **Daniel Berger is the only active Jewish golfer on the PGA circuit who has won a PGA tournament. Morgan Pressel is the only active Jewish golfer to have won tournaments (two) on the LPGA circuit.**

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ANNIVERSARIES

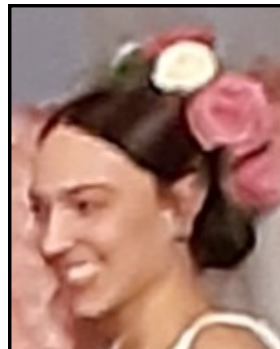
- **Elly and Nate Kraines:** Sept. 1st (63rd)
- **Phil and Mary Schuman:** Sept. 6th (50th)
- **Marcy and Jim Hotz:** Sept. 11th (38th)
- **Kelly and Sheila Goodman:** Sept. 6th (33rd)
- **Kim (Kraines) and Curtis Aubrey:** Sept 1st (24th)
- **Lis Hacker**, daughter of Deb and Rich Hacker, and David "Dudi" Hadad: Sept. 13th (4th)

BIRTHDAYS

- **Macy Bornstein**, daughter of Marc and Shirley Bornstein: Sept. 26th (18th birthday)
- **Jack Goldberg:** Sept. 3rd
- **Laurie Schwartz:** Sept. 30th
- **Sydney Small:** Sept. 12th
- **Barb Zacher:** Sept. 8th

LIFECYCLE

- **Kelly and Sheila Goodman**, who became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, Ari Botbol (husband Sam), gave birth to a 20-inch, 7-pound, 12-ounce boy on Friday, Aug. 28th. ... The Goodman's son, Elijah, was on a champion Land o' Lakes baseball team this summer.
- **Laurie Schwartz**, who became a grandmother for the fourth time on July 7th. Sophia Schwartz, was born 6 pounds, 3 ounces to Jason and Maria Schwartz, who live in Chicago and became first-time parents. Laurie's daughter Sarah and her husband Joey Ross, live in England and have three children - Lydia, 6, Fiona, 5, and Aaron, 2.



Ari Botbol



Mary and Phil Schuman will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 6th.



50TH ANNIVERSARY



Elly and Nate Kraines will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on Sept. 1st.

Share with the congregation your family simchas. Send information to:
temple-news@hotmail.com.



LITTLE PRINCESS: Evelyn Anson sat on her dad Doug's lap wearing a stunning blue Princess Elsa gown and a crown during the virtual August Board of Trustees meeting.

May Their Memories Be for a Blessing

Yahrzeiten

Elul / Tishri (September)



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.

John Alpert: Monday, September 14th, Elul 25
Father of Carol O'Neil

Ruth Alpert: Saturday, September 26th, Tishri 8
Mother of Carol O'Neil

Albert Bergman: Sunday, September 27th, Tishri 9
Grandfather of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Ruth Cohen: Wednesday, September 16th
Grandmother of Marcy (James) Hotz

Lorraine R. Cohodes: Thursday, September 24th, Tishri 6
Mother of Marshall Cohodes

Herman Daitsch: Thursday, September 3rd, Elul 14
Grandfather of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Theodore Ellison: Sunday, September 13th, Elul 24
Father of Barbara (Gregory) Zacher

Lawrence Finkel: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, Tishri 5
Observed by the congregation

Cantor Harold Freeman: Friday, Sept. 18th, Elul 29
Observed by the congregation

Edyth Gellman: Tuesday, September 29th
Grandmother of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Harry Goldberg: Tuesday, September 15th
Father of Jack (Elaine) Goldberg

Grete Hahn: Wednesday, September 9th, Elul 20
Mother of Elly (Nate) Kraines

Kent Martin: Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, Elul 13
Husband of Julie Baum

Bella Rachel Mazursky: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, Tishri 6
Great-grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Dr. William Merkow: Sunday, September 20th
Father of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Tom O'Neil: Sunday, September 6th, Elul 17
Husband of Carol O'Neil

Hyman Parks: Sunday, Sept. 27th, Tisri 9
Great-uncle of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Samuel Rothman: Friday, September 11th, Elul 22
Observed by the congregation

Adult Education Committee Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, Oct. 21st, 7 p.m.: Molly Dubin from the Jewish Museum MKE will speak about "Inescapable: The Life and Legacy of Harry Houdini." This was a past exhibit at the museum.

Tuesday, Nov. 10th, 7 p.m.: Professor Lilly Goren of Carroll University will present a program on "The Election of 2020."

For more information, contact Adult Ed co-chairs Adrian Richfield or Elaine Goldberg.



SEPTEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 4
7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin

SEPTEMBER 11
7 p.m.: Led by Mike Cummins and Marsha Fensin

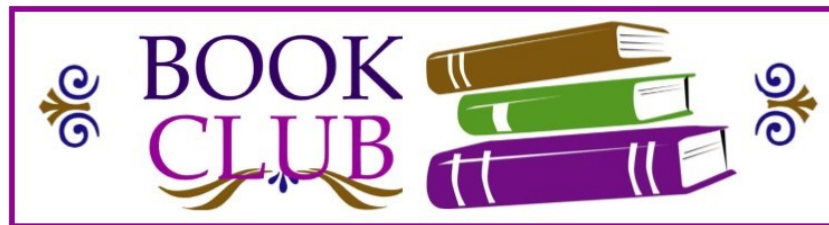
SEPTEMBER 18
7 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah (Oneg to follow. Separate link to be provided.)

SEPTEMBER 25
7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin

These services will be online only. See Temple website for updates and instructions on how view them online.



BOOK IDEAS: Bulletin co-editor Adrian Richfield recommends a website for Jewish books and Book Club ideas. Go to www.jewishbookcouncil.org. Recently published was its annual Jewish Book Club selection guide that includes discussion questions to go along with each book.



Book Club makes 2020-21 plans

By **ADRIAN RICHFIELD**
Bulletin Co-Editor

The Temple Book Club has made plans for the 2020-21 year for book discussions.

The Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The club will meet virtually on Zoom for the first part of the upcoming year. Anyone interested in joining the

Book Club and discussions should contact organizer **Diana Stroshine** (DStroshine@hotmail.com) for additional information and to receive information monthly.

Our list of books for this upcoming season is an eclectic mixture of Jewish and non-Jewish content, fiction and nonfiction that will all provide some interesting reading and discussions for this year.

BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

Oct. 7th: The Liar, by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

Nov. 4th: Book of V, by Anna Solomon

Dec. 2nd: Meet Me at the Museum, by Anne Youngson

Jan. 6th and Feb. 3rd: TBA

March 3rd: Mudbound, by Hillary Jordan

April 7th: American Spy, by Lauren Wilkinson

May 5th: Exile Music, by Jennifer Steil

June 2nd: Operation Paperclip, by Annie Jacobsen

IN APPRECIATION

June and July donations, submitted by CEEW Treasurer **Alan Meyers**

IN MEMORY OF

Sidney Kalstein, Marcy Rudoy, Todd Patz, Ruth Kalstein, Jacquie Hurwitz and Howard Hurwitz

Donations from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

Rosetta Sweed

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Donation from Jennifer Ullman and the Ullman family, with "thanks to Cantor Debby Martin for her kindness and support during this difficult time for my family."

IN HONOR OF

Lia Ecker

Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

Cantor Deborah Martin

Donation from Marcy and James Hotz

The birth of **Sophia Schwartz**, daughter of Jason and Maria Schwartz, and granddaughter of Laurie Schwartz

Donation from Laurie Schwartz

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Donation from Elliot Weiman

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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.

B'NAI MITZVAH

Upcoming at CEEW

2020

NOAH SULMAN

Son of Aaron and Cecille Sulman

**Nov. 14th, via Zoom
10:30 a.m.**

ADULT HEBREW CLASS

**Joe Dailey
Marcy Hotz
Elizabeth Lamb
Adrian Richfield
Laurie Schwartz
Denise Stodola**

Dec. 5th, 10 a.m.

2021

MOLLY SCHMIDT

Daughter of Loren and Mark Schmidt

May 8th, 10:30 a.m.



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.

Temple FUNDS to which you can donate

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
830 W. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, WI. 53188

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.

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BAG PICKUP: PJ Library is giving families Rosh Hashanah bags as a gift. CEEW will also have a bag with homemade challah in it. They can be picked up on Thursday, Sept. 17th, from 2-6 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 10th to Laurie Schwartz (president@waukeshatemple.org) so we know how many bags are needed. If you have no way of picking bags up yourselves, let Laurie know.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 12 Elul Online Weekly Discussion, with Marcy Hotz and Pati Allen Brickman, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Online Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	2 13 Elul	3 14 Elul	4 15 Elul Online Cantor-led service, 7 p.m.	5 16 Elul  Ki Tavo
6 17 Elul	7 18 Elul LABOR DAY	8 19 Elul Online Weekly Discussion, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Online Sisterhood Program: Rabbi Carole Balin talks about Jewish Women and the	9 20 Elul	10 21 Elul Rosh Hashanah bags RSVP deadline (to Laurie Schwartz) DEADLINE for October Bulletin content	11 22 Elul Online Mike Cummins and Marsha Fensin-led service, 7 p.m.	12 23 Elul Online Selichot (with video), 7 p.m.  Nitzavim/Vayeilech
13 24 Elul Online Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Shofar blowing workshop for children and adults, led by Mark Levy, 11:15 a.m.	14 25 Elul Online Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.	15 26 Elul Online Weekly Discussion, with Marcy Hotz and Pati Allen Brickman, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	16 27 Elul	17 28 Elul Rosh Hashanah bags pickup at Temple, 2-6 p.m. Let Laurie Schwartz know if you can't pick up bags yourselves and delivery arrangements can be made,	18 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah, via Zoom, 7 p.m.	19 1 Tishri Morning Adult Rosh Hashanah service via Zoom, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Kiddush lunch, 12:30 p.m. Virtual Torah service, 2 p.m.  Rosh Hashanah
20 2 Tishri Children's Rosh Hashanah via Zoom, 10:30 a.m. Tashlich and school books pickup, at Frame Park, 1:30 p.m.	21 3 Tishri	22 4 Tishri	23 5 Tishri	24 6 Tishri	25 7 Tishri Online Cantor-led Shabbat Shuvah service, 7 p.m.	26 8 Tishri  Ha'azinu
27 9 Tishri Kol Nidre, via Zoom, 7 p.m.	28 10 Tishri Yom Kippur morning service, via Zoom, 10:30 a.m., followed by study session at 1 p.m., YK afternoon service at 2:30 p.m., children's service at 3:30 p.m., Yizkor at 5 p.m. and Neilah	29 11 Tishri Online Weekly Discussion, with Marcy Hotz and Pati Allen Brickman, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	30 12 Tishri			

The content deadline for the October Bulletin is Thursday, Sept. 10th.