

DECEMBER SISTERHOOD PROGRAM: Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 7 p.m.

Nurse to talk about her experiences at OSRUI

By **DEB HACKER**
 Sisterhood Co-President

Paula Kaye was one of the unsung heroes at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute.

I worked as a camp nurse with Paula from 1994 to 2004. Fellow congregants **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** and **Barb Zacher** also worked as OSRUI camp nurses.

Paula was an experienced school health nurse and taught me much about caring for young children, caring for counselors and caring for the staff at camp.

On Dec. 8th at 7 p.m., Paula, a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), will talk virtually to the CEEW Sisterhood about her experiences as the head nurse at OSRUI and being the wife of **Jerry Kaye**, the former director of OSRUI.



Submitted photo

Paula and Jerry Kaye were fixtures at OSRUI for many years.

For 48 years, Paula worked to help build the Jewish identity of OSRUI, a Union for Reform Judaism overnight camp, that is regarded to be one of the premier Jewish camps in the United States.

CEEW parents and grandparents, of camp-age students, might find this program to be of special interest, and all are welcome to attend.

We may all want to go to camp after this program.

In addition to her duties at the health center, Paula entertained staff at her home, raised her children and eventually grandchildren at camp.

Some years, she also worked at the climbing tower.

She was always an advocate for camper safety and health, but gave out lots of hugs and support, too. Her nursing staff was very loyal, and came back year after year, forming lifelong friendships.



NOAH SULMAN Becomes a Bar Mitzvah

Left: Cecille Sulman slices the challah she made as sons **Noah** and **Jonah**, husband **Aaron** and **Cantor Martin** look on.

Right: Cantor Martin blesses Noah with the priestly benediction. (More photos on pages 4 and 5.)

Marsha Fensin photos





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.

Chanukah: The holiday of light and hope, which were things RBG championed

December includes the joyous holiday of Chanukah. It is a wonderful holiday celebrating religious freedom and the fight for equality and justice. Our children especially enjoy eating freshly fried *latkes* and donuts along with chocolate *gelt*.

We play dreidel and win M&Ms and sing familiar Chanukah songs. We light the candles and bring that light and warmth into our homes during a time of cold weather and early darkness outside. It is a time of light and joy when we hope that people will unite and respect each other's traditions and faiths.

We lost a true beacon of that message when U.S. Supreme Court justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** passed away on Sept. 18th at her home in Washington, D.C., from complications of metastatic pancreatic cancer. This happened to be the evening of Rosh Hashanah, and it is said that those who die on this holiday are considered "*Tzadiks*," or "righteous ones." How appropriate that she left us on this date, for she was definitely one of the righteous ones walking on this earth, helping others who could not fight for themselves.

Ginsburg knew what it was like to struggle. The daughter of Nathan and Celia Bader, she grew up in a low-income, working-class neighborhood in Brooklyn. Her mother was a major influence in her life and taught her the value of independence and a good education.

"My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent," Ginsburg said.

The study of law was unusual for women of her generation. Sadly, her mother struggled with cancer through-



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk



Ruth Bader Ginsburg's achievements did not come easily.

out Ginsburg's high school years and died the day before Ginsburg's graduation. I can only imagine how proud Celia would have been of Ruth if she had lived to see all of her accomplishments.

Her accomplishments did not come with ease. Ginsburg earned her bachelor's degree in government from Cornell University in 1954, finishing first in her class. She married law student **Martin D. Ginsburg** that same year. The early years of their marriage were challenging, as their first child, Jane, was born shortly after Martin was drafted into the military in 1954. After he returned, the couple both attended Harvard. She had to balance life as a mother and also as a law student, where she encountered a hostile environment, dominated by men. However, she still excelled academically and became the first female member of the prestigious *Harvard Law Review*.

When Martin contracted testicular cancer, she helped him recover and continue his studies, while also caring for their young daughter. Thankfully, Martin did recover and after graduating

from Harvard, he went to New York to work in a law firm there. She transferred to Columbia Law School to be with him and graduated first in her class in 1959.

Unfortunately, Ginsburg continued to encounter gender discrimination while seeking employment after graduation. She persisted, and after clerking for U.S. District Judge **Edmund L. Palmieri** (1959-61), Ginsburg taught at Rutgers University Law School (1963-72) and at Columbia (1972-80), where she became the school's first female tenured professor.

During the 1970s, she also served as the director of the Women's Rights Pro-

ject of the American Civil Liberties Union, for which she argued six landmark cases on gender equality before the U.S. Supreme Court. Since I have a child who is gender fluid, I especially appreciate her work in this area.

She was a staunch courtroom advocate for the fair treatment of women and working with the ACLU's Women's Rights Project. Ginsburg also believed that the law was gender-blind and all groups were entitled to equal rights.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed Ginsburg to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. She served there until she was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1993 by President Bill Clinton.

As a justice, Ginsburg favored caution, moderation and restraint. She was considered part of the Supreme Court's moderate-liberal bloc presenting a strong voice in favor of gender equality, the rights of workers and the separation of church and state.

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on Page 3



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

COMMITTEE FOCUS: Personnel Committee

Group plays important role in synagogue



Mike Kotkin

By **SYDNEY SMALL**
Bulletin Co-Editor

Michael Kotkin has worn many hats at CEEW, including vice president and president of our synagogue.

As current chair of the Personnel Committee, he has high praise for committee partners **Elaine Goldberg, Ady Richfield** and **Nate Kraines**, reporting his

Ady Richfield

teammates to be "an easy, respectful, personable and responsible group of individuals."

Mike succeeded **Mike Ward** as committee chair after serving in various

other capacities.

Congregant **Barbara Zacher** persuaded Mike to join the CEEW Board, at which time he also joined the Personnel Committee.

The committee meets throughout the year and has a variety of tasks related to staffing. A major goal of the committee is producing and reviewing staff contracts and assessing other personnel issues as they arise.

The committee also brings recommendations to the board and checks in with our staff to simply to see how



Nate Kraines



Elaine Goldberg

things are going with them.

Greater membership numbers in the past meant that in earlier years, the Personnel Committee also used mail-in questionnaires to examine staffing needs. These questionnaires were then used to review staff and board achievement. **Jan Lowell** was instrumental in the development and deployment of these assessments.

Employee termination is a topic no one likes to contemplate; it has been one of the not-so-common challenges that has faced the committee. Other challenges include advertising concerns, finding good staff replacements and acquiring feedback on staff performance from members of CEEW.

New committee members are welcome.

CANTOR

From Page 2

Her husband of 56 years died of cancer in 2010. She described him as her biggest booster and "the only young man she dated who cared that she had a brain."

I could go on and on about her accomplishments, but what I loved most about Ruth Bader Ginsburg was her tenacity, her persistence and her intelligence. She was able to use her compassion, understanding and kindness for everyone by reaching across the aisles to get things done.

There are quotes of hers that I love and would like to try to incorporate in my work as your spiritual leader and in my personal life as well.

She truly understood human nature and knew how to softly and gently ask for things in which she believed. She had respect for everyone and believed in having the justices meet on regular occasions for a meal.

It's hard to treat someone badly when you are with them often and find out about their humanity, their families

and lives.

Here are some of her words of wisdom that I love best: "I'm a very strong believer in listening and learning from others. When a thoughtless or unkind word is spoken, best tune out."

Also: "Don't be distracted by emotions like anger, envy, resentment. These just zap energy and waste time. Reacting in anger or annoyance will not advance one's ability to persuade. You can disagree without being disagreeable. Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Living in my era as a woman, I truly appreciate the work that RBG did in promoting women's rights and equality. She said: "Women's rights are an essential part of the overall human rights agenda. Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

I love this quote, too, that shows her Jewish roots. "To make life a little better for people less fortunate than you, that's what I think a meaningful life is.

One lives not just for oneself, but for one's community." Ginsberg believed in "*Tikkun Olam*," the repair of the world and helping those in need. This is not something that happens overnight, as she said: "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."

RBG was a powerful force who lived her beliefs, and when she voiced them, she knew how to do so in a very convincing way, without making enemies.

As we celebrate the holiday of light, let us take these words to heart and try to find ways to be a friend to everyone. Let us work for the changes we want to see with kindness and communication. I was inspired by her work, and if you have the chance to read her book, *My Own Words*, or her movie, *RBG*, I highly recommend them, so that you can get a glimpse of this amazing person and her accomplishments.

May you and your family have a very fulfilling and warm Chanukah, filled with light and joy.

Chag Sameach.

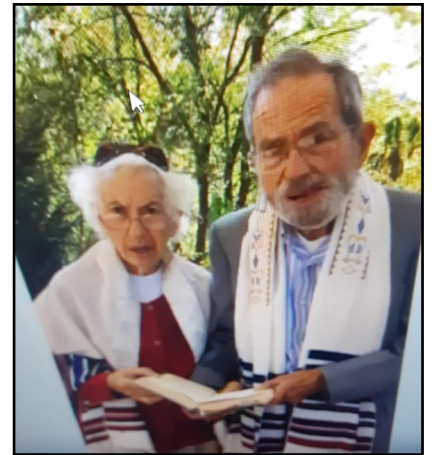


SUPPORT B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS: All members of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha are invited to support our *B'nai Mitzvah* students and families by attending their services on Shabbat. Check Temple calendar for dates and times.

NOAH SULMAN BAR MITZVAH

Photos by Marsha and Lee Fensin

One congregant noted: "The Bar Mitzvah was very impressive. The family was very impressive."

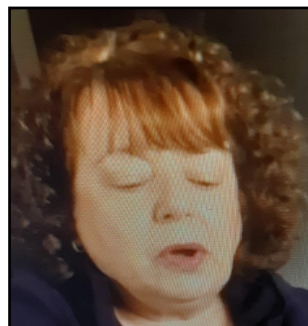
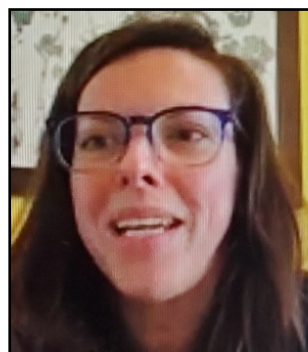


Noah's grandparents, **Anne Altshuler** and **David Sulman**, above, and **Sinukuan** and **Marie Mariano**, below, read prayers.

Cecille and **Aaron Sulman** pass the Torah to son **Noah** during his Bar Mitzvah service.



Speaking to **Noah** during his Bar Mitzvah included father **Aaron**, top left; mother **Cecille**, bottom left; Sisterhood co-president **Sara Anson**, top right; and CEEW president **Laurie Schwartz**, bottom right.





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

We need to balance sound and silence

The pandemic has allowed me to appreciate my senses.

The power of silence has been brought out by the pandemic. Some say "silence is golden" and some say "silence is deafening." I have found both to be true in life.

Sometimes it is necessary to stop and not say anything just because no one else is speaking. However, in times of being forced to be alone, the silence is sometimes almost deafening. I have found that silence does allow me to focus and concentrate.

However, endless silence often causes me to get lost in my thoughts. I have come to the conclusion that sometimes silence is therefore necessary and that a balance of some sound and some silence is needed.

As you are all aware, our religious school has been on Zoom this school year. I want to thank our students, parents and teachers for their patience as we all navigate through this challenging experience.

Our teachers should be commended for their efforts to create meaningful lessons using technology, and our students should be recognized for their patience and participation in class and getting used to Zoom classes.

Our parents also need to be thanked for supplying extra items and for ensuring their child(ren) have a device and space to have class. While Zoom does allow us to come together as a class and as a school and as a congregation, it is not the same as our in-person school or services or other experiences.

The sounds of a class are very different on Zoom, while in my class, music can be played in the background in my space to break the silence because there is the mute button that allows for parents to speak with their child during class.

This button can also be used for controlling interruptions and background noise, or this button also can be used to silence the student who might be speaking over someone else.

There is also the unmute feature that we all constantly need to be reminded to use at some points as no one is naturally "muted" in real life and therefore



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director's Desk



Noah Sulman chants from the Torah on his Bar Mitzvah that was held virtually on Nov. 14th, as his parents, **Cecille** and **Aaron**, look on.

Marsha Fensin photo

we forget we have to make ourselves heard in the Zoom world.

As we come to the next holiday that we are all going to have to celebrate differently than we have in the past due to the circumstances, I want to take a moment and have everyone find the light. *Chanukah* is called "the festival of lights," and each night we light the *menorah*. The amount of light radiating from our menorah is increased as we increase the number of candles for each night.

This *Chanukah*, while it may seem dark without our family or friends celebrating with us in our homes, I invite you to put your *menorah* in your window and share the light with your neighbors and those who pass by your home. I want you to appreciate the light and know that Jews all around the world are celebrating the miracle of the oil providing light for eight days.

This *Chanukah*, because we will not be coming together for our annual Friday night *latke* contest or our annual *Chanukah* Fun Day in religious school, I

invite everyone to sign up for a *Chanukah* bag to be picked up at the Temple parking lot. This way CEEW president Laurie Schwartz and I can take a moment to wish each of you, who want to drive by, a *Happy Chanukah*! Watch for details as to the date and time.

There will be a *Chanukah* Friday night service on Dec. 11th led by the older grades on Zoom.

It also is my hope that everyone will get to enjoy the sense of smell when you fry your own *latkes* this year and the sense of taste when you eat a festive meal during the holiday.

As we know, the coronavirus affects these two senses of smell and taste and therefore, we should not take them for granted and be thankful for our health and our ability to see the light of the *Chanukah* candles shining bright each night.

It is my wish for 2021 that everyone is healthy, and that we can come together to celebrate the holidays as a community in one space and not separated by computer or telephone screens.



JEWISH TRIVIA: Our Adult Education Committee's Jewish Trivia Night has been postponed, but here is a practice question: What Jewish former baseball player was known as the Kosher Bomber? Answer on Page 8.

CONDOLENCES

Mary Steinberg made others feel good



By **LEE FENSIN**
Bulletin Contributor

Mary Steinberg was the life of the party.

That was evident from remarks by family and friends who spoke at her memorial service and her *Shiva* service.

Mary, the wife of **Rick Steinberg**, died in hospice on Nov. 5th at age 70. Members and staff of CEEW send their deepest condolences to the family.

"I thought I was popular," Rick said. "I would walk into a hangout and people would say, 'Hi Rick. How are you

doing?'" But once I began dating Mary and I came in without her, people would say, "Where's Mary?" She became more popular than me."

Another relative — Mary had 10 siblings — said, "She was a great story teller and had a way to make people feel good. And she had the biggest laugh."

Her obituary read in part: "Her innate qualities of intelligence, quick wit, thoughtfulness and magnetic personality made it a joy to be in her company. Those who knew her well were familiar with her love of reading, her terrific memory and ability to recall even the smallest of details."

A sister-in-law wrote, "Mary was

wonderful, warm, kind, loving, generous, smart and funny."

Mary was called an armchair *Jeopardy* champion, and one relative said, "When Trivial Pursuit came out, everyone wanted to be on Mary's team."

It was recalled that Mary liked to collect recipes but rarely made any of them.

Rick and Mary wed in 1991. Mary spent much of her nursing career working in Veterans Administration hospitals.

Throughout their marriage, Rick said, "I realized how lucky I was and how loved Mary was."

May her memory always be for a blessing.

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

IN MEMORY OF

- **Danny Israel**, brother of Ann Klein
Donations from Deborah and Richard Hacker (for Education Fund), Jack and Elaine Goldberg, Marsha and Lee Fensin, Alan and Ann Meyers
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IN HONOR OF

- **Cantor Deborah Martin, Cindy and Mark Levy, Jan Lowell and all others who helped with High Holiday services**
Donations from Alan and Ann Meyers, Marsha and Lee Fensin
- **Carrie Barbakoff** (Rosh Hashanah family service was very fitting and greatly appreciated.)
Donation from Ralph Barbakoff

GENERAL DONATIONS

Donations from Pati Allen Brickman (New Year), Mark and Loren Schmidt (High Holidays gift baskets), Michael Schlesinger, Mark and Cindy Levy (for Adult Ed), Alice Lambie (for Adult Ed), Jack and Elaine Goldberg (for Adult Ed), Anthony and Beth Ann Waite (for music at services)

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.



QUOTABLE: From the late Jonathan Sacks, the United Kingdom's Chief Rabbi:
 "How many Jews does it take to change a light bulb? One, but the light bulb has to want to change."

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE Program Reviews

Congregants hear from two interesting speakers

By **ADRIAN RICHFIELD**
 Bulletin Co-Editor



Marsha Fensin photo

Dr. Lilly Goren from Carroll University spoke about the 2020 election.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10th, which was one week after the 2020 election, CEEW members and guests heard a very interesting presentation by **Dr. Lilly Goren**, who teaches political science (among other things) at Carroll University.

Lilly spoke of the nationwide demographics and numbers associated with this election, while explaining many other topics connected with presidential

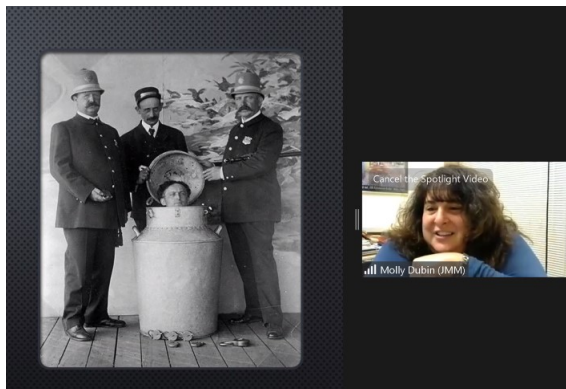
elections — including turnout numbers and polling issues. She then entertained questions from our Zoom audience on topics including gerrymandering, the electoral college, why it is taking so long to count votes and many more.

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On Wednesday, Oct. 21st, Adult Education had **Molly Dubin** from the Jewish Museum Milwaukee present a program about Wisconsinite and first "super star" Houdini.

Molly talked about his early life, Jewish roots and interesting facts about Houdini.

Members were treated to some special "magic" by **Garrett Waite** before the program with an interactive card trick that participants actually tried at home.



Cindy Levy photo

Molly Dubin spoke about Houdini's famous milk can escape.

MAZEL TOV to ...

ANNIVERSARIES

- **Ariel and Sam Botbol**, who will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on Dec. 31st. Ari is the daughter of Kelly and Sheila Goodman.
- **Ed and Nolajoy Weiss**, who will celebrate their second wedding anniversary on Dec. 1st.
- **Denise and Dennis Stodola**, who will celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary on Dec. 8th.



Ari Botbol

BIRTHDAYS

- **Julie Baum**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 6th
- **Marsha Fensin**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 18th
- **Natalie Hirsch**, daughter of John Hirsch and Tracey Buckner, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 2nd.
- **Alice Lambie**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 21st.
- **Amichai Upshoren**, the grandson of Mari-Claire and Bill Zimmerman, will celebrate a birthday on Dec 1st.
- **Ed Weiss**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 27th.
- **Bill Zimmerman**, who will celebrate a birthday on Dec 5th.



- **Vivian Shoshana Hacker**, the granddaughter of Deb and Rich Hacker, celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 8th.

LIFE CYCLE

- The **Aaron and Cecille Sulman** family, on the Nov. 14th Bar Mitzvah of Noah Sulman.

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



JEWISH TRIVIA ANSWER (from Page 6): **Ron Blomberg**, whose Jewish roots came from Romania, played mostly for the New York Yankees, where he enjoyed the attention of the large Jewish population. "To play in front of 8 million Jews. Can't beat it," Blomberg said. "It was like I was related to everyone. I lit candles for all the Bar Mitzvahs in the city."

SISTERHOOD

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SARA ANSON
and
DEB HACKER



Chanukah cards can help us feel connected

By **SARA ANSON**

Chanukah is here. Thank you for your continued support with this year's Chanukah card. I am grateful to keep this tradition going for the third year in a row. This card will serve as a reminder to me, while I make *latkes* and *sufganiyot*, that my fellow Sisterhood members are celebrating the Festival of Lights with me, even though we aren't together. I hope it will help you feel connected to us as well.

May you find meaning in the season and peace in your heart. May you feel the warmth of the lights all through the year.

By **DEB HACKER**

Simon Bronner, PhD., the Dean of the College of General Studies and Distinguished Professor of Social Sciences at UW-Milwaukee, will be featured at the Tuesday, Jan. 12th Sisterhood (Zoom) program at 7 p.m.

His program is entitled, "The Rise of Adapted Home Traditions."

This illustrated talk based on research for his new book, *Jewish Cultural Studies* (Wayne State University Press 2021) will examine traditions as a process of Jewish folklorization.

Since the 1970s, a largely adapted or invented tradition for the naming of Jewish girls (Simchat Bat, Zevad Habat or Brit Bat) has spread as a feminist grassroots answer to the male circumcision ritual. These were largely home-based family ceremonies in line with Ashkenazic and Sephardic cultural frameworks. Rabbis have then adapted these ceremonies in liturgy and synagogue practice.

Women transition through many stages of life, which can include: birth, adolescence / Bat Mitzvah, marriage / commitment, infertility, birth of children, separation, hysterectomy, divorce, midlife, death. New ritual-making, based in Jewish tradition, can empower us as women to appreciate those precious and unique times, but sometimes also very grievous and difficult times.

We are fortunate to have Dr. Bronner, a professor of stature and reputation, (who spoke on Jewish humor last year at CEEW) as well as the author and editor of more than 40 books, to speak to us about ceremonies that mark our lives as women.

Please join us for this special evening. A Zoom link will be sent to CEEW Sisterhood members and women who have requested to be notified of programming. Contact **Cindy Levy** at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com to receive the link.



Simon Bronner

תודה רבה

Todah Rabbah
Many Thanks to . . .

- **Mike Cummins**, who led the Oct. 23rd Shabbat service on the anniversary of Leonard Cohen's fourth yahrzeit. **Garrett Waite**, **Marie Loeffler** and **Marsha Fensin** sang (and Garrett played on his guitar) some of Cohen's best-known songs. Mike, who did the D'var Torah, explained how he became a Cohen fan and some of Cohen's background, also read the lyrics to one of Cohen's songs. **Marcy Hotz**, **Laurie Schwartz**, **Beth Ann Waite** and **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** also participated in the service, while **Cindy Levy** used her technical knowledge to host the service. Special thank you to the ultra-talented Garrett, who helped produce the service as he put together the videos, along with his guitar accompaniments. Marsha told Garrett, "Your guitar overlay on *If It Be Your Will* is genius!!!"
- **Cindy Levy**, who was video editor for the Oct. 30th virtual Shabbat service and earlier gave Carroll University students a virtual tour of the synagogue and spoke with them about Judaism.
- **Cindy Levy**, for her dedication to CEEW's annual Book Fair.
- **Pati Allen Brickman**, **Elaine Goldberg**, **Ady Richfield** and **Denise Stodola**, who participated in the Oct. 30th Shabbat service.
- **The Adult Education Committee**, for bringing **Lilly Goren** to CEEW virtually on Nov. 10th to speak about the 2020 election, and for bringing **Molly Dubin** from the Jewish Museum to talk about Houdini on Oct. 21st. Thanks to Lilly and Molly, and thanks to **Garrett Waite** for his magic tricks preceding Molly's talks.
- **Mark Levy**, who got a gold star for his emergency work before Noah Sulman's virtual Bar Mitzvah on Nov. 14th. The computer at the Temple wouldn't boot that morning, so Mark had to go over to the Temple with his computer to get things up and running before the service. Crisis averted.



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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTES

October 12th Meeting

By DENISE STODOLA / Board Secretary

FACILITIES REPORT

Bernie Sandler

The water fountain in the synagogue was removed, and the wall was resealed / cemented. Painting is not completed yet.

He said the outside hose is put away with a newly purchased hose reel.

Bernie is in the process of purchasing and installing smoke / CO detectors. Two already have been purchased (\$35 each). They will be mounted outside the social hall just outside of the kitchen, west hall, office and the lobby outside of the sanctuary.

Bernie is looking into a security device for instant police notification of an armed intruder.

A "CM Sensor" was ordered from Church Mutual (our insurance company) for FREE. It will include sensors for 'temperature' and 'water' alerts.

The 'PULL for POLICE' device delivery is TBD. Bernie will order three: for office, Bimah and Cantor's office

Two major items are TBD: the Safety Plan and the RING (doorbell) control changes.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carrie Barbakoff

Carrie and CEEW president **Laurie Schwartz** handed out Rosh Hashanah bags. It was a great way to connect with the congregation, Carrie said.

The family Rosh Hashanah service on Sept. 20th went smoothly. Many children from the religious school had parts in the service and many families joined in virtually.

Tashlich at Frame Park went well. **Doug Anson** recorded some songs

Sept. 28th: family Yom Kippur service went smoothly. Those who were present had parts and experienced a meaningful service. There was a small attendance due to the service being held on a Monday and students / parents were in school / work at the time.

Oct. 4th: Sukkot went well on Zoom. Seeing

everyone's edible / nonedible sukkahs was a lot of fun, as well as seeing Mark and Cindy Levy's, Mike Cummins' and Deb Hacker's real sukkahs.

Oct. 11th: Simchat Torah's recorded service went well, 22 participants were on Zoom.

The *Shin Shin* will be "visiting" our school virtually this year, three times between now and December which is exciting.

Midweek Hebrew is starting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Meyers

There was discussion about the budget, membership and last year's High Holiday donations.

There was an overage in expenses as Administrator **Jan Lowell** spent extra time getting High Holiday services together.

Google Suites is in the set-up stages.

SISTERHOOD REPORT

Deb Hacker

The Yom Kippur Food Drive raised \$1,016 with 16 families donating. The money was divided between the Waukesha County Food Pantry and the Jewish Food Pantry.

January 12, 2021 will be a program presented by Simon Bronner.

Sisterhood is streamlining the process of submitting bulletin articles.

MISCELLANEOUS

Search Committee chair **Mark Levy** said the committee has posted job descriptions with the Cantors Association and Rabbinical Group.

Cantor Martin said the Membership Committee will be meeting soon to discuss New Member Shabbat.

President **Laurie Schwartz** said the Rosh Hashanah Honey Fundraiser made \$360 from 80 orders.



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.

BOOK CLUB REPORT / **Adrian Richfield Reviews: *Meet Me at the Museum***

Writing letters leads strangers to examine own lives

When is the last time you wrote a letter? Or, even sent a postcard?

These methods of communication seem outmoded, underused and rare these days.

This novel, *Meet Me at the Museum*, is told in epistolary form (written in the form of a series of letters).



Anne
YOUNGSON

The correspondence of 18 months between an English farmer's wife, Tina Hapgood, and a Danish museum curator, Anders Larsen, tells of a friendship that evolves over the Tollund Man! You may have never heard of him?

The Tollund Man was discovered in 1950 by two peat cutters in Silkeborg, Denmark. The corpse was first thought to be a recent murder victim because his physical features were so well preserved, but in reality he lived in

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CEEW Book Club

What: Virtual discussion of *Meet Me at the Museum*

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 2nd

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Discussion Leader: Diana Stroshine

4th century BC. Radiocarbon dating indicated that he died in about 375-210 BC. And if that wasn't interesting enough, a nose made of animal hide was drawn tight around his neck!

Throughout their letter writing, the two begin to share not only their interest in the Tollund Man, but many details of their own lives. These two strangers examine more than their interest in the Tollund Man as their relationship deepens and they start to examine their own lives.

From a Minneapolis Star Tribune review: "How subtle. How perceptive. *Meet Me at the Museum* is gently provoking, delving into how we interact with our children, our spouses, our

communities, but most with ourselves."

Anne Youngson worked for many years in senior management in the car industry before embarking on a creative career as a writer. This is her debut novel written at age 70.

Anyone interested in joining in the book discussion or joining the book club should contact Diana Stroshine (dstroshine@yahoo.com)



The Tollund Man was discovered in 1950.

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B'NAI MITZVAH Upcoming at CEEW

2021

MOLLY SCHMIDT

**Daughter of Loren
and Mark Schmidt**

May 8th, 10:30 a.m.

2022

TORIN ECKER

**Son of Jennifer
and Wes Ecker**

March 5th, 3:30 p.m.



DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

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

DECEMBER 11
7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin
5th-8th grade service

DECEMBER 18
7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin

DECEMBER 25
No service (Christmas)

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



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.

May Their Memories Be for a Blessing

Yahrzeiten Kislev / Tevet (December)



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.

Barbara Allen: Saturday, Dec. 26
Mother of Patricia Allen Brickman

Larry Alpert: Tuesday, December 1; Kislev 15
Brother of Carol O'Neil

Alvin Cohen: Wednesday, December 23; Tevet 8
Observed by the congregation

Samuel Evans: Saturday, December 5
Father of Alice Lambie

Bill Figatner: Tuesday, December 29
Uncle of Ardis Horwich

Marion Goldberg: Friday, December 18
Mother of Jack (Elaine) Goldberg

Irving Goodman: Saturday, December 5; Kislev 19
Husband of Peggy Goodman
Father of Kelly (Sheila) Goodman

Daniel Horwich: Monday, December 21
Grandfather of Ardis Horwich

Ruth Louise Horwich: Sunday, December 20
Grandmother of Ardis Horwich

Celia Kraines: Tuesday, December 22; Tevet 7
Mother of Nate (Elly) Kraines

Max Kurz: Sunday, December 6; Kislev 20
Remembered by the congregation

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

Merriam Levy: Friday, December 18; Tevet 3
Mother of Mark (Cindy) Levy

Benjamin Lewis: Thursday, December 24
Father of Joanne Wagner; grandfather of Ellyn (Trevor Huskey) Lem

Benny Martin: Monday, December 7; Kislev 21
Father of Cantor Deborah Martin

Jack Moskowitz: Tuesday, Dec. 22; Tevet 7
Stepfather of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Claire Musickant: Monday, December 14
Uncle of Barbara (Gregory) Zacher

Chavalah Pilmaier: Sunday, December 20; Tevet 5
Observed by the congregation

Faye Reinherz: Monday, December 7; Kislev 21
Observed by the congregation

Edward Rudoy: Monday, December 21
Father of Marcy (James) Hotz

Jo Smirl: Thursday, December 3; Kislev 17
Observed by the congregation

Werner Spanier: Thursday, Dec. 24; Tevet 9
Observed by the congregation

James Thalman: Monday, December 21
Father of Jan (Bill) Lowell

Mildred Schnoll Wasserman: Monday, December 28; Tevet 13
Observed by the congregation

Cantor Martin to lead virtual community Chanukah candle lighting

Cantor Martin will be leading Chanukah candle lighting on Zoom at 5 p.m. on Dec. 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th.

This will be a short session where we will all light our candles, sing a song or two and hear a Chanukah story from Cantor Martin.

Have your Chanukah menorahs and candles ready to go and we will light them together as a community. (Candles will be lit during the worship service on Dec. 11th and at the Cantors Concert on Dec. 13th.)



TEMPLE VOLUNTEERISM: The Jewish Telegraphic Agency passed this along: "At synagogues, life and death mingles with mundane every single day. Sometimes our work feels very tangibly holy and true. And sometimes we spend the afternoon defrosting the social hall freezer and cleaning out 40-year-old file cabinets."

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
830 W. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, WI. 53188

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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.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Other: _____

Please send acknowledgement card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

From:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____



RESERVE YOUR CHANUKAH GOODIE BAG: Please RSVP to Temple President Laurie Schwartz by Nov. 30th.

ALL CEEW MEMBERS

RESERVE YOUR

Chanukah Bag!

**DECEMBER 10 STARTS CHANUKAH!
TIME / DAY FOR PICK UP OF BAGS
WILL BE TBA
IN THE TEMPLE PARKING LOT**

Sign up by emailing president@waukeshatemple.org

President, Laurie Schwartz



During this most unusual year, CEEW will be making a Chanukah bag for each family with some special treats inside. They will be available to pick up at the synagogue before Chanukah starts. Please RSVP to Laurie Schwartz (president@waukeshatemple.org) by **November 30th** so we know how many to put together. If you want a bag and you are unable to pick it up yourself, contact Laurie and she can arrange for it to be delivered to you.

BEGIN news

Warm clothing for area kids living in poverty needed

Some communities in Waukesha County are experiencing a dramatic uptick in childhood poverty as a result of the economic downturn.

School leaders are doing their best to help struggling families, but they need more warm outerwear for children and youth.

Please consider collecting new or gently used (clean) coats, hats, mittens/gloves and boots in sizes to fit children from elementary age through teens.

The Brookfield-Elm Grove Interfaith Network (BEGIN), to which CEEW belongs, plans to gather items at Community United Methodist Church through Dec. 11th in order to get them to children as soon as possible, and will schedule another collection as needed.

The church is located at 14700 Watertown Plank Road in Elm Grove.



CANTOR MARTIN and MARSHA FENSIN to be among those singing in the Dec. 13th online Hanukkah celebration.

Cantor Martin offers classes, programs

Cantillation class: Learn to chant from the Torah. Saturday mornings, beginning Dec, 5th at 10 a.m. \$50 for members, \$100 for non-members.

Program on “Love thy Neighbor as Thyself” in a time of division. Sunday, Jan. 17th, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Free to members; \$10 for non-members.

Exploring Judaism: A four-part introduction to Jewish worship, text, and culture. Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m., on Jan. 24th and 31st, Feb. 7th and 14th; \$10 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Class on Jewish holidays and how interfaith families can enjoy the holidays in their homes and/or with their relatives. Sunday, Feb. 21st from 3:30 to 5 p.m.: Free to mem-

bers; \$10 for non-members

Class on Jewish Life Cycle

Observances: Sunday, April 25th, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Free to members; \$10 for non-members

For all of these classes and programs, please communicate with **Cantor Martin:** spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org by one week before the class and send checks payable to

Deborah Martin to CEEW 830 W. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, WI 53188 (attention: Cantor Martin).

Please include your contact information, as well.





A new Adult Hebrew class may still be offered if there is enough interest. Email Cantor Martin ASAP if you want to participate.

spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org





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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Kislev 15 Online Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	2 Kislev 16 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. Online Book Club, 1:30 p.m.	3 Kislev 17	4 Kislev 18 Online Cantor-led service, 7 p.m.	5 Kislev 19 Online Cantillation class, 10 a.m. Learn to chant from the Torah.  Vayishlach
6 Kislev 20 Online Religious School, 9:30 a.m.	7 Kislev 21	8 Kislev 22 Online Sisterhood program with Paula Kaye of OSRUI, 7 p.m.	9 Kislev 23 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	10 Kislev 24 January Bulletin Content Deadline Zoom candle lighting, 5 p.m. EREV HANUKAH	11 Kislev 25 Online Cantor-led 5th-8th grade service, 7 p.m. HANUKAH	12 Kislev 26 Online Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. Zoom candle lighting, 5 p.m. HANUKAH  Vayeshev
13 Kislev 27 Online Community Chanukah Fun Day, 9:30 a.m. Wisconsin Cantors and Friends Celebrate Hanukkah Online, 7 p.m.	14 Kislev 28 Online Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. Zoom candle lighting, 5 p.m. HANUKAH	15 Kislev 29 Zoom candle lighting, 5 p.m. HANUKAH	16 Tevet 1 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. Zoom candle lighting, 5 p.m. HANUKAH	17 Tevet 2 Zoom candle lighting, 5 p.m. HANUKAH	18 Tevet 3 Online Cantor-led service, 7 p.m. HANUKAH	19 Tevet 4  Miketz
20 Tevet 5 No Religious School	21 Tevet 6	22 Tevet 7	23 Tevet 8 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	24 Tevet 9	25 Tevet 10 NO Shabbat service	26 Tevet 11  Vayigash
27 Tevet 12 NO Religious School	28 Tevet 13	29 Tevet 14	30 Tevet 15 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	31 Tevet 16 NEW YEAR'S EVE		

The content deadline for the January bulletin is Thursday, Dec. 10th.