

Adult Education Presents Milwaukee Jewish Federation Program on Anti-Semitism

Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

By Mark Levy



We will be joined by Allison Hayden from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) to talk about the most recent trends in antisemitic behavior and the 2020 survey which is just about to be released.

Allison Hayden is the Israel and JCRC Program Associate at the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Part of her job is to record and research antisemitic incidents and compile a yearly Audit of Antisemitic Incidents for the state of Wisconsin. The 2019 audit showed a 55% increase from 2018. The preliminary audit for 2020 is showing another jump in incidents. With the concerning changes in trends and the increase of people willing to express hateful attitudes, it has become more apparent how important it is to build community and educate each other. Allison will speak about the current trends in antisemitism here in Wisconsin.

Look for a Zoom link that will be sent to CEEW members and come with some questions about this topic here in our area and elsewhere that you may want to ask at the end of the program.

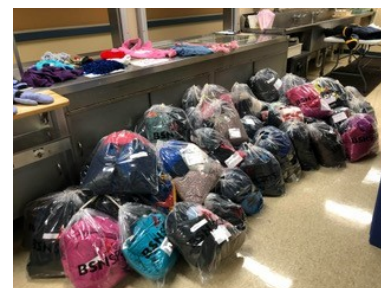
CEEW Does Its Part With a Mitzvah for the BEGIN Clothing Drive

By Laurie Schwartz

The congregation was part of the Elmbrook area food and clothing distribution that was planned for the end of December to help out with the needs of the community. It was a community effort helped by various area organizations and BEGIN faith congregations in the area. CEEW has been a member of BEGIN for many years and often

participates in their programming and events. The community volunteers helped carry food and cloth-

ing to cars and a total of 98 households were served, including 186 adults and 242 children. CEEW contributed winter clothing to this effort. A special thank you to all who helped with this endeavor! According to the event coordinators, this truly was a successful first Elmbrook area food and clothing distribution.



"No One Has Ever Become Poor By Giving"
 Anne Frank



Lee Fensin—Our Congregation mourns the loss of our dear friend. We wish the family our sincere condolences.

***“Say not in grief: ‘He is no more,’
but live in thankfulness that he was.”
Hebrew Proverb***



Our friend, Lee Fensin, was the editor of this bulletin for many years and it was his “little newspaper.” After being a journalist for many years, helping create the CEEW monthly bulletin was for him a labor of love. It will never be quite the same without his leadership, his input, attention to detail. His presence will always be there as we read it each month.

As a special tribute to Lee, we are asking our members and others to share their thoughts, memories, photos, stories

and insights about Lee, and we will publish them as a tribute to his memory. Please submit anything you would like to contribute by **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 10**. And, you know Lee was big on deadlines!

Send to Adrian Richfield:
susu78@aol.com and

Sydney Small: rottiesrock@wi.rr.com

“Those we love don’t go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.” unknown

Lee A. Fensin – January 27, 2021 age 76, of Waukesha, Wisconsin

Loving husband of Marsha Fensin (nee Gelbart). Adoring father of Scott S. Fensin and Lori M. Fisher. Doting grandfather of Alex J. Fisher, Arielle S. Fisher, Ivie C. Fensin, Aubree S. Fisher and Reda Fensin. Chiding brother of Kenneth (Cindy) Fensin. Further survived by other family and friends.

Lee was born August 3, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois. He attended South Shore High School and the University of Illinois. He spent his entire professional career as the Sports Editor at the Waukesha Freeman for 48 years. He taught all who knew him the following:

1. All jokes are funny provided you select the right audience.
2. Laughter is medicinal and spiritually uplifting.
3. Trying to grab the bill away from him after a family meal out risked losing an arm.
4. The most important word in the term “community newspaper” is the first word.
5. One doesn’t deserve anything--one earns.
6. Grammar police is an honorable professional pursuit. The minimum sentence in kangaroo court for misusing there, their, or they’re should be 2-5 minutes of public ridicule.
7. Have dessert first.
8. Being nice, kind, thoughtful, genuine, generous, and selfless takes very little effort and comes around in spades.
9. Anyone who wants to know the true meaning of “love” need only study his nearly 52 years of marriage, 49 years of being a parent, and 19 years of being a grandparent.

Lee did everything God put him on earth to do. His memory will be a blessing to all who knew him.

Lee’s favorite sports team was the Chicago Cubs. I know he’d want to share with everyone he knew the wisdom of former Cubs manager Joe Maddon: “Try Not To Suck.”



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.

HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE FUTURE

I hope that everyone is looking forward to the new year, and I am praying that by this time next year, we'll be wishing each other "happy new year" in person!

It has been a difficult year and people are having difficulty dealing with isolation, loss of jobs, of homes and of dignity. Our elderly population is especially feeling lonely and sad. I pray that we can look forward to a time when we will be able to see our friends and family in person again, shop without wearing masks, go to movies and theatre, travel and just work in a normal environment. We need to find jobs for those who are jobless and help those who need help. Our congregation will be holding a food drive in February during Purim as one way to help.

As we move forward, how do we find hope and healing? How do we heal from the past year of stress and isolation? How do we help those who need our help?

Whenever I am in a quandary about life, I often look at our Jewish texts for some guidance. Here are some wonderful quotes that I hope may help you as we move forward.

From Leviticus 19 and the holiness code:

"The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the whole Israelite community and say to them: You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God am holy." We need to remember that everyone is created in God's image and that God wants us to be holy. We need to ask ourselves what it means to be holy in our lives and how to create that,



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk



not just for ourselves, but for others. Being holy is not just a state of "being," but a state of "doing." Helping others by donating food, clothing and money to organizations that are helping people in need is one way you can help. The Jewish Federation has a fund specifically for those suffering during COVID-19.

"You shall not pick your vineyard bare or gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I the Lord am your God." What does this mean in our modern society? How can we help the poor and the stranger in our society in a fair and positive way that will help them have dignity and purpose?

"You shall not deal deceitfully or falsely with one another." In a society that has so much social media, how do we know what is truth and what is falsehood? We need to find out the truths about this deadly disease and how to protect our-

selves until we have the vaccine and the numbers of cases and deaths have gone down significantly.

"You shall not defraud your fellow. Do not deal basely with your countrymen." We are seeing a lot of name calling in society today. Lack of respect for each other models terrible behavior to our children. We want to teach them to be kind and respectful to others. We can learn and teach others to work on issues at hand by discussion, compromise and seeking solutions in a kind and respectful manner. We all know that Jews love to argue and debate heatedly. It's in our blood. However, it is not in our blood to treat people poorly, or G-d forbid, cause them physical or mental harm. It is important for us to respect each other and "agree to disagree," if necessary. It hurts me to see people saying mean and harmful things to each other, especially on Facebook and other social media, where it is shown to so many people.

I believe in my heart that following these ethical teachings is what makes an average person become holy. Let us be a light to the nations and to each other, as we look forward to the new year. I pray that we can all move on together and heal this country and each other through love, peace and understanding. I know we can get through this together. As always, if you need to talk to me about anything, I am here for you! May God bless America and may God bless all of you.



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

Couples Corner: Stories of Love through the Years

by Sydney Small

A Tale of Two Shoes – Sandy and Marvin Small

Flowers, chocolates and..... shoes?

Shoes are not usually considered symbols of romance, but they were the beginning of a 59-year-old partnership for my parents, Sandra and Marvin Small. Shoes were, in fact, how they met. My mother was born in the Indianapolis area and moved to Wisconsin, where she got a job working in a women's clothing shop at then-roofless Mayfair Mall. The mall also had a Chandler's Shoes, where my father was the assistant manager. One day, my mother happened to come into the shoe store, looking for something to wear at the shop. After considering the many shoes my father brought for her to try, my mother made her purchase; she was reminded of this meeting when her usual ride to work was unavailable. The woman who usually drove her said that she had found another possibility for Sandra – someone she described as "totally responsible" – Marvin. He was waiting for her and sub-



sequently offered to continue taking her to work. At that time, Marvin lived on the East side across the street from the original Jewish Center, with a roommate named Al. Over time Sandy and Marvin became friends and started doing things with other young people at the Jewish Center.

A favorite activity of the new couple was ballroom dancing, which Marvin also taught in college. They danced at many weddings, B'nai Mitzvah and other family gatherings in Chicago, where my father grew up.

Long lasting relationships are not static experiences; flexibility also plays an important role. Sandra relates that different priorities may emerge as the life experiences of a couple develop, adding that "a long marriage survives only when partners can meet the challenges." Sage advice – all because of a pair of shoes!

CEEW Search Committee Update

by chairperson Mark Levy

The Spiritual Leader Search Committee is tasked with finding an extraordinary Rabbi or Cantor to fill the Religious, Spiritual, Pastoral, Social Action and other needs of our congregation. Since our last congregational update, we have accomplished several important things. Most significantly, we submitted the completed job posting and requirements to the American Conference of Cantors (ACC), and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). 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 still on schedule.

We were contacted by the CCAR in early December, asking if we would be interested in interviewing student rabbis who are about to graduate from the Hebrew Union College / Jewish Institute of Religion

(HUC/JIR), the Reform movement seminary. We received three résumés and agreed to interview them all. The first round of interviews will take place between January 31st and February 2nd. Because of the pandemic, no HUC / JIR students are allowed to travel. All preliminary interviews will be conducted virtually.

We have also heard of some more experienced clergy having an interest in our opening. More details will be announced when we are able to do so.

The committee is composed of the following members: Marsha Fensin, Elaine Goldberg, Michael Kotkin, 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.



**“Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.”
Proverbs 23:18**



SAVE The DATE!

Sunday, June 27, 2021

It's a really special date...
It's a really special party...
It's a picnic outside...
It's a retirement party...
It's a celebration...

CEEW will be honoring the retirement of our beloved Cantor Debby Martin!

Although details and plans are being formulated with a committee, led by President, Laurie Schwartz, we want everyone to know about the date and plans at this time. Although it is the dead of winter, and the end of a really tough year, this is something to look forward to for everyone in the congregation, for summer 2021.

CEEW wants to ask anyone that would like to help with the planning, organizing and committee work to contact Laurie Schwartz (president@waukeshatemple.org) at this time to volunteer their efforts in planning for the event. Committee meetings are on Zoom and the committee meets each month. Contact Laurie for details.



What we know so far:

[Sunday, June 27th](#) there will be a picnic celebration party and special program at *Fox River Park* in Waukesha. It will be at picnic area #1 which has a wonderful outdoor covered area, lots of outdoor space, a children's nature and play area, picnic tables, restrooms and accessible parking.



There will be a special program to honor Debby along with other events for everyone attending. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins.....but

Save The Date: Sunday, June 27th



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.

A Different Purim

This year's masks for Purim have a different feeling. We have been wearing masks when we go into grocery stores or go to school or to work to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have been unintentionally disguising ourselves when in public, in order to protect ourselves from a deadly virus. Many of us reveal our identity just to say hello to our friends in the store.

In the Purim story, Esther intentionally does not show her Jewish identity to King Ahashuerus. However, when she finds out Haman's plan, she reveals her identity in order to protect the Jewish people. We learn that a disguise, while sometimes fun, has multiple meanings. Hopefully in the years to come we will be able to wear masks for fun and to remember Esther's need to be proud of her Jewish identity to save the Jewish people rather than out of



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director's Desk

necessity for stopping the spread of a virus.

This year I asked myself why do we dress up in costumes or masks for Purim? I found two answers: Reformjudaism.org suggests "Some attribute this tradition to the fact that Esther initially "masked" her Jewish identity. Now a vibrant and widely practiced custom, some choose to dress as characters from the Purim story, while others select Jewish heroes from throughout history. In Israel, the celebrations are especially extravagant and exciting. People of all ages take to the streets, rejoicing with parades, parties, costumes and carnivals. The parade

through the streets of Tel Aviv is known to be especially wild. *The Canadian Jewish News* had an article with "Another theory [which] states that traditional Jews believe that God is hidden behind all the events of the *megillah*. Although there is no mention of God in the Book of Esther, we believe He had a hand in saving the people. In a sense, He was masked or disguised, and rabbis referred to God's role as *hester panim*, or 'hiding of the face'..." I look forward to seeing everyone in-person at our drive-up food drive / bag pick up and on zoom for our Purim celebration.

Wednesday, February 24, from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. we will have a drive-up food drive to collect items of food or checks made payable to FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County (FPWC) or Jewish Community Pantry (*maot chittim*, donation to the poor) and at the same time we will be handing out *mishloach manot*, Purim bags to everyone (all ages) who sign up for one by February 19th by sending an email to: eddirector@waukeshatemple.org.

Bags will include homemade hamantaschen made by Ann Meyers!



Saturday night, February 27 – Purim celebration starting at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom with Purim songs, then a megillah reading read in English and partly chanted in Hebrew by Cantor Deborah

Martin. Everyone is invited to dress up in costume for a contest with prizes in the following categories: Least recognizable, Scariest costume (family friendly), Best Purim character, Best makeup, and Best DIY (do it yourself) costume. Lastly, our congregant, singer / guitarist, Garrett Waite, will captivate our audience by performing both music and a magic show. Please join us for this fun, free, all ages event. For Zoom information please email:

eddirector@waukeshatemple.org





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.

The Purim Carnival that has Lasted a Year Teaching and Kvetching in a Pandemic

By Bill Lowell

It All Started A Year Ago This Month!!!

Last year at this time Jan and I were driving to Tennessee to help my sister celebrate her 70th birthday. We were looking forward to seeing the entire family (who were coming in from all over the country) and getting a reprieve from the Wisconsin Winter.

As we were driving through Indianapolis, I received a call from a friend of mine who claims that he has contacts in high government places. He informed us that this “virus” was going to get bad and that we should immediately stock up on food, water, toilet paper and other essentials. He also told us that we should make sure to have plenty of cash on hand because, he expected massive shutdowns and the state of the country as we know it, was going to change. This was my introduction to COVID-19! Little did I know that life would get weirder for the rest of the year?

In this article I plan to share with you how my life has changed teaching during the past year at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. It is my hope you find it interesting. If not, please do not hold it against me the next time I see you!!

For me, the month of March was the last time things were “normal.” Although I do remember enjoying the in-person Friday night Shabbat service with all of you on February 21st (Jan and my last service since the pandemic), the Purim Carnival Spiel on March 8th, was technically the last time I recall being all together.

Last year I was asked to serve as the Interim Assistant Department Chair at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater because the “real one” was on sabbati-

cal and teaching on a cruise ship. She was to visit China, Europe, Australia and many other destinations during her sabbatical. Unfortunately, she and her family ended up “stuck at sea” for months because they were unable to go ashore or try to come home.

While working as the Assistant Chair, we were conducting a search to hire a new faculty member for the department. We started out interviewing Candidates in-person but eventually they were all being done via WebEx (similar to Zoom). Our last Candidate was supposed to come in from the Seattle area but thankfully, we did switch to WebEx. When we interviewed him via WebEx, we noticed how sick he looked. He later told us he had COVID and boy were we thankful he did not travel to Whitewater for the in-person interview. The rest of my spring semester resulted in doing most of the administrative duties via WebEx and changing my one in-person class to an online version without much difficulty or fanfare. We all adjusted for the short term.

Like most congregants, I really appreciate all of the hard work that the Cantor and her team (Mark, Cindy, Jan, Carrie, Mike, Marsha, Mari-Claire, etc. et al.) have done to convert Friday night services to the online Zoom services. The new type of service helps us all feel safe but yet stay connected to each other. I am thankful that these services have kept us feeling like they are “normal as possible.”

To be honest, sometimes I do complain to my wife (I know you find that hard to believe that I am a kvetch) that



Bill Lowell facilitating an online UW-Whitewater WebEx class from his home office .

I miss the in-person services and feel that I don't get as much out of the online ones. I long for the days when we are back in-person again. The bottom line, I have Zoom fatigue!!

Unfortunately, the feeling I have is something I know my students also feel. No matter how much we try, I think everyone would rather be back in-person. Teaching in an environment like this takes a lot of extra work, and I am sure being a student in this environment, takes more.

Let me take a few minutes to explain what teaching in a pandemic has been

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“We can endure much more than we think we can; all human experience testifies to that.” Rabbi Harold Kushner

It All Started

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like for me. This past semester I taught two in-person classes and two online classes. For the online classes, students take the course at their own pace on their own time. However, the two in-person classes were set in a 120-capacity lecture hall with only 27 students spread out in that space, perfect for socially distancing. All of the students were wearing masks and it was almost impossible to hear them speak, unless I walked closer to them, which I tried not to do.

A Face Shield was my fashion statement for the class. It helped so the students could see my facial expressions and would know when I was joking or being serious. I had placards with the names of all of my students (thanks Jan) placed in front of them so I could recognize the students and actually call on them by name during the lecture. This worked great until the students would forget them in subsequent lectures or leave them behind after a lecture.

The day before my first in-person class, 10 of the 27 students informed me that they either had COVID or they were exposed to COVID or their roommate had COVID. By week two, it became 15 students. Most were then in quarantine for two weeks. More students were not coming to class. You get the idea. I made it two months before I was the only one coming to class (live) while everyone else was online at home. It didn't take me long to figure out that I would finish the semester from home and no longer come to campus. You should

know that the campus was a ghost town. You could walk anywhere on campus and never see a student or faculty member.

For the short time I was able to teach in person, I needed to arrive 30 minutes early, so that I could set up the microphone that I needed to broadcast so that the people online (those that were COVID compromised or felt uncomfortable coming to class) could hear me. The students at home were projected on the two screens in front of the class. It was a juggling act trying to balance participation and interaction from students in two locations. Most times I had to restate what the people in the classroom were saying so those at home (online) could be engaged in the conversation. In addition, some students would try to come up after class to talk to me and I had to tell them to “keep your distance.” How sad. The students were not really getting that in-person feeling and neither was I. At the end of the class, I would spend 15 minutes cleaning all of the surfaces and unhooking my electronic equipment and putting it aside for the next lecture. Did it go well? No way!!

After we moved to all online (live via WebEx) I thought things would be a little better. Was I wrong! One class I had was titled *Public Relations*. The majority of the students NEVER turned on their video. Try teaching to a blank screen of names with no faces. I always wondered what they were doing during my lectures. I would call on them to see if they were paying attention. Some were, but some, when their names were called, never responded. To make matters

worse, I had a guest lecturer for one of my classes (from the business world) and I told the class ahead of time, (actually pleaded) they must turn on their camera because it would be rude to not to do it. Did they do it? No way. It was an embarrassment.

In my opinion, this class was terrible. And, I did complain to Jan every night after the class had met to let her know how rude they were and there was no way I was connecting with them. The ironic thing is that after the class ended in December, the University sent out the usual Professor Evaluations. For my worst class (this one) they gave me the highest evaluations. There was no way those scores should have been that high given what I witnessed during the semester. Perhaps, my students were just glad to have had an in-person class using WebEx, just like we are happy to have the Friday Night Zoom Shabbat.

As I look back on the past year of teaching, I really feel like it was more of a year of trying to survive. Obviously, I look forward to the day when I can teach again in a “normal environment.” This year is not how I envisioned spending one of my last years of teaching. When the vaccine shows up, I will be the first in line to get it. For now, however, my goal is to persuade Jan that we should get back in the car and take a road trip back to Tennessee. Hopefully, we will wake up and discover that this was just a bad dream.

Bill (and Jan) Lowell is a member of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha. This year he is celebrating his 30th year of teaching at the University.

MY YEAR OF COVID

We would love to hear about your past year's perspective / experiences regarding the COVID restrictions. Please submit your article to the CEEW bulletin editorial staff or if you need some help writing it, perhaps one of us could assist.



JOIN CARING COMMITTEE: If you are interested in joining CEEW's Caring Committee, please contact chair Marsha Fensin at mfsings@wi.rr.com.

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By DEB HACKER

Our dedicated Sisterhood Board continues to work to improve and effect change in our Temple and community. Mari-Claire Zimmerman kindly volunteered to assist Sandy Villa in our community Tikkun Olam efforts. Sandy will now volunteer both on the district and local Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) levels. Cindy Levy continues to work tirelessly to perfect our website and enhance our Zoom and bulletin communication, as well as enhancing our presence in the Wisconsin Sisterhood communities as the Wisconsin Area Director for the Midwest WRJ District. Sisterhood has supported monthly programming sessions to uplift and edify our members and



others. (See article on our February 9th session with Uria Roth.) Many veteran sisterhood members have lent their experience as officers and volunteers in ways too numerous to list here. Each one of these actions serve to improve our community and the world.

The 1st of Adar begins on Feb 13, 2021. The Rabbis stated that "with the start of the month of Adar we greatly increase joy." I hope we

can all increase our joy and that of others this month by sending gifts of food to ill or shut-in friends or family, and giving gifts of tzedakah to the poor (two the mitzvot of Purim).

It's also custom through Jewish history that special local and even family Purims were celebrated as communities were saved from their own brand of villains. The Encyclopedia Judaica list hundreds of these Purims. Can I extrapolate and wish that we as Jews can celebrate our own special Purim or redemption from evil? This will be one in which G-d is working behind the scenes as in the Purim story for our own good health and bring the COVID vaccination to all of us speedily by the time of this writing?

Camper Scholarships Available

By CINDY LEVY

A Jewish camping experience can change your life. The Sisterhood is delighted to have helped make the experience possible. Right now, camps are preparing to make the Summer of 2021 happen and so are we!

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

child who will be attending a Jewish camp in 2021, you may be eligible for a camper scholarship.

The Sisterhood is taking applications for camp scholarships through March 31st. Any CEEW Sisterhood member as of December 31, 2020 can apply. Notification of awards will be made on or before April 15th. Contact Cindy Levy at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com for an application.

Be aware that other organizations and individual camps have scholarships available. Many of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) camps provide scholarships, including OSRU in our own backyard. The Milwaukee Jewish Federation (<https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/departments/philanthropy/jcf/scholarships/>) has two programs with March 1st deadlines.

Happy Camping!



MEMBER DUES RELIEF AVAILABLE: Members having trouble paying the rest of their 2020-21 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.

SISTERHOOD PROGRAMMING

Our New Friends – Israel's New Peace Agreement

By **DEB HACKER**
Sisterhood Co-President

Uria Roth, our Milwaukee community Shaliach will present, ***Our New Friends – Israel's New Peace Agreements*** on Tuesday, February 9th at 7 p.m. at our sisterhood February Zoom Program.

Lately, Israel signed a deal that normalized relations with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and more recently, Sudan. Bhutan, the small Himalayan nation, has also normalized relations with Israel. These recent US negotiated deals, called *Abraham Accords Peace Agreement*, has "been a major policy achievement by the Trump administration" – an AP article noted in World Israel Network, January 6,

2021. According to the document on the Accords at [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) issued on September 15, 2020, it states "recognizing the Arab and Jewish people are descendants of a common ancestor Abraham, and inspired in that spirit to foster in the Middle East a reality in which Muslim, Jews, Christians.... are committed to a spirit of coexistence, mutual understanding and mutual respect."

The Abraham Accords marks the first normalization of relations between Arab countries and Israel since Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994. Yaacov Katz wrote in the September 4-10, 2020 International Jerusalem Report that this has been "a 'cold peace' with little people-to-people exchange, very little tourism (except for the Sinai) and very little

trade. However, this stable and lasting peace may be much different from the new *Abraham Accords* "normalization" with Arabs and Israelis alike looking forward to visiting and investing."

Uria will help us understand why these agreements are happening now and how the relationship will impact the relationship between the Palestinians and Israel. He will also discuss what the future possibly holds for the Middle East. Please join us for this important, timely and hopeful program. 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.

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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.

The Poetry Corner is a new column and welcomes original poetry written by CEEW members who would like to submit their poetry for publication in the bulletin. Always wanted to be a published poet? Here's your opportunity.

Submit your poems to bulletin editors:
susu78@aol.com (Adrian Richfield)
rottiesrock@wi.rr.com (Sydney Small)

Our first submission is from *Marcy Hotz* with two winter poems:

A Winter Poem

Nine inches of newly fallen snow
 Seems heavenly, as big snowfalls go.

But trying to move it I'm straining my back
 A heavy snow shovel - my spine's out of whack.
 My fingers are freezing right through my glove
 And while it looks lovely, this part I don't love.



Winter Wonders

A fine, icy fleece falls, dusting dirt
 that once was garden.

Finding corn and seed, six grey squirrels
 fight for food, as four ebony crows
 watch from branches above.
 "Caw, caw, caw, caw!" one cries out,
 waiting in the wintry wind.

B'NAI MITZVAH

Upcoming at CEEW

2021

MILO PATZ

Son of Andi
 and Tabb Patz

August 8th, 10:30 a.m.

MOLLY SCHMIDT

Daughter of Loren
 and Mark Schmidt

August 14th, 10:30 a.m.

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Son of Jennifer
 and Wes Ecker

March 5th, 3:30 p.m.

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A very special thanks to Jan Lowell who volunteered to help with the production of the bulletin for this month. It takes a village and we have a wonderful one! Much appreciation for her efforts along with her other job as our Administrative Assistant. "Bulletin Staff and Contributors"



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

YAHREZEITEN Shevat / Adar (February)



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.

Cyd Wendy Fishman Lash: Thursday, February 25; Adar 13
Observed by the congregation

June Freeman: Friday, February 12; Shevat 30
Observed by the congregation

Hannah S. Frisch: Sunday, February 28; Adar 16
Observed by the congregation

Leon Gelbart: Tuesday, February 2
Uncle of Marsha (Lee) Fensin

Sol Gellman: Monday, February 22
Grandfather of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Abraham Kotkin: Thursday, February 18; Adar 6
Father of Mike (Peggy) Kotkin

Joseph Kramer: Saturday, February 27
Son of Sara (Doug) Anson

Lillian Kupperman: Sunday, February 14; Adar 2
Observed by the congregation

Clara Levin: Friday, February 19
Grandmother of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Max Levin: Friday, February 19
Grandfather of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Aaron Levy: Tuesday, February 16
Father of Karen Levy (Peter Lee)

Bernard Mack: Monday, February 1; Shevat 19
Observed by the congregation

Rosetta Moskowitz: Thursday, February 4; Shevat 22
Mother of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Louis Small: Friday, February 12
*Father of Marvin (Sandra) Small
Grandfather of Sydney Small*

Lois Thalman-Bruni: Wednesday, February 17
Mother of Jan (Bill) Lowell

Sophie Venango: Sunday, February 28
Mother of Arlene (Peter) Shelley

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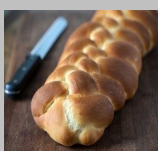
- **Mari-Claire and Bill Zimmerman** on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Noam Hellman. He will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah in February along with his 13th birthday on February 7th. Unfortunately, due to COVID the celebrations will be limited.

ANNIVERSARIES

- Barbara and **Gregory Zacher**, who will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on Feb. 26th.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Cole Huskey**, the son of Elyn Lem and Trevor Huskey and the grandson of Joanne Wagner, who will celebrate his 18th birthday on Feb. 28th.
- **Elly Kraines**, who celebrates a birthday on Feb. 10th.
- **Karen Levy**, who celebrates a birthday on Feb. 19th.



FEBRUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

FEBRUARY 5
7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin

FEBRUARY 12
7 p.m.: K-4th Grade Service (Led by Cantor Martin)

FEBRUARY 19
7 p.m.: Member Led

FEBRUARY 26
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 REPORT /

Adrian Richfield Reviews: *The Book of Lost Names*



Kristin
HARMEL

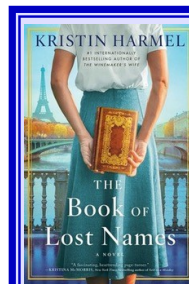
This novel, according to many reviewers, is the type of novel one will remember, and comes highly recommended. This is Harmel's newest book and she often writes about WWII. This one is based on the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe. One book, in particular, appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from or what the code means. But, the main character, Eva, does know and holds all the answers. Now 86 and a semi-retired librarian in Florida, Eva accidentally sees a picture of this book which she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*. Decades earlier, Eva became involved in the French resistance and began helping to get people to Switzerland by forging papers. Many were children, and Eva didn't want the children to lose their real names

and identities. Upon finding out that the book has been discovered after all these years, she makes a fateful decision to once again find out about the codes she left in the book.

Inspired by an astonishing true story from WWII, a young woman with a talent for forgery helps hundreds of Jewish children fleeing the Nazis. This novel shows us more than one way in which women were able to help with the resistance efforts. By working to devise a method of recording the names of unaccompanied escaping children, coding each name in an old library book, Eva returns to Berlin with one goal in mind.

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Anyone interested in participating in the book club discussion, please contact Diana Stroshine at DStroshine@hotmail.com



CEEW Book Club

What: Virtual discussion of *The Book of Lost Names*

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 3rd

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Discussion Leader: Diana Stroshine

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTES

December 14th Meeting

By ADRIAN RICHFIELD, Bulletin Co-Editor

(from minutes taken by Board secretary Denise Stodola)

- President Laurie Schwartz and School Director Carrie Barbakoff handed out Chanukah bags to members and families who signed up.
- Cantor Martin reported on the new classes for the upcoming year which will be publicized in the bulletin and email blasts.
- Our virtual book fair was a big success and proceeds to CEEW were \$288.
- Sisterhood reported the Chanukah card fundraiser totaled \$540 and that the December virtual program was wonderful and looking forward to the January program with Simon Bronner.
- Facilities chair, Bernie Sandler, reported that the outside Star of David is going to be rebuilt and replaced.
- Mark Levy reported on the Search Committee meetings and contact with CCAR regarding students about to graduate in May or June.



ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH POSTPONED: The Joint Adult B'nai Mitzvah, which was scheduled for Dec. 5th, has been postponed until we can get back into the synagogue safely. 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.

Cantors & Friends Purim Party Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 pm

Another online collaboration
of Cantors & Friends
from Madison, LaCrosse and
Greater Metropolitan Milwaukee
singing together and raising funds
for the Hunger Task Force of
Milwaukee

Online link





<https://bit.ly/CantorsFriendsPurimParty>

**To make a donation
to the Hunger Task Force**

<https://www.hungertaskforce.org/give/Cantors-Friends-Purim-Party/>



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 Shebat 19	2 Shevat 20 Online Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m. Online Hebrew School, Level 2 Online Sisterhood Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	3 Shevat 21 Online Hebrew School, Level 2 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. Online Temple Book Club, 1:30 p.m.	4 Shevat 22	5 Shevat 23 Online Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	5 Shevat 24 Online Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Yitro
7 Shevat 25 Online Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Exploring Judaism class, 3 p.m.	8 Shevat 26 Online Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.	9 Shevat 27 Online Sisterhood Program (TBA) Online Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m. Online Hebrew School, Level 2	10 Shevat 28 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. Online Hebrew School, Level 2 February Bulletin Content Deadline	11 Shevat 29	12 Shevat 30 Online K-4th Grade Shabbat service (Cantor led) 7 p.m.	13 Adar 1 Online Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Mishpatim
14 Adar 2 Online Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Exploring Judaism class, 3 p.m.	15 Adar 3	16 Adar 4 Online Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m. Online Hebrew School, Level 2	17 Adar 5 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. Online Hebrew School, Level 2 Adult Ed Program with Allison Hayden, 7 p.m.	18 Adar 6	19 Adar 7 Online Member-led Shabbat Service 7 p.m.	20 Adar 8 Online Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. Online Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Terumah
21 Adar 9 Online Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Jewish Holidays class, 3:30 p.m. Cantors and Friends Concert for Purim, 7 p.m.	22 Adar 10	23 Adar 11 Online Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m. Online Hebrew School, Level 2	24 Adar 12 Online Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. Online Hebrew School, Level 2 Purim bag pickup and drive-thru food collection, 3 p.m.	25 Adar 13	26 Adar 14 Online Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	27 Adar 15 Online Cantillation Class, 11 a.m. Online Purim Celebration, 6:30 p.m.  Tetzaveh
28 Adar 16 Online Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Online Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.						

The content deadline for the March bulletin is Sunday, Feb. 10th.