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Karen Levy and Peter Lee have taught English in a Guatemalan orphanage, have taken weeklong bike trips in France and Ireland and love all kinds of music / [Page 6](#)

**DATES OF NOTE**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Purim Carnival, during Religious School, 10 a.m. at the temple



**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Marketing meeting, 10 a.m. at the temple  
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**March 24<sup>th</sup>**

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Sisterhood program, 6:30 p.m. at the temple  
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Community Passover Seder, 6 p.m. at the temple

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**COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER**

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. at the Temple

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Members of Joe Dailey's eighth-grade class were ready to eat at the Tu B'Shevat Seder. From left: aide Joe Fassbender, Amanda Silverstein, Hannah Kneib, Cameron Thouati, Garrett Waite and Matt Raimond.

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

**No (at least for now) to concealed carry signs; yes to civility pledge**

Having concealed carry signs at the temple was discussed again at the February Board of Trustees meeting: Do we want a sign? The group voted to do nothing at this time and to re-visit the issue after exploring related legal concerns.

But the Board decided that signs will be made of the Milwaukee Jewish Community Civility Pledge to be put up around the synagogue as a reminder of what kind of atmosphere we would like in our building.

Board member Hal Kacanek provided several video clips, including an NPR program about a Brooklyn school and using hurtful language.

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**Milwaukee Jewish Community Civility Pledge**

In order to protect free expression and create an atmosphere of civility in our community, I pledge...



- To support free and open speech.
- To listen carefully, seeking to understand opposing views.
- To treat others with decency and honor.
- To encourage mutual respect in spite of conflicting opinions.
- To find value in opposing opinions.
- To guard my tongue and choose my words carefully.

Visit [www.civilitystatement.org](http://www.civilitystatement.org) to sign a national statement.  
 The Milwaukee Jewish Community Pledge was introduced on March 17, 2011 at "Civility & Community Commitment," a program co-sponsored by the Harry & Isaac Samson Family Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, the National Council of Jewish Women - Milwaukee Section and the Women's Division of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

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**HOST AN ONEG:** Do you have a special occasion coming up? Why not help celebrate it with the synagogue by sponsoring an Oneg following a Friday night service? If you want to sponsor an Oneg, contact Charlie Hoffkins at [finelandart@hotmail.com](mailto:finelandart@hotmail.com) or sign up on the sheet located on the door to the social hall.

## TEMPLE FUNDS

There are many ways to help the synagogue, among them donating to the various funds available at CEEW. The 13 funds are:

**General Fund:** All donations not otherwise designated.

**Mensch Fund:** Some of our members are not able to afford fees to attend synagogue events. The fund is used to replenish the general fund to support those members in need.

**Education Fund:** Covers items not part of the normal Religious School budget.

**Library Fund:** Supports the library; for books or other supplies.

**Torah Fund:** To purchase a new Torah some day.

**Prayer Book Fund:** For purchasing more prayer books.

**Capital Fund:** For any capital expenditures. They might be for building, furnishings, equipment, etc.

**Rabbi's Endowment Fund:** The intent is to grow this fund so that the income will fund a significant portion of the Rabbi's salary.

**Ruth Adams Memorial Teacher Fund:** Support the development of teachers' skills that will benefit the synagogue.

**Evan Levy Goldblatt Memorial Youth, Camp and Israel Fund:** To help young people attend Jewish summer camps, Israel programs or youth activities, including conventions.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** The Rabbi can use this fund as needed as long as it meets the charitable guidelines.

**Cantor's Discretionary Fund:** The Cantor can use this fund as needed as long as it meets the charitable guidelines.

**Reserve Fund:** The board controls this fund. It is used to meet unexpected expenditures.

## Flowers for the bima

Flowers donated for the bima for Shabbat should be brought to the temple in time for Friday night services.

Delivery drivers may contact Deb Hacker to set up a time to open the doors if they plan to arrive before 7 p.m. on Fridays: 262-853-1869.



**Do you know a temple member who is sick? Let Rabbi Adams know by calling (414) 416-9407.**

Rabbi Adams is always available if you have a matter to discuss. He requests you call his cell phone, (414) 416-9407, for all synagogue-related business. This is the best way to reach him, and messages left on the cell phone will get the fastest response.

## AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Adrian Richfield is the new Board secretary. The Board still is looking for a fourth trustee.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:** In an eighth-grade discussion of giving food to those in need, Amanda Silverstein connected her thoughts to a passage from the Babylonian Talmud: "The Jewish nation is distinguished by three characteristics: they are merciful, they are modest (alternatively, bashful) and they perform acts of loving-kindness." Clearly, she said, we are called upon to help those in need of food; placing food into our lobby bin is an act of loving-kindness. For the month of March, teacher Joe Dailey and the eighth-graders would like to remind us of the nutritional value of Irish food; if you can boil it, it's Irish. Think about corned beef, potatoes and just about every green vegetable there is.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha is among the dropoff sites as non-perishable Passover foods will be collected March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup> as part of the Jewish Community's annual Passover Food Drive (Maos Chitim). Marked bins will be available for ease of drop-off.

## UPCOMING

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Adams will give a sermon titled, "Jewish Humor is a Serious Matter."

**Do you have a question for Rabbi Adams about our traditions, why we do certain things in a certain way, etc.? Email your questions to:**

[Temple-news@hotmail.com](mailto:Temple-news@hotmail.com)

**and Rabbi Adams will answer in a future CEEW bulletin.**

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Havdalah and a Movie (*Four Seasons Lodge*)

**When:** Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>      **Where:** Upper conference room at the temple

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Havdalah, followed by nosh and movie

**Info / RSVP:** Mardi Smirl, [msmirl@wi.rr.com](mailto:msmirl@wi.rr.com)

**SYNOPSIS:** "This is our revenge on Hitler. To live this long, this well, is a victory."

- Fran Laufer, a Bergen-Belsen survivor

Haunted by the past but driven by an unquenchable passion for living, an aging group of Holocaust survivors gathers each summer at an idyllic hideaway in the Catskills, where they savor tightly bonded friendships, find new love and celebrate their survival.

Directed by New York Times journalist Andrew Jacobs, with the legendary Albert Maysles (Gimme Shelter, Grey Gardens) contributing cinematography, *Four Seasons Lodge* (2008) is an inspiring and surprisingly funny documentary that captures what may be the final season for a remarkable tribe of survivors who have found that dancing, laughter and late-night revelry may be the best revenge.



**CHECK YOUR EMAIL:** Weekly emails contain valuable information about our synagogue and what's going on. If you would like to include something that is of interest to other congregants, please contact Mark Levy at [communications@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:communications@waukeshatemple.org)

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**THANK YOU:** *from the Hizmi family*

Thank you to all those who brought food and gave of themselves to prepare our home for guests for the funeral dinner. No words can express how appreciative we were to come home and see everything set up so beautifully. We were so touched by all your efforts.

Thank you to everyone who came to the funeral and the Shiva.

Thank you for all the helping hands and the generous gifts of food brought every day.

Thank you for all the beautiful cards and kind thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your generous gifts of plants, flowers, food, donations and gift cards.

We have truly been lifted through our grief as a family by the generous outpouring of all the special people from Congregation Emanu-El. Thank you very much.

With our deepest gratitude,

*- Sheanna, Michael, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Aaron, Steven and Ethan Hizmi*

**Yahrzeits: Adar / Nisan (March)**

**Arthur Cohen:** March 11, Adar 17

*Brother of Gail (Robert) Jones*

**Jerome Cohen:** March 21, Adar 27

*Father of Ed (Carol Vandenberg) Cohen*

**Leonard Edelstein:** March 14, Adar 20

*Father of Jeff (Maggie) Edelstein*

**Cyd Wendy Fishman Lash:** March 7, Adar 13

*Cousin of Fran Brown*

**Dorothy Frisch:** March 27, Nisan 4

**Hannah S. Frisch:** March 10, Adar 16

**Sol Gellman:** March 3, Adar 9

*Grandfather of Bill (Jan) Lowell*

**Evan Levy Goldblatt:** March 15, Adar 21

*Nephew of Rabbi Steve and Gail Adams*

**Idell S. Goldsberg:** March 4, Adar 10

**Arlene Gruenberg:** March 18, Adar 24

*Sister-in-law of Sandra (Marvin) Small*

**Harold Goldstein:** March 29, Nisan 6

*Father of Gail (Martin) Komisar*

**Jackquie Hurwitz:** March 16, Adar 22

*Aunt of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg*

**Ben Lowell:** March 16, Adar 22

*Father of Bill (Jan) Lowell*

**Jeanne Milstein:** March 27, Nisan 4

**Beatrice Moore:** March 12, Adar 18

*Mother of Alice Lambie*

**Jeri Phillips:** March 28, Nisan 5

**Joseph Richfield:** March 29, Nisan 6

*Father of Adrian Richfield*

**Richard Louis Rocamora:** March 25, Nisan 2

*Father of Richard (Joan) Rocamora*

**Dorothy Rothman Schnoll:** March 2, Adar 8

*Wife of Ed (Gloria) Schnoll*

**Louis Schumacher:** March 19, Adar 25

*Father of Susan (Henry) Reba;*

*Grandfather of Zelda (Terry) Krueger*

**Layzer Shimelfarb:** March 5, Adar 11

*Father of Mera Shimelfarb*

**Nathan Sylvester:** March 6, Adar 12

*Father of Maxine Leon*



**WEATHER CLOSINGS:** Weather related (and other) closings at the synagogue will be posted on WTMJ-TV (Ch. 4), WISN-TV (Ch. 12), [todaystmj4.com](http://todaystmj4.com), WISN.com and FM radio stations 94.5, 96.5, 102.9, 98.3 and 106.9. The Religious School will continue to use the phone tree and a banner will be placed on our website home page.

**PHIL MUSICKANT / *From the principal's desk***

# Purim celebration March 11<sup>th</sup> at CEEW

All are encouraged to join Religious School students for carnival, reading of the Megillat, laughs and lunch

**T**his month Jews around the world will celebrate Purim.

There are many lessons in the story of Esther and Mordecai (and Haman!). For me, a central lesson is that evil can be conquered if we speak up and speak out against wrong-doing – and the damage is minimized if we do it sooner, rather than wait.

It does take courage to fight against forces bent on harm; Esther and Mordecai are heroes *because* they were courageous.

Often, when asked, heroes say they did what anyone would do placed in such circumstances. I am sure that Esther and Modecai would have said the same thing.

We know this is not universally true, given how differently people will act in these situations.

One theme of Jewish history is that, as the Chanukah song says, "In every age a hero or sage came to our aid." In that age, it was Esther and Mordecai.

To our heroes, we say, "Todah Rabbah" ("thank you").

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This year, the synagogue is holding its Purim celebration on Sunday morning, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Religious School carnival will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the reading of the Scroll (Megillah) of Esther at 11 a.m. and a fundraiser lunch (there will be hamentaschen!) at noon (or so).



**It does take courage to fight against forces bent on harm. Esther and Mordecai are heroes *because* they were courageous.**



Teacher Deb Hacker's Religious School seventh-grade classroom's bulletin board reflected the observance of Tu B'Shevat last month and taught our children the importance of buying a tree in Israel.

Rabbi Adams will lead the reading of the Megillat Esther, and the Meshugenah Blintz Players will be there, too, as they are rehearsing to entertain us.

I encourage every synagogue member to fulfill the mitzvah of hearing a reading of the Megillat Esther!

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We also will hold our annual Purim Mitzvah Crib Project, where the school collects donations of baby supplies (diapers, wipes, lotions, etc.) to support the Women's Center of Waukesha in honor of long-time member Jeri Philips (of blessed memory).

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Finally, the 6<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>-grade class, led by Marsha Fensin and assisted by Bayla Waite, will participate in the Friday night service on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join the students as they help lead the synagogue in Sabbath prayer.

**Chag Sameach Purim!**



**DINING GROUP UPDATE:** The group next goes to the Red Circle Inn located in Nashotah on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The group then will dine on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Key Westconsin in downtown Waukesha. Dining begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, contact Elly Kraines (elly1103@sbcglobal.net).

# DAY OF DISCOVERY

## Some things that were learned this year by CEEW representatives

**By seventh-grade teacher  
Deb Hacker**

**Presentation:** "In our time: Jewish Christian Relations in the Modern Era," with Professor Tim Crain / adjunct assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the Center for Jewish Studies.

1. Historically, Jews learned to "lay low" in response to anti-Semitism because they were considered the "Other" in Europe. They became preconditioned not to retaliate if they were attacked.

2. In 1962, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council was the second largest ecclesiastical gathering of all time. It sought to make the Catholic Church more modern and establish an interfaith dialogue between Catholics and Protestants, with other faiths, but especially with Judaism.

*Nostra Aetate* in 1965 stressed the common bond to God that Christians and Jews share. It clarified that Jews had nothing to do with Jesus' death, nor can any Jew in our time be responsible for Jesus' death. It debunked the myth of Jewish ritual murder (with two victims of so-called Jewish ritual murder – Simon of Trent and Andrew of Wren stripped of sainthood.)

3. Pope John Paul II was the first Pope to establish relations with Israel, and in 2000, he visited Israel. He issued an apology for past sins of the Catholic Church, noting "kinship" between similar faiths, explaining that without Judaism, there could be no Christianity.

4. However, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, there remain many issues the Church has failed to address, such as the canonization of Edith Stein (who was gassed at Auschwitz and considered a Catholic martyr because she was a nun, but was born a Jew). Also, the beatification of Pope Pius XII during WWII was considered "very insensitive" by Dr. Crain. Also troubling today is the limited access of



Sandra Ruesink led a class on "Creating Children's Books About Israel" at the Day of Discovery. Many of our teachers and several congregants took advantage of the learning experience.

the Vatican archives for Jewish scholars.

5. Martin Luther wrote "On the Jews and their Lies" about 20 years into the Reformation in response to the Jews disinterest in converting to Protestantism. The document stops short of mass murder. Interfaith dialogue improved between Jews and Protestants when in 1980, the Protestants stepped forth and condemned this document. Protestants began studying the "historical Jesus" and developed a profound respect for Jewish tradition leading to a sense of commonality. Evangelical Protestants make up about 25 percent of the U.S. population and are very supportive of Jews and the state of Israel in "historical territories."

**Notable:** Twenty percent of all Jewish studies professors are non-Jews (including Dr. Crain).

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**By second-grade teacher  
Lori Fisher**

In my first course, there were different stations with lessons from the Torah, holidays, midrash, etc., and how to best

teach youngsters, such as building the Western Wall using paper blocks and a bucket of shredded paper with Hebrew letters hidden inside that the kids can find and recite.

My second class was about creative book making for kids, from the book inside the box to pop-up books.

My third class was about social giving and charity work.

I spoke with another person in the class regarding hav-

ing congregants work together to create a garden for the temple.

We also talked about different ideas for classes to decide where tzedekah should go and what services they can perform together, from whom we want to reach to when, monetary necessities, etc.

All in all, this was a wonderful Day of Discovery experience.

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**By Religious School Principal  
Phil Musickant**

In Rabbi Yosef Samuel's workshop, "The 613 Commandments in a Nutshell," I learned that only 87 commandments can be performed today.

The rest must be done only when there is a temple in Jerusalem or only when all Jews live in Israel.

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**Notable:** Rabbi Adams presented a "virtual trip" exploring the Land of Israel and learning a technique to bring a love and understanding of Israel to our students.



**UPCOMING IN THE BULLETIN:** In future issues of the CEEW bulletin, get to know Mark and Cindy Levy and Peter and Arlene Shelley and the many contributions these two couples have made, and continue to make, to our synagogue.

# GET TO KNOW your fellow congregants better

## Karen Levy & Peter Lee

### Volunteer work, music and travel fill lives of retired teachers

By Lee Fensin  
CEEW Bulletin Editor

**K**aren Levy and Peter Lee believe deeply in performing acts of loving-kindness.

For instance, their latest adventure was a month-long volunteer job in the highlands of rural Guatemala, where they taught English in an orphanage.

Avid cyclists, they have participated in weeklong bike trips in France, Mallorca, Ireland, Michigan and Wisconsin.

And they love all kinds of music. Peter plays autoharp and Karen plays guitar. They spend hours entertaining themselves and have occasionally performed at farmers' markets and coffee houses in Milwaukee.

Karen said languages and travel have been a lifelong passion for both of them. Peter served in the Peace Corps in Thailand for two years soon after graduating from college. Karen was a French undergraduate major. She spent a year studying in France, and when she finished her master's degree, she moved to Barcelona, Spain, for three years, where she taught English.

Karen was born and raised on the south side of Chicago and has extensive family there. Karen said Peter likes the fact that he was born in Greenwich Village, N.Y., to artist parents,



Karen Levy and Peter Lee with some of the kids whom they taught in Guatemala.

### At a glance

**Karen and Peter Lee** are both retired after 25+ years at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Peter taught in the English as a Second Language program, and Karen served as the Graduate School's Director of Recruitment, Fellowships and Student Development. They have a son, Ben, 28, who lives in the Boston area.



Among the places Karen Levy and Peter Lee have visited is Barcelona, Spain.

freestyle at Waukesha High School (now Waukesha South) and swam three years in college as well.

Karen and Peter met in Mexico City at an international conference of English teachers and dated long-distance for a

year until, Karen said, "a geopolitical event changed our lives."

"Peter had spent two years teaching in Taiwan in the late '60s, and when in 1979 the People's Republic of China be-

gan opening up to the West, he was eager to go," Karen said.

And he wanted to take Karen with him; so he proposed, she accepted, they got married, were hired by the Chinese Ministry of Education and set off to spend two years teaching English in northeast China.

The couple have lived in an old Victorian home in Milwaukee's Historic Concordia Neighborhood for almost 30 years, raising their son. Ben, 28, is a product of the Milwaukee Jewish Day School, the Milwaukee High School of the Arts and the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

"While he plays a mean jazz guitar, he has found his passion as community organizer in the Boston area, performing not music, but 'tikun olam' a value that was instilled in him during his years at MJDS," proud Mom said of Ben.

Karen joined CEEW in 2007, the year she retired from UWM.

"It was a time of life changes for me," Karen said. "I had long felt that the synagogue I was at was too large. I craved something smaller – more personal. I have found that at CEEW. I love the warmth and friendship of the congregants and Rabbi. I love having social and learning events that revolve around Judaism." (Karen is an active member of the temple book club and Sisterhood.)

"Although Peter is not Jewish, he has always been very supportive of my religious life," Karen said. "Peter's family were active members of the Milwaukee Quaker Meeting and that upbringing has influenced much of his life."



**YOUR PHOTOS WANTED:** Whenever you're snapping photos at an event at temple, please consider sharing them with the congregation through the bulletin. Please send to [temple-news@hotmail.com](mailto:temple-news@hotmail.com) and identify everyone you can in the photo, from the left.

## MAZEL TOV

- March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the BIG ONE for **Nate Kraines**, who turns 80.
- **Mark Levy** celebrated a birthday on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lori Fisher**, the second-grade teacher in our Religious School, celebrates a birthday on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Shot putter **Alana Merkow**, a junior at Johns Hopkins University, broke the school indoor women's

record with a throw of 12.53 meters (41 ft., 1.5 inches), a personal best, placing ninth at the Division I Terrapin Invitational hosted by the University of Maryland on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Alana is the daughter of Drs. Steve and Ann Merkow and granddaughter of Dr. Bill and Riva Merkow.

- **Noa Raimond**, daughter of Beth and Rich Raimond, will celebrate her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Two of Sara Rahmes' children celebrate birthdays in March. **Henry** turns 13 on March 16<sup>th</sup> and **Briar Rose** turns 9 on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

*(C'mon and kvell. Share with the congregation all the wonderful things happening in your family. Send info to: [temple-news@hotmail.com](mailto:temple-news@hotmail.com))*



Saul and JoAnn Shuster will be celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 11<sup>th</sup>, one day after JoAnn's birthday. To celebrate, they are taking a 10-day cruise to the Panama Canal. "We hope to be back sporting suntans!" JoAnn said.



Former temple president Ed Weiss and wife Ann celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> with the temple dining group at Ryan Braun's.



Check out the temple's newest Brewers' fan, Joshua Melnikoff, son of Julie and Don Melnikoff. Joshua was born on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>.

## CEEW SISTERHOOD

### Israeli emissaries to speak at March 27<sup>th</sup> program

Michal Makov-Peled and Ro'ee Peled, Community Schlichim (emissaries) from Israel, will speak at the CEEW Sisterhood meeting Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A short business meeting, icebreaker activity, nosh and raffle will precede the speakers.

Michal and Ro'ee will speak on "Issues that face Jewish women and families today in Israel."

A native Jerusalemite, Michal most recently directed Givat Olga's College for All Excellence Study Center for children from low social-economic families. She previously served as director of the Education Department in a rape crisis center, facilitating numerous groups, workshops, lectures and press interviews. With her strong background in Jewish studies, she led groups at Yad Va'shem – the World Center for Holocaust research, documen-

tation, education and remembrance.

Ro'ee was born and raised in Kibbutz Ma'anit. His last position was the director of *Face to Face*, an "encounter" program for Jews and Arab high school students in Israel at the Jewish-Arab Center for Peace in Givat Haviva. He previously directed the Hadera Chapter of Alon – a nonprofit organization that acts to narrow socioeconomic gaps in Israeli society through education.

### 2011-12 Calendar

#### PROGRAM DATES

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

#### GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

### Send congratulations through Uniongrams

The Sisterhood is selling Uniongrams as a fundraiser for the group.

A Uniongram (as in UAHC-Union) is a single card that can be purchased to congratulate someone, send sympathy or just good wishes. The cost of the Uniongram is \$2; or \$2.50 if it is going to require mailing. To order a Uniongram, please contact Carol O'Neil ([caroljo@tds.net](mailto:caroljo@tds.net)).

When ordering grams, please indicate to whom you want the gram sent, street address, city, state, zip. Please indicate who the gram is for and the message to be put on the gram.

If there are multiple grams for individuals, such as many congratulations to a B'nai Mitzvah, the grams will be bundled with a ribbon to tie the grams together.



**60 YEARS OF ISRAEL BONDS:** The work of Israel Bonds' volunteers for 60 years, and the purchases of tens of thousands of State of Israel Bonds have been vital in building Israel into the modern sophisticated country.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

# Religious School, committee chair changes among topics

Religious School was a main topic of conversation at the February Board of Trustees meeting.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

School Principal Phil Musickant reported that he is working on having the teachers map their lesson plans per the curriculum guide.

The school raised \$325 to provide funding for Make-A-Wish Foundation, Youth Haiti International, Juvenile Diabetes Research and HAWS. The school is also doing a winter garment drive and continues to collect food supplies for community distribution.

Phil also reported that 23 trees have been purchased, attendance in school is good and the school is going well.

Phil is doing a lot of social action work because we currently have no Social Action Chairperson or committee, and the Board said his efforts are greatly appreciated.

The issue of the CSI School Assessment Report (Congregational School Initiative) was on the agenda and brought up for discussion. Phil stated that this report, from several years ago, has been helpful in addressing items that needed improvement, and he has used the report to make certain school improvements.

Sara and Kris Schimmel are resigning from the Youth Education Committee due to other commitments. Phil thanked both of them for all their work and help with the school and the Youth Education Committee.

Hal Kacanek was appointed chairperson for the committee.

Because there is no PTO in our by-laws, the YEC is the only entity to help with the school needs and issues and needs to become more collaborative for all aspects of the school.



PTO members, from left, Rachel Missling, Ardis Gacek and Sarah Rahmes helped prepare food for the Tu B'Shevat Seder.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Don Melnikoff said he has hired a new bookkeeper and is working on transferring all the books to the Quick-Books format and this should be completed in time for the annual meeting in June.

Although we are now even in the budget, it will depend on future pledges, etc., to maintain this balance, he said.

### ADULT EDUCATION REPORT

Mardi Smirl will be stepping down in June as coordinator of the Adult Education Program after many years of serving in that capacity. This will need to be addressed and revised for next year.

### PERSONNEL REPORT

Dr. Michael Kotkin reported that he is working on a different form for staff evaluation.

### FUNDRAISING REPORT

Karyn Youso reported that there is currently no chairperson for the Fundraising Committee.

She said this committee is too much work for one person and what we need is for people to step up to do just one fund-

raiser at a time, and then other people step up to do another fundraiser.

It also was suggested that persons being helped by the Mensch Committee might help out with fundraising.

### SISTERHOOD REPORT

Karyn Youso reported that the Sisterhood wants to remain autonomous.

### OTHER BUSINESS

- The URJ Incubator Grant was discussed, and Hal Kacanek is working on a program for the grant involving using our Jewish religious heritage to make decisions and do things in the context of Jewish learning. Karyn Youso will work with Hal on the grant application.

- The Temple Security Plan was discussed. Lt. Dan Bauman of the Waukesha Police Department, whose family belongs to the temple, was consulted and we are working with him and other temple members to develop an organizational plan for emergency procedures and school emergency procedures.

- A new directory of all temple members via email was requested, and Mark Levy



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Any change of address for bulletin mailings should be emailed to Janet Esquivel (jesquivel1@live.com) and Jan Lowell (jlowell@bddonline.com).

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

# COMMUNITY SEDER

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 — 6 p.m. at the Temple**

## Menu:

Seder foods, including Hard Boiled Egg, Gefilte Fish,  
 Matzo Ball Soup,  
 Beef Brisket,  
 Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley and  
 Pot Luck Dessert Table\*\*  
 Coffee, Tea, Soda

Cost: \$30 for adults; \$15 for children ages 12 and under

**\*\*Please bring a non-dairy, Kosher-for-Passover dessert to share.**

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

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

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**



## 2012 Community Seder Reservation Form

RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 30<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Adult beef brisket meals: @ \$30 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children's beef brisket meals: @ \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations: Mensch fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Matzo / Wine in lieu of dessert: \$12 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your check with this reservation form to:  
 Mary Schuman, 1717 Nagawicka Road, Hartland, WI., 53029**

Deadline for reservations is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Your check is your reservation. Payment is non-refundable.  
 Questions? Contact Mary Schuman at 262-367-6719.



**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:** Go to the CEEW Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Congregation-Emanu-El-of-Waukesha/60941962073?sk=wall&filter=1>

## MARKETING

# Congregants' ideas sought at March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

## How do we get the word out about us?

Please reserve Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to noon to come to an all-congregation marketing idea / brainstorming session at the synagogue.

The CEEW Board has decided it would like to have a Marketing and Public Relations Plan for the temple to attract new members, meet the needs of our existing members and be a good citizen to the local community.

Moreover, with the results of the recent Milwaukee Jewish Federation survey that showed there are more Jews living in Waukesha County than in Ozaukee County, the Board wants to take advantage of these findings early enough to attract the Jews who are not members of any congregation.

The session will be facilitated by Bill Lowell in cooperation with the Board of Trustees. The following topics will be discussed:

### By the numbers

From the Milwaukee Jewish Federation survey:

The Jewish population in the three-county (Waukesha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee) area is about 30,000, significantly higher than the 21,000 reported in 1996.

Seventeen percent of Jews in the three-county area live in Waukesha County.

Although as many as 81 percent said they currently belong to a synagogue, weekly attendance was as low as 16 percent.

The Jewish community is graying, with an average age of 52 and only 14 percent younger than 18.

- What makes our Congregation unique?
- Why do members join our Congregation? Why do they stay?

- What marketing and communication ideas do you have for the Congregation that would cost less than \$100 to implement?
- What other marketing and communication ideas do you have, regardless of cost?
- What ideas do you have for stories in the local media (The Freeman, Brookfield papers, etc.) regarding our holidays, important events, interfaith relations, others?
- Where should our temple go from here?  
The information will be utilized to develop a Congregation Marketing Plan. Anyone interested in attending, simply notify Bill Lowell at [wlowell@bddonline.com](mailto:wlowell@bddonline.com), and feel free to bring a guest and your resident marketing expert. Any and all ideas will be welcome and considered.

## Kosher for Passover sale set at Gift Shop

Spring is just around the corner and you know what that means ... **The Gift Shop's Annual Kosher For Passover Sale!**

The gift shop offers a convenient pre-order service, saving you the time of driving around town looking for Kosher for Passover food for your family Seder and for Passover.

Let Anita Ward and Barb Zacher do the shopping for you and pass their savings on to you. It's win-win.

Pre-order forms are available at the CEEW website and on the table in the front entry at the temple. Although prices are not known yet, Anita and Barb will try to keep prices similar to last year.

Pre-order forms are due by Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please hand them in to Anita Ward in the Gift Shop or email them to her at [mike\\_ward111@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_ward111@hotmail.com).

Pick-up will be at Temple prior to Passover. "This worked out so well last year," Anita said. "We are hoping everyone takes advantage of this."

There are some new Seder plates and Passover-related

items such as Haggadahs, three-pocket Matzo covers and Afikomen bags in the Gift Shop, along with new Oy Vey coffee mugs.

"The Gift Shop is a service that is open to all Congregation Emanu-El members and the community," Anita said. "We are here to provide Judaic items that are difficult to find locally. The items we carry enhance the Jewish home experience. We want to be your source for everyday items such as mezuzahs, Shabbat candles and Jewish greeting cards. Keep the Gift Shop in mind when purchasing gifts for Jewish Life Cycle events such as weddings, B'nei Mitzvah and for Jewish holidays.

"This is your Gift Shop. If there are particular items you would like, let us know."



## BOOK CLUB (March 14<sup>th</sup>) *The Language of Flowers*

The next gathering of the CEEW book club will be held Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Goldberg.

The March book is *The Language of Flowers*, a debut novel by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

*The Language of Flowers* weaves the past and present. It creates a portrait of a young woman whose gift for flowers helps her change the lives of others even as she struggles to overcome her own troubled past.

Elaine will lead the book discussion.

All temple members are welcome to participate. If you need more information, directions or would like to carpool, call Adrian Richfield, 262-547-1904 or Karen Levy, 414-202-6315.



**MIDRASH CLASSES ON WEDNESDAYS:** All adults are welcome to join in the weekly Midrash classes taught by Rabbi Adams. Classes run from 10:30 a.m. to noon most Wednesdays. New students can simply show up, but a call in advance to Rabbi Adams could prove helpful.

5772 2012		<b>MARCH</b>			ADAR NISAN	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7 Adar	2 8 Adar Ann Meyers, Marsha Fensin-led service begins at 7 p.m.	3 9 Adar Bible study, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the temple  Tetzaveh
4 10 Adar Religious School, 9:30 a.m.	5 11 Adar	6 12 Adar	7 13 Adar Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the temple	8 14 Adar <b>PURIM</b>	9 15 Adar Rabbi-led service begins at 7 p.m.	10 16 Adar  Ki Tisa
11 17 Adar Religious School, 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. Purim Carnival-Megillah reading	12 18 Adar Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the temple	13 19 Adar	14 20 Adar Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the temple Book Club, 7 p.m. at home of Elaine Goldberg	15 21 Adar	16 22 Adar Rabbi-led service begins at 7 p.m.	17 23 Adar  Vayak'hei-Pekudei
18 24 Adar Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class Marketing meeting, 10 a.m. at temple	19 25 Adar	20 26 Adar <b>SPRING BEGINS</b>	21 27 Adar Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the temple	22 28 Adar	23 29 Adar Rabbi-led service begins at 7 p.m. Grades 5-6	24 1 Nissan Havdalah and a Movie, 5:30 p.m. at temple  Vayikra
25 2 Nissan Religious School, 9:30 a.m.	26 3 Nissan	27 4 Nissan Sisterhood program, 6:30 p.m. at the temple	28 5 Nissan	29 6 Nissan	30 7 Nissan Phil Musickant-led service begins at 7 p.m.	31 8 Nissan Dining Group, Red Circle Inn in Nashotah 5:30 p.m.  Tzav

**TEMPLE BULLETIN DEADLINE: The 10<sup>th</sup> of each month (Send to: temple-news@hotmail.com)**

**MAH JONGG:** Marsha Fensin has been teaching members how to play Mah Jongg, Fridays at noon at the temple. If you are interested in learning / playing, contact Marsha at mfsings@wi.rr.com. ... Mah Jongg and Munchies will be offered June 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, 2020 Brown Deer Road, Surlow Hall. The cost is \$7. A light lunch and raffle will be included. Bring your Mah Jongg set. RSVP to the CEEBJ office: 414-228-7545. The event is sponsored by the Women of Emanu-El.

**THANK YOU**

To **Alison Raimond**, aide in the temple's seventh-grade class, from seventh-grade teacher Deb Hacker for substituting for Deb on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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## Join the fun and get on a committee

There are many ways to help out the temple, including joining a committee or just volunteering for any number of jobs, such as helping the rabbi in the office. Contact any of the committee chairpersons or **Jan Lowell**, who is our volunteer coordinator, at [jlowell@bddonline.com](mailto:jlowell@bddonline.com).

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Mary Schuman

### **RITUAL**

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### **GIFT SHOP**

Barb Zacher and Anita Ward

### **FUNDRAISING**

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