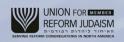




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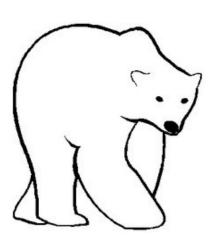
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## Take a Ride on the Polar Bear Express!

By Adrian Richfield

ome for a Saturday Shabbat service on January 22, and stay for a program on polar bears! A number of years ago, CEEW member Alice Lambie was on a trip to view these magnificent animals up close and personal in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, on Hudson Bay. Join us at noon (after a 10:30 a.m. service) to hear and see all about the travel experience of a lifetime.

The polar bear is a hypercarnivorous bear whose native range lies largely within the Arctic Circle, encompassing the Arctic Ocean, its surrounding seas and surrounding land masses. It is currently the largest bear species as well as the largest land car-



nivore. A boar (adult male) weighs around 350–700 kg (770– 1,540 pounds), while a sow (adult female) is about half that size. Although it is the sister species of the brown bear, it has



Alice Lambie, left, poses in front of the tour bus with her daughter Sheila.

evolved to occupy a narrower ecological niche, with many body characteristics adapted for cold temperatures, for moving across snow, ice and open water, and for hunting seals, which make up most of its diet. Their scientific name means "maritime bear" and derives from this fact. Polar bears hunt their preferred food of seals from the edge of sea ice, often living off fat reserves when no sea ice is present. Because of their dependence on the sea ice, polar bears are classified as marine mammals. The icedependent polar bear is classified as a vulnerable species due to the effects of climate change on the animal's habitat. **‡** 



Coco's of Oconomowoc: the place so nice we dined there twice! Contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com) to join the CEEW Dining Group for a lovely brunch on January 23.

# **Moving Forward in Uncertain Times**

had an interesting little discussion with some of our religious school students the other day. They said, with delightful honesty, that the way many of the family members in the Book of Genesis treated each other was "pretty messed up." I agreed. I think that's part of what makes our Torah so wonderful. We don't read stories about perfect, superhuman beings who never make mistakes. We read about people who are, in many ways, just like ourselves. Part of being in a family means you are going to have disagreements and fights with each other, and that was as true 2,500+ years ago as it is today.

This discussion made me think about my own frustrations right now. As I write this, the world seems poised to be swamped by yet another Coronavirus wave, the Omicron variant. We are facing a cold, dark winter of uncertainty. Will it be safe to gather with family and friends, even if everyone has been vaccinated and boosted? Will it be OK to eat at a restaurant. or see that new movie in a theater? (I'm personally grateful that the new Dune movie was released before Omicron was discovered.) Will we be able to still hold services in person, even with everyone masked? Can we continue to have in-person religious school sessions? We just don't know.

And this not knowing is frustrating.

So, at times like these I think of the people in the Book of Exodus, who had be-

come so accustomed to their slavery that they couldn't imagine any other existence. And I think of Moses, a man who was given an almost impossible, thankless job that he really didn't want. We already know how the story is going to unfold; we read it every year and we re-enact it every Passover. But for the people in the story, even with promises from God and miraculous demonstrations of Divine Power, they didn't know what was going to happen or how things were ultimately going to play out. A great deal of complaining and kvetching were part of this mythic journey. "This is what freedom is like? Feh! Let's go back to Egypt; the food was better there..." But despite their uncertainty, they went forward, out of slavery in Egypt and into the unknown.

This Torah teaching feels particularly applicable to us right now on the edge of the (secular) New Year. There are LOTS of things I'm looking forward to doing at CEEW in the coming months, and I'm not sure if they will look the way I want them to look. Will we be able to have an in-person Pu-



### **CANTOR MARTIN LEVSON**

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

rim? Will we be able to have an inperson second night Passover Seder together? I certainly hope so, but we just don't know. But, as I have often said, we Jews have always been good at improvising. We've had to be. And we will continue to be flexible to get through these next few months together as a community. Stay safe! 🌣



Best wishes to CEEW Administrator Brigette Unger (now Alexander) and her husband Mark Alexander! They were married on December 11 at the Frame Park Rotary Building in Waukesha.

Their combined family includes six children ages 13 to 23, who they call their "Brady Bunch."



"Why does the Torah begin with the letter bet? To teach you that we still have not reached alef in understanding it."

- Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov

### **CEEW News Briefs**

#### Continuing this Winter: Saturday Services

On December 18th we held the first of a series of monthly Saturday morning services at 10:30 a.m. Services will be available both on Zoom and in person. At this time we will still be requiring masks, so there will be no Oneg following. We will have Kiddush and Motzi following with plenty of time to chat. On weeks with a Saturday service, the Friday evening service will be shorter and on Zoom only.

Please join us on January 22 and February 19!

Hopefully this will be well attended so we can develop a new tradition at CEEW.

— Laurie Schwartz

#### Dining Group: Coco Redux

The CEEW Dining Group will meet at 11 a.m. on **Sunday, January 23** brunch at Coco's Restaurant in Oconomowoc. The group had such a great meal and a nice time in October that it was an easy decision to return in January.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Elly Kraines by emailing her at ellyanna340@ gmail.com.

#### Save the Date: Jewish Heritage Night with the Milwaukee Bucks, Feb. 1

The Milwaukee Bucks will host the Washington Wizards on February 1, when they will also celebrate Jewish Heritage Night.

The game will tip off at 6:30 p.m., but there will also be a pregame party from 5:00 to 6:30 at The Mecca Sports Bar and Grill. At this writing the pregame event is sold out, but you can still use the RSVP link to purchase "Bucks in Six" Hebrew t-shirts, available at \$12 each.

The deadline is January 15 to purchase discounted game tickets, while supplies last. This event is sponsored by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

To register, go to <u>this link</u> and remember to use the promo code HERITAGE when you check out. If you have questions about the event, contact the Federation at 414-390-5741 or email CaitS@ MilwaukeeJewish.org.



### Update on CEEW Member Mary Schuman

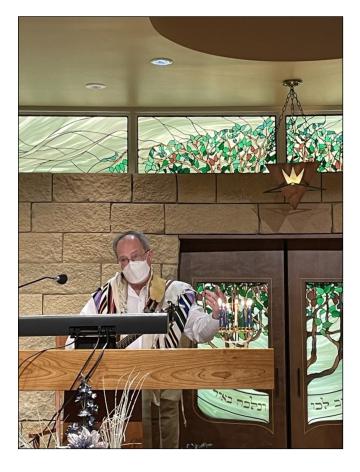
Mary Schuman would like Temple members to have the ability to visit her at her new residence. She is currently living at Heritage Lake Country Senior Living, 2975 Village Square Drive, Room 233, Hartland, WI 53029. The facility is located at the southwest corner of Hwy 83 and Hwy 16, near the Pick N Save store. The phone number for the front desk is 262-295-7682.

Although Mary just moved on December 23, she is very happy in her new home. The food is good, the staffing is good, and the fellow residents she has met are enjoyable. A big plus: it is only about 5 minutes from their home in Delafield. At this time it is difficult for her to receive phone calls.

Visitors are currently allowed at the complex; they must sign in and have their temperature taken at the front desk. Wearing masks is mandatory. Mary is in her own enhanced assisted living apartment. Having visitors greatly impacts her daily life so when and if you can visit, she would love to see you.



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





Text and service photos contributed by Adrian Richfield.

### Short & Sweet Shabbat

After a shortened Friday night service on Friday December 3, Cantor Levson had a Chanukkah song fest to help us celebrate this seasonal holiday! Thanks to Cindy Levy and Pati Brickman for providing some homemade latkes that were enjoyed by all present. One of the favorite songs of the evening was *Soufganiot*, whose chorus goes like this:

> "Soufganiot, Soufganiot, Oh, how I love those Soufganiot!"





Todah rabah to Mari-Claire Zimmerman for organizing the December 10 member-led services, with the assistance of Pati Brickman, Marsha Fensin, Elaine Goldberg, and Sandy Villa.

### **Sisterhood Happenings**



From the desk of Sisterhood Co-president By Deb Hacker

Happy secular New Year-2022 to all CEEW members. May it be a year filled with the warm afterglow of our Hanukah and Shabbat lights. May it hold good health, love of our Jewish traditions, learning and good community. Amid the cold, snow, sleet and rain, Waukesha Wisconsinites persevere. Sisterhood completed its fall Tikkun Olam projects and annual fundraiser — our Hanukah card, which was a welcome greeting this dark time of the year.

While I'm in Israel, our copresident Denise Stodola will take the helm and lead our meetings and provide leadership. I hope you can all offer her the support and volunteer as the need arises.

I'm very excited about our next program offering on Tuesday, January 11 at 7 p.m. Via Zoom, we will offer "Jewish Music through the Ages" with our own Cantor Levson. Joey Weisenberg states in his book, *The Torah of Music* that "Music heals the spirit and balances our bodies." Skilled musician David would take his harp and "the evil spirit would depart from him" (Saul). 1 Samuel 16:23

While our musical tastes may vary, music always can find a way of soothing us several millennia later. That has never changed. I have my soothing music loaded when I'm sitting in a dental chair or when I'm flying. I know Cantor's presentation will sooth, inspire, enliven and also educate us all.

We hope everyone can join us for this special Jewish musical Jewish program and liven up the deep winter here in Wisconsin.

#### Camp Scholarship

By Cindy Levy and Deb Hacker

Prevailing winds are blowing coldly, but it's not too early to think of summer and sign up for Jewish camp - OSRUI, Interlaken, Jewish day camps to name a few. A Jewish camping experience can change your child's life.

The CEEW Sisterhood will again be offering scholarships to those children or grandchildren of sisterhood members. Applications will be forthcoming, along with more info on camping opportunities and other camping scholarships.

### From the desk of Tikkun Olam Chair

By Mari-Claire Zimmerman

Thanksgiving is an American holiday associated with traditional foods and a time for family and friends to get together around the dining room table. CEEW has helped the Waukesha Food Pantry in the past with food drives. So, it was a natural Tikkun Olam project for our Sisterhood to do again this year. Although food shortages have waned since the most dire shortages last summer, there still are people who are having a difficult time to be able to afford enough food to eat, especially at this food-centered holiday.



Share with the congregation all the wonderful things happening in your family! Send birthday and anniversary information to: bulletin@waukeshatemple.org.



#### ANNIVERSARY

**Mari-Claire** and **Bill Zimmerman** celebrate their wedding anniversary on January 1.



#### WEDDING

Congratulations to CEEW Administrator Brigette (Unger) Alexander, who was married to Mark Alexander on December 11 (see page 2).

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**



Purim is in mid-March this year and will be here before you know it. Cantor Levson is looking for singers and actors to participate in the Purim Spiel. Don't be shy! If

you're interested, email him at spiritualleader @waukeshatemple.org.

Temple President Laurie Schwartz is looking for persons who can help to plan our community Seder and continue the much appreciated work of Elly Kraines and Mary Schuman. If you can help, email Laurie at president@waukeshatemple.org. Thank you!



### **IN APPRECIATION**

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

November donations, submitted by CEEW Treasurer Alan Meyers

#### IN MEMORY OF

 Benny Martin Donation from Deborah Martin
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Contact temple administrator Brigette Alexander 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



**Marshall Astrin:** January 6; Sh'vat 4 Observed by the Congregation

**Dora Bergman:** January 20; Sh'vat 18 *Grandmother of Cindy (Mark) Levy* 

**Jennie Byron:** January 12; Sh'vat 10 *Niece of Jeff (Judy) Shabman* 

**Peggy Dailey:** January 23 Wife of Joe (Barb) Dailey's cousin

**Lee Fensin:** January 16; Sh'vat 14 *Husband of Marsha Fensin* 

Samuel R. Fensin: January 21 Father of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

**Kaye Figatner:** January 27 *Grandmother of Ardis Horwich* 

Clara Heuman: January 18 Aunt of Marcy (James) Hotz

Howard Hurwitz: January 30 Uncle of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

**Emanuel Jacobs:** January 22 *Father of Howard Jacobs* 

**Stanley Jacobs:** January 6; Sh'vat 4 *Brother of Howard Jacobs* 

Ruth Kalstein: January 4 Aunt of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

**Tillie Kulakow:** January 8; Sh'vat 6 *Mother-in-law of June Kulakow* 

**Dora Levin:** January 6; Sh'vat 4 *Grandmother of Mark (Cindy) Levy* 

Joseph Levin: January 18; Sh'vat 16 Grandfather of Mark (Cindy) Levy



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.

Michelle Lotz: January 22 Mother of Doug (Sara) Anson

Gary Lustig: January 31 Grandfather of Jan (Bill) Lowell

Bernard Mack: January 21; Sh'vat 19 Father of Laurel (Gerard) Kupperman

Olga Martin: January 1 Aunt of Paula Jeanine Duval

**Etta Mazursky-Daitch:** January 11; Sh'vat 9 *Grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow* 

**Rosetta Moskowitz:** January 24; Sh'vat 22 *Mother of Ann (Alan) Meyers* 

Jeanne Pokorny: January 10 Aunt of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Bernard Raskin: January 23 Father of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

**Dr. Richard Reinherz:** January 20; Sh'vat 18 *Brother of Barb Mulhern* 

Florence Rothman: January 6; Sh'vat 4 Observed by the Congregation

Carlotte Rudoy: January 11 Mother of Marcy (James) Hotz

**Itzhak Rudoy:** January 15 *Grandfather of Marcy (James) Hotz* 

Adelaide Starr: January 29 Grandmother of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

**Richard J. Steinberg:** January 3; Sh'vat 1 *Father of Rick Steinberg* 

**Esther A. Waxman:** January 12; Sh'vat 10 Grandmother of Michael (Susan Vetrovsky) Goldstone



Save the date for the Sisterhood's January 11 musical program with Cantor Levson. Watch your email for more details.



This month the Poetry Corner features poems on the theme of winter. Suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work, to Adrian Richfield (<u>susu78@aol.com</u>) or Sydney Small (<u>rottiesrock@wi.rr.com</u>).

Snowy Night

By Mary Oliver



Last night, an owl in the blue dark tossed an indeterminate number of carefully shaped sounds into the world, in which, a quarter of a mile away, I happened to be standing. l couldn't tell which one it was the barred or the great-horned ship of the air it was that distant. But, anyway, aren't there moments that are better than knowing something, and sweeter? Snow was falling, so much like stars filling the dark trees that one could easily imagine

its reason for being was nothing more than prettiness. I suppose if this were someone else's story they would have insisted on knowing whatever is knowable - would have hurried over the fields to name it - the owl, I mean. But it's mine, this poem of the night, and I just stood there, listening and holding out my hands to the soft glitter falling through the air. I love this world, but not for its answers. And I wish good luck to the owl, whatever its name and I wish great welcome to the snow, whatever its severe and comfortless and beautiful meaning.

#### A Winter Watch

By Marcy Hotz

A fine, frosty fleece falls, dusting dirt that once was a walkway. Discovering corn and crumbs, six squirrels scurry for food, as four coal-colored crows watch from above. "Caw, caw, caw!" cries one, waiting in the wintry wind.



Did you get away? Send us your travel stories and pictures, old or new, and share those memories with all of us. Contact Adrian Richfield at susu78@aol.com or Sydney Small at rottiesrock@wi.rr.com for guidelines.

### BOOK CLUB REPORT Stocking up on Your Winter Reading List

CEEW Book Club is on hiatus for January but here are some Jewish reading suggestions from the winter 2021 issue of *Hadassah Magazine*.

— Adrian Richfield

#### Fiction

*Three Sisters* by Heather Morris



*The Magician* by Colm Toibin *The Cellist* by Daniel Silva *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline

#### Nonfiction

People Love Dead Jews by Dara Horn



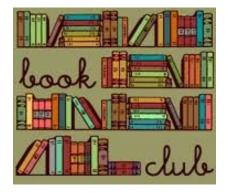
The Beauty of What Remains: How Our Greatest Fear Becomes Our Greatest Gift by Steve Leder

*Play Nice But Win: A CEO's Journey from Founder to Leader* by Michael Dell

Yearbook by Seth Rogen

The Secret of Life: Rosalind Franklin, James Watson, Francis Crick, and the Discovery of DNA's Double Helix by Howard Markel

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All of these store offer in-store shopping (with masks, for now) and curbside pickup, and some also offer delivery services; ask in advance.

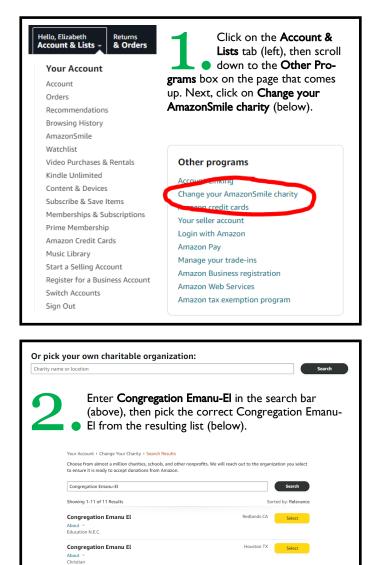
Of course, if you have an Amazon Prime membership, each of these books is just a click away. See the article on the following page and learn how to set up CEEW as the beneficiary when you order through the Amazon Smile program. \*



Volunteers are needed for the member-led Friday night Shabbat services. Contact Mari-Claire Zimmerman (wzimmerman1@wi.rr.com) for more information.

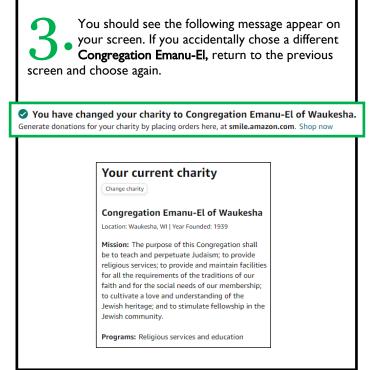
### How To: Donate via Amazon Smile

Shopping on Amazon.com is easy - sometimes a bit too easy — but you can set up your Amazon account to send a small donation to CEEW every time you make a purchase. Here's how. — Elizabeth Lamb 🌣



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CEEW's Membership Committee is open to all members who are interested in making a difference. Please contact Ellyn Lem for more information: leme@uwm.edu. We're waiting to hear from you!



JANUARY 7	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
JANUARY 14	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
JANUARY 21	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service (Zoom only)
		Morning service
JANUARY 28	7 p.m.	Member-led service
	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 14 7 p.m. JANUARY 21 7 p.m. JANUARY 22 10:30 a.m.

These services may be available online.

See the Temple website for updates and instructions on how to view them online.

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### SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

January 7, 4:16 pm; January 14, 4:24 pm; January 21, 4:33 pm; January 28, 4:42 pm

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2 Tevet 29 No religious school; winter break	3 Sh'vat 1 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	4 Sh'vat 2	5 Sh'vat 3 Midrash group, 10:30 a.m.	6 Sh'vat 4	7 Sh'vat 5 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	8 Sh'vat 6
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9 Sh'vat 7	10 Sh'vat 8	11 Sh'vat 9	12 Sh'vat 10	13 Sh'vat 11	14 Sh'vat 12	15 Sh'vat 13
Religious school re- sumes, 9 a.m.	Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. February Bulletin content deadline	Sisterhood program with Cantor Levson, 7 p.m., Zoom	Midrash group, 10:30 a.m.		Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	Beshalach
16 Sh'vat 14	17 Sh'vat 15	18 Sh'vat 16	19 Sh'vat 17	20 Sh'vat 18	21 Sh'vat 19	22 Sh'vat 20
Religious school, Tu BiShvat Seder, 9 a.m.	Tu BiShvat		Midrash group, 10:30 a.m.		Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m. (Zoom only)	Saturday Morning service, 10:30 a.m. Polar Bear Program, 12 p.m.
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30 Sh'vat 28 Religious school, 9 a.m.	31 Sh'vat 29					<b>∳</b> ∳ Mishpatim
The content deadline for the February 2022 bulletin is Monday, January 10.						

Calendar dates and candle lighting times from hebcal.com. Check the CEEW calendar for the most current information. Most events are held online via Zoom, as well as in person if possible.



# 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

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.

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