

## Join Us for Pizza and Stay for a *Tango!*

By Adrian Richfield

**W**arm up a winter afternoon on Sunday, January 8, when the CEEW Adult Education Committee offers a pizza lunch followed by a screening of the 2021 dance comedy film *Tango Shalom*.

Cheese and/or vegetarian pizza from Papa Murphy's will be served with drinks and dessert at 11:45, and gluten-free options are available. The movie will start at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

*Tango Shalom* premiered at the 2021 Brooklyn Film Festival and went on to win 22 film festival awards. The story of a rabbi who enters a dance competition while staying faithful to his Orthodox beliefs – with the help of a Catholic priest, a Muslim imam, and a Sikh holy man – is rated PG-13.

The cost for lunch and the movie is \$10, and you must RSVP to Elaine Goldberg by January 4. (If you only want to see the

movie, you can pay \$5 at the door.) Friends and family are welcome!

Respond with names and checks (payable to CEEW) sent to Elaine at 1165 Club Circle Apt. 13W, Brookfield, WI 53005. Or, call her at 240-447-3849 to make your reservation, and pay in person on the day of the event. ✨



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**"If things are not as you wish, wish them as they are."**

**Yiddish proverb**

## CEEW News Briefs

### Dining Club at the Galleria

The CEEW Dining Club will meet for lunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 15. The restaurant of the month is Bullwinkles at the Galleria, in the shopping area near Kopps (18900 West Bluemound Road, Suite 100). To join the group, contact Elly Kraines at [ellyanna340@gmail.com](mailto:ellyanna340@gmail.com).



### Tax Receipts are in the Mail

CEEW Treasurer Alan Meyers notes that he will be mailing out tax receipts in early January. Please look for them and file them with your other tax documents.

If you don't receive a receipt, or have any questions, contact Alan at [treasurer@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:treasurer@waukeshatemple.org).

### Bucks' Jewish Heritage Night: January 31

Join the Milwaukee Jewish Federation for Jewish Heritage Night with the Milwaukee Bucks, as they take on the Charlotte Hornets at 7 p.m. on January 31 at Fiserv Forum.

Purchase [discounted game tickets](#) by January 13 (promo code: HERITAGE). Seats in sections 101, 102, and 121 are \$92; seats in section 221 are \$63.

Each ticket purchase includes a "fear the deer" Hebrew t-shirt, which can be picked up just before the game. Visit [MilwaukeeJewish.org/Bucks](http://MilwaukeeJewish.org/Bucks) for more information or call Cait Schmidt at 414-390-5741.







**SAVE THE DATE:** Another “meal and movie” event is coming up on Sunday, January 8, starting at 11:45 a.m. Watch your emails for more details!



Photos by Adrian Richfield.

## December's Dinner and a Movie: *Itzhak*

By Adrian Richfield

On a snowy Saturday night December 17th, Adult Education showed an inspiring documentary film along with a delicious Chinese dinner at CEEW.

What promised to be a joyful film about a joyful person was spot on and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Starting with a Chinese buffet dinner and followed with a Havdalah service, the story of Yitzhak Perlman was a delight as we followed him from his early years up to his present life with wonderful bits of his virtuosity on the violin.

It's not often our audience claps at the end of a movie! Thanks to all who participated, including those who helped with the program.





**"If you believe that you can curse, believe that you can heal."**

**Rabbi Nachman of Breslov**

## Everyone Needs to be a Member of this Temple Committee

One of the biggest differences between CEEW and the other congregations I have served is the often-enthusiastic willingness of the members to volunteer in all sorts of ways. Our congregants often do things that would be done by paid staff at larger institutions. I have found this spirit of volunteerism inspiring, and I believe it creates a greater sense of "ownership" among the membership. Another level of participation occurs at the committee level, where members who have a particular interest in an aspect of temple life can help shape the life of the temple. People who are passionate about adult education can volunteer to serve on the Adult Ed Committee. But there is one committee that needs *every* congregant as a member: the Membership Committee.

Congregation Emanu-El has a Membership Committee that meets regularly (often on Zoom) to discuss the crucial topics of recruitment and retention of members. But I would love to see the spirit of volunteerism that is often on display at CEEW extend to this committee. To paraphrase

### Cantor's Column

By Cantor Martin Levson, CEEW Sole/Soul Spiritual Leader



our Passover Haggadah, "Every member of CEEW should look upon themselves as if they personally belong to the Membership Committee." This doesn't mean that everyone needs to attend regular committee meetings, but it does mean that every one of us needs to constantly be aware of opportunities to potentially grow our membership.

An example: We had a lovely dinner before Shabbat services last month; the first one since I have been your Spiritual Leader. I know there were significant outreach efforts by the temple leadership to get unaffiliated people to attend this dinner and service. Ultimately, one non-member couple joined us that evening for the dinner and the service. Why were they there? Because a member couple *personally invited them* to attend with them! This couple does not attend Membership Committee meetings, but they saw the opportunity for

engagement, and they said, "Our Temple is having a dinner before services this coming Friday. Would you like to come with us? It should be a lovely evening."

We have lots to be proud of here at CEEW. We are a small congregation offering a compelling and dynamic expression of progressive Judaism here in Waukesha County. Many of you know people who are Jewish but are currently unaffiliated. Many of you know former members of CEEW who, for whatever reasons, are no longer members. Reach out to them and say, "I know you left the Temple some years ago, but we are a different place today. Would you please join us this Friday night? I know there would be lots of people that would be thrilled to see you." Let's all work together to help grow the membership of our little Temple, so we can continue to be a place where we all "Serve the Holy One with Joy!" ✨





There will be no CEEW Book Club meeting in January.

## Jewish Heritage, Values, and a Field Trip!

I would like to take this opportunity to say Happy (Secular) New Year to the congregation! The 2022 religious school year has been going well. We started off with Family Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services and then celebrated Sukkot at Mark and Cindy Levy's home and Simchat Torah at the temple. This year we have been learning the values of: *teshuvah* (return/repentance), *b'tzelem elohim* (in God's image) and *gevurah* (strength – spiritual courage). We took a field trip to Jewish Museum Milwaukee with students from Congregation Emanu-El B'nai Jeshu-

### School News

By Carrie Barbakoff, Education Director



run and explored the exhibit Jews in Space. Thank you to the Coalition for Jewish Learning, the Education Department of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, for sponsoring our field trip.

The month of December ended with our annual Chanukah fun day. Thank you to Morah Marie and Elizabeth Hamlin for making our *bimuelos* (a Ladino derivation of the Spanish

*bunuelos*, meaning fritters or fried donuts) delicious. They are one of the foods emblematic of Marranos. Thank you to Mark and Cindy Levy for lending us their hot plate for Nicole and Jon Ogden and Jennifer Ecker to melt wax to make a candle so that each person could take home a candle to "light one candle for..." whoever we wanted to recall or join our Chanukah celebrations at home. Our students each created a shield to represent their family identity. We asked the students to learn from their parents about their heritage (where did their grandparents or great-grandparents come from; how did their family get to Wisconsin?) and to think about what values and things they enjoy doing together as a family.

I look forward to learning more Jewish values with our students and celebrating the holidays of Tu b'shevat, Purim, Passover, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut with everyone. ✨





The CEEW Dining Group will meet on January 15 for lunch at Bullwinkles at the Galleria. Contact Elly Kraines at [ellyanna340@gmail.com](mailto:ellyanna340@gmail.com) to join the group.

# December 2022 CEEW Board Minutes

By Pati Allen Brickman

*This is a "highlights" version of the minutes. For a full version, email Board Secretary Pati Allen Brinkman at [pati.brickman@gmail.com](mailto:pati.brickman@gmail.com).*

## Spiritual Leader's Report

Last month Cantor was unable to return to Massachusetts due to his wife's illness, so the Meyers took him in for Thanksgiving. He is planning to go to MA leaving on 12/28 returning 1/3. During that time, Rabbi Adams will be available for emergencies.

## Education Director Report

ARJE has granted \$350 grant to go to the ARJE conference in January 23-25, 2023, in Houston, TX. Sunday 12/11 the school and cantor went to the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee to see the Jews in Space exhibition. The Coalition for Jewish Learning helped fund the trip.

## President's Report

**Visitor's Shabbat:** The Shabbat Potluck on 12/9 was wonderful although we had very few visitors. We will certainly do this again. All congregants should consider themselves one of the Membership Committee

and be active about inviting friends to join us for our programs and services.

Mari-Claire will work with Cantor Levson and Ann Meyer to update the Ritual Committee bylaws.

## Treasurer's Report

Five months into the fiscal year is 42% of the year and at this point our total expenses are 40% of our budgeted expenses. That sounds good, but the budget we have is not balanced. Not spending money is helpful. Finding more income is more helpful. Laurie reminds us that we should think seriously about making end-of-year contributions to the temple.

## Sisterhood Report

Denise reported that 80 Hanukkah cards have been mailed. Upcoming programs will include April 18 Card Making with Barb Zacher, May 2 Mizrahi Cooking with Hannah Sattler. A program on Unusual Occupations featuring Andi Patz is being planned with date to be determined. The Sisterhood board voted to change the Camping Scholarship requirements so that all members of CEEW will now be eligible to apply for a

camp scholarship for their children or grandchildren.

## Committee Reports

**Facilities and Security:** Plans for security guards for the quarter will be completed soon. Laurie will find someone to change lights on the south and west sides and she has volunteered to pay for that.

## Old Business

**Security Grant:** FEMA and the state have accepted our plan. There is yet one more form outstanding before we can hire the contractors. Since we must have the work done prior to being reimbursed by the government, Laurie and Alan will work with Rick Steinberg to put together a promissory note for interest free loans from our members.

**The next CEEW Board meeting will be January 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. ✨**





**Yiddish of the month: *kvell*, “to feel pride,” usually of your children and grandchildren.**

**— contributed by Marsha Fensin**

# Jewish Camping and Horsing Around

## President's Letter

**From the desk of Denise Stodola**

The CEEW Sisterhood board met on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and eventually our attention turned to a discussion on camp scholarships. The current Sisterhood board felt so strongly that the Jewish camping experience is critical to the development of our Jewish youth, that we voted to change the Camping Scholarship requirements. All members of CEEW will now be eligible to apply for a camp scholarship for their children or grandchildren. For more information on how to apply for a CEEW Sisterhood Camp Scholarship see the article on “Camp Scholarships Available.”

During the discussion on camping scholarships, I began remembering my own experiences at Phantom Lake YMCA camp in Mukwonago. I was a camper for a few years as a grade schooler. I was not raised Jewish and Phantom Lake was a Christian based camp, but in many ways the experiences are probably similar. You must keep in mind that I was camper in grade school about 50 years ago. I no

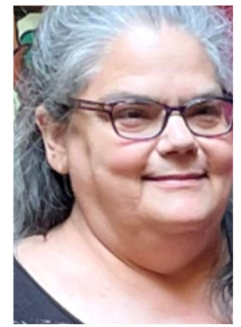
## Sisterhood News

**By Co-Presidents Deb Hacker and Denise Stodola**

longer have a lot of vivid memories, but I do remember I had an awesome time. Being away from home wasn't anything unusual, as I often spent summers and holidays with grandparents. My sister and I went to different sessions, so we got to be home with our parents alone, essentially being an only child, and that was priceless! Being at camp gave me a sense of belonging. I was with a group of my peers, we were all different but together we were all the same, equal and had a sense of belonging. We made new friends, had new experiences and learned new things. We watched out for each other, went swimming and learned about canoeing. I rode a horse for the first time. My mom remembers a letter I wrote home in which I mentioned “they are making us write home.” So, I spoke of a girl that went horseback riding and ended up in a ride in the ambulance because she fell

off the horse and got hurt. In the same letter, I wrote that I had to go because I was going horseback riding! It was my first riding experience and I didn't ride again until I was 18 with my bestie, but I remembered what to do! Sadly, I have not ridden again. Maybe I should add this to my bucket list?

Today, I believe being able to give a Jewish child the gift of going Jewish camp is so very important. Especially in our Synagogue where they are most likely the only or one of a few Jewish children in school, the ability to spend time and experience being with other Jews their age is priceless. It has been said that the Jewish camping experience does more to instill Judaism than any other experience. Cantor Levson has often spoken of all of the Rabbis



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

## Sisterhood News

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and Cantors that came out of the camp he attended as a child.

More than anything, I remember how camp gave me a sense of belonging. It is one of the reasons I chose to become a member of Sisterhood. I joined before I converted to Judaism, because I needed that sense of belonging and being among friends. I became co-president of the CEEW Sisterhood because Sisterhood is an important and necessary part of CEEW (and also, I could not say no to Alice Lambie, a longtime family friend whom I love dearly).

Sisterhood fundraises to support our future generation. The CEEW Sisterhood does this by supporting the religious school needs and camp scholarships. If you have children or grandchildren, consider giving them the gift of a Jewish camping experience. If you

don't, consider supporting the CEEW Sisterhood's fundraising activities to help make the Jewish camp experiences possible for other children and grandchildren in our congregation.

## Camper Scholarships Available

From the desk of 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 2023 happen and so are we!

If you are a member of the CEEW and have a child or grandchild who will be attending a Jewish camp in 2023, you may be eligible for a camper scholarship.

The Sisterhood is taking applications for camp scholarships through March 31st. Any CEEW member as of December 31, 2022 can apply. Notification of awards will be made on or before April 15th. Contact Cindy Levy at [ceew\\_sisterhood@yahoo.com](mailto:ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com) for an application.

Be aware that other organizations and individual camps also have scholarships available. Many of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) camps provide scholarships, including OSRUI in our own backyard. For example, the [Milwaukee Jewish Federation](https://www.milwaukeejewishfederation.org/) has two programs with March 1 deadlines. Happy Camping! ☆

## Adult Education: Coming Programs

The Adult Education Committee has planned the following events for the rest of 2022-2023. Save the dates, but watch your email for the most current information. See you at the temple!

**January 8:** Sunday Matinee Movie (*Tango Shalom*) and Lunch (Papa Murphy's).

**February 17:** Friday Night Special Shabbat: Alice Lambie, Manitoba polar bear trip.

**March 19, Sunday:** Michael Schlesinger, "All about our weather."

**April 21:** Friday Night Special Shabbat: Rich Hacker, "Water issues in Israel."

**April 26, Wednesday:** Milwaukee's Israeli Ambassador Uria Roth, "Talking about Israel."

**May 20, Saturday:** Second Jewish Trivia Night.

**June 3, Saturday:** Jewish Potluck Dinner and Music, with Cantor Levson and the CEEW Band.

**June 9:** Friday Night Special Shabbat: Ellyn Lem, "Jewish characters on television."

— Adrian Richfield





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

# Mazel Tov מזל טוב

## ANNIVERSARY

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



## IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

### IN HONOR OF

**Mark Levy**

*Donation from Resurrection Lutheran Church*

### IN MEMORY OF

- **Ruth Grigo**  
*Donation from Deborah and Richard Hacker*
- **Arthur Kulakow**  
*Donation from June Kulakow*
- **Dr. Eric Richfield, brother of Adrian Richfield**  
*Donation from Deborah and Richard Hacker*

### GENERAL FUND

*Donation from Elly Kraines*

### YIZKOR MEMORIAL

*Donation from Jennifer Ullman*



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*

### **Yahrzeiten** **Tevet / Sh'vat (January)**



**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.

**Joan Alpert Glick:** January 13, Tevet 20  
*Cousin of Carol O'Neil*

**Marshall Astrin:** January 26, Sh'vat 4  
*Observed by the Congregation*

**Alvin Cohen:** January 1, Tevet 8  
*Observed by the Congregation*

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

**Lee A. Fensin:** January 27  
*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 26, Sh'vat 4  
*Brother of Howard Jacobs*

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

**Tillie Kulakow:** January 28, Sh'vat 4  
*Mother-in-law of June Kulakow*

**Dora Levin:** January 26, Sh'vat 4  
*Grandmother of Mark (Cindy) Levy*

**Benjamin Lewis:** January 2, Tevet 9  
*Father of Joanne Wagner; grandfather of Ellyn  
Lem Trevor Huskey*

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

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

**Olga Martin:** January 1  
*Aunt of Paula Jeanine Duval*

**Etta Mazursky-Daitch:** January 31, Sh'vat 9  
*Grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow*

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

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

**Florence Rothman:** January 26, Sh'vat 4  
*Observed by the Congregation*

**Charlotte Rudoy:** January 11  
*Mother of Marcy (James) Hotz*

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

**Werner Spanier:** January 2, Tevet 9  
*Observed by the Congregation*

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

**Richard J. Steinberg:** January 23, Sh'vat 1  
*Father of Rick Steinberg*

**Mildred Schnoll Wasserman:** January 6,  
Tevet 13  
*Observed by the Congregation*

**Sonia Willenson:** January 17, Tevet 24  
*Cousin of Nate (Elly) Kraines*



Purchase Marge Piercy's 2000 collection [\*The Art of Blessing the Day: Poems with a Jewish Theme\*](#) through Amazon Smile and support CEEW.

## Poetry Corner

Suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work to Adrian Richfield ([susu78@aol.com](mailto:susu78@aol.com)) or Sxdni Small ([rottiesrock@wi.rr.com](mailto:rottiesrock@wi.rr.com)).

### Window on Winter by Marcy Hotz

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

### Silent Snowfall by Marcy Hotz

Fresh sparkling snow blankets trees and roads.

We welcome the silent snowfall,  
finding joy in the stark renewal of the landscape.

Bright red cardinals flit from branch to feeder,  
plopping a small pile of frozen whiteness to the icy  
ground below.

Quiet serenity is interrupted by the sound of an  
engine.

Good, the plow has arrived.

Photo by Michael Ward, at  
[www.wildlifeillinois.org](http://www.wildlifeillinois.org)







Order these suggested books through Amazon Smile and support CEEW.

# Reading Your Way through the Cold Months



The CEEW Book Club is on hiatus this month, but that's no reason to stop reading! The colder weather may give us more opportunity to stay snuggled up at home and catch up on our TBR (to be read) lists.

Here are some recent books recommended in the November/December 2022 issue of *Hadassah Magazine*. The link for each book goes to its listing at Amazon Smile. If you have CEEW set up as the beneficiary on your Smile account, each purchase benefits our temple.

*Women Holding Things*, by Natalia Ginzburg. [This life-affirming book](#) shines a light on women's lives and how we all hold our humanity.

*Before All the World*, by Moriel Rothman-Zecher. [This Jerusalem-born author's book](#) is an inventive novel that overlays Yiddish inflection

## Book Club News

By Adrian Richfield



and syntax onto English to bring to life a slice of America.

*When Franny Stands Up*, by Eden Robbins. [This debut novel](#) is set in early 1950s Chicago, where protagonist Franny Steinberg wants to make people laugh and attempts doing stand-up comedy. This dialogue-driven novel is daring, entertaining, and moving.

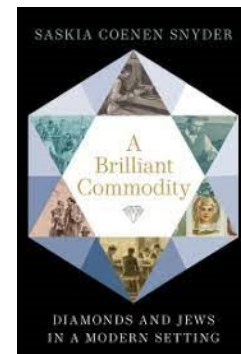
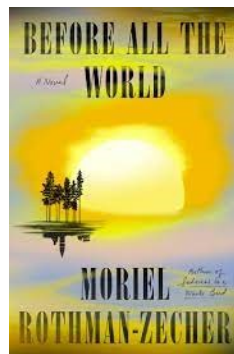
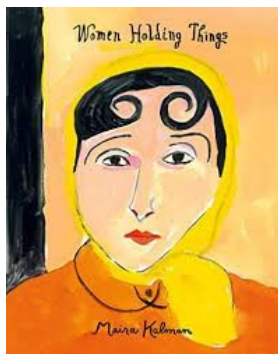
*A Brilliant Commodity: Diamonds and Jews in a Modern Setting*, by Saskia Snyder. [This book](#) examines the global market for diamonds, from mining rough stones to trading gems to wearing brilliant jewels – and the role of Jewish entrepreneurs on several continents. ★

### Craft a Jewish Reading Journal!

If you have a blank book, you can create a lasting record of your reading habits. Write about the books you read: when you started, when you stopped, if you decided not to finish.

Include what *you* want: cover image, professional reviews, your thoughts, words that you learned, which character you loved, what the book makes you want to read next, book-inspired doodles, or whatever your spirit leads you to do.

— Elizabeth Lamb





The deadline for articles for the February Bulletin will be **Sunday, January 15**. Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at [susu78@aol.com](mailto:susu78@aol.com).



# Shabbat Shalom!



<b>JANUARY 6</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantor-led service</b>
<b>JANUARY 13</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantor-led service</b>
<b>JANUARY 20</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Member-led service</b>
<b>JANUARY 27</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Soup-er Shabbat</b> <b>Cantor-led service</b>

These services may be available online, in person, or both.  
Watch your email for updates on the mode of any temple event.

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

## CEEW TEMPLE LEADERSHIP

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**"See to it that you do not spoil and destroy My world; for if you do, there will be no one else to repair it."**

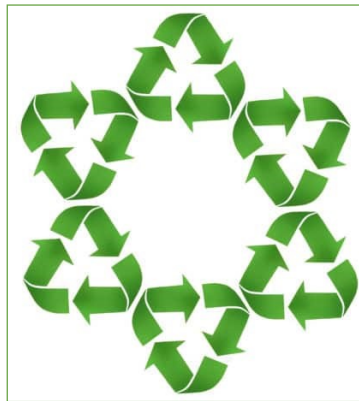
**— Midrash Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:13**

# Answering the Call to Green Judaism

By Sxdni Small

**"But** Becky does it!" I wailed as I watched the expression on my father's face change from one of focus on the task at hand, to a stern countenance at my act of littering. We'd just returned home from the store and were about to unload provisions. One of my favorite early childhood ways to spend time with him was on trips to the market. I enjoyed his gentle and quiet presence and the possibility of choosing some edible delight to satisfy my sweet tooth. The particular treat of choice that afternoon happened to be a pack of Bubblicious watermelon gum, which I and many of my friends found worthy of epic wads that our mouths could barely hold. As he and I stepped onto the warm pavement, I hazily tossed the wrapper debris behind me, where it swirled to the curb. That decision became the first and last time I would perform such an act, as I hadn't seen this usually-patient man go from concern to strong anger in such a short amount of time.

"You go get that right now – I don't care what your friends do! We don't do that in this house." I hastily ran to get the silver remnants and stuffed them in my shorts pocket. While I don't remember the remaining discussion about environmental caretaking, the personal alarm he expressed over the despoiling of nature sticks with me to this day.



Household values in my youth about diversity included appreciation of the natural world and the variety of inhabitants the earth supported. My mother's cozy garden and my father's impromptu conservation lesson served to illus-

trate a very Jewish teaching, which is illustrated by the phrase "bal tashchit" on the Reform Judaism website. The term refers to the Jewish concept of "do not destroy." Our mandate as a people urges us to be caretakers of that which was created by or in the presence of, the Divine/Universe. There are many ways individuals can work toward sustainability, including options such as composting and rain barrels.

Congregant Marcy Hotz says that "It's not easy being green. But it can be fun, and I feel like I'm doing something for my home planet when I do it." In addition to recycling and providing donations, she also buys "...things, especially clothing, from resale shops, uses the primarily organic fertilizer Milorganite and avoids Styrofoam."

There are a variety of Jewish groups that focus on eco-preservation, such as Hazon, The Jewish Climate Action Network, the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life and Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action. All of these associations focus on particular elements of earth justice, such as climate change, environmental awareness





**Get ready for a Soup-er Shabbat before the Shabbat service on January 27.**

and Jewish institutions as well as connections between green solutions and social action.

The Jewish Women's Archive also has a page entitled "Jewish Women and Environmental Activism" which details a number of people and organizations leading the charge for environmental accountability.

"Eco-Kosher" is another component of resource protection, stemming from Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi <z'l>, one of the founders of the Jewish Renewal Movement. Reb Zalman re-imagined Jewish institutional life through combining elements of his Hassidic roots, providing creative and physical expression in worship and incorporating social change as part of Jewish practice. Part of that social change involved awareness of the way food and agricultural systems impact the earth and her creatures, including humans.

Today's Eco-Kashrut certification provides a set of criteria that go a step farther than the traditional kosher standards. The initiative also "...promotes respect for one's body and that of the earth, while honoring and protecting those who labor to grow the food we eat." The program has 6 Guiding Principles, which can be found in the box below.

### **Further Reading**

[The 12 Jews Who are Leading the Green Movement](#)

[Green Jews: It Started With Creation](#)

[Green Jews](#)

[Greening Reform Judaism](#)

[How Jewish Burials are Actually Green Burials, Too](#)

When congregants provide groceries and other items to shelters and food pantries we also contribute to the preservation of our earth. Marcy explains that her sustainable choices help her to be "mindful every day."

What do other CEEW members do to "go green"? Let us know – share stories and personal commitments with the editors to help warm our soul during these chilly times. Let us walk together in the spirit of Tikuun Olam, being aware and concerned about our precious earth!

Send us a few words — and some pictures! — to let us know what you and your family do (or want to do) to be "Jewish and green." ☆

## **Shtiebel Eco-Kosher Certification: Six Guiding Principles**



1. Bal Tashchit, environmental stewardship
2. Tza'ar Baalei Chayi, animal welfare
3. V'Nishmartem L'Nafshoteichem, health and wellness
4. Lo Ta'ashok Sachir Oni, ethical labor practices
5. Shomer Masoret, being mindful and respectful of Jewish ancestral traditions
6. Hitchadshut ve-chinuch, continued growth and education

For more information, visit <http://www.shtiebel.net/ecokosher>



## SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

January 6, 4:15 pm; January 13, 4:23 pm;  
January 20, 4:31 pm; January 27, 4:40 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Tevet 8 Religious school - on break	2 Tevet 9	3 Tevet 10	4 Tevet 11 Adult Study Class, in-person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon	5 Tevet 12	6 Tevet 13 Cantor-led Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	7 Tevet 14  Vayechi
8 Tevet 15 Religious school, 9 a.m. Adult Ed Sunday Matinee, 11:45 a.m.	9 Tevet 16	10 Tevet 17	11 Tevet 18 Adult Study Class, in-person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon	12 Tevet 19	13 Tevet 20 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	14 Tevet 21  Shemot
15 Tevet 22 Religious school, 9 a.m. Dining Club, 11 a.m. <b>DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY BULLETIN ARTICLES</b>	16 Tevet 23 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	17 Tevet 24	18 Tevet 25 Adult Study Class, in-person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon	19 Tevet 26	20 Tevet 27 Member-led Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	21 Tevet 28  Vaera
22 Tevet 29 Religious school, 9 a.m.	23 Sh'vat 1 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	24 Sh'vat 2	25 Sh'vat 3 Adult Study Class, in-person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon	26 Sh'vat 4	27 Sh'vat 5 Soup-er Shabbat, 5:30 p.m. Cantor-led Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	28 Sh'vat 6  Bo
29 Sh'vat 7	30 Sh'vat 8	31 Sh'vat 9				

The content deadline for the February 2023 bulletin is **Sunday, January 15.**

Calendar dates and candle lighting times from [hebc.com](http://hebc.com). Check the CEEW calendar for the most current information. Most events are held online via Zoom, as well as in person if possible.



"The fundamental things apply as time goes by."

— Dooley Wilson

## FUNDS to which you can donate to help our synagogue

There are many ways to help the synagogue, among them donating to the various funds available at CEEW. Please circle the fund to which you would like your donation to go. Make checks payable to CEEW. Return form with check to:

**Treasurer**  
**Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha**  
830 W. Moreland Blvd.  
Waukesha, WI. 53188

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

**Endowment Fund:** A fund that is invested to serve as a continual source of stability and income for the synagogue.

**Mensch Fund:** Some of our members are not able to afford fees to attend synagogue events. The fund is used to help defray these costs.

**Education Fund:** Tuition does not cover the full cost of the Religious School. This helps support school expenses.

**Library Fund:** Used to purchase books and supplies.

**Torah Fund:** Used to repair our current scrolls or, perhaps, to buy a new Torah some day.

**Bill and Riva Merkow Endowment Fund:** The intent is to grow this fund so that the income will fund a significant portion of the synagogue's yearly expenses. Our first goal is to fund the spiritual leader full time.

**Goldblatt / Adams Memorial Fund:** Supports the development of teachers' skills that will benefit the synagogue, and helps young people attend Jewish summer camps, Israel programs or youth activities and/or conventions.

**Spiritual Leader's Discretionary Fund:** The spiritual leader can use this fund as needed as long as it meets the tax guidelines.

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

Enclosed is a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ contribution.

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