

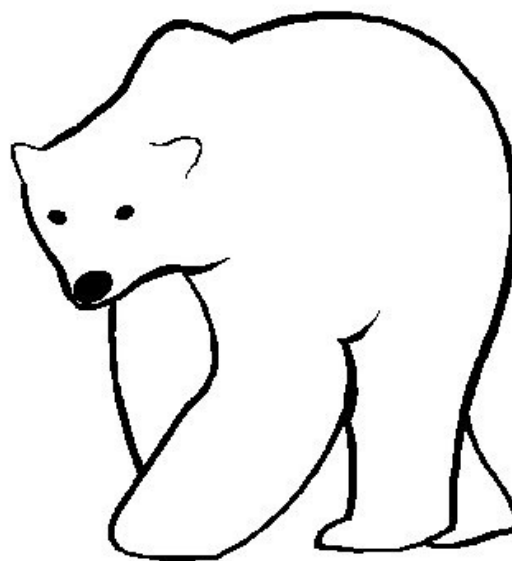
Rescheduled from 2022: Your Ride on the Polar Bear Express

By Adrian Richfield

A number of years ago, CEEW member Alice Lambie was part of a trip to view polar bears up close and personal on Hudson Bay in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada.

Join us at a Special Shabbat on Friday, February 17, when Alice will tell her tale of meeting these magnificent animals. Though they are the largest bear species in the world, they are classified as vulnerable because of the loss of their habitat due to climate change.

Shortened services will begin at 7 p.m., followed by an oneg including a special Alaskan-themed treat! The program starts at 8 p.m. ☆



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This 2016 photo by Joshua Holko emphasizes the harsh conditions of the polar bear's habitat.





“The important thing is not to be afraid.”

Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

CEEW News Briefs

Dining Club at the Bravo

The CEEW Dining Club will meet for lunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 26, at Bravo Restaurant at Brookfield Square. To join the group, contact Elly Kraines at ellyanna340@gmail.com.

2022 CEEW Tax Receipts Mailed

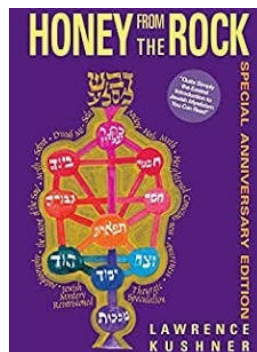
CEEW Treasurer Alan Meyers mailed out tax receipts in early January. The email's subject line was “CEEW 2022 Year End Receipt.” Please look for yours and file it with your other tax documents.

If you didn't receive a receipt, or have any questions, contact Alan at treasurer@waukeshatemple.org.

Adult Learning: Exploring Jewish Mysticism

Adult Learning Class that meets on most Wednesdays from 10:30-noon will be starting a new topic on Jewish mysticism (Kabbalah) with Cantor Levson. The class just finished reading and discussing the book *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal* by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, which provided many insights into the consequences of our words in daily life. Now the class is ready to move on to a new area of Jewish learning.

The new book, *Honey from the Rock* by Lawrence Kushner, will help the class understand Kabbalah. It has been on the radar for this



class for awhile and should prove to be an interesting study experience.

Cantor Levson is preparing to delve into the topic with a myriad of sources, and will have other resources and experiences for the class they learn and study Jewish mysticism.

Anyone interested in joining the class should contact Cantor Levson.

Q&A with Justice Dallet: Thursday, February 2

The National Council of Jewish Women Milwaukee presents a discussion and Q&A forum with Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Dallet. “Seeking Lady Justice: Why Our Courts Matter” will be held at 7pm in the Community Room at Nicolet High School in Glendale.

Register at www.ncjwmke.org or email president@ncjwmke.org with questions.

Local Series: “Faith and Democracy”

Reverend Jen Butler, founder of Faith in Public Life, will speak at three public events in early February concerning Christian Nationalism and American democracy. Go [here](#) for more information.

Feb 5, 2pm, First Baptist Church of Waukesha, “Talking to Friends and Loved Ones Caught up in Conspiracy Theories and Christian Nationalism”

Feb. 6, 7pm, Unitarian Universalist Church West, “The Rise of the Christian Right and White Christian Nationalism”

Feb. 7, 7pm, First Baptist Church of Madison, “American Democracy and the Role of Faith”



Do you have a question about Wisconsin weather or even world weather? Bring it to our March 19 Adult Education program with weatherman Michael Schlesinger!

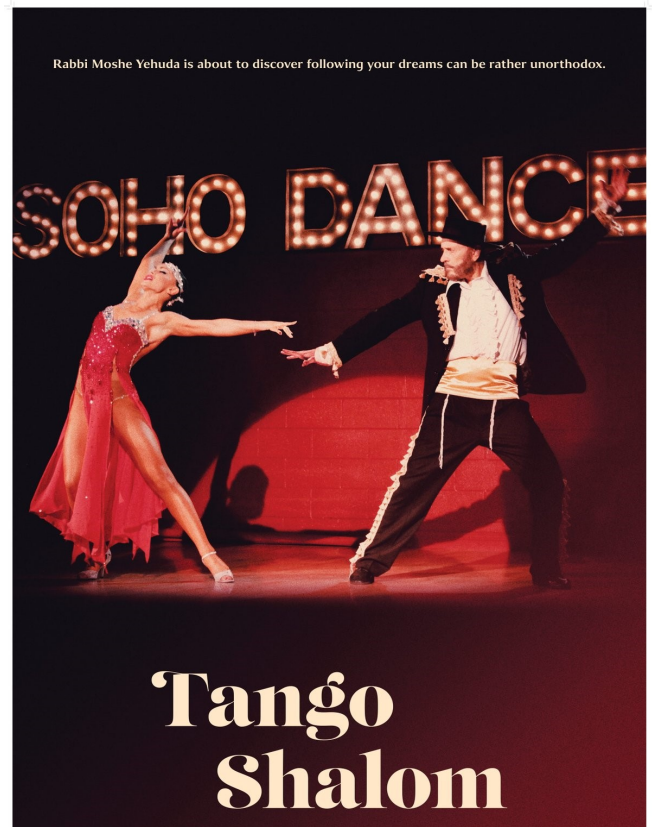
Lunch, Dancing, and a Red Balloon: *Tango Shalom*

By Adrian Richfield

The Adult Education Committee had a Sunday afternoon event that provided some much-needed laughs for our CEEW community with a comedy filled movie called *Tango Shalom*. Over 30 guests (including some family members and younger friends) enjoyed a pizza lunch and dessert, followed by the movie.

How does a Hasidic Rabbi enter a tango dance contest without touching his partner? With a combination of faith and creativity! With a myriad of characters, the movie was indeed entertaining.

Thanks to our Adult Education Committee members for their ongoing programming events throughout the year.



Photos by Adrian Richfield.



“Prayer is meaningless unless it is subversive.”

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Taking Care with our Words, and Taking Care of Each Other

I was having a conversation with a congregant the other day, and she made a comment about “not wanting to say anything about a situation after reading *The Book*.” It took me a few moments to realize that “The Book” she was referring to was the text the Wednesday morning Midrash Class had been reading this fall: *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal* by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. The fact that our reading and discussing this book together had changed the way she was handling a challenging situation made me feel that it truly was time well spent!

Words That Hurt, Words That Heal is a book that states the obvious: We all need to be more careful about what we say to and about other people. We should avoid spreading gossip, *loshen horah*, about people. We all know this, and I don’t think anyone would disagree with these points, so you may be wondering why Rabbi Telushkin needed 218 pages to say this.

For those of you unfamiliar with Rabbi Telushkin, he has written several wonderful books that are both highly accessible and educational in the

Cantor’s Column

By Cantor Martin Levson, CEEW Sole/Soul Spiritual Leader

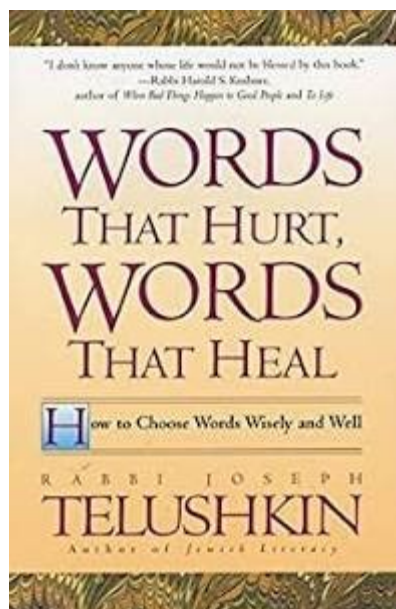


very best sense of the word. His books *Jewish Literacy* and *Biblical Literacy* are excellent reading for Jews and non-Jews alike. *Words that Hurt, Words that Heal* employs the same clear, enjoyable writing style as his other works.

Re-reading this book with the Midrash class (it was originally published in 1995) and hearing the comment mentioned above confirmed my belief that *everyone* could benefit from read-

ing this book. It is a fast and easy read, but this book will hopefully make a profound change in the way you use words. The subtitle of the book, in fact, is *How to Choose Words Wisely and Well*.

Using a combination of Biblical and Rabbinic sources, as well as numerous examples from modern-day society, Rabbi Telushkin explains how we are a society addicted to malicious words. We talk far too much about other people, we spread rumors far too easily, and most of the time we are not even aware that we are engaged in these sins. Yes, sins. On Yom Kippur, when we attempt to repent for all the times in the past year when we “missed the mark,” the list of sins for which we say “Al cheyt” includes “b’dibur peh,” the words of our mouths, and “bilshon hara,” speaking ill about other people. Words can cause enormous pain and hurt, even if we don’t mean them to.





Looking for something to do or something to learn? Look down for a list of upcoming Adult Education programs. Watch your email for more information.

Rabbi Telushkin quotes an old Jewish teaching in his introduction that compares words to arrows. “Why not another weapon, a sword, for example? Because if a man unsheathes his sword to kill his friend, and his friend pleads with him and begs for mercy, the man may be mollified and return the sword to its scabbard. But an arrow, once it is shot, cannot be returned, no matter how much one wants to.” Think back over the past year: How many times have you wished that you could have taken back unkind words about other people? How many relationships and friendships in your life have been damaged by words? But forget about the past year: How many times have we been

hurt or caused hurt with words during the past *week*?

I often use the phrase “There is nothing in this book that you don’t already know on some level,” but Rabbi Telushkin analyses the obvious in clear, Jewish ways. The truths found in this little book need to be read again and again, for the sins of our speech are so easy to commit. It is human nature to want to talk about other people. There are major segments of the entertainment industry dedicated to spreading unpleasant information about celebrities and political figures. It is difficult to control our tongues, especially when we are surrounded by a society that feeds on *loshen hara*. But one of the greatest

teachings of Judaism is that we *can* change, we *can* become better people. It may be difficult, but we have to try. Rabbi Telushkin’s book is an important, simple reminder for all of us to be very careful with our speech. There are currently two copies of this book in the CEEW library, and the book can be ordered online or (even better) from your locally owned independent bookshop!

In this new (secular) year, let us all resolve to use our words more carefully. Let us avoid causing harm with the words we speak. May we all guard our tongues from speaking evil. And may our words be acceptable to each other, and to God. ✨

Adult Education: Coming Programs

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

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

March 19, Sunday: Michael Schlesinger, “All about our weather.” Time TBD.

April 21: Friday Night Special Shabbat: Rich Hacker, “Water issues in Israel.”

April 26, Wednesday: Milwaukee’s Israeli Ambassador Uria Roth, “Talking about Israel.” 7 p.m.

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.”



"The reward for being patient is patience."

– Lawrence Kushner

Jewish Disability Acceptance: A Continuing Effort

By Sxdni Small

I am a forest sprite, called by the swish and sway of enchanted trees to swirl and frolic amidst their welcoming greenery. Arms stretch high to reach the blue dome above; I am enthralled in the dreams of a solitary ten-year-old child. Voices wrest me from play and as I turn toward the sounds, I see my classmates scattered about on the trail. I also see my mother, whose presence on this day is due to her strong belief in the value of education for everyone. She is helping another pupil named Lucas navigate the trail. Lucas is an easygoing and popular student at my elementary school who happens to have muscular dystrophy. He is capable of walking with crutches for short distances on smooth pavement and also has a wheelchair available to use as necessary. The rugged terrain of my fantasy is not suitable for wheelchair users, and among the adults there had initially been concern over whether Lucas would be able to participate in our field trip to the local nature preserve. For my mother, there was no debate. Lucas should also have a chance to attend, and in order to achieve this, she will go too. I will always remember the sight of the two figures far behind on the path, holding onto each other and attempting to move in tandem as they tramp



forward, taking one careful step after another.

The significance of inclusion and the embracing of diversity in its many forms were important elements of my youth. My mother's involvement in community organizing and public education brought me into contact with a wide range of people who were welcomed into our home to print newsletters, plan meetings, and discuss union and school events. Through meaningful interaction with individuals across lines of ability, race, belief system, sexual orientation, and addi-

tional identities, I learned that inclusion was an act of purposeful engagement, not an observational activity.

However, for many people of varying abilities inclusion is not a given. Prior to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, discrimination against those with disabilities in areas such as communications, employment, and other venues was a predictable occurrence. Efforts to access basic services of transportation and education often proved impossible. Judy Heumann, an advocate and internationally recognized leader in



JCRC is a co-sponsor of “Making Change,” a Jewish Disability Advocacy Day program at noon on February 15. Register [here](#) for this virtual event.

the disability rights community, was nearly denied the ability to attend school as a child because she was considered a “fire hazard.” Further misconceptions surrounding her capabilities as a polio survivor and wheelchair user almost prevented her from gaining the credentials required to teach in the New York City School system.

Heumann sued the local Board of Education in order to gain the certification necessary to pursue her goal. The publicity surrounding that lawsuit led many individuals and families experiencing similar issues to reach out to Heumann. She and other activists subsequently formed a cross-disability organization which was soon called Disability in Action.

Heumann is also famous for her participation in the “504 Sit-In,” what is considered one of the longest known occupations of a federal building in the United States. This 25-day vigil at the Health, Education, and Welfare Building in Washington, D.C., protested the lethargic implementation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This Act was intended to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities in a range of spaces, including libraries, courtrooms, schools, and other public sectors.



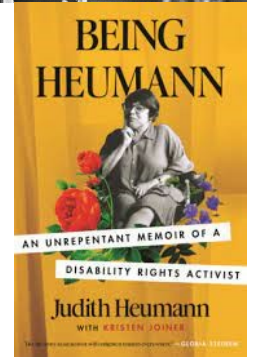
Disability right activist Judy Neumann starred in 2020’s “Crip Camp” on Netflix, portraying her life-changing experiences at Camp Jened in the Catskills. Photo by HolLynn D’Lil.

After days of sustained protest in which the Black Panthers and additional organizations came to their aid, the demonstration achieved success. On April 28, 1977, legislators finally signed Section 504 into law. This regulation is the ancestor of today’s ADA.

Judy Heumann is often thought of as “the mother of the disability rights movement” and her journey is documented in the book *Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist*. The publication is also the 2023 Adult Reading Selection for Jewish Disability, Awareness, Ac-

ceptance and Inclusion Month, also known as JDAIM.

JDAIM began in 2009 and occurs every February, with this purpose as stated by JDAIM co-founder Shelly Christiansen on the URJ website: “The mission of Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month is to unite Jewish communities worldwide, to raise awareness and champion the rights of all Jews to be accepted and included in all aspects of Jewish life like anyone else.”





“Nothing about us without us.”

— popularized by Michael Masutha and William Rowland after they heard the saying used at an international disability rights conference

The Jewish magazine known as Tablet contains a [recent article](#) which features a discussion on attitudes and other issues that face people with disabilities in Jewish settings. One of the participants in the article is Ben, who has a physical disability. Ben discusses how people make assumptions about “what makes things difficult, and they miss what actually *is*.” Concerns about segregation are also prevalent as are issues related to liturgical texts and the sometimes-unintended consequences of how they’re used. Topics like these are some examples of what JDAIM intends to address.

Recently JDAIM became affiliated with the Jewish-centric nonprofit organization “Respectability,” a national association led by people with disabilities. Their purpose is to fight stigma and promote opportunities for people of varying abilities. Respectability consists of multiple departments focusing on different facets of inclusion.

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FIGHTING STIGMAS. ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES.



The Faith, Inclusion and Belonging contingent is one such department. Respectability also provides speakers to a variety of organizations, schools, and other groups on topics such as creating accessible social media, hiring and promoting people with disabilities in non-profits, language surrounding inclusion and equity, and the history of disability.

Whether it’s the availability of a Braille Siddur, ramps and elevators, a sensory room, COVID precautions, or alternative teaching formats in synagogue religious schools and for B’Mitzvah preparation, options and opportunities that fully engage people with disabilities in our communities are part of what we must do as Jews to sustain ourselves and continue to

Respectability’s Faith, Inclusion and Belonging group recently shared an Inclusive Congregations Guide, available for downloading as a Word document. Check out their [web page](#) for more information, and go to page 10 of this month’s Bulletin for more information on how to get involved with JDAIM.

live our values in the years to come. When one member of our mishpacha, family, is left out because of ability-related assumptions, we all lose the potential of that individual. I believe CEEW has been enriched through the participation of *all* of our congregants, including people with disabilities. I have seen the adaptations our shul has made and applaud them. I also know we are a group of lifelong learners who can continue to expand access for all people.

Lucas didn’t know what I learned from him that day about perseverance, but I imagine he felt the same excitement as I about the timber giants with their whispering leaves, the variety of animals that we might see, and the open air of our wooded classroom.

Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month may officially occur in February but the work of advancing inclusion, equity and diversity is not a single event. It is the ongoing task of re-framing social justice so that all the Lucases of the world can experience the fantastical possibilities of being a child in nature.





The CEEW Dining Group will meet on February 26 for lunch at Bravo Restaurant at Brookfield Square. Contact Elly Kraines at ellyanna340@gmail.com to join the group.

January 2023 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.

Spiritual Leader's Report

In order to grow our membership, we would like to urge the members of the Board and all congregants to invite friends, family, and acquaintances to our services and programs. We are all on the membership committee!

Education Director Report

Hanukkah Fun Day was a great success. Our art project was to make a shield that represents their family identity. This spurred a great discussion about family history and values. Thanks to Mark Levy's help, we made candles to the tune of Peter, Paul, and Mary's 'Light One Candle.' It was great to see all the parents working together.

President's Report

Pesach is coming, and the Chenequa Country Club is booked for the second Seder. We have a Souper Shabbat on January 27th, and we en-

courage everyone to invite a friend who might be interested in joining the temple. Mari-Claire suggested that since the last Adult Ed program at 11:30 on Sunday was so successful, we might think of doing a brunch at this time to encourage the families and other members to mix.

Treasurer's Report

We received over \$12,000 in end-of-year donations. Tax receipts have been sent out to all donors. W2s and 1099s have all been sent to employees and vendors. Federal and state tax forms have all been filed electronically. Ann and Alan will be on vacation from January 20-30th and Laurie will fill in during that time as needed.

Sisterhood Report

WRJ's in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Northwest Indiana, South Dakota, and Wisconsin will merge to form a new WRJ Midwest District. Cindy will not be continuing to serve on the WRJ regional board. On 1/21 we will participate in a Zoom program with the Canadian WRJ members. The Sisterhood will start a project

like Milo Patz's Bar Mitzvah project collecting plastic bags to be made into mats for the homeless.

Committee Reports

Facilities and Security by Bernie Sandler: The outer doors are fixed and the water filter has been changed. Security guards are scheduled through July 2023. If you have any upcoming events, please send Bernie an email so he can set up heating and arrange for cleaning if needed.

Security Grant by Mark Levy: We are still waiting for the State of Wisconsin to finalize the FEMA grant. We cannot start the renovations until their approval is received. Check the Bulletin and weekly newsletters for information about webinars covering important security information. Even if you can't attend at the times they are held, if you register, you can get the recordings.





"Lived Jewish community is thick. We eat meals together, visit each other in sickness, sit together in sorrow, and laugh together in joy."

— Rabbi Joshua Ladon

CEEW Board Minutes, continued

New Business

The URJ is encouraging congregations to adopt an ethics policy. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Ritual Committee Bylaws by Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Chair: The old bylaws of the Ritual Committee did not accurately match what the

committee does and so a proposed updated set of bylaws was considered and approved.

Men's Club by Rick Steinberg: The CEEW Men's Club is coming together, and letters of invitation will go out soon.



The next CEEW Board meeting will be February 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. ✨

Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month: Get Involved!

Jewish community organizations and congregations can become involved with JDAIM by:

- Establishing written accommodation and inclusion strategies in synagogue religious school settings
- Developing promotional materials that feature people with disabilities
- Offering an Adult Ed program about invisible disabilities and mental health conditions
- Displaying art made by people with and without disabilities

Further examples are available at [this link](#).

More information on JDAIM is available [here](#).





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

Shalom from Kfar Yonah!

President's Letter

From the desk of Deb Hacker

Kfar Yonah means "Village of Jonah" and is located east of Netanya. It sits among orange groves and moshavim. It contains some older private homes but mainly is composed of new apartment buildings (maybe urban sprawl).

Imagine that everyone in your 6-story apartment building is Jewish. At Hanukah, there was a menorah in every window. (There was also quite a bit of cheering going on during the World Cup, intermingled with recorded Hanukah music and programming in the nearby amphitheater).

As the work week winds down every Thursday, it seems everyone shops on Friday for the Shabbat meal. By sunset on Friday, the streets are largely empty of cars, and the aromas of cooked food is tantalizing. Kosher food is available everywhere, and one can select fully cooked shabbat entrees at a "Gourmet" store on Fridays — everything from couscous, chicken, salads and Cholent complete with roasted egg, beans and meat.

Sisterhood News

By Co-Presidents Deb Hacker and Denise Stodola

On Shabbat, you will see families walking to synagogues, and later in the day, families at the playground playing with their young children, kibbitzing, or picnicking.

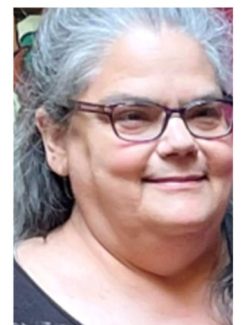
Everyone has off of work on Jewish holidays, even a whole week for Pesach. Schools range from the secular Jewish to the "Dati," or religious. But even my grandson's preschool has a little Shabbat party on Fridays. While Arab folks are employed in construction, hospitals, day care, retail stores and businesses, just about everyone is Jewish. (there appears to be complete acceptance and warmth between the "cousins" here. Being Jewish in Israel is just plain easy. It's all there for you-like one big smorgasbord.

However, we have our own "little village" of Judaism called "Emanu-El of Waukesha", but this village is placed in a larger secular and mostly Christian community. The dedicated pro-

fessionals and volunteers of CEEW have provided Jewish education for both children and adults, life cycle, Shabbat, and holiday services, music, and socialization year in and year out. I am impressed with the constant dedication over the decades, despite the challenges of lack of space (years ago), lack of funds and lack of professional staff. I admire the inventiveness to create meaningful family education and field trips.

I also admire the dedication of our Sisterhood members and Board who give of their money (dues), time and energy despite health challenges, family obligations, and their own busy careers.

Sisterhood recently raised funds with our annual Chanukah card which



Sisterhood News continues on page 12



Yiddish of the month: *Git gezugt*, “well said.”

— contributed by Marsha Fensin

took countless hours of work and organization. Many thanks to Carol O’Neil who spearheaded this project. Some sisterhood funds are contributed to Jewish campers. Some monies go to assist temple Projects. There is one in the works that we hope to unveil shortly.

Each and every member of our Board offers their own unique contribution. Each “villager” counts as we exist both together and separately in a larger community.

We have to work very hard to “Be Jewish in Waukesha,” but CEEW staff and volunteers, as well as the Sisterhood, make it happen. Please thank them and support them.

Jewish Camp Scholarships

From the desk of Cindy Levy

If you are a member of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha and have a child or grandchild who will be attending a Jewish Camp this summer, please remember that there are camp scholarships available to help make the experience happen. Contact Cindy Levy at ceew_sisterhood@

yahoo.com for a CEEW Sisterhood Camp Scholarship application. Applications are due by March 31, 2023.

Tikkun Olam

From the desk of Sandy Villa

As we endeavor to find projects that will assist those in our greater community, we were inspired by the Bar Mitzvah project provided by Milo Patz of working with Mercy Mats, an organization that collects plastic bags that are converted into comfortable sleeping mats for unhoused people.



This is one of the more than 800 mats created by Mercy Mats group of West Allis. The crocheters meet on most Wednesday afternoons at the West Allis Library at 75th and National; you can contact them through the Mercy Mats West Allis group on Facebook. To see them in action, watch this brief [news story](#) that aired on TMJ4.

Sisterhood News

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We have successfully arranged for us to maintain this working arrangement with the kind women who train those willing to learn the procedure.

It takes about 700 empty bags to produce one finished beautiful and comfortable mattress.

We ask our congregants to please fill the barrel in our lobby with any and all plastic bags. Yes, Sendik’s red bags can be utilized!

If you are interested in this contributing bag and/or learning the procedure for making the mattresses, the women at Mercy Mats are willing to provide the training for making these much-needed mats.

The finished products will be distributed with the help of “Repairers of the Breach” in Milwaukee and our Waukesha Food Pantry.

Please contact Sandy Villa with any questions at 262-424-2263 or sandra-villa724@gmail.com. Thank you for your kind generosity to our Tikkun Olam projects, past and present. ✨



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

Mazel Tov מזל טוב

ANNIVERSARY

Barbara and Gregory Zacher celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 26.



BIRTHDAYS

Mary Schuman celebrates a birthday on February 8.

Mark Levy celebrates a birthday on February 9.

Elly Kraines celebrates a birthday on February 10.

Karen Levy celebrates a birthday on February 19.

Cole Huskey, son of Ellyn Lem and Trevor Huskey, and grandson of Joanne Wagner, celebrates his 20th birthday on February 28.

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

IN APPRECIATION

In gratitude to everyone who made my Carroll class feel so welcome!

Donation from Kimberly Redding

IN MEMORY OF

- **Marion Goldberg**
Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg
- **Irving Goodman**
Donation from Kelly and Sheila Goodman

GENERAL FUND

Donations from Kate Krucoff, Alan and Ann Meyers, Bernard and Marie Sandler, Frieda and Anthony Rothbaum Sarubbi, Laurie Schwartz

MENSCH FUND

Donation from Anthony and Beth Ann Waite



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 **Sh'vat / Adar (February)**



PLEASE NOTE: Some of the listings don't have a Hebrew date; that is because we have been changing the database and offering English / Gregorian dates to those who prefer them. In such cases, only the English / Gregorian dates will be listed.

Dora Bergman: February 9, Sh'vat 18
Grandmother of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Jennie Byron: February 1, Sh'vat 10
Niece of Jeff (Judy) Shabman

Dorothy Cummens: February 27
Mother of Dr. Michael (Nancy) Cummens

Lee Fensin: February 5, Sh'vat 14
Husband of Marsha Fensin

Abe Frank: February 10, Sh'vat 19
Grandfather of Beth Ann (Anthony) Waite

June Freeman: February 21, Sh'vat 30
Observed by the Congregation

Leon Gelbart: February 2
Uncle of Marsha Fensin

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

Abraham Kotkin: February 27, Adar 6
Father of Mike (Peggy) Kotkin

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

Lillian Kupperman: February 23, Adar 2
Mother of Gerard (Laurel) Kupperman

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

Joseph Levin: February 7, Sh'vat 16
Grandfather of Mark (Cindy) Levy

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

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

Bernard Mack: February 10, Sh'vat 19
Father of Laurel (Gerard) Kupperman

Rosetta Moskowitz: February 13, Sh'vat 22
Mother of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Dr. Richard Reinherz: February 9, Sh'vat 18
Brother of Barb Mulhern

Louis Small: February 12
Father of Marvin (Sandra) Small; grandfather of Sxdni Small

Patrick Sprosty: February 11
Fiancé of Jennifer Ecker

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

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

Esther A. Waxman: February 1, Sh'vat 10
Grandmother of Michael Goldstone and Susan Vetrovsky



"If you are holding a sapling in your hand and someone says that the Messiah has drawn near, first plant the sapling, and then go and greet the Messiah."
— Shimon bar Yochai, Avot d'Rebbe Natan 31b

Poetry Corner

Suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work to Adrian Richfield (susu78@aol.com) or Sxdni Small (rottiesrock@wi.rr.com). This month's poem honors Tu B'Shvat, the "new year of the trees."



Modeh Ani

by Lamed Shapiro

I walk through the woods. How great the stillness
in its cold bosom; how deep the silence.
Nothing but spirits whisper here among the branches
looking at me, and running ahead.

I walk through the woods, hearing the mute prayers
for dew
of oak and pine, the bushes and flowers.
It seems to me now I will never arrive
and the woods will stretch on all around and forever.

A trace of sky, the size of my heart
bleeds from between the green canopy
and below the shadows switch and live
running the gamut from dark gold to black.

A sunbeam breaks through and suddenly vanishes
and the heart that is sky quickly shimmers with joy.
There, to the side, as if frightened from sleep
a bird gives a peep, and then thoughtfully sits
and is quiet a while, and then for a while sings.

I walk through the woods, where my footsteps are
marked
by the moisture of grass, the dew of the morning.
For protection from sorrow and shelter from care
I give thanks and I praise you, oh merciful god.

Thanks for returning, in mercy, my pledge,
my body and breath, without blemish or harm,
for guarding my poor, fragile image in darkness

Therefore I will bless you, give praise to your name.
Joy to you, trees, and to birds and to people.
Joy to you, world!



What's your favorite local bookstore? Tell us who and why, and we'll share your recommendation in a future issue of the Bulletin!

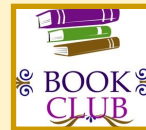
An Engaging Novel about Bach, WWII, and History

New York *Times* best-selling author Lauren Belfer triumphs with her 2016 novel *And After the Fire*, a powerful and passionate story about two women. It is also about music – and a hidden masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes the lives of both of the female characters.

The story moves back and forth between 1783 Berlin, 1946 Weimar Germany, and 2010 New York City. Henry Sachs finds the mysterious autograph (musical sheets) under dire circumstances and leaves them to his niece. Susanna Kessler is determined to find out how her uncle got this manuscript. Susanna's story is intertwined with that of Sara Levy, a wealthy Jewish girl who preserved this music for a century.

Book Club News

By Adrian Richfield



The manuscript, or musical sheets, consist of an anti-Jewish cantata written by J.S. Bach and the researchers wonder whether they should expose it – or destroy it.

“The idea that art can be wondrous and repugnant all at once is the animating essence of *And After the Fire*,” wrote *USA Today* in their review.

The novel received the Jewish Book Council's inaugural Book Club Award in the 2016 National Jewish Book Awards.

And After the Fire covers over two hundred years of history and the sto-

ries of several families through the time of the Holocaust into today's world. Belfer's novel, deeply researched and based on real historical events, is a suspenseful story and a literary thriller! ✨

Meet us at the Temple!

The CEEW Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the temple library. If you would like to join the discussion, please RSVP to Diana Stroshine at dstroshine@hotmail.com.



The deadline for articles for the March Bulletin will be **Wednesday, February 15**. Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at susu78@aol.com.



Shabbat Shalom!



FEBRUARY 3	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
FEBRUARY 10	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
FEBRUARY 17	7 p.m.	Member-led special service
FEBRUARY 24	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service

These services may be available online, in person, or both.
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See the Temple website for updates and instructions
on how to view events online.

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Amazon Smile ends February 20, but there's still time to order [Trees, Earth, and Torah: A Tu B'Shvat Anthology](#) and support CEEW.

GREEN JUDAISM

The Hackers do their Part

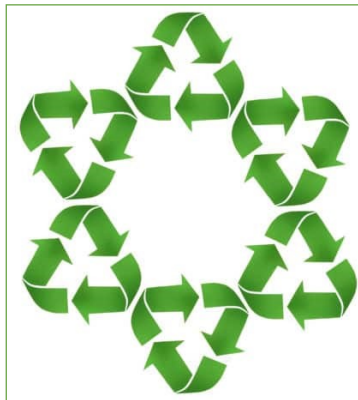
By Deb and Rich Hacker

Our one-acre lot in Mukwonago is a pesticide-free zone. We have wooded areas and mulch the leaves with a lawn mower and add them to open compost piles on the perimeter of the lot.

We've had a large garden for over 35 years and grow most of our vegetables for summer use, freezing, and canning, as well as growing grapes and raspberries for making jam. We utilize raised beds to optimize our space. I also grow many heat-loving plants in old wash tubs and other homemade (from wood scraps) wooden structures on the patio.

Some plants such as leeks, celery root, tomatoes, and peppers, are started in the house under lights and on a heating blanket. The garden has many flowers that the bees and birds enjoy, such as cosmos and zinnias to encourage pollination. These flowers are left standing after the fall freeze to provide seeds for the birds. I save many (non-hybrid) seeds to use the following year.

Our kitchen waste such as vegetable and fruit peelings (except dairy and meat) goes into the counter compost pot, which is emptied every day into our large compost bin located in the garden. This is used year-round, but obviously everything composts quicker in the summer. The kitchen waste is layered with grass clippings, soil from the garden, and old manure collected from nearby horse barns.



We conserve water by having two 50-gallon plastic drums (rain barrels) attached to the downspouts on our house. Each has a spigot that opens to the level of a watering can, and we use this to water the garden and flowers.

The snow fence depicted in the 2022 photo keeps our dear canine forager, Truman, out of the garden! ☆







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.”



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

February 3, 4:50 pm; February 10, 4:59 pm;
February 17, 5:08 pm; January 24, 5:17 pm

5783 2023	FEBRUARY					SH'VAT / ADAR
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Tevet 11 Adult Study Class, in-person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon Book Club, CEEW library, 1:30 p.m.	2 Tevet 12	3 Tevet 13 Cantor-led Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	4 Tevet 14  Beshalach
5 Tevet 15 Religious school and Tu B'Sh'vat seder, 9 a.m. Tu B'Sh'vat	6 Tevet 16	7 Tevet 17	8 Tevet 18 Adult Study Class, in-person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon	9 Tevet 19	10 Tevet 20 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	11 Tevet 21  Yitro
12 Tevet 22 Religious school, 9 a.m.	13 Tevet 23 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	14 Tevet 24	15 Tevet 25 Adult Study Class, in-person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon DEADLINE FOR MARCH BULLETIN ARTICLES	16 Tevet 26	17 Tevet 27 Member-led Special Shabbat Service, 7 p.m. Oneg and program, 8 p.m.	18 Tevet 28  Mishpatim
19 Tevet 29 Religious school, 9 a.m.	20 Sh'vat 1	21 Sh'vat 2 Rosh Chodesh Adar	22 Sh'vat 3 Adult Study Class, in-person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon	23 Sh'vat 4	24 Sh'vat 5 Cantor-led Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	25 Sh'vat 6  Terumah
26 Sh'vat 7 Religious school, 9 a.m. Dining Club, Bravo Restaurant, 11 a.m.	27 Sh'vat 8	28 Sh'vat 9				

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

Calendar dates and candle lighting times from 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.