

Congregation Emanu-El Waukesha is Home to a WWII Czech Torah Scroll

By Adrian Richfield

A little known story about 1,564 sacred Scrolls will be told at a special Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha's Adult Education Program to be held on Tuesday, April 27. Many objects from WWII were collected and stolen by the Nazis and now rest in the State Jewish Museum in Prague. The scrolls themselves were left in piles in an unused synagogue for over 20 years. When the war ended, this museum sought to restore and save these sacred scrolls from eventual deterioration.

A London businessman and philanthropist was sought out by a British art dealer who arranged for the scrolls to be sold with the idea that they would be entrusted to London's Westminster Synagogue,

and the scrolls were carefully packed and shipped off to London.

Thus began a special organization called the *Memorial Scrolls Trust* (MST), which oversees the legacy of these Czech Torah scrolls that survived the Shoah. After much restoration, they were dispersed on permanent loan to synagogues around the world. They became a symbol of hope as well as of sorrow. The Memorial Scrolls Trust states: "Let us teach our children about the world of miracles and let us use the scrolls to remind people about what binds them together every day."

Our scroll, number MST#701, was originally from the Pinkas Synagogue in Prague, which was the second oldest building in the Prague ghetto. From a private house of prayer in 1535 to an expanded



Cantor Deborah Martin and CEEW Vice-President Mary Levy hold the Torah scroll.

synagogue today, it remains as a memorial to the 80,000 victims of the Holocaust from Bohemian and Moravia, whose names are hand-painted on the walls.

The story of how one small Waukesha Reform Jewish Congregation came to be part of this story will be told by Lois Roman, who is a Trustee of the Memorial Scrolls Trust and serves as the US representative based on the East Coast. Her mission is to keep the story of these scrolls alive and to tell their story worldwide.

At left is one of the original exchanges of correspondence with the MST and CEEW. See page 4 for information about how to participate in the Zoom program. ★

Mrs. G. H. Shaffer, Honorary Secretary
 Westminster Synagogue
 Rutland Gardens, London, S. W. 7.

Dear Mrs. Schaeffer:

The Torah has arrived. It came about a week ago..in very good condition. I have not taken it out of its plastic packing. I was quite concerned because it took almost eight weeks to arrive.

Mrs. Hyman Israel wrote on October 3, 1968, from the congregation's former location on East Wabash Avenue, to confirm receipt of the scroll.



LIFE CYCLE OBSERVANCE CLASS: RSVP and send payment to Cantor Martin by April 18 for this class taking place on April 25. Free to members; \$10 to non-members.

“Why the Jews?”

February 16 Adult Education Program on Anti-Semitism

By Adrian Richfield

As sometimes chilling discussion on anti-Semitism was presented on February 16th by Allison Hayden from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation Community Relations Council (JCRC), reporting on the early findings of anti-Semitic incidences that occurred in Wisconsin in 2020. JCRC has been documenting such occurrences since 2011, with the goal to notify and educate the community.

Hayden began with the concept of anti-Semitism being as old as the Bible with a brief history leading up to the 1930s with the Nazi propaganda and their hatred of Jews. The Nazis perpetuated the stereotypes that had existed for many years and took them to an even higher level. This has also led to Holocaust denial and minimization theories that are kept alive and exacerbated by social media.

What is anti-Semitism? Her definition was “beliefs or behaviors hostile towards Jews because they are Jewish.” The many incidents of this were illustrated with a flyer distributed locally in 2020 that stated: “Jews Will Not Replace Us! The destruction of the White Race is engendered in Judaic work control. We defy their attempt to replace us with other races.”

So, why the Jews? “Ever since St. Paul, Christianity and all the religious born from it — Islam, the secular philosophies of Europe, etc. — learned to think about their world in terms of overcoming the dangers of Judaism,” Hayden said. “We have these really basic building blocks ... for thinking about the world and what’s wrong with it ... by thinking about Judaism.”

Although the report for 2020 is not yet complete, current data from the FBI for 2019 showed that more than 60 percent of

hate incidents based on religion were targeted at Jews. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reported three major attacks on the Jewish community. Wisconsin data confirmed a 55% increase in anti-Semitic incidents from 2018. Most alarming was the increase in middle school activity in the state with such comments as: “You should go die in a gas chamber,” “Bring back Hitler so he can kill all the Jews” and “Do you prefer gas or bullet?”

This rise in anti-Semitism is not in a bubble, Hayden concluded. What needs to be done is to build a better community, one in which when you are unkind to one community you are unkind to all communities. One must condemn hatred, hold leaders accountable, educate — and form alliances against hate.

Are we doing this, and what more can CEEW do? ✨

Wisconsin Holocaust Education Bill Moves Forward

Sixteen states in the U.S. require secondary schools to provide education about the Holocaust, according to the United State Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Wisconsin may soon join them.

House Bill 69 would require at least one unit on the Holocaust and other genocides to be taught in Wisconsin schools between

grades 5 and 8, and another unit in high school. The bill, which has strong bipartisan support, was reintroduced in March 2021. In the 2020 legislative session, it passed the Assembly unanimously, but failed to pass the Senate before the COVID-19 pandemic brought an early end to the legislative schedule.

No groups have registered op-

position to the bill.

Senator Alberta Darling, a Republican, introduced this and last year’s bill with the support of Bev Greenberg, a longtime supporter of the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center, a program of Milwaukee Jewish Federation. — Some information is from the *Jewish Chronicle*, March 2021



April 18 is Israel Independence Day! Watch your email for information about CEEW's Yom HaAtzmaut program.

HOW CAN WE SAVE OUR WORLD?

*For lo, the winter is past.
Flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing is here.
The song of the dove
is heard in our land.*



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

This beautiful passage is from the *Song of Songs* or *Shir HaShirim* in Hebrew. This is the book in *Ketuvim*, or Writings, that is read during the season of Passover, when we start to see nature come alive and our hopes abound with the warmth of summer and the joy of seeing buds forming and flowers sprouting. After this long cold winter, I am so anxious to get outside and ride my horse, take long walks with my dog and be in nature! The *Kabbalists* of mystical Judaism knew the power and majesty of nature and used it for imagery and for spiritual encounters with God. I can say myself that whenever I spend time seeing the splendor and beauty of the mountains, the woods, the beaches or even the farmlands of Wisconsin, I am filled with awe and apprecia-

tion for all that God has given us and how much we have for which to be thankful.

It also makes me painfully aware of how much great destruction and deterioration of nature's bounties there has been in recent years. I have been watching David Attenborough's *A Life on our Planet* on Netflix lately, and it has become painfully aware to me of how much we have been hurting our planet. I worry about the world we are leaving for our children, grandchildren and beyond. I hope we can still read the passage above for many more years and rejoice in nature.

I've read articles that show that scientists are more certain than ever of the link between human activities and global warming. More than 197 international scientific organizations agree that global warming is real and has been caused by human action.

Lakes around the world, including Lake Superior, are warming rapidly — in some cases faster than the surrounding environment. Animals are changing migration patterns and plants are changing the dates of activity, such as trees budding their leaves earlier in the spring and dropping them later in the fall. Extreme weather is another effect of global warming. While experiencing some of the hottest summers on record, much of the Unit-

ed States has also been experiencing colder-than-normal winters. Stronger hurricanes are becoming more common in a warmer climate. Researchers suggest that the most damaging U.S. hurricanes are three times more frequent than 100 years ago, and that the proportion of major hurricanes (Category 3 or above) in the Atlantic Ocean has doubled since 1980.

As humans, we face a host of challenges, like allergies and asthma from poor air quality and smog. We also have more pollutants and chemicals in our water and our foods, which have been thought to cause multiple types of diseases. As land and sea undergo rapid changes, animals that inhabit them are doomed to disappear if they can't adapt quickly enough. Some will make it, and some will not. A 2015 study showed that vertebrate species — animals with backbones, like fish, birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles — are disappearing 114 times faster than they should be, a phenomenon that has been linked to climate change, pollution and deforestation.

Some ecosystems are at risk of collapsing, too. The ice that Arctic animals need is vanishing. As sea ice disappears, ice-dependent mammals such as



Record-high ocean temperatures have caused the bleaching of Australia's Great Barrier reef. (Photo by Richard Vevers, The Ocean Agency)

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**“We are as great as the challenges we have the courage to undertake.”
— Rabbi Jonathan Sacks (1948-2020)**

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walrus and polar bears struggle to survive.

Coral and shellfish are also suffering. Coral reefs are highly sensitive to small changes in ocean temperatures. The heat stresses the algae that nourish the corals and provide their vibrant colors. The algae then leave, and the corals eventually starve – an event known as bleaching. As coral reefs are home to many other species, such as fish, their collapse would disrupt the entire ecosystem. I’ve noticed this when going on vacation and snorkeling: I see much less colorful coral in the oceans.

Forests are more prone to deadly infestations. Milder winters and longer summers allow tree-killing insects to thrive. Meanwhile, trees weakened by prolonged drought have lower defense mechanisms. This cycle of warmer weather, weak trees and thriving insects is likely the culprit behind the massive die-off of 70,000 square miles of Rocky Mountain conifers.

Tropical deforestation has also contributed to global warming. Tropical forests are home to many unique species of animals and plants. Animals such as the jaguar risk extinction if we do not act to protect their tropical forest habitat. In addition, tropical forests are crucial sources of food, medicine and clean drinking water for people in developing countries. Tropical forests help regulate regional rainfall and prevent both floods and droughts. Reducing deforestation is not only a beneficial action against global warming—it also can

make important contributions to saving biodiversity and supporting sustainable development.

One of the most dangerous and unsettling effects of deforestation is the loss of animal and plant species due to their loss of habitat. Seventy percent of land animals and plant species live in forests. The trees of the rainforest that provide shelter for some species also provide the canopy that regulates the temperature.

Wow, I could go on and on, but you get the picture! So what can we do about all of this? Earth Day is being celebrated this year from April 20-22. Let’s look at Spring as a time of hope and action. We can help our planet in many ways if we consciously think about it, and it will make a great impact on our world. We can do *Tikkun Olam*, the repair of the world, together! ★

Tips for Living “Green”

- Use “green cleaners” that don’t pollute and are safer for your home.
- Use your car less and carpool, if possible.
- Ride your bike when weather and time allow.
- Consider using wind and solar energy and electric or hybrid cars.
- Reuse your bags for grocery shopping.
- Buy secondhand and donate unwanted items.
- Switch to reusable plastic coffee filters.
- Reuse your bottles for drinking water and for your cleaners.
- Use LED lights, which use 75% less energy than incandescents.
- Shut off lights you don’t use; unplug electronics and turn off your computer.
- Eat organics and compost uneaten food.
- Use less water, and recycle everything you can.

Hear the Story of our Czech Torah!

**Tuesday, April 27
at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

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All members of the greater Jewish community are welcome to participate and learn more about our Czech Torah and how it became a part of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha. For more information about participating in the program, please call the synagogue at 262-547-7180.





“May your cherished hopes be fulfilled in your lifetime.”

— Talmud, Berakhot 17a



SAVE The DATE!

Sunday, June 27, 2021

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



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

Although details and plans are being formulated with a committee, led by President Laurie Schwartz, we want everyone to know about the date and plans at this time. This is something to look forward to for everyone in the congregation.

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



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



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

Save The Date: Sunday, June 27th



UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVOT: Milo Patz, son of Andi and Tabb Patz, August 8 at 10:30 a.m.; Molly Schmidt, daughter of Loren and Mark Schmidt, August 14 at 10:30 a.m.

PURIM: Wearing a Mask is the “in” Thing!

Text and photos by Adrian Richfield

Mishloach manot is a Hebrew phrase meaning “sending of portions,” also known as a Purim basket. These are gifts of food that are often sent to family and friends on Purim. The mitzvah of giving mishloach manor derives from the Book of Esther. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food to celebrate the Purim feast.

These little treats most often include hamantaschen, the little triangular cookies filled with jellies and other things whose name refers to Haman, the villain in the Purim story. That they are triangles may refer to an old legend that Haman wore a three cornered hat or a simpler explanation is that the shape derives from traditional Jewish baking techniques in Central Europe for folding dough so as to form a pouch around a filling. Whatever, they are delicious!

Thanks to: **Carrie Barbakoff, Mark Levy** and **Ann Meyers** (hamantaschen baker) who made and prepared our Mishloach Manot that were picked up on Wednesday, February 24th at CEEW in a first-of-its-kind drive-through for Purim. As we have all adapted this past year and ongoing year of COVID-related activities, this was just another example of CEEW’s way of coping, adapting and sharing!



Mark Levy and Carrie Barbakoff prepare to distribute *mishloach manot* to CEEW members.

Oh, and whereas dressing up and wearing a mask is part of the Purim spiel, CEEW members participated in that dress up occasion by wearing a mask to pick up their bags! As part of this event, members also donated food goods or wrote checks for the Waukesha Food Pantry or Jewish Food Pantry, which is also a custom of giving during Purim. Much thanks to all who contributed to this important cause. ✨





**“Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created.”
— Esther 4:14**

A Virtual Purim Celebration Brings Real Magic



Photo by Marcy Hotz

Purim 2020 was the last time our congregation gathered in the temple to celebrate in person. In 2021, after a year of practice with virtual meetings and events, we gathered via Zoom to enjoy an evening of costumes, music, and magic.

Cantor Deborah Martin and Education Director Carrie Barbakoff took turns reading the Megillah of Esther, pausing so that we could shake our groggers and BOO whenever we heard the name of the treacherous Haman!

Very special thanks go to Jan Lowell, who literally retyped and re-formatted the whole Megillah.

Best costumes

Least recognizable
Esme Patz

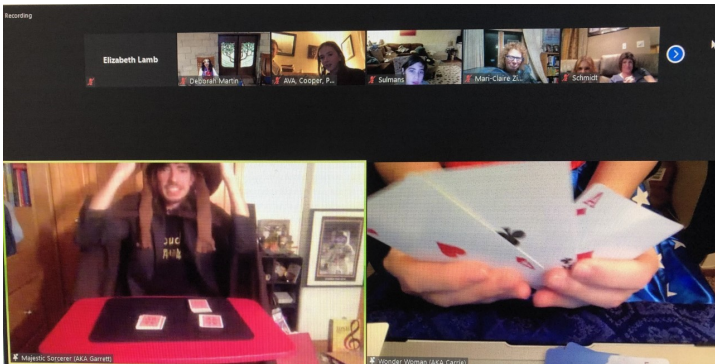
Scariest costume (family friendly)
Torin Ecker

Best Purim character
Jennifer Ecker and Jonah Sulman (tie)

Best DIY (do it yourself) costume
Tabb Patz



How'd He Do That? Online Magic



Garrett Waite entertained the virtual audience with a classical number on his guitar, then switched gears with a magic act we're still trying to figure out. Disguised as the Majestic Sorcerer, Garrett performed several card tricks and kept the patter flowing as kids and adults played along at home, step by step. Photos by Elizabeth Lamb



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

SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS

**From the desk of
Sisterhood Co-president**
By Sara Anson

There are a few days left of Passover. We wish you all the best and hope your Seder was beautiful.

From Passover to Lag B'Omer marks the second leg of our journey to collect money for the Waukesha Food Pantry as part of the *WRJ Feeding The Hungry Tikkun Olam* effort. Food insecurity is at an all-time high in recent history. Please consider donating and supporting the local community.

It's finally Spring again. Sunshine and warm weather feel like a celebration all their own.

I hope everyone is able to join us for Sisterhood Shabbat. On April 23rd, Sisterhood members will lead the Friday night service, as we honor our board members. The service will be beautiful and I'm thankful to all who worked so hard to make that a reality.

**From the desk of
Sisterhood Shabbat Chairs**
By Marsha Fensin and Denise Stodola

The annual Sisterhood Shabbat will be held Friday, April 23rd. Who would have thought that after last



year's virtual Sisterhood Shabbat Service we would once again be meeting over Zoom? The good news is that last year's Sisterhood Shabbat was well attended and well received. So we hope to repeat the experience of last year. Again, Sisterhood members will lead the service, but we hope that everyone in the congregation will attend.

We have a special speaker joining us at the Sisterhood Service. Zabe Williams, the WRJ Midwest District President, will be joining us via Zoom all the way from Indiana. Williams will present the *D'Var Torah* and cover such topics as Women of Reform Judaism, empowering women's voices and participating in repairing our world. You will have to attend to learn more.

The Sisterhood apologizes, in advance, for the lack of an oneg, but we promise, that when it is safe to meet in person, the Sisterhood will host a fabulous one!

If you are interested in participating in the service please contact

Marsha Fensin at (262) 894-2718 or mfsings@wi.rr.com. You can also contact the CEEW Sisterhood at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com.

**From the desk of Tikkun Olam -
FEEDING THE HUNGRY Chair**
By Sandy Villa

Our CEEW Sisterhood project of monetary donations to the Waukesha County Food Pantry is off to a great start. Checks collected were delivered after Passover and we will give you the total in next month's bulletin. Your generosity is so heartwarming and such a life raft for so many families.

Phase Two was launched on March 29th through the holiday of Lag B'Omer on April 30th. This is the time of the year when food donations are most important because donations fall behind. We truly are making a difference in the lives of families in our community.

One correction from last month's bulletin: receipts will not be provided for every donation. Please indicate Waukesha Food Pantry on the memo line of your check for tax purposes. Make checks payable to:

CEEW SISTERHOOD
P.O. Box 332
Waukesha, WI 53188

Volunteers Needed for Sisterhood Shabbat Apr. 23

We are looking for all women in the congregation who are interested in helping with the service and the evening – Hebrew, English or a non-speaking part.

Email mfsings@wi.rr.com or ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com



MEMBER DUES RELIEF AVAILABLE: Having trouble paying the rest of your 2020-21 dues? Contact our treasurer, Alan Meyers, to make confidential arrangements.

SISTERHOOD PROGRAMMING

The Abraham Accords — Hope for Peace

By Deb Hacker

On February 9th Uria Roth, Shaliach to the Milwaukee Jewish Community, presented an informative, yet informal program, on the historic deal facilitated by the United States between Israel and the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan, Morocco, (and also Bhutan and recently Kosovo) called the Abraham Accords. As part of monthly educational programming by the CEEW Sisterhood, this Zoom session was well attended by 18 participants.

Roth offered a brief, historic perspective on the Arab attitudes toward Israel beginning with the 1922 Arab boycott of Jewish goods in the State of Palestine, made official by the Arab League in 1945. It was reiterated at the Arab League Summit, aka the Khartoum Resolution, that emphasized the “3 no’s”. When Israel was expecting peace after the ’67 war, the Arab League replied: “No peace with Israel, No recognition, and no negotiations.” Roth also looked to the future in hopes that Israel can normalize relations with Saudi Arabia, especially in light of the growing power of Iran in the region.

He hopes that when the Palestinians see that they have no further international support, and Arab nations prefer a relationship with Israel, the conflict can be solved. However, he cautioned that if this time should come, the Palestinians may have “nothing to lose.” He was optimistic that the new US administration would support the Accords. (Biden has spoken out positively about the Abraham Accord and would like more Arab and Muslim

states to recognize Israel per the International Jerusalem Post-Analysis. January 22-28, 2021).

On a lighter note, he shared a video, “The Shaliach Show: UAE-Israel Peace Deal” by Arkady Hasi-dovich, a New Jersey Shaliach, which highlighted the UAE as the first Arab state after Egypt and Jordan to normalize relations with the Jewish state. This normalization will include opening an embassy, establishing joint ventures and investments and opening direct flights between the two countries. However, this is tied to Israel stopping (the Arab view), or postponing (Netanyahu view) annexation in Judea and Samaria.

Roth also shared a YouTube hit featuring an electropop Israeli singer, Elkana Marziano and Emraiti Waled Aljasim (pictured below) in the first musical collaboration between Israel and the UAE. Roth noted that the musical style, food choice and aspects of mid eastern culture are shared by both countries. He noted that Israelis “love to travel” and went to Dubai en masse once the UAE/Dubai opened.

Geopolitics requires much thought, study and discussion. We were brought much closer to our Israeli brethren during this program, understanding this momentous normalization which gave us hope for the future. ✨



Sung in Arabic, Hebrew and English by Waled Aljasim (left, on screen) and Elkana Marziano, the song “Ahlam Bik or Hello you” celebrated the common humanity of the two peoples. Photo from Yahoo News.



**"I love Passover because for me it is a cry against indifference, a cry for compassion."
— Elie Wiesel**

SISTERHOOD PROGRAMMING

Making the Most of Your Seder

By Cindy Levy

Tziporah Altman-Shafer, Director of the Coalition for Jewish Education and Jewish Education Community Planner for the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, presented a virtual program to the Sisterhood March 11. She started out by showing a humorous [video](#) of the actress Mayim Bialik on the basics of Passover. It is a fun watch!

On a more serious note, Altman-Shafer talked about the fact that everyone's Passover Seder is different, and that every year it needs to change because your audience changes. Know your audience. It is always good to have tasks and games for people so they stay engaged. This year with most of us relegated to having Passover Seders online, it is important to think about the length. Zoom Seders need to be shorter than a typical seder.

One good activity is to share memories of past Passover Seders. If you

have good photos, those are always wonderful to share. One new concept is to share your memories in Zoom Chat so that they can be saved and sent out at a later time. Another idea is to place questions under each plate (or in the chat window) that people can talk about to start some good discussion. One good question this year is "What does freedom mean to you?" Another might be "If you had to flee what would you take with you?" Altman-Shafer played a fun online game using the website www.Kahoot.it, which allows the master of ceremonies to put together a set of questions on Passover and have the participants answer the questions. The winner can even get a prize!

Central to Passover, is the telling of the Story of Passover. Even if you are on your own, you are supposed to read the Story of Passover, Our Story. If you are telling it with children of

any ages, you can make it fun by re-enacting it with costumes. Altman-Shafer told of people in Germany dressing in their "traveling clothes" as if they were going to make the trip themselves. Another thought might be to play charades for the plagues, sit on the floor with pillows, or set up a tent for the child. Some of the fun things she has done to the "Telling of the Story" during Passover Seders include dancing, singing parody songs of Passover, reading the Haggadah parts using voice characters, or using a Dr. Seuss Haggadah.

Altman-Shafer told us that at her Passover Seder she puts finger food on the table for people to eat at the beginning and during the Passover Seder. Her philosophy is you can't concentrate if you are hungry! Above all, Passover is a time to make new memories and remember old ones fondly. ☆

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of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

IN MEMORY OF

➤ **Lee Fensin**

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Donation of high quality baked goods from Deborah and Richard Hacker

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Donation from Adam Segal

CANTOR MARTIN

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CONTACT ADMINISTRATOR ON RECENT DEATHS: Contact Administrator Jan Lowell prior to a service to add a name of a relative or friend to the recent list of those who have died.

May Their Memories Be for a Blessing

Yahrzeiten Nisan / Iyyar (April)



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.

Bella Cohen: Monday, April 12
Observed by the congregation

Carl Fein: Sunday, April 25, Iyyar 13
Observed by the congregation

Samuel Hafner: Thursday, April 15
*Father of Sandra (Marvin) Small
Grandfather of Sydney Small*

Lev Krasnik: Monday, April 5, Nissan 23
Uncle of Irene (Robert) Elkin

Lida Merkow: Wednesday, April 14, Iyyar 2
Grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

David Parr: Thursday, April 29, Iyyar 17
Observed by the congregation

Marcy Rudoy: Tuesday, April 20
Mother of Marcy (James) Hotz

F. Herbert Venango: Thursday, April 15
Father of Arlene (Peter) Shelley

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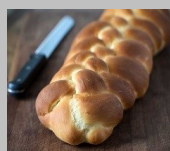
ANNIVERSARIES

- **Arlene and Peter Shelley**, who will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on Apr. 2.
- **Mike and Nancy Cummins**, who will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary on Apr. 27.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Benjamin Noah Anson**, the son of Sara and Doug Anson, celebrates his first birthday on Apr. 9.
- **Theodore Hacker**, the grandson of Deb and Rich Hacker, celebrates his third birthday on Apr. 17.
- **Cantor Deborah Martin** celebrates a birthday on Apr. 26.

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



APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

APRIL 2 7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin
APRIL 9 7 p.m.: MCRC Service Led by Shalom
APRIL 16 7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin
APRIL 23 7 p.m.: Sisterhood Shabbat (volunteer led; see page 9)
APRIL 30 7 p.m.: Member Led

These services will be online only.
See Temple website for updates and instructions on how view them online.



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The Poetry Corner

This month the Poetry Corner features
Passover-related poems from the past.

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

Passover Poem Acrostic

By Linda Pastan

Prologue to the meal:
A story of
Sacred flight.
Say a candle-lit prayer
Over enemies
Vanquished.
Eat the unleavened bread.
Remember. Remember.



The Seder's Order

By Marge Piercy

The songs we join in
are beeswax candles
burning with no smoke
a clean fire licking at the evening
our voices small flames quivering.
The songs string us like beads
on the hour. The ritual is
its own melody that leads us
where we have gone before
and hope to go again, the comfort
of year after year. Order:
we must touch each base
of the haggadah as we pass,
blessing, handwashing,
dipping this and that. Voices
half harmonize on the *brukhahs*.
Dear faces like a multitude
of moons hang over the table
and the truest brief blessing:
affection and peace that we make.

Passover By Jessie E. Sampter

It's a far, far road from Egypt
To our own, our happy land,
From the pyramids of Egypt
Built beneath the tyrant's hand;
Its road so strange and marvelous
That few can understand.

See, the Lord had passed us over
For his sign upon our gate!
He has spared the crushed and
driven,
He has judged the proud and
great.
When the hosts of Israel rise to go
He makes the crooked straight.

It's a far, far road to Zion
For the slave afraid to flee;
He must pass through flood and
desert,
Yet his land he shall not see.
But the man that knows the sign of
God
On Pesach eve is free.



NEVER AGAIN: Commemorate Yom HaShoah with our congregation's online program on Sunday, April 11.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT: Rediscover Our Library

By Sydney Small

Bookstores and libraries have always been precious for me – lovely places of refuge full of the most amazing stories from people all over the world. I enjoy the crinkle and texture of a fresh page in a new book as well as the creases in the well-loved print of a treasured volume. I always looked forward to my childhood trips to our neighborhood library in Milwaukee, where I browsed for hours among the various stories, magazines and newspapers; the piles of books with which I returned home became whole countries through which I danced and imagined worlds beyond my bedroom.

I was therefore excited to find our little library upon first joining the synagogue. It is one of the first places I visit when I enter the building; I always like to see what new work awaits me there. Today's library has been lovingly tended by various people in our community, including Carol O'Neil, Elaine Goldberg, Adrian Richfield and Joe Dailey. Carol recalls that she volunteered her time on Tuesday afternoons prior to Sisterhood meetings.

The early book collection was at the top of the stairs on the other side of the sanctuary, and was arranged by categories as opposed to the Dewey Decimal Classification. The lower-level building addition was implemented at around that time, including classrooms to accommodate the children in the school. The library was later moved with the remodeling of the upstairs. In more recent times, temple member Karen Youso's oldest daughter Cece

worked hard to raise money for further improvements as part of her Bat Mitzvah project. At that time, volunteers formed a committee and purchased new furniture for the library. They also acquired media equipment that included a TV and cart as well as a DVD player which is used by the school and some other CEEW programs. Currently the cozy space, adjacent to our library, serves as an additional reading nook with the comforts of extra chairs, a small table and reading lamp.

Today our assorted selection of books and DVD's comes mostly from donations — especially including purchases at the annual Book Fair — and holds a range of items for our youngest members. Children have easy access to age-appropriate books in plastic bins. Large collections include biographies and items of historical interest; there are also quite a few resources on Judaism.

Present library needs include inventory and cleaning and organizing for new books; additional donations from the last 10 years are especially welcome. Carol hopes that future library

growth will include staff, but in the meantime we can all continue to support this little gem by checking out the books and other treasures that make our small synagogue special. Anyone who may be interested in working in the library with a variety of projects should contact Carol O'Neil or Laurie Schwartz to express interest in volunteering some time. ✨





COMING SOON: *The Warsaw Orphan: A WWII Novel*, by Kelly Rimmer, will be released on June 1. Pre-order through Amazon Smile and donate to our congregation! Go to smile.amazon.com for details.

BOOK CLUB REPORT

Adrian Richfield Reviews: *American Spy*

Hold on to your hats! *American Spy*, a debut novel by Lauren Williamson, is a thriller that alerts the senses starting with the first page. Our main character, Marie Mitchell, is a former FBI agent. Her career begins in the 1980s, when women — especially black women — were definitely not part of the good old boys' club. When an unusual opportunity presents itself and Marie is recruited by the

FBI, she accepts the job but with serious misgivings.

There is a lot of plot in this first novel with questions about the mysterious death of Marie's sister, spying on the African leftist president of Burkina Faso and a unique spin on the United States during the cold war. This book tackles a variety of topics be-

sides being a thriller: politics, race, gender, family and love. Does one's sense of duty and service to one's job supersede one's heart?

Publishers Weekly wrote, "This unflinching, incendiary debut combines the espionage novels of John le Carré with the racial complexity of Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*." *American Spy*, a 2020 Edgar Award nominee for best first novel by an American author, was also nominated for a 2020 Anthony Award for best first crime novel.

Lauren Wilkinson earned an MFA in fiction and literary translation from Columbia University, where she has taught writing. Wilkinson has published her writing in *Granta*, *The Believer*, *New York* magazine, and *The New York Times*, and she is currently writing a multi-part television adaptation of Don DeLillo's novel *Libra*.

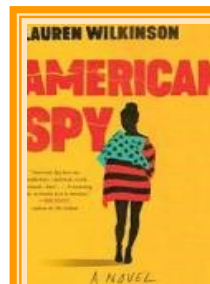


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If you're interested in participating in the book club discussion, please contact Diana Stroshine at DStroshine@hotmail.com.



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CEEW Book Club

What: Virtual discussion of *American Spy*
Date: Wednesday, April 7
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Leader: Mari-Claire Zimmerman

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**“Where can you find a better place to spend the dangerous age
than in literature?”
— Theodore Herzl**

Jewish National Fund Reading Series

Listening in on a talk with the author of *The Story of Hebrew*

By Elizabeth Lamb

On February 24 I attended a conversation with Dr. Lewis Glinert, author of *The Story of Hebrew* (Princeton University Press, 2017). This Zoom event was part of the 2021 Reading Series hosted by the Jewish National Fund.

Host Steven Shalowitz guided discussion of Hebrew and its relationship to Judaism, including its linguistic ties to languages of the region: Arabic, Syriac, Aramaic, Phoenician, Moabite and Edomite.



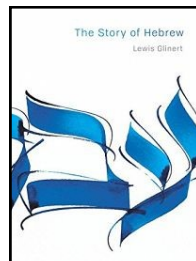
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Of special interest to Glinert was the transition of Hebrew from its more academic status to the day-to-day language of the state of Israel. “In 1903,” Glinert stated, “the number of people who could speak Hebrew fluently was about the number of people listening to this program today.”

Israel’s government took several steps, including immersive language training in schools and the military, and mandatory Hebraicization of diaspora surnames, to ensure that its citizens would share a common language.

Glinert also speculated upon the future of Hebrew-related languages Yiddish and Ladino.

You can watch the discussion at: <https://youtu.be/LN2oMxME9iq>. Dr. Glinert, Professor of Hebrew Studies at Dartmouth College, is also the author of *The Joys of Hebrew* (Oxford University Press, 1992) and *Modern Hebrew: An Essential Grammar* (Routledge, 2015). *The Story of Hebrew* was a finalist in the 2017 National Jewish Book Awards.



Future JNF Reading series Events

April 21, Michael Dickson and Dr. Naomi Baum discuss their book *ISRESILIENCE: What Israelis Can Teach the World*

May 19, Francine Klagsbrun discusses her book *Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel*

All Reading Series events are free; donations are encouraged. Register in advance at [JNF's web site](#) and a Zoom link will be sent to you. All events are at 6 pm Central.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

*Calling all experienced travelers,
wanderers and hopeful sightseers!*

Whether you’ve discovered something fun close to home or have journeyed an ocean away, we’d love to read your stories of adventure, tales of not-so-terrible mishaps and favorite anecdotes from the trips you’ve taken. These quips and stories can be from any past or recent travel experience. Include some pictures as well!

Please send potential Bulletin submissions to susu78@aol.com (Ady) and rottiesrock@wi.rr.com (Sydney) and remember that the deadline for articles is the 10th of each month.

We’d love to hear from you!



Want to 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 details.

A Letter From... Israel

Dear CEEW family,

Here are a few notes from your Israel correspondent. I left from JFK on February 28. I needed a PCR test as well as several forms within 24 hours of my flight which made for a anxious 24 hours *before* the flight. Arriving in plenty of time for an 11:30 PM flight to Israel, I was surprised by the presence of army soldiers.

Our flight to Israel was a special chartered Aliyah flight paid for by an anonymous donor. Nearly all of the people on the flight had waited many months to fly and were cancelled many times. (I was cancelled 3 times — the record was 6 times.) A few were to fly in March and were hustled onto this flight.

The check-in process took at least three hours, with numerous document checks, luggage check in and very stringent security. I met many dedicated “Olim” while I was waiting 10 hours before my flight.

Some were families with more luggage than I have ever seen. Others were young people joining the army. Many of the older folks had children and grandchildren in Israel and were starting a new life. I met a retired Californian lawyer (mugged twice in Beverly Hills) who is 87 years old making Aliyah. I met a lovely young woman traveling with her one-eyed miniature dog, a Jewish boxer, an Orthodox HVAC business owner and a young mother who was returning with her husband and three children after ten years in the United States. Each had an amazing story to tell.

The flight was smooth and I was able to sleep for five hours across the seats since the “chutspadik” videographer next to me left to video many of the travelers. Our processing as citizens took place in the old terminal at Ben Gurion and Nefesh b’Nefesh made it festive with food, water, music and blue and white balloons.

After clearing customs we loaded buses to our hotel in Tel Aviv — the Grand Beach — for our quarantine otherwise known as “bidud,” or “doing the bidud.” You must stay in your room. Friends and family have sent me wonderful care packages to make my stay more pleasant. The food is yummy but repetitive and it feels a bit like feeding time at the zoo, as one never knows when meals will come.

Some Olim have been released already for medical reasons or advanced age. Others, including myself, have undergone an antibody test and awaiting approval to leave as we have been immunized. Poor Internet service has hampered communication, as the hotel never had 24 hour Internet use and FULL occupancy. However, that being said, we have formed a WhatsApp group to communicate with each other, and support each other through the process of 10 days of quarantine.

Nefesh b’Nefesh and a private donor have given us beautiful Shabbat food and treats. This has been a journey thus far fraught with difficulties, and a few surprises, but mostly it has been inspirational. I consider myself blessed to be here in such challenging times.




Out my window I see the beautiful Mediterranean filled with sailboats and the sound of Hebrew voices filtering up to the 12th floor at the hotel. I’m looking forward to being reunited with family, especially our daughter Elisabeth and son-in-law Dudi, and their new baby, Aviv Ilan — our first “Israeli” grandson — very soon.

Deb Hacker





SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES: April 2, 7:02 pm; April 9, 7:10 pm; April 16, 7:19 pm; April 23, 7:27 pm; April 30, 7:35 pm.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Nisan 19 5th Day of Passover	2 Nisan 20 6th Day of Passover Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	3 Nisan 21 7th Day of Passover Cantillation Class, 11 a.m. Yizkor Service, 7 p.m.
4 Nisan 22 8th Day of Passover NO Religious School Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	5 Nisan 23	6 Nisan 24 Hebrew School, Level 2 Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.	7 Nisan 25 Hebrew School, Level 2 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. Book Club, 1:30-3 p.m.	8 Nisan 26	9 Nisan 27 No CEEW service MCRC Shabbat service hosted by Shalom, 7:30-9 p.m.	10 Nisan 28 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m. May Bulletin content deadline 
11 Nisan 29 Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	12 Nisan 30 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.	13 Iyyar 1 Hebrew School, Level 2 Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m.	14 Iyyar 2 Hebrew School, Level 2 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	15 Iyyar 3	16 Iyyar 4 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	17 Iyyar 5 Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Tazria-Metzora
18 Iyyar 6 Israeli Ind. Day Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Jewish Holidays class, 3:30 p.m. Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	19 Iyyar 7	20 Iyyar 8 Hebrew School, Level 2 Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m.	21 Iyyar 9 Hebrew School, Level 2 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	22 Iyyar 10	23 Iyyar 11 Sisterhood Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	24 Iyyar 12 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
25 Iyyar 13 Online Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Jewish Life Cycles class, 3:30 p.m. Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	26 Iyyar 14	27 Iyyar 15 Hebrew School, Level 2 Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m. Adult Ed Program with Memorial Scrolls Trust; 7 p.m.	28 Iyyar 16 Hebrew School, Level 2 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	29 Iyyar 17	30 Iyyar 18 Lag B'Omer Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	
The content deadline for the May bulletin is Saturday, April 10.						

Calendar dates and candle lighting times from hebcad.com. Check the CEEW calendar for the most current information. Unless otherwise specified, all events are held online via Zoom.