

From Cantor Debby Martin to Cantor Martin Levson

By Adrian Richfield

WE are proud to introduce and announce our new spiritual leader: Cantor Martin Levson. The congregation is fortunate to have a person with much experience and someone who has said "I believe I was always meant to be a cantor." Cantor Levson's beautiful voice, depth of knowledge and pleasant personality will be valuable assets to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha.

Cantor Levson has a BA in Music and History from Stanford University and a Master of Sacred Music and Cantorial Ordination from Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion and the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. He has worked as a cantor in Tulsa, Oklahoma; New York; Spring-

Welcome,
 Cantor
 Levson!



field, Massachusetts; Hamden, Connecticut; and served as the cantor for the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands for the high holidays. He believes music brings people closer to Judaism and nurtures community through innovative musical experiences. He also has experience in pastoral care, tutoring B'Nai Mitzvah, teaching Torah trope, writing Divrei Torah, teaching Jewish history and creating innovative Jewish liturgy.

He came to understand that becoming a cantor would combine multiple passions of his: Judaism, music, history and teaching. Throughout his career he discovered that serving as a cantor is a way of opening doorways to let people access all four of the Jewish worlds: physical, emotion, intellectual and spiritual. The sacred calling of the clergy is to provide comfort in times of sorrow and joy in times of celebration, to bring people of all ages together in holy community and to nurture the powerful spark of a life filled with meaning for everyone.

We all welcome Cantor Levson and look forward to meeting him, engaging with him and having him as our new spiritual leader beginning on July 1, 2021. ✨

CEEW thanks the members of the Search Committee who spent countless hours as part of the search for a new spiritual leader. There were numerous Zoom meetings, interviews, follow ups and discussion during this process of selection. Much thanks to President Laurie Schwartz and Vice President Mark Levy who worked most diligently during the many months and who were instrumental in the final details and contract for Cantor Martin Levson.

Members of the committee were: Laurie Schwartz, Mark Levy, Loren Schmidt, Elaine Goldberg, Adrian Richfield, Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Phil Schuman, Marsha Fensin, Mike Kotkin and Carrie Barbakoff. There were other CEEW members who also participated in the second interviews to give some input in the process. Thanks to everyone who helped with selecting our new spiritual leader.



DINING GROUP RESTARTING! The CEEW Dining Group may restart in June. Contact Elly Kraines at ellyanna340@yahoo.com if you'd like to join.

A Guide to the Yamim

By Sydney Small

Warmer spring weather brings more fun outdoors, including picnics, bird-watching, family hikes and outdoor sports. Among Jews, this time of year also includes Yamim – a collective term for the four memorial days of Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom HaAtzmaut and Yom Y'rushalayim. These holidays were added to the Jewish calendar following the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.



Yom HaShoah is perhaps the most familiar of these events. It recognizes the decimation of Jewish communities in Europe during the Holocaust. During this period, six million Jews were murdered, of whom more than one million were children. Many other groups were also targeted for persecution or destruction, including Roma and Sinti people (previously known as “Gypsies”), folk in the Queer community, people with disabilities and Afro-Germans.

Yom HaShoah is also known

as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The Hebrew word Shoah means “utter destruction” or “catastrophe” and sadly references the horror that was the Holocaust. The Knesset, or Israeli Parliament, selected the date of the 27th of Nisan (April-May on the Georgian calendar) to become the day we now know as Yom HaShoah.

In Israel, on Yom HaShoah, there is a full shutdown of all public entertainment. Theaters, pubs and many other venues close their doors. A siren is sounded for two minutes, during which people exit their vehicles and stop all activities. In the United States, communities hold various events around the country, including congregation observances, survivor stories and other speaking events. We also recite the Mourner's Kaddish.

It is a common practice to light six Yahrzeit (memorial) candles on Yom HaShoah – one candle for each million who perished. Any attending survivors are asked to light the candles if they are able. Some communities light seven candles to include righteous Gentiles who came to the aid of European Jews; other observances may include an additional candle to honor the memory of non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Yom HaZikaron memorializes fallen Israeli soldiers and veterans as well as civilian terrorism victims. Like Yom HaShoah, it is a public mourning day during which entertainment facilities are closed. Two separate sirens sound for two minutes each – one in the evening that begins the holiday and one the subsequent morning. The day includes many public ceremonies and the lowering of the Israeli flag. As on Holocaust Remembrance Day, drivers exit their vehicles. Yom HaZikaron begins with an official ceremony at the Western Wall and ends with the return of the flag to its full height.

In the United States, Jewish communities hold a variety of services in observance of the day; as on Yom HaShoah, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation

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An aerial view of female Israeli soldiers saluting at the graves in the Kiryat Shaul military cemetery in Tel Aviv, Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day), April 13, 2021. (Photo by Jack Guez / AFP)



“There are two ways to live. You can live as if nothing is a miracle. You can live as if everything is a miracle.”
— Albert Einstein

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marks this occasion with a special ceremony and speaker.

Yom HaAtzmaut refers to Israeli Independence Day. According to ReformJudaism.org, “It is observed on or near the 5th of the Hebrew month of Iyar on the Jewish calendar, which usually falls in April.” This special day commemorates the 1948 establishment of the modern state of Israel. Concerts, picnics fireworks and other outdoor events take place throughout the country; Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem hosts a speech-filled



The Walk for Israel is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation; this photo is from the 2018 event.

ceremony, featuring a parade of soldiers and the lighting of twelve torches meant to represent the 12 Tribes of Israel.

U.S. commemorative activities have historically included our own Federation’s “Walk for Israel”; a festival featuring Israeli food and music and fashion displays and, most recently, a virtual concert live from Israel.

The Fourth of these particular days is **Yom Y’rushalayim**. According to the Jewish Virtual Library, it is “...the anniversary of the liberation and unification of Jerusalem under Jewish sovereignty that occurred during the Six Day War.” This Israeli national holiday occurs one week before Shavuot, which is one of the major agricultural festivals in the Jewish holiday cycle and celebrates the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai.

Israelis dance with flags at the Western Wall on Yom Y’rushalayim and often journey to Jerusalem in solidarity. While Yom Y’rushalayim is particularly celebrated in Israel, it is not as commonly observed outside of Israel as are the other three



Jerusalem’s Western Wall Plaza (2015).
 Photo credit: Seth Aronsta.

days. U.S. Jewish communities that participate may hold congregational concerts, art contests and offer special music, including Hatikvah (The Hope), which is the Israeli national anthem.

Together, these four days mark events of remembrance and survivorship. The Jewish diaspora, though displaced throughout the world, is not broken; the Yamim provide a thread of continuity through which we persist. As we say, “Am Yisrael Chai!” — the people of Israel live! ☆

WANTED: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha (CEEW) seeks a new part-time administrative assistant. This person will work 10 hours a week, primarily with Spiritual Leader Cantor Levson. Duties include clerical, organizational, computer, and office work and working with clergy and school personnel. The successful candidate will have good computer skills (including familiarity with Windows and Office 365) as well as good communication skills, and be personable and professional. A knowledge of the Jewish religion will be helpful!

This position begins July 1, 2021 and pays \$15/hour. Hours are flexible, and training will be provided.

To apply or to obtain more information, please contact Elaine Goldberg at elainego@mac.com.



Shavuot takes place on May 17-18. Watch your email for detailed information about CEEW's Shavuot program on May 16.

PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW

It is hard to believe that it is already May and in one month I will be retired and no longer your Spiritual Leader. As we read in Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." For me, this is a time to step back after 30 years of being a clergy person and let others come forward to do the wonderful work that I have loved and treasured for so long. I have been blessed to have found a profession that I loved and that used my God-given talents of music, Jewish education, teaching and connecting with people.

I have loved being your Spiritual Leader and being a part of your lives in so many special ways. It was a difficult decision to retire from something I love so much, but I also feel that I needed more time with my family and to have time to travel and enjoy life while I am still young and healthy enough to do so. I want to be more present for my grandchildren, whom I adore.



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

So, as God called to Abraham and Sarah and said *Lech Lecha* (*Lechi Lach* to Sarah), I feel that he is calling to me and saying *Lechi Lach* — it is time for me to journey to a place that God will show me as I go into retirement. I am excited, although I am also somewhat sad as I make this change and leave my position here.

However, I am relieved and happy to know that you are in great hands with your new Spiritual Leader, Cantor Martin Levson. I have spoken to him many times and have found him to be kind, compassionate, experienced and knowledgeable, as well as very talented! Please know that I will be here to help him navigate as he starts out as your spiritual leader in any way that he might want me to. However, I must also be cognizant that he will want to forge a special bond and relationship with you, and that I will most likely need to stay aloof in order to allow that to happen. I will still be your friend, and I will always care very much about this congregation. I will just step

back a bit until Cantor Levson has had a chance to establish himself here.

The phrase "parting is such sweet sorrow" is apropos to how I feel as I leave this position. It will be very strange to not have a congregation after 30 years of being a clergy person in two wonderful congregations. It will be sweet to now have time for myself and my family, as well as my dog Mazel and my horse Phantom. But it brings me sorrow to know that I will no longer be your spiritual leader. I pray for the congregations' continuation and success. I pray for each of you as my congregants and friends to find happiness, have good health, and a continued spiritual connection to CEEW, to God and to each other. This parting is not goodbye; it is shalom and *"I'hitraot"* — "until I see you again." I hope I will be able to see a lot of you in person at my retirement party at the end of June and at services before I leave! May God bless all of you and bless this congregation for many years to come. ☆



Prayer for the Retiree

As God blessed our ancestors on their journeys, so may you be blessed as you embark on the journey of your retirement. May you find rest and challenge, quiet and adventure. May you be sustained by the achievements of your work life and inspired by the possibilities of what lies ahead. May you allow yourself to experience silence and rest, and may you open yourself to the new music that may emerge from that silence.



“Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.”

— Proverbs 23:18

A YEAR OF ONLINE HOLIDAYS

As I write this article, I reflect on an entire CEEW Sunday school year on Zoom. We started the year with *tashlich* at the river and while we were all in masks it felt somewhat “normal.” Then I started in “alternate mode” with our first drive by holiday bag for *Rosh Hashanah*. Everyone got a yummy round challah.

Our family services on Zoom were meaningful and different because we used a new prayer book. Then we celebrated *Sukkot* “live from the Levys.” As the weather became colder and *Chanukah* approached, we had another drive by, this time getting Ann Meyers’s rugalach.

Our teachers, Deb Hacker, Ilene Jauquet and Marie Loeffler and I, did our best to further our students’ Jewish education on Zoom each week from our homes. While it was fun to see into my students’ personal “habitats,” it definitely was not the same as being in the classroom space.

Then came *Purim* and this was probably the first time in many many years where CEEW did not have a *Purim Schpiel*. However, Ann Meyers outdid herself and



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director’s Desk

made over 300 *hamentashchen* which were shared in another drive by with congregants picking up their Purim bags.

Passover this year felt more liberating since I was able to be with my parents. However, it was still “not normal” with the school, as our model Seder was on Zoom, and we were not together as a Temple community on the second night of *Passover*, as in the past.

While last year we got the opportunity to hear Adrian Richfield’s family story of the Holocaust and see the artifacts that her family has, it was also done by Zoom. This year Marsha Fensin shared her family’s story of how she is a miracle to have been born in pre-state Israel and later end up in Milwaukee.

We had a drive by *Yom HaAtzmut* party to go this year. Last year I shared hundreds of photos of mine, Cantor Martin’s and one of our teachers to allow everyone to feel as though they had traveled from the north to the

south of Israel. We traveled from the dry desert that Israel has made bloom, to the lush green mountains of the Golan Heights and to the ancient and modern cities throughout the land.

This year the Jewish calendar allows us to celebrate the holiday of *Shavuot*, where we celebrate our receiving of the Torah at Mt Sinai and eat dairy. While it is unknown where this tradition comes from, Rabbinic tradition has suggested a number of reasons for this custom. Chapter 4, verse 11 of The Songs of Songs compares Torah to honey and milk. As a result of this lovely comparison, it is typical on *Shavuot* to eat blintzes, cheesecake, and noodle kugels.

I invite everyone to join our last day of the 2021 / 5781 school year Sunday, May 16 to celebrate the Torah, education, and the choice to participate actively in Jewish life. We wish Cantor Martin *mazel tov* on her retirement and hope everyone has a fun-filled summer! ✨

Yom HaAtzmut



Elaine Goldman and Carrie Barbakoff prepare Yom HaAtzmut bags for CEEW congregants to pick up and enjoy at home.





“Who acts from love is greater than who acts from fear.”

— Talmud

Retirement Picnic / Party for Cantor Debby Martin



Date: Sunday, June 27th

Time: 12:30 Arrival — 1:00 Lunch — 2:00 Program

Where: Fox River Park in Waukesha Picnic Area #1 W264 S4500 River Road

Park Entrance Fee per vehicle: \$6.00 or County Park Sticker. Carpooling Is Suggested!



Invitations, cost, directions and details will be sent out in mid-May. Bring some lawn chairs but picnic tables will be set up and available. There is a covered shelter area, with lots of room to spread out. A children's play area is adjacent to our Picnic Area #1.

A picnic meal with box lunches, drinks and dessert will be provided. You may bring your own beer or wine.



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.

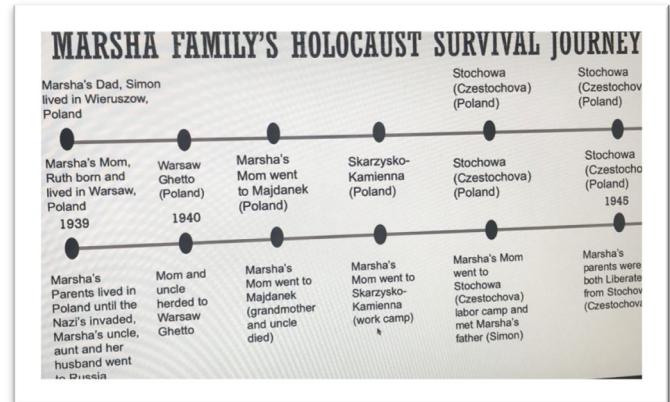
Stories We Need to Remember: In Remembrance of Yom HaShoah

Text and photos by Marsha Fensin

I am a miracle. If the Nazis had won World War II, I would never have been born. This is my parents' story of survival and how my life unfolded because of their survival.

My parents both lived in Poland, my mother in Warsaw and my father in Wieruszów, a small city south east of Warsaw, near the German border. My mother had a sister and two brothers, while my father was one of seven siblings. When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, one of my mother's brothers and her sister escaped to Russia.

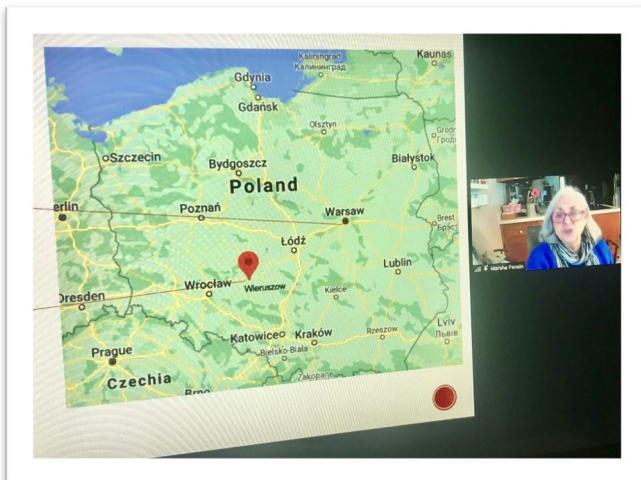
In late 1940, my mother, her mother and the other brother were herded by German troops into the Warsaw ghetto along with 100,000 other Jews. The three of them lived in one room in an apartment that included 12 other families. There was hardly ever enough food and heat during the winter. My mother was a talented seamstress and used to sneak in work from the outside of the Ghetto in exchange for food.



and other war materials. She was then sent to a labor camp called Częstochowa. My father, who was a talented tailor and my mother met in Częstachowa. He was a street smart young man and they both used their skills to stay alive.

After they were liberated from the camp in 1945, my parents were married. They went back to Wieruszów with plans to live in the house my dad's family owned there. But when they arrived, there was another family living in the house and they threatened to kill the couple if they didn't leave. So they walked to Italy and took a boat with other refugees to Cyprus, where they then got on another boat to pre-state Israel.

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After the Ghetto was disbursed, my mother was first sent to Majdanek, a death camp, where my grandmother and uncle died, but my mother survived, probably because of her sewing skills which were used for making such things as parachutes





CEEW will conduct a Yizkor service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18.

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I was born in Haifa in December of 1945. The family moved to a town called Holon, near Tel Aviv, when they discovered other relatives, who had survived the War. In Israel, there is no problem with refugees, because the government found housing for the new arrivals and helped them find work. But life was very difficult in pre statehood Israel. When I was 7, they moved to Montreal, Canada, where my father discovered that two of his brothers had also survived the war.

My parents owned a dry cleaning store in Montreal, but when I was 11 my father died of complications after open-heart surgery. My mother and I eventually moved to New Jersey where my mom had a sister, and when my mom remarried, we then moved to Daytona Beach, Fla.

I graduated from high school in Daytona Beach and attended college at nearby Stetson University, a Southern Baptist school. A woman who worked at the college selling snacks found out I was Jewish (one of only 14 Jews enrolled at the time) and she said, “I thought you would have horns on your head. I thought all Jews had horns.” And she was totally serious. This idea came from a famous painter named Michaelangelo who painted a picture showing Moses coming down Mt. Sinai with the 10 commandments with rays of light coming out of his head that looked like horns. This stereotype has perpetuated throughout the years.

I met my future husband, Lee Fensin, shortly after graduation, and we moved to Milwaukee where Lee worked as a sports editor for the *Waukesha Freeman*. A son, a daughter and five grandchildren resulted from that marriage.

When I think about what my parents went through, I often wondered how could anyone survive something like that? But through it all, my mother never lost her faith in G-d – it’s people she lost faith in, she would say.

I inherited my mother’s good voice and love of music. My mother especially loved the opera, and her pride was obvious when she sat in synagogue as I, her only child, would help lead a worship service.

Although a growing family prevented me from becoming ordained as a cantor, I studied with local rabbis and cantors and trained for several years through a cantorial program at Hebrew Union College in New York and passed several cantorial requirements along the way. I also took voice lessons from a respected Milwaukee vocalist.

I have served congregations in Milwaukee; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Rockford, Illinois; and Green Bay, Wisconsin. I have spent over 40 years as an award-winning religious school Hebrew, Judaica and music teacher. I received a lifetime membership at Congregation Sinai in Fox Point as thanks for my contributions to that temple.

When I sing and teach in synagogues and hospitals, I believe I am doing G-d’s work. Judaism teaches us to help the sick and poor, to feed the hungry, help heal the weary and to do work we call *Tikkun Olam* — helping to repair the world. G-d needs all of us to help G-d do the work. I will leave you with Fred Rogers’s famous advice to his television views to look for the helpers. He said, “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’” ☆





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

The April showers have brought May flowers into full bloom. The sun is out and the days are warming up. I'm so grateful to shake off the winter and get outside for walks or bike rides around town.

Thank you to all who made another online Sisterhood Shabbat an amazing experience. We had hoped that this year we would be back together in person but unfortunately, we are just not there yet. We will share the experience of the Sisterhood Shabbat in the next bulletin. For now, a special thank you to Cindy, Marsha and Denise for all of their hard work organizing and running the service.

Sisterhood has awarded 4 camp scholarships this year. Scholarships are given to the children and grandchildren of current Sisterhood members. It has been our honor to be able to award scholarships to each applicant this year. The Sisterhood believes strongly in the power of the Jewish Camping experience, as it helps instill the love of Judaism in our children – our future. We are looking forward to hearing about the experience of returning to camp.

The Sisterhood is in the process of planning additional programming and our annual meeting. If it

is possible to meet in-person soon, we may delay the latter. More to come...

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

CEEW Sisterhood has joined with 29 Sisterhood organizations in 8 states to launch a massive effort entitled "FEEDING THE HUNGRY." In our society, it is common to think of the needy during the December holidays, but as Jews CEEW is in a unique position to think about giving at different times than others, typically when the need is at its highest.

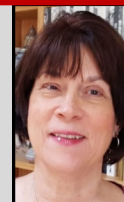
Our local CEEW Sisterhood project of monetary donations to the Waukesha County Food Pantry are doing very well and we hope that it will continue. The total collected for the first phase is (drum roll please) **\$833.00**. Your generosity is so heartwarming and such a life raft for so many families.

Phase two of the project was launched on March 29th and will continue thru the end of the month, with the holiday of Lag B'Omer on April 30th. This is the

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SARA ANSON
and
DEB HACKER



time of the year when food donations are most important because donations lag. We truly are making a difference in the lives of families in our community.

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 53189

If you prefer to donate using electronic transfer, contact Sandy Villa at sandravilla724@gmail.com or 262-424-2263 and arrangements will be made to make it happen. Your generosity and caring are much appreciated by many!

We send a warm thank you to all who have already donated and kindly ask you to continue contributing. As we know, the issue of being able to provide three meals a day is an impossibility for many parents. This can only be made possible through the kindness & generosity of people like ourselves. Our commitment to *TIKKUN OLAM* is a safety net for so many families.





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

New Member Focus: Murdock Wade

Although it has been an unusual year for members of CEEW, the congregation has grown to include a new member: Murdock Wade. While these times have not allowed us to fully meet and get to know Murdock, when we do here is some information to share. We welcome her into our CEEW community!

I am a convert from the frigid north woods, and I currently live in Neenah. I took an interest in Judaism years ago in college and found a spiritual home in it. I practice in my own way at home and through the Temple's online options because I am located far away from Waukesha. Who knows, since my family is Polish I might already have some Jewish genes. The only thing I know is that my great-great-grandmother, Olga, was fresh off the boat, and that she was a gravedigger. I find that to be the coolest family history factoid ever!

I currently live with one roommate and my partner along with three kitties that think they're the kings of this house. They might be right. I tend to be a crazy cat lady and take pictures and videos of them all the time.

My hobbies include puppet making, puppetry, costume making and home remedy tea making. I dabble in all sorts of crafts including painting, jewelry making, soap making, sculpture and doodling in a cartoon style. I am an avid video game fan and have my foot in three favorite game fandoms. I even have these game tattoos. I also enjoy reading and writing. I have written several stories (never completely finished but hopefully I will change that this year!) including a dystopian scifi, a fantasy, a fantastical coming of age story and I am currently working on a mix of a horror / mystery work.

I am currently reading *The Dragonbone Chair* by Tad Williams and playing a lot of Elder Scrolls: Skyrim in order to sort of inspire myself to write another fantasy-based story. My favorite book is...ah, there are too many to list! But I adore *The Unexpected Dragon* by Mary Brown and the Harry Potter series as well. I read a lot of fiction, but I do enjoy historical books as well. One of the most fascinating



Photo by Murdock Wade.

history books we have in the house is about Jewish pirates! I was hoping maybe the synagogue would have a book club class for reading about it, because it really is a most intriguing and little known history!

I have been employed in an electronic manufacturing factory for several years. I find myself fascinated by the industry and the type of work I do. It's like crafting on a larger scale. When I am working I tend to listen to podcasts concerning history, true crime, Disney related stuff, and anthropological subjects so I am usually learning something at all times.

I have wanted to take a stab at learning Hebrew and am now enrolled in the adult Hebrew class with Cantor Martin. I hate baking because I have no patience for it but when I do, I bake a mean challah! I like to wear my kippah daily because it is one of my favorite attire-based traditions, even if traditionally it is only worn by men.

I hope to get to know the CEEW community and fellow Jews better as I learn and grow in the traditions. ✨



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

Show Us Your Seder!

As the Sisterhood's March program pointed out, there's more than one way to hold a Passover Seder. We asked for a peek at how you set your tables this year. Thanks to Marie and Pati for sharing their photos with us. ☆



From the Seder of Marie Loeffler.



From the Seder of Pati Brickman.

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

IN MEMORY OF

- **Dorothy Cummins**
Donations from Alan and Ann Meyers, Rick and Joan Rocamora, Laurie Schwartz, Mari-Claire Zimmerman
- **Lee Fensin**
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IN HONOR OF

Donation from Michael and Nancy Cummins, for Ann Meyers's amazing generosity in baking hamantaschen for Purim bags



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

YAHREZEITEN

Iyar / Sivan (May)



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.

Max Cohen: Monday, May 24, Sivan 13
Observed by the congregation

Lillian Fein-Finke: Monday, May 24, Sivan 13
Observed by the congregation

Abraham L. Frisch: Wednesday, May 12, Sivan 1
Observed by the congregation

Sara Hafner: Saturday, May 15
*Mother of Sandra (Marvin) Small
Grandmother of Sydney Small*

Robert Jauquet: Saturday, May 8, Iyar 26
Brother of Patrick (Ilene) Jauquet

Sidney Kalstein: Sunday, May 30
Father of Elaine (Jack) Kalstein

Milton Kulakow: Friday, May 21, Sivan 10
Husband of June Kulakow

Todd Patz: Thursday, May 6
Brother of Tabb (Andi) Patz

Dr. Howard Reinherz: Monday, May 17, Sivan 6
Father of Barb Mulhern

Nancy Harris Rocamora: Wednesday, May 19, Sivan 8
Mother of Rick (Joan) Rocamora

Pauline Rodin: Sunday, May 16, Sivan 5
Mother of Marlis Lippow

George Weisenfel: Monday, May 31
Father of Natalie (Noah) Bledstein

Anne Weiss: Monday, May 3
Wife of Ed Weiss

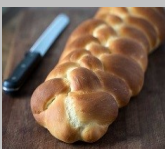
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ANNIVERSARIES

- **Jeff and Judy Shabman**, who will celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary on May 26.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Ann Klein**, who shares a May 5 birthday with **David and Gabe Merkow**.
- **Rick Steinberg**, who celebrates a birthday on May 8.
- **Carol O'Neil**, who celebrates a birthday on May 10.
- **Pati Allen Brickman**, whose birthday is May 13.
- **Sandy Small**, who celebrates a birthday on May 17.
- **Jonathan Ogden**, whose birthday is May 18.
- **Rylan Ecker**, son of Jennifer and Wes Ecker, who celebrates a birthday on May 21.
- **Macy Bornstein**, daughter of Marc and Shirley Bornstein, whose birthday is May 28.



MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

MAY 7 7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin
MAY 14 7 p.m.: 5th-8th grade service, led by Cantor Martin
MAY 21 7 p.m.: Member-led service
MAY 28 7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin

These services will be online only.
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The Poetry Corner

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

Small and Green

By Marcy Hotz

Small and green he climbs the screen
In search of bugs to eat
Carefully I watch my steps
So he's not beneath my feet.

Stay cool and hide betwixt fat blades
Of grass, to search for more;
Hidden from sight and hot sunlight,
"Roam not too close to shore!"

For should you fall o'er water's wall
You surely won't survive:
A mouth awaits to seal your fate
And take you in alive.

When morning comes with rising sun
He greets me once again.
Another day he hears me say
"Hello, my tiny friend!"



Remembrance: Nate Kraines

By Marcy Hotz

When I became a member of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha some 25 years ago, Nate and Elly Kraines had their hands into everything CEEW. Nate had already been Board President, Vice-President and Treasurer; Elly had been Treasurer and had led Sisterhood. I joined the Board maybe a year after I joined the congregation and Nate was then Grounds and Maintenance Chair, if memory serves.

Because Nate & Elly (their names were spoken as one word, like Nate'nElly) seemed to know everything about everything, I tiptoed around them a bit, particularly when I became Board President. I was the young upstart and was pretty sure I could fix everything. Nate'nElly and I bumped heads a lot back in those days. (Congregants spoke in hushed tones of "Temple Kraines.")

As the years flew by, I came to learn how much I needed to rely on Nate'nElly's history, knowledge and expertise. The most significant things I saw them do were the two renovations of our synagogue building. First it was enlarging the building by adding on to the eastern wall, installing the classrooms, upgrading the social hall and renovating the kitchen. Some years later, the sanctuary was pushed out to the new eastern wall, into the space we had lovingly called "the attic," where we stored everything that needed a place. The gift shop, spiritual leader's and principal's offices along with the library were then added as well as the 2nd-floor restroom and archive hall. Nate was head of both renovation committees and helped secure the loans and worked directly with the contractors.

I had to call on Nate many times during my stints as administrator, usually when something was wrong with the elevator or someone complained that it was too cold in various parts of the building. I remember Nate kneeling down at the base of the elevator, door open, with an Allen wrench or paper clip or something as he adjusted it. Nate could control the heat from his home computer. Elly always liked the sanctuary to be on the cool side Friday evenings, so the rest of us learned to dress warmer. To this day, we aren't positively certain what to do about the temperature.

There is no doubt that Nate's absence among us will leave a gaping hole here at Temple Kraines.



Nate at the bimah.



“Only love gives us the taste of eternity.”

— Jewish proverb

COUPLES CORNER: Karen Levy and Peter Lee

By Sydney Small

Karen Levy and Peter Lee’s enduring relationship began with what must be one of the most unique conversation-starters ever heard: “I really like your stroke!”

These words from Peter initiated a lifetime of journeys together - of which Karen says, “I guess it worked! We’ve been married for 43 years!” Peter and Karen were both ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers and were attending the same professional conference in Mexico City, during that fateful year of 1978. They first met each other while enjoying the hotel swimming pool in Mexico City. Peter had been a competitive swimmer during his pre-college school years, and he noticed Karen doing her daily laps. He introduced himself and they found additional mutual interests over time including a love of travel, languages, biking and music. Both Peter and Karen have extensive experience in other countries; Karen lived and taught in Spain and Puerto Rico and put her college French major to good use while working in France. Peter has also trekked through Thailand and Taiwan as a Peace Corps volunteer and teacher, respectively.

Both Peter and Karen’s origins are closer to home, as she grew up on the south side of Chicago, and he hails from our own Wisconsin community of Hales Corners. They got married in 1979, just one year after their first meeting, and have one son, Ben, whose Bar Mitzvah occurred at Milwaukee’s Congregation Sinai. Upon Karen’s retirement in 2007 from UWM, she determined she wanted to be involved with a smaller congregation. Since Karen was already familiar with some CEEW members, she visited our welcoming shul and made the decision to stay.

The couple’s common interests bind them as much as their differences keep their marriage exciting. Karen describes Peter as an “even-keel, ‘go-with-the-flow’” kind of person, who she

remarks, “keeps our life sane!” This is in contrast to Karen’s description of herself as “the planner (and also the worrier).” She advises that having one’s own interests, while also taking the time to converge and share experiences, helps keep a marriage fresh and provides a

way that couples can learn about each other. The pair’s differences allow for “lively conversations.” That their lives continue to be amazing and full of adventure is something for which Karen is proud, as is Peter of his 30-year career teaching English language learners.

A funny tale of names surrounds Karen’s maiden name, which she preferred to retain. A portion of Peter and Karen’s teaching experience was spent in the People’s Republic of China, where they remained for two years. “Levy” was shortened to “Lee” due to the common Chinese practice of omitting anything past the first syllable of a last name — so, to her dismay, Karen was “Mrs. Lee” during their time in China.

Peter and Karen’s mutual enjoyment of music has led to the formation of their musical duo called “PK Harmony.” Karen sings and plays guitar while Peter sings and plays the autoharp. It has become a perfect match. She hopes you will catch them performing this year at a coffeehouse or summer farmers market — a joy that continues to grow their marriage even in the most challenging times. Karen and Peter often share their musical talents at CEEW events both in person at the synagogue or virtually on Zoom this year. Everyone enjoys their musical contributions to our services and programs! CEEW is so fortunate to have them part of our community. ★



Peter Lee and Karen Levy.



COMING SOON: *Babka, Boulou & Blintzes: Jewish Chocolate Recipes from Around the World*, by Michael Leventhal, will be released on July 7. Pre-order through Amazon Smile and donate to our congregation! Go to smile.amazon.com for details.

BOOK CLUB REPORT

Adrian Richfield Reviews — *Exile Music*

Although there are many novels about WWII, this one brings a different element to it because of where the exiled Jewish family ends up — La Paz, Bolivia. A musical family from Vienna, Austria, the Zingels are able to procure a visa only for the remote county of Bolivia, one of a few countries accepting Jewish refugees. One can imagine the stark changes of climate, altitude and culture they were to find in their new



Jennifer
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home. Between 10,000 and 20,000 Jewish refugees found their way to Bolivia during the war years, many of them artists and musicians. The author lived in Bolivia for four years, meeting some of the remaining survivors and their descendants. Their stories inspired this book.

The Zingels are a musical family with the father a violinist and the mother an opera singer. The main character is young daughter Orly, who continues her love of music high in the Andes. Although she had an idyllic childhood, the reality of life in Bolivia provides risk and adventure for her and she is faced with many choices and realities of life. While befriending an indigenous Bolivian girl, Orly realizes there are different rules for her new friend just as there were different rules for the Jews in Vienna. What these

Jewish refugees don't expect and yet suddenly find later in the book is the arrival of Nazi war criminals who fled their countries to avoid justice. Their presence suddenly provokes both fear and, for some, a desire for vengeance.

But, the book is about much more than Vienna, the Nazis and the war as we delve into the family: the father, mother, son, daughter, aunt and Orly's childhood Viennese Christian friend Anneliese. It is also a coming of age story.

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



CEEW Book Club

What: Virtual discussion of *Exile Music*
Date: Wednesday, May 5
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Leader: Karen Levy

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“It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.”
— e. e. cummings

CEEW Tales of Travel

Israel: From Mediterranean Blue to James Bond

Contributed by Jack Goldberg

In April 2015 Elaine, Adrian Richfield, her friend Ann and I took a fabulous trip to Israel. We knew it would be memorable, but little did we know why it would be not only memorable but uniquely so.

A day or so after our first dinner in Tel Aviv on the beautiful Mediterranean, we were walking in casual clothes in Jerusalem on our way to the Old City



when we encountered a Hassidic man dressed in the customary black suit. He stopped us, stepped back staring at me, and exclaimed how fabulous my shirt was. To me it was an ordinary shirt in one of my favorite colors

— blue. But to this gentleman it was no ordinary blue shirt, it was a shirt of the most heavenly, most sacred shade of blue in G-d's creation. He didn't want to stop staring at my beautiful, Mediterranean blue shirt. As curious and amusing as that was, it paled by comparison to what we later encountered.

One of the things we scheduled was a tour of the Kibbutz Malkiya in Northern Israel on the border with Lebanon. We were driving north in the car of Eitan Oren, the Kibbutz head of security, when a car approaching us from behind caught his attention in the rear view mirror. He said, “Someone who doesn't belong here is following us in a black Mercedes. We have to report this to the authorities. Quick, get a picture of the car and license plate.” Just then the

Mercedes turned off onto a side road, did a quick U-turn and sped away south. We tried to follow it but it got away. Our driver made a phone call to report the unauthorized car. Later that day during the tour he informed us that Israeli security found the mysterious car which had crashed getting away from us. We knew before coming to Israel that we'd have great memories, but we never could have guessed it would be like a scene from a James Bond or John le Carré movie! ☆



Do you have a “tale of travel” you'd like to share? We'd love to hear it!

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.



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.

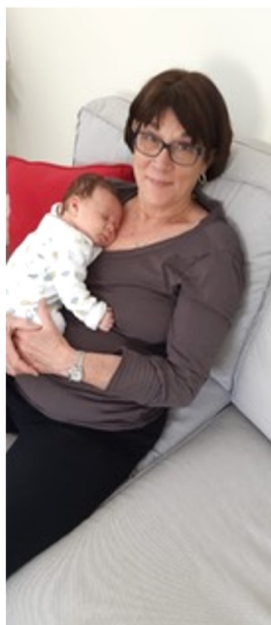
A Letter From... Israel

Dear CEEW family,

After experiencing *bidud* / quarantine, I certainly have appreciated my freedom in this *Zeman Cherutani* (Season of Freedom). Passover certainly was extremely meaningful this year for me celebrating with my United States daughters in-laws while in Netanya. We shared the readings and songs together both in Hebrew and English and although I was 6,000 miles from Wisconsin, the Seder was very familiar, with many of the familiar melodies. What was different was the presence of *kitniot*, the rice products that the Mizrahi or Sephardic Jews are allowed to eat on Pesach. There is a wide variety of kosher for Pesach products in the grocery stores, and the non-Pesach products are covered up with white paper.



While days consist mostly of helping my Israeli daughter and son-in-law with their new baby, housekeeping and cooking, I have found time in the early morning to hike along the beaches of Netanya. I've found many washed up jellyfish along with a wide diversity of Israelis: religious Jews praying—both men and women in quiet locations on the beach or facing the ocean. What a perfect place to say the *Modeh Ani* prayer. Many dog lovers are walking their dogs, people are running or surfing or playing *matkot*, a type of paddleball. Arab families gather together and laugh and eat. The elderly couples are arm in arm. I hear Russian, French and Hebrew spoken. When I run into a native English speaker, they seem grateful to speak and often share jokes and anecdotes with me. Most people share a Shalom with me, including a friendly Jehovah witness who proselytized to me on the steps up to the beach promenade.








My basic Hebrew is largely deficient in successfully accomplishing administrative tasks without assistance. With family help, I applied for my *Teudat Zehut*, the biometric identity card. However, opening a bank account was much more difficult. Only after trying three different banks was I successful. (This is a long story.) A bank account here is needed so the government can deposit a stipend or *Sal Klita* into the account each month for 6 months. I have already been issued my health card for my *Kupat Cholim* — the health care system — and visited the English-speaking doctor from Canada. He was able to issue me a letter that stated I had my vaccinations completed in the US. It is important here to have a “green passport” to eat indoors at restaurants and stay at hotels. So far, even with family help of Hebrew speakers, I have not been able to accomplish this task.

Administrative headaches aside, I still consider it a miracle that I am here, especially to help my daughter and son-in-law with their new baby, Aviv, as well as fulfilling my dream to live in the land of Israel. Hopefully, I will be traveling back to Wisconsin in the coming summer.

All the best, *Kol tov*,
Deb Hacker



SHABBAT CANDLE May 7, 7:44 pm; May 14, 7:52 pm;
LIGHTING TIMES: May 21, 7:59 pm; May 28, 8:05 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Iyar 19 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Emor
2 Iyar 20 Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	3 Iyar 21	4 Iyar 22 Hebrew School, Level 2 Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.	5 Iyar 23 Hebrew School, Level 2 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. Book Club, 1:30-3 p.m.	6 Iyar 24	7 Iyar 25 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	8 Iyar 26 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Behar-Bechukotai
9 Iyar 27 Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	10 Iyar 28 Yom Yerushalayim Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. June Bulletin content deadline	11 Iyar 28 Hebrew School, Level 2 Hebrew School, Level 3, 5:30 p.m. Sisterhood program	12 Sivan 1 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Hebrew School, Level 2 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	13 Sivan 2	14 Sivan 3 5th-8th grade Shabbat service, Cantor-led, 7 p.m.	15 Sivan 4 Adult Hebrew Class, 10 a.m. Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Bamidbar
16 Sivan 5 Last day of Religious School, 9:30 a.m. Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m. Shavuot program	17 Sivan 6 1st Day of Shavuot	18 Sivan 7 2nd Day of Shavuot Yizkor Service, 7 p.m.	19 Sivan 8 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	20 Sivan 9	21 Sivan 10 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	22 Sivan 11 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m. Adult Education end- of-year program  Nasso
23 Sivan 12 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	24 Sivan 13	25 Sivan 14	26 Sivan 15 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	27 Sivan 16	28 Sivan 17 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	29 Sivan 18 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Beha'alotcha
30 Sivan 19 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	31 Sivan 20					

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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.