



Kol Emanu-El

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CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WAUKESHA
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Reopening Guidelines for the Synagogue

By Mark Levy

The preservation of everyone's health and safety is perhaps Judaism's most important mitzvah. Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha (CEEW) continues to follow the guidance from our COVID Task Force, Waukesha County and Wisconsin State Public Health Departments, and the CDC regarding restrictions and conditions for in-person services and events.

Recent CDC guidelines say that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance, and air purification systems were installed at the end of June. These developments provide the confidence we need to begin reopening.

In our reopening survey, a large majority of congregants asked that masks be required for those who have not been vaccinated. Since not everyone is vaccinated and there is no way to effectively verify vaccination status, we strongly urge non-vaccinated individuals (including children) to wear masks in our building and maintain a distance from others. Vaccinated congregants may continue to wear masks if they wish.

- ◆ The main sanctuary will have seats set normally. Seats in the rear are easier to move. They will be set up to allow distancing between family groups.
- ◆ Mask-wearing and distancing especially benefit those people with immunocompromised conditions so that they have extra protection in addition to vaccinations. We know the vaccine does not completely prevent contracting the virus, but it is very effective at preventing severe disease and hospitalizations. Continuing to mask and distance is prudent and will allow for us to safely enjoy each other's presence indoors.

- ◆ For the time being, there will be a sign-in sheet at the main entrance to be used for contact tracing in the event that anyone attending a service or program gets sick. Everyone coming into our building will be required to sign in.
- ◆ The risk is much lower with outdoor services and programming. Masks will be encouraged outside, but not required, even for non-vaccinated attendees. Those who care to will be allowed to practice social distancing.
- ◆ For any service or program, no person with any symptoms of illness (even mild) will be allowed to attend in person. All events, where possible, will continue to be available via Zoom or live-stream.

Religious School and Midweek Hebrew policies are still being discussed. Since children under 12 are not currently eligible for vaccination, decisions still need to be made about mask-wearing at school. Our goal is to make it so that all families are comfortable with sending their children to class and other temple members are not concerned about attending any function where they might be around children who are not vaccinated. But we recognize that it may not be possible to alleviate everyone's concerns. As stated, we will offer Zoom or some other live-stream as much as possible for those who do not want to participate in-person or are symptomatic in any way.

We will be vigilant in monitoring recommendations/guidelines and update our policies in conjunction with best practices. We want to thank you for your cooperation as we partner together to maintain a safe and healthy atmosphere for everyone at CEEW. ✨



“Acts of kindness never die. They linger in the memory, giving life to other acts in return.”

— Jonathan Sacks, in *From Optimism to Hope*

June 4 Picnic Shabbat



It was a nice evening Shabbat for many reasons: we were outside, we were together and everyone enjoyed a wonderful Friday night service with Cantor Martin. It was held at Horeb Park which is just down the road from CEEW. Everyone brought their own dinner from sushi to salads to sandwiches. And we were treated to some homemade apple Challah, which has become member Tom Braatz's signature baking experience. With a July and August picnic shabbat on the schedule, all members are encouraged to try one of these special Friday nights...hope to see you then. Bring a chair, bring a cushion, bring a friend and bring your dinner!

— words and photos by Adrian Richfield





Planning for a sweet new year? See page 14 for information on our honey fundraiser. Order by July 7 to avoid shipping fees!

Guest Editorial: Awakening

By Sydney Small

“...I’ll walk with you; I’ll hold your hand.”

I will always remember those words, the first words of allyship to me as a baby Queer. They were powerful words that rang in my head, and filled me with so many emotions. I remember my sweaty palm as I clutched the phone. I paced back and forth in my room, one ear focused on that voice and the other listening for the clatter of the household back door, which would alert me of an incoming adult. While I don’t recall now where my mother went, I do know that I waited until her departure to reach out with the phone call that took all of my courage to make. I was in high school, and just beginning to come out as — at that time — bi. No one knew. I did not have the wisdom then, to realize that it wouldn’t have mattered to my parents — they would have accepted and loved me regardless. I only knew that I had liked people labeled girls from a very young age, and had little interest in people labeled boys, though they were not out of the question altogether. I have no recollection of how I found the phone number which

led me to that voice, but I persisted. When I heard those words, I broke down in heavy tears, moved by the speaker’s concern and overcome with so many feelings.

As a shy, neurodivergent child with sensory issues, I could be easily overwhelmed. The combination of that and my growing awareness of myself were overpowering. I remember so wanting to go to my first PrideFest, which I knew was happening soon. The event, however, would be taking place in an area of the city that I had no way to access. Difficulty with directions, maps and oral instructions meant I did not know how to take the bus, and I would not learn to drive until after college. So, what I had was that voice, of one of the most prominent local figures in the community at that time. Someone who was also Jewish, and a lesbian. Controversial as well, which I learned later. “If you can get here, I’ll walk with you, I’ll hold your hand,” she said. *‘Hineni’* – I AM HERE. Words that can mean the world to someone who has yet to find anyone else like them.

Queer folx are still here. We are here remember-



Jewish Pride flags used by A Wider Bridge, founded in 2010 to provide support and opportunities for LGBTQ people in North America. The new, more inclusive, flag is above.



If you would like to contribute a guest editorial to a future issue, please contact Elizabeth Lamb at bulletin@waukeshatemple.org.

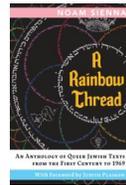
ing Pulse. We are here because the first Prides were retaliation against oppression. Black and brown trans folk led the way, paving a path forward to current acts of resistance.

In 1969, activists and sex workers of color Marsha P. Johnson and Silvia Rivera refused to be intimidated and assaulted by local police who continually raided what was to become the legendary Stonewall Inn in New York City. The Mafia-controlled bar was a local hotspot for people in the LGBTQI community, as it was one of the few places that would let people in. It was a place of refuge for queer youth who had been thrown out for being who they were; it sustained sex workers when there were no other possibilities, especially for workers of color. Stonewall sheltered the forgotten and the outcasts; the hustlers and the misfits – people who did not conform to the gender roles, stereotypes and other expectations of the day.

The initial protest at Stonewall by queens, gender nonconforming and queer people led to a three-day standoff and the eventual Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade, which was so named for the bar's location. This parade was organized a month after Stonewall by Bronx-born feminist and bisexual activist Brenda Howard. Before Stonewall, there were the 1966 Compton Cafeteria Riots in San Francisco. Compton's was a place where trans people, drag queens and streetwalkers gathered for coffee and also engaged in what was necessary to survive. The late night hangout was where they could openly be themselves – but as in other locations, they were often subjected to harassment, attack and criminal charges of "female impersonation." One fed-up queen threw a cup of coffee in an officer's face that fateful night at Compton's. According to an article in NPR's "Code Switch," the action at Compton's was "...the first known instance of collective militant queer resistance to police harassment in United States history." As Stonewall attests, it certainly wasn't the last. Many more parades and other actions followed. Eventually more bars and clubs flourished, including Pulse – the scene of both such promise and such tragedy.

From June 5th through June 12th, 2021, the OnePULSE Foundation — which hopes to create a memorial and museum to honor victims and survivors — hosted sever-

New Releases in Jewish LGBTQ Literature



A Rainbow Thread: An Anthology of Queer Jewish Texts from the First Century to 1969 by Noam Sienna is available (\$24.99) at printcraftpress.com, where you can download the table of contents.



Mishkan Ga'avah: Where Pride Dwells, edited by Rabbi Denise Eger, is available (\$14.95) from ccarpres.org, where you can download a free study guide.

al events in remembrance of the 49 souls killed at the club because of who they were.

I have been thinking a lot about those folk, wondering if their families of origin were like mine and cherished them regardless of their gender identity, gender presentation and/or sexual orientation. I can only hope that was the case for many.

I never did get to Pride that day. My mother came home and I simply panicked; the words "I have to go" could barely escape my lips as I fumbled with the phone and the startling sound of her knock on my bedroom door. I frantically tried to hang up the receiver, dry my eyes and appear nonchalant, all at the same time. I think she may have asked me what I was doing, without opening my door. I also think I said something as unassuming as "nothing" – a typical teen refrain.

What I was feeling, though, was far from nothing. It was the cusp of awareness and identity and eventually led me to attend Pride for the first time, as an adult. It was also the beginning of a journey — a gift from my queer ancestors Sylvia Rivera, Marsha P. Johnson, Brenda Howard, Harvey Milk and all the others whose names we may never know. We do know their courage.

We who are queer, trans, gender nonconforming, genderqueer, nonbinary, transmasc and transfemme; we who are radical faeries, bi, lesbian, Two-Spirit and so many other identities – we know. We have always been here and will not be erased. May the memories of the 49 and all who have gone before, be a blessing. Whether it is officially Pride Month or not, may we always celebrate who we are. HAPPY PRIDE, all! ✨



Breaking news: CEEW has been awarded an MJF grant to upgrade its WiFi capabilities! Look for more details in the September Bulletin.

Serving the Holy One through Song

I am thrilled, overjoyed, excited, and slightly terrified to become the Sole (Soul) Spiritual Leader of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha! Everyone I have met from CEEW both virtually and in person has been friendly and welcoming, and I look forward to meeting all of you in person. I grew up and was an undergraduate in the San Francisco Bay area, and I have lived the past 21 years in the Northeast, but I will soon begin a new brand adventure with you in the Milwaukee area.

I am often asked by people, “When did you decide to become a Cantor?” Here’s the quick answer: Looking back on my life, I believe I was always meant to be a Cantor. I was blessed with a good singing voice from childhood, and I attended religious school faithfully because I *loved* singing in the junior choir of Temple Emanu-El of San Jose, CA. During the *oneg* following a service when the choir sang, many of the *bubbies* would say, “Oy! Such a voice! You should be a Cantor when you grow up!” I thanked them for the compliment and said, “Maybe I will be.” But I knew our Cantor was a full-time attorney, so I assumed that being a Cantor was something you did on the

weekends and the High Holidays.

I can vividly remember the first Friday night song session during the first summer I attended UAHC Camp Swig in Saratoga, CA. Singing in the junior choir at home was fun, but camp singing was radically different from the music of my Classical Reform temple! The intensity and passion of a Swig song session was overwhelming, and I immediately knew that I wanted to be a part of this! I went home with the record album of camp songs, which blessedly included a chordster, and I started to learn to play the guitar. I later attended the Camp Swig session specifically designed to train song leaders, I became a song leader for local NFTY [North American Federation for Temple Youth] events, and I began accompanying the junior choir at my temple.

Every summer during college I was a camp counselor and song leader, and during the school year I taught Jewish music in local religious schools. While working at one of these local congregations, I was asked by their Cantor what my plans were after I graduated. I replied that I had no idea. He asked me, “Have you ever thought



CANTOR MARTIN LEVSON

From the Spiritual Leader’s Desk

about becoming a Cantor?” He then told me about the graduate program in Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College, and how being a Cantor was now much more than something you only did on the weekends. I came to understand that becoming a Cantor would combine multiple passions of mine: Judaism, music, history, and teaching. After some loving but insistent urging from my future wife, Sheri, I applied and was accepted to the Cantorial program at HUC. The rest, as they say, is history. I’ll tell you some of that history in future bulletin articles!

I passionately believe that 21st century American Reform Judaism must fully engage the body, heart, mind and soul, in times of great happiness and great sorrow, and at all times between these extremes.

I have therefore taken the words from two Psalms as my personal mottos. From Psalm 23, “Gam Ki Eylech... – Yea, though I walk...” and from Psalm 100, “Ivdu et Hashem B’simcha – Serve the Holy One with JOY!” ✨



**“He gives little who gives with a frown; he gives much who gives little with a smile.”
— The Talmud**

The summer camp experience

July and August are the “dog days of summer,” and for our students and teachers it means vacation, time away from school, homework, sitting at a desk and thinking long and hard. I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall and hearing how you took time for yourself to enjoy Wisconsin’s summer – my favorite season!

Last summer was a huge disappointment for everyone. However, it was especially disappointing for our students who were looking forward to their summer plans. Some were planning on going to overnight camp and some were going to Israel.

This summer is incredibly exciting for some of our students who get to go to overnight camp. Ava Koszarek and Julia Christian will be going to Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) which is described on its website as: “its roots [are in]: openness, inclusivity, sensitivity, Jewish tradition, and the belief that we are all *B’tzelem Elohim* – created in God’s image. OSRUI is a place where each community member is safe, able to enjoy all that we have to offer, and has the opportunity to become the best versions of themselves. OSRUI is rooted in a long history and rich traditions of excellence. A second home to more than 1000 campers and staff each summer, our community comes together to experience the fun and magic of Jewish camping. For 70 years, the OSRUI Community has created a fun, supportive environment where campers can explore, challenge themselves,

and develop their passions.” I am super excited for these girls to experience camp for themselves!

Henry Mandel-Cornale is going to Camp Interlaken which is described on its website as: “a community that lives on well beyond the two- or four-week session that a camper lives at camp. Lessons learned here about yourself based on choice, skill development and celebration of your accomplishments last a lifetime. Interlaken is a place where everybody is welcome, everybody is accepted, and everybody is a star. [Its] family extends across the 500 campers entering 3rd – 10th grade as the entire camp joins together to create one big *mishpacha* (family). [Interlaken’s] backyard is a place where [campers] develop skills, build self-esteem, and become better versions of [them]selves through Jewish values, well-planned *chugim* (activities), interactive evening programs, and meaningful relationships.”

All of these students are going to get an experience of a lifetime. Overnight camp is something that cannot be replicated in the classroom, at home or in any other place on earth. The friendships and life experiences which take place at camp make lifelong memories and have a profound impact on a child’s life. I look forward to hearing about these students’ experiences with meeting Jewish peers, experiencing prayer and living a Jewish life as if it is “normal.” I encourage you to ask



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director’s Desk

them also about their experiences the next time you see them at a temple program.

As August approaches, education directors across the country are preparing to return to school and are looking to create the best classroom experiences possible. While these experiences are not the same as camp, they will also have a lifelong impact on our student’s Jewish identity. Education consists of not only curriculum and materials but the people who are the educators.

Many people do not consider themselves as educators because they have not been formally trained as a teacher. However, many people in our community are very knowledgeable and have a lot to offer our students. If you have any interest in sharing your personal wealth of knowledge, whether it’s your passion for Israel, Jewish history, Jewish culture, Jewish music or something else, the school is looking for you to substitute in the school and/or teach a class. To take the first step of coming forward to share with me what you could bring to the school, please call me at (847) 951-5274 or email me at eddirector@waukeshatemple.org.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall for the “*chagim*” - *Rosh HaShanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*. ✨



Religious school begins again on Sunday, September 19. Teachers and substitutes are welcome. Call Carrie Barbakoff at 847-951-5274 to learn more.

Thank you, Cantor Martin!

We gathered at Fox River Park on June 27 to celebrate, honor, and hug Deborah Martin for her six years of service as CEEW's spiritual leader. As we laughed, cried, reminisced and made scrapbook pages, the sun came out to put its touch on a memorable afternoon. Garrett Waite and friend provided live music. Photos by Marcy Hotz and Adrian Richfield.



For a sweet retirement!



Cantor Martin was presented with a replica of our new Magen David, a CEEW Cantor Emeritus proclamation, a delicious cake, and the marker for her own special parking space.





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

It has been an honor serving as the Sisterhood Co-President for these last two years. I have loved my time on the board surrounded by wonderful women. I will always be thankful for the many opportunities this position provided to me both for personal growth, and for leadership.

I wish everyone an amazing summer filled with warm sunshine and fresh air.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming details of the annual meeting in August. An email blast will be sent to Sisterhood members.

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

By the time this bulletin is delivered to your mailbox the CEEW Sisterhood's "FEEDING THE HUNGRY" drive will be over. We will not have the results for this food drive, but we will report them in the next bulletin.

Thank you again to everyone who has been a part of the



"FEEDING THE HUNGRY" Tikkun Olam project. We hope that your thoughts of those less fortunate will remain.

CEEW Sisterhood Membership and the Annual Meeting

This past year has been a strange one in many ways, including how the CEEW Sisterhood has functioned. Our hope was to keep us connected through virtual programming, Tikkun Olam and the Sisterhood Shabbat, but we all know that that real connection of the Sisterhood is through our physical connections and of course the food!

Dues were suspended during the 2020-2021, and we invited all of the women in the Congregation to join us. We hope that all of you will continue to be a part of us and support our efforts within the congregation and the greater community.

The CEEW Sisterhood Board is hoping that the Annual CEEW Sisterhood meeting will be in-person in August. We are working on planning the meeting and will keep you informed via email blasts. Everyone who has shown interest this year are welcome to join us for the election of our new officers and the farewell to the old board. We expect that this year the program will be more about being together again as opposed to a formal program.

All households received the CEEW Sisterhood Brochure for membership as a part of their CEEW Dues mailing. But just in-case you missed it, here is the information on CEEW Sisterhood membership.

Remember, without you we are one member short!
SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Rachel – Temple Member - \$36
- Leah - \$54
- Rebecca - \$108
- Sarah - \$180
- Non-Temple Member - \$54

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

Mazel Tov

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ANNIVERSARIES

- **Joe and Barb Dailey** celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on July 2.
- **Steve and Ann Merkow** celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary on July 2.
- **Mike and Anita Ward** celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on July 2.
- **Illene and Patrick Jauquet** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 3.
- **Jonathan and Nicole Ogden** will celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary on July 3.
- **Bill and Jan Lowell** will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on July 25.
- **Ellen Lem and Trevor Huskey** will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary on August 6.
- **Jack and Elaine Goldberg** will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on August 25.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Zack Jauquet** celebrates his 18th birthday on July 2.
- **Deb Hacker** celebrates a birthday on July 5.
- **Adrian Richfield** celebrates a birthday on July 8.
- **Jan Lowell** celebrates a birthday on July 10.
- **Ann Meyers** celebrates a birthday on July 15.
- **Sharon Levy**, daughter of Mark and Cindy Levy, celebrates her 25th birthday on July 17.
- **Barb Dailey** celebrates a birthday on July 22.
- **June Kulakow and Sandy Villa** share a birthday on July 24.
- **Taylor Ogden**, daughter of Jonathan and Nicole Ogden, celebrates her 8th birthday on July 27.
- **Ardis Horwich** celebrates a birthday on July 29.
- **Mike Cummins** celebrates a birthday on August 7.
- **Evelyn Anson**, daughter of Doug and Sara Anson, celebrates her 4th birthday on August 9.
- **Carrie Barbakoff** celebrates a birthday on August 12.
- **Bill Lowell** celebrates a birthday on August 17.
- **Steve Merkow and Phil Schuman** share a birthday on August 18.
- **Elaine Goldberg** celebrates a birthday on August 23.
- **Denise Stodola** celebrates a birthday on August 26.

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

IN MEMORY OF

- **Lee Fensin**
Donation from Gordon Lookatch
- **Sidney Kalstein**
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- **Nate Kraines**
Donations from Marcy and James Hotz, Alice Lambie, Chris and John Persa, and Peter and Arlene Shelley
- **Milton Kulakow**
Donation from June Kulakow

- **Nancy Harris Rocamora**
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APRIL DONATION NOTE

Contributions to the CEEW mortgage payment from Barb and Joe Dailey, Jack and Elaine Goldberg, and Ann and Alan Meyers were made in memory of Nate Kraines.



Contact temple administrator **Brigette Unger** 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



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Tamuz / Av (July)

Beral Cohodes: Friday, July 2; Tamuz 22
Father of Marshall Cohodes

William A. Cummens: Saturday, July 24
Father of Dr. Michael (Nancy) Cummens

Sara Edelstein: Thursday, July 1; Tamuz 21
Mother of Jeff (Maggie) Edelstein

Edward Frisch: Saturday, July 10; Av 1
Observed by the congregation

Samuel Gottlieb: Thursday, July 22; Av 13
Grandfather of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Cyril Gross: Wednesday, July 14
Brother of Gloria Meyers, Uncle of Alan (Ann) Meyers

Harriette Hirsch: Wednesday, July 14
Mother of John Hirsch

Sima Kotkin: Tuesday, July 6; Tamuz 26
Mother of Mike (Peggy) Kotkin

Max Levin: Wednesday, July 14; Av 5
Uncle of Mark (Cindy) Levy

Stanley Levin: Thursday, July 29; Av 20
Uncle of Mark (Cindy) Levy

Maxine Lowell: Friday, July 9
Mother of Bill (Jan) Lowell

Dorothea Mack: Wednesday, July 14; Av 5
Observed by the congregation

Pamela Musickant: Saturday, July 10
Cousin of Barbara (Gregory) Zacher

Florence Adashek Parks: Friday, July 30; Av 21
Great Aunt of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Max Rich: Wednesday, July 28; Av 19
Grandfather of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Charlotte Schuman: Thursday, July 1; Tamuz 21
Mother of Philip (Mary) Schuman

David Schuman: Friday, July 23; Av 14
Father of Philip (Mary) Schuman

CONGREGATION



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



Over the summer, some online events may also be held in person. Watch your email for information about how CEEW's events will be held safely.

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Av / Elul (August)

Hank Allen: Thursday, August 12
Father of Patricia Allen-Brickman

Lily Brill: Wednesday, August 18; Elul 10
Mother of Sara (Kristopoher) Schimmel

Herman Daitch: Sunday, August 22; Elul 14
Grandfather of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Khaya Drubinskaya: Friday, August 13; Elul 5
Grandmother of Irene (Robert) Elkin

Robert Figatner: Sunday, August 29
Grandfather of Ardis Horwich

Sandra Fischmar: Sunday, August 15
Cousin of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Grete Hahn: Saturday, August 28; Elul 20
Mother of Elly (Nate) Kraines

Daniel Alan Israel: Wednesday, August 18; Elul 10
Brother of Ann Klein

Noah Kagan: Saturday, August 21; Elul 13
Grandfather of Robert (Irene) Elkin

Jonathan Lorber: Monday, August 9
Observed by the congregation

Mildred Lustig: Friday, August 20
Grandmother of Jan (Bill) Lowell

Kent Martin: Saturday, August 21; Elul 13
Husband of Julie Baum

Hyman Merkow: Wednesday, August 11; Elul 3
Grandfather of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Riva Merkow: Sunday, August 15; Elul 7
Mother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Tom O'Neil: Wednesday, August 25; Elul 17
Husband of Carol O'Neil

Samuel Rothman: Monday, August 30; Elul 22
Observed by the congregation

Jessie Steinberg: Thursday, August 19; Elul 11
Grandmother of Rick Steinberg

Joseph Steinberg: Thursday, August 12; Elul 4
Grandfather of Rick Steinberg

Rosetta Sweed: Tuesday, August 17
Mother of Laurie Schwartz

Bertram Weiss: Thursday, August 5; Av 27
Father of Ed Weiss



May G-d comfort you
among all the mourners
of Zion and Jerusalem.



“If a man has knowledge, he has all things; if he has no knowledge, he has nothing.”
— The Talmud

A year (or a few) later....

By Adrian Richfield

After almost three years of studying, learning Hebrew, practicing and preparing, the six adult learners will finally have their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs which was originally set for last August. Cantor Martin has been so patient and helpful in her teachings that we all feel this will be a special spiritual event as we read from the Torah on Saturday, August 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha.

All congregants are welcome to attend to this Satur-

day morning Shabbat service as we receive our tallits, read from the Torah and celebrate this important Jewish event albeit many years after the young people who have done this at their Jewish coming of age. Our average age is well above the usual 12/13 years old for this event!

A light lunch will be served in our social hall following the service. All protocols for respecting the ongoing COVID pandemic will be followed and, of course, this could change as the summer progresses. ☆



From left to right: Denise Stodola, Joe Dailey, Adrian Richfield, Laurie Schwartz, Elizabeth Lamb and Marcy Hotz.



CEEW Dining Group Restarts!

The CEEW Dining Group will have its first outing on **Saturday, July 10th** with a visit to Mitchell's Restaurant at Brookfield Square. Only a few openings are left so contact Elly Kraines if you are interested.

The group plans to go to Parkside 23 in Brookfield on **Saturday, August 14th**. To sign up or get more information, again contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com).



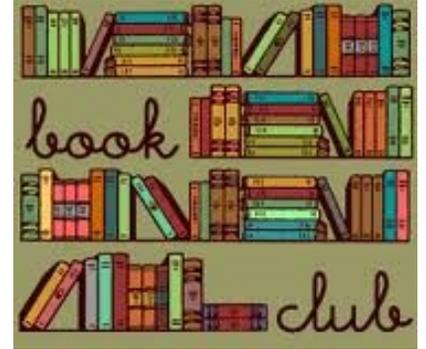


COMING SOON: *An Observant Wife*, the sequel to the 2020 novel *An Unorthodox Match* by Naomi Ragen, will be released on September 14. Pre-order through at smile.amazon.com and donate to our congregation!

CEEW Book Club Summer Information

The book club members still read in the summer but do not meet as a group. They do get together in July to share their favorite books of the recent months and pick which ones will be on the book club reading list for the upcoming year. In 2021-22, beginning in September, the book club will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 in the afternoon.

If you are interested in joining the book club for next year or attending the summer meeting for book selection, please contact Diana Stroshine to be added to the list (Email: DStroshine@hotmail.com).



Summer SHABBAT SERVICES

JULY 2	7 p.m.:	Cantor Levson's first CEEW Shabbat service
JULY 9	7 p.m.:	Picnic Shabbat
JULY 16	7 p.m.:	Cantor-led service
JULY 23	7 p.m.:	Cantor-led service
JULY 30	7 p.m.:	Member-led service
AUGUST 6	7 p.m.:	Member-led service
AUGUST 16	7 p.m.:	Picnic Shabbat
AUGUST 20	7 p.m.:	Cantor-led service
AUGUST 27	7 p.m.:	Cantor-led service

These services (except for the July 9 and August 16 picnic Shabbat services) will be available online. See the Temple website for updates and instructions on how to view them online. If conditions permit, we may begin the transition to in-person services in the temple. The online option will remain for those who are feeling unwell or who cannot receive the COVID vaccination. Watch your email for details of this transition.

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A Letter From... Israel

Dear CEEW family,

My Netanya is a noisy, busy city of 210,000 or so Israelis (with about 30 percent of those being immigrants). The city is a crowded place, filled with the sounds of adults and children, construction equipment, traffic, hedge trimmers, mynah birds, parrots, crows, dogs and cats.

I was not prepared for the recognizable but yet unheard sound of the air raid siren on the first night of the 11-day conflict called in English "Guardian of the Walls." I was about to leave our daughter and son-in-law's apartment at about 9:00pm. My family stared at each other in bewilderment as we heard the air raid sirens go off. This happened twice. We then heard the booming of the Iron Dome. We took cover in a inner hallway, as the building had no *mamad* (safe room). I felt a bit nervous until I heard the distant booming of the Iron Dome intercepting the rockets (which were in Tel Aviv, we later learned). I felt sad as I saw my 3 month old grandson Aviv being cradled in my daughter's arms knowing that the terror organizations of Hamas (and Hizbollah at other times) are bent on Israel's destruction. That night I felt a sense of solidarity unknown to me before -- I became a "True Israeli."

While Netanya experienced only one night of sirens and no rocket fire, I was bombarded by the reports on my phone app Telegram/ Israel Defense Force/ English going off notifying me of red alerts and missiles every few minutes during the day and night of the rocket launches, as well as other grim and unsettling information.

Schools were cancelled and public gatherings forbidden. Beaches were closed. I observed military helicopters fly up and down the coast. Every one I spoke to was also worried and saddened by the Israeli civilian violence in cities known for their coexistence, such as Acco and Jaffa. Online *Tehillim* (Psalm) readings took place.

The mood of the country was tense but functioning; the news brought much anxiety especially on the TV, and I was so relieved when the conflict ended.

However, life here returned to normal very quickly. I believe that Israelis are amazingly resilient.

During the conflict, we took a breather beach vacation in Hadera (20 miles north of Netanya) at the Ramada Hotel, which provided an excellent Israeli breakfast and relaxing beach time with the family. Many people from the south of Israel also took refuge there, including some American basketball players from the Ashkelon team. On the way home visits to relatives, including my third cousin Rucha, completed our mini vacation.

Fortunately, I take time out from grand-ma duties and pleasures and have been able to travel around Israel weekly with a professional guide. (This group of highly educated, multilingual professional is largely unemployed. My guide thanks me again and again for bringing normality to his life).

Recent travels last week took us to First Temple period sites as noted in the *Tanach* (Bible) of Zorah, Tel Azeka, Tel Bet Shemesh and Lachish -- an exquisite and accessible national park. The Philistine museum in Ashdod offered me a new perspective on the "Sea People," who are traditionally viewed as a biblical enemy of the Israelites.

This week, my talented guide and I retraced the steps of King Saul (first king of Israel) as we viewed the site of the Israel-





“Leich I’shalom – go toward peace.”

– from *Tefilat HaDerech*, the Traveler’s Prayer

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ite’s battle with the Philistines from Mt Gilboa. (First Samuel: 31).

After the Israelites’ loss in battle, the Philistines hung Saul’s body and that of his three sons in Bet Shean. This amazingly preserved and enormous site eventually became a large, multicultural pagan Roman city of the Decopolis. It was destroyed by an earthquake in 749 CE. Sadly, we were the only people at the site.

Nearby, a fellow Midwesterner and 30 year kibbutz member, Mark, led us on a tour of Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu known for its organic farming, and “bio-bee” business. They pioneered propagating bumblebees for greenhouse pollination, and propagate beneficial insects to reduce the use of pesticides the world over. This modern

Orthodox, socialist kibbutz believes in the ideals of Torah and *Avodah* (work).

Sde Eliyahu contrasted with the “Tower and Stockade” museum in Gan HaShaloshah which demonstrated one of the 52 rudimentary agricultural settlements built under the cover of darkness on JNF-purchased land during the period of 1936-1939. These primitive structures would eventually become the *kibbutzim* of today. Next week we travel north again but this time to the Sea of Galilee!



I will be returning to the US on June 27, G-d willing, and will miss the goodbye party for Cantor Martin. Hope you are all well and have a good time celebrating together.

My plan going forward will be to spend six months of the year (the winter!) in Israel as a requirement of citizenship and enjoy the inclusiveness of life in Israel as well as the benefits of being with our daughter, son-in-law and grandson.

All the best, *Kol tov*,
Deb Hacker



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

July 2, 8:17 pm; July 9, 8:15 pm;
July 16, 8:11 pm; July 23, 8:06 pm; July 30, 7:58 pm

5781 2021		JULY					TAMUZ / AV	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
				1 Tamuz 21	2 Tamuz 22 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	3 Tamuz 23  Pinchas		
4 Tamuz 24 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	5 Tamuz 25	6 Tamuz 26 Sisterhood program (TBA)	7 Tamuz 27	8 Tamuz 28	9 Tamuz 29 Picnic Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	10 Av 1 Rosh Chodesh Av Dining Group, 5:30 p.m. 		
11 Av 2 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	12 Av 3 Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.	13 Av 4	14 Av 5	15 Av 6	16 Av 7 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	17 Av 8  Devarim		
18 Av 9 Tish'a B'Av Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	19 Av 10	20 Av 11	21 Av 12	22 Av 13	23 Av 14 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	24 Av 15 Tu B'Av  Vaetchanan		
25 Av 16 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	26 Av 17	27 Av 18	28 Av 19	29 Av 20	30 Av 21 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	31 Av 22  Eikev		

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August 6, 7:49 pm; August 13, 7:39 pm;
August 20, 7:29 pm; August 27, 7:17 pm

5781 2021		AUGUST					AV / ELUL
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Av 23 Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.	2 Av 24	3 Av 25	4 Av 26	5 Av 27	6 Av 28 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	7 Av 29 Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Elul  Re'eh	
8 Av 30 Rosh Chodesh Elul Milo Patz Bar Mitzvah, 10:30 a.m. Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	9 Elul 1	10 Elul 2 September Bulletin content deadline	11 Elul 3	12 Elul 4 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	13 Elul 5 Picnic Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	14 Elul 6 Molly Schmidt Bat Mitzvah, 10:30 a.m. Dining Group, 5:30 p.m. 	
15 Elul 7 Sisterhood annual meeting Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	16 Elul 8 Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.	17 Elul 9	18 Elul 10	19 Elul 11	20 Elul 12 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	21 Elul 13 Adult B'Nei Mitzvah, 10:30 a.m.  Ki Titzei	
22 Elul 14 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	23 Elul 15	24 Elul 16	25 Elul 17	26 Elul 18	27 Elul 19 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	28 Elul 20 Leil Selichot  Ki Tavo	
29 Elul 21 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	30 Elul 22	31 Elul 23					

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