

The Mortgage That Is No More!

By Laurie Schwartz and Alan Meyers

In 1960 the members of CEEW saw a need for a permanent home for the reform Jewish community of Waukesha. At that time the fathers of both Laurie Sweed Schwartz and Steve Merkow personally guaranteed the loan.

Since then, CEEW has not been without a monthly payment for the mortgage/business loan. With interest rates at historic lows, Alan Meyer spoke with our bank earlier this year about lowering our interest rate. As our loan was technically a business loan rather than a mortgage, refinancing did not make financial sense.

Each year we were paying \$9,771 in payments, which was money that could be better used elsewhere. Treasurer Alan Meyer, president Laurie Schwartz and immediate past president Ann Meyer met to come up with a plan to retire the 60 year old loan. They decided to do a quiet directed drive to quickly pay off the loan. Additionally, donors were told that any funds collected over the amount of the loan would be used to help with Cantor Levson's moving costs of \$5,000. Any amount over that would be directed to our Endowment Fund.

Not only was the loan balance of \$46,135 paid off, but approximately half of Cantor Levson's moving expenses were also raised.

Although this helps our budget, it does not *balance* it. If you were not contacted in this



drive, please consider helping out in other ways such as adopt a bill, general donations or a donation to the endowment fund. Additional monies raised will be greatly appreciated. Send any additional funds to our treasurer, Alan Meyers. ★

Thank you to the following members who generously helped with donations: Nancy and Mike Cummins, Joseph and Barb Dailey, Jack and Elaine Goldberg, Michael Goldstone, Deborah and Richard Hacker, Ann Klein, Mark and Cindy Levy, Steven and Ann Merkow, Alan and Ann Meyers, Adrian Richfield, Laurie Schwartz and Aaron Sulman.



The CEEW Dining Group plans to restart with an outing on July 10. Contact Elly Kraines at ellyanna340@gmail.com to get on the dining group list!

CEEW's New Magen David

By Adrian Richfield

The six-pointed Star of David is a common symbol for both Judaism and Israel. Known in Hebrew as a Magen David, geometrically it is two triangles superimposed on each other, forming the shape of a hexagram.

Many CEEW members may not have noticed that the Star of David that has been on the front of the building has been taken down and missing for many months! But, that is all about to change soon as a new one will replace the very old one. All of this is because of Peter Koszarek, husband of Becky Burris

and father of Ava and Cooper. Bernie Sandler, who is in charge of building maintenance, reached out to Pete because he does woodworking as a hobby and he volunteered to make the Temple a new Magen David.

Pete announced that it is almost finished, as he worked on it all winter in the garage, dependent on the weather. It is made of western cedar and should weather naturally but is finished with many coats of shellacking material. He modeled the new one after the old one, and it has a spiral pattern that he wove together with his woodworking skills.

The new Star of David will be put back up very soon and there will be a special dedication that members can attend. What a special gift that Pete has given CEEW, and we are so proud and thankful to him for all his work. We will be happy to drive by the synagogue and see our Jewish symbol on the building once again. ☆



Woodworker Peter Koszarek, Photo by Adrian Richfield.



"Nature is saturated with melody; heaven and earth are full of song."

— Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

June is bustin' out all over!

Finally the weather has warmed up and I am seeing the beauty of nature all around me! Yes, June is bustin' out all over! I love going for walks with Mazel and seeing all the different colors of the trees and flowers surrounding us. Even though I am not fond of the winter months, it does make me appreciate spring and summer so much more because of the changes of the scenery. The new snow and icicles can be beautiful, but the bursting forth of new grass, leaves on the trees and flowers everywhere is just so invigorating and makes you feel close to nature and for me personally, closer to God.

We have decided to start up our Picnic Shabbats again, too! The CDC is saying that it is pretty safe to gather in small groups outside, so we will start on June 4 for a picnic Shabbat at Horeb Spring Park that I will be leading. We will also have a Zoom link for this service if you do not feel safe yet being outside for a service. I know that I, and many of us, have been fully vaccinated. Details will come in our weekly blasts about any restrictions that we might decide to have. We will meet at 6 p.m. for a "bring your own" picnic dinner and then we will start the service at 7 p.m. I look forward to



CANTOR DEBORAH MARTIN

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

seeing some of you in person there! The other Picnic Shabbats will be led by our new spiritual leader, Cantor Martin Levson, on July 9 and August 13.

I will be taking the rest of my vacation time this month to be with my child, Mika, in Olympia, WA, whom I haven't seen in a very long time because of COVID. I'll be gone from June 5 until June 17, but will be available to talk if there are any emergencies. If there are emergencies that need "in person" help, both Rabbi Adams and Rabbi Feingold have graciously agreed to help out. I will have their contact information on my "out of office" message in my email.

I will also be looking forward to seeing many of you at my retirement party on June 27. I am so honored that the congregation is throwing me a farewell party and I am looking forward to celebrating with you.

As I said in my last bulletin article, although I am leaving as your spiritual leader, I will still be around and hope to stay connected to the congregation and to all

of you. I know that you will be in great hands with Cantor Levson, and we are so fortunate to have him coming to replace me. I hope you will all make him feel very welcomed and help him as he navigates our "minhag" or customs of the way we do things here. He may want to change things, as is his prerogative, so be open to the wonderful changes he may have for you. This congregation has been so blessed throughout the years to have dedicated clergy and congregants who have kept this congregation going spiritually and financially. We have amazing volunteers who have helped us thrive through a very difficult year and a half during COVID. Hopefully we are through the worst of it and can now start seeing each other in person.

We are a small congregation, but we are mighty, and God has certainly looked down upon us with favor because of all of your contributions and help throughout the years. I send my blessings and gratitude to all of you and say "L'hitraot" – "until we meet again!"





Please join us at 7 p.m. on June 25 for Cantor Deborah Martin's last Shabbat service at CEEW. Watch your email for more details as the date draws nearer.

My Year of COVID

I would like to share my Top 13 things I have learned DURING the past year of COVID, and I challenge each of you to find the silver linings of this past year for yourself.

1

Hashem (God) is really in control, and now the whole world has experienced that...(think about it, on a dime everyone in the entire US experienced a shutdown...)

2

Shabbat has been identified in my life really as a time of "me time" where one might not only focus on not working but rather on doing things one needs to get done for oneself.

3

Grocery stores and gas stations are essential places of business (the next time someone tells you that it's not cool to work at a gas station or grocery store, ask them where they got food during a pandemic).

4

Silence, while it's a good thing, is not always a good thing when you have "too much" of it.

5

Technology is a "necessary evil."

6

Taking time for eating, grocery shopping, cooking and cleaning are all things that have to happen in order to keep healthy.

7

You learn who your real friends are, those people (friends or family) who are important no matter if you can see them in person, talk to



CARRIE BARBAKOFF

From the Education Director's Desk

them over the phone, or chat with them online. Knowing you have someone to talk to is so important.

8

Time keeps marching on no matter if you stay in your pajamas all day or none of the day.

9

Getting outside and getting fresh air is essential every day.

10

Physical proximity to one's students does make a difference when teaching (no matter what age the students are).

11

Procrastinating is a problem, because if a pandemic starts you might not get to see or buy, or do

whatever it is that you put off.

12

Don't be afraid to go to the doctor in a pandemic; they are taking precautions to ensure you don't get the spreading disease.

13

There is only one of me and I cannot be cloned. I can try to multi-task, but most things require full concentration on one task at a time to get them done quick and accurately.

Lastly, I want to end with: Cherish life, don't take things or people for granted and your senses (taste, smell, touch, hearing and sight) are all important! ✨

HELP OUR BAR MITZVAH!

Hello temple members,

I'm Milo Patz, and for my Bar Mitzvah project I want to make the world cleaner and more comfortable. So I paired with "Mercy Mats," an organization that makes mats for the homeless out of plastic shopping bags, thereby reducing waste and giving people a place to sleep.

So how can you help? Well, you save dry, clean plastic shopping bags. They should not be the thicker ones like from Sendik's, or the thin produce bags without handles. Please fold them rather than crumpling them up.

Soon, I will announce dates and times so you can drop the shopping bags off at the temple. I will turn the bags into plastic yarn, or "plarn," so it can be crocheted into mats for sleeping on.

Thank you for helping me with this project. You will also be doing a mitzvah. If you have questions, you can email me at milofcp@gmail.com or my tutor Mrs. Meyers at annsmeyers@gmail.com.

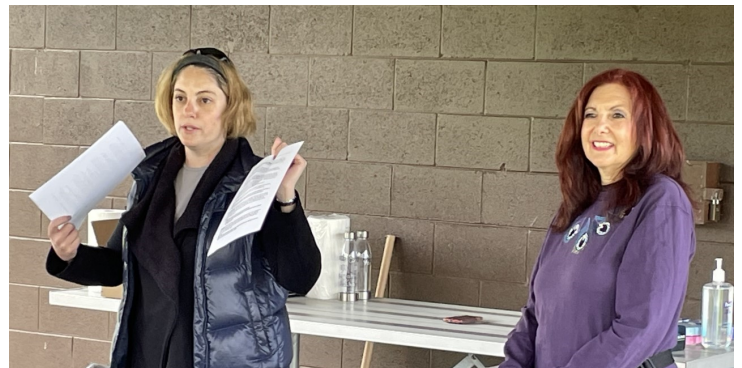
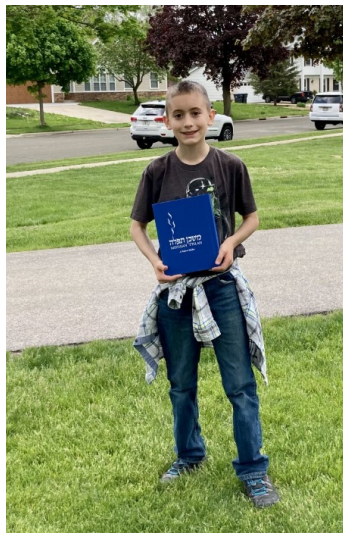
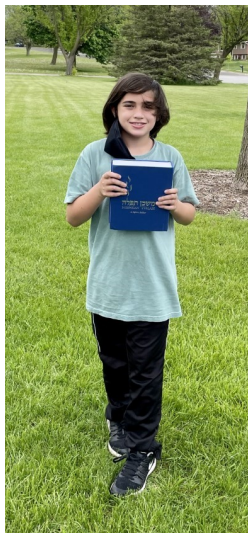




"I have faith in the Torah. I am not afraid of truth."

— Chaim Potok, *In the Beginning*

The last day of Sunday school!



Clockwise from top left: Jonah Sulman, Rylan Ecker, Carrie Barbakoff and Deborah Martin, Ava Koszarek, Julia Christian, and one cheesy guest. Not pictured: Esme Patz.



What a wonderful way to end the school year for the CEEW staff, students, parents and friends as all gathered in person at Merrill Crest Park for the final day of Jewish education for this year. Thanks to Education Director Carrie Barbakoff and Spiritual Leader Cantor Deborah Martin for all their hard work this year of Zoom, COVID and other challenges to continue our children's education.

Masks, no masks, handshakes and fist bumps plus a lot of comradery made for a very nice morning event. The class of students received their first prayer books as part of their Sunday school class. And, the best part was the sharing of delicious cheesecake in honor of Shavuot. We are all reminded how important a part of our community the Sunday school is for CEEW.

— text and photos by Adrian Richfield



"Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure."

— Jewish proverb

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 Picnic Area #1 W264 S4500 River Road, Waukesha

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



Invitations to this event were sent out in mid-May (contact markallanlevy@yahoo.com if you need one). 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 (water and soda) and dessert will be provided. You may bring your own beer or wine.

We hope that all CEEW members will come to honor Cantor Martin's service as our spiritual leader. Part of the meal cost will go towards a gift for her from the congregation.



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

This year has been unique, to say the least, but a success in many ways. We've hosted many programs via Zoom, awarded camp scholarships with proceeds from the 3rd annual Hanukkah card program, and donated to the Waukesha food pantry as part of WRJ Midwest's Tikkun Olam effort to "Feed The Hungry." We have proven yet again that we may be small, but we are mighty.

Please note the date of the Sisterhood Annual Meeting has been moved to August 15th.

We are hoping that by delaying the meeting we have a better chance of holding the meeting in person. Let's enjoy this summer and count down the days until we can gather again in person.

**From the desk of Sisterhood
Shabbat**

By Cindy Levy and Denise Stodola

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful turnout for the Sisterhood Shabbat, despite the lack of

food (although I did see a number of challahs and glasses of wine in those little Zoom boxes). We hope that everyone enjoyed the virtual singing and dancing of the Sisterhood. I can truly say that I could almost physically feel the emotions and movement through the Zoom boxes. Thank you to all the Sisterhood members who participated, and as we have been saying "Next year in the Synagogue!."

The Sisterhood board hopes that you enjoyed our inspirational guest speaker, Zabe Williams, President of the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ Midwest District). Zabe joined us by Zoom from Indiana and presented the D'Var Torah and spoke primarily on two major themes which are some of the hot topics of the day: "Gender Identity" and "Why are the Women of Reform Judaism Still Relevant Today."

Zabe spoke about the fact that gender identity does not always fit into our current linguistic and cultural binary system. While WRJ refer to their members as "women," we do not intend to exclude, but acknowledge that WRJ's focus is on the experienc-



es and perspectives of individuals who identify as women. The goal is to find ways to welcome a diversity of self-identify within the Jewish community and make the world a better place.

On the subject of why is WRJ still as relevant today as when it was created in 1913, Zabe pointed to the updated 2014 mission statement which says: "Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) strengthens the voice of women worldwide and empowers them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values." Zabe then went on to explain the agenda of what WRJ is attempting to accomplish, including:

1. Strengthening the voice of women worldwide through all of the affiliated reformed sisterhood. WRJ is represented in the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), and uses that



**"The Hebrew language will go from the synagogue to the house of study, and from the house of study to the school, and from the school it will come into the home and become a living language."
— Eliezer Ben Yehuda**

Sisterhood Happenings

voice to focus on issues directly affecting women and children.

2. Locally, WRJ Sisterhoods and Women's Groups create caring communities and experiences within their congregations. This includes programming and experiences like the Sisterhood Shabbat.
3. Globally WRJ provides learning opportunities and leadership workshops, which have become even more accessible as a result of the pandemic. In 2007 WRJ published *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* which provides a Women's perspective on the Torah. Through the YES fund, WRJ's philanthropic activity, WRJ helps to fund camp scholarships as well as scholarships for Rabbis and Cantors.
4. Although gender equality exists for many, the work is not done and WRJ continues to advocate based upon the progressive Jewish values of WRJ. WRJ is focused on social justice activities such as affordable housing, pluralism in Israel, sexual violence in schools, racial profiling,

human trafficking, paid family and medical leave.

5. Finally, WRJ continues the work started more than a century ago, the task of Tikkun Olam, repairing our broken world. Our local Sisterhood actively pursues Tikkun Olam projects under the leadership of Sandy Villa.

For these reasons WRJ remains as relevant today as it did when it was created. Thank you, Zabe, for your wisdom. We hope that all of the Women of CEEW will read these words and consider joining us.



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

As we enter the final phase of our Tikkun Olam project of collecting money for the Waukesha Food Pantry, I would like to thank all of you who participated by writing checks to our Sisterhood. To

date we've collected **\$1049** and will continue to coordinate this effort to provide food to families through the month of June.

In a recent conversation with a resource manager at the Waukesha County Food Pantry, he reminded me of the fact that many students were provided lunches at school. Once school is no longer in session, many parents will be looking to the Waukesha Food Pantry to get through the summer. On the brighter side, by mid-June local fresh fruits and vegetables will be readily available.

To those who have not participated in FEEDING THE HUNGRY, you still have a chance through the month of June. If electronic transfer of money is preferable, I can do so through Venmo. Checks made payable to CEEW SISTERHOOD can be mailed to:

CEEW SISTERHOOD
P.O. BOX 332, WAUKESHA, WI
53189

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 262-424-2263 or email at sandravilla724@gmail.com.

**YOUR GENEROSITY AND
CARING ARE MUCH APPRECIATED BY MANY!**



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: Claude Scher

By Sydney Small

Marseille is France's oldest city and its second-largest metropolis. It is also the birthplace of our new synagogue member, Claude Scher. We are glad to welcome Claude to our community.

France is not the only place Claude has seen; he also variously lived in Canada, Germany and the Ivory Coast. Like so many before him, Claude came to the United States in 1996, to pursue "...the American dream, the land of freedom and opportunity."

Claude hopes to reconnect with his Jewish heritage. His family originally hailed from a variety of European countries: Germany, Holland, Poland and France as well as the area known as Prussia. His great-grandmother and her husband were Jewish industrial owners during the First World War, and lived in Krefeld-Uerdingen, near the German city of Koeln.

When Hitler started to gain more prominence in Germany in 1932, Claude's great-grandpa had a grave sense of concern and decided to send their children to France and the UK, respectively. Tragically, almost all of the members of his family, who remained in Germany, were exterminated by the Nazis; some died in combat.

Claude's grandmother was a member of the French Resistance, and survived capture and torture by Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie. A group of resistance fighters liberated her when they attacked the camp; among them was the man who eventually married Claude's grandmother. She lived through the war and subsequently settled in France. In 1990 the German government invited Claude's grandmother back to her childhood hometown to speak to high school students about her experiences.

The post-WWII re-structuring of portions of Europe included a Four-Zone arrangement presided over by the occupying countries of the U.S., the U.K., Russia and France. Berlin was also divided into Western and Eastern sections. This arrangement allowed members of those countries to travel with a special permit, and gave Claude the opportunity to visit. He was able to see many historic places through his



Photo by Claude Scher.

grandmother's eyes; Claude even had the chance to experience the fall of the Berlin Wall during his time in Germany. Due to his family's history, his mother had strong feelings against organized religion and so institutional Judaism was not part of Claude's childhood. His mother still encouraged him and his sister to "carry the voices of the ones who perished."

Claude heard of our congregation through his friendship with Irene Elkin, whose family was involved with CEEW for some time. He hopes to learn more about many aspects of Judaism, including traditions, life cycle topics and Hebrew.

Claude is divorced with three daughters, one set of 13 year old twins and another daughter who is 12. His children are another reason for investigating Jewish life and a great joy. He also has a strong interest in opera arias and does like to sing. Claude's professional background in engineering was actually what initiated his interest in seeing Berlin, as he was pursuing an internship with Siemens at the time. He also has experience as an IT professional. One of his values related to community involvement is the desire to give back some time, "...for the benefit of everyone."

This is a value our cozy synagogue also holds dear and so it seems our new congregant will fit right in! ✨



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

- **Sydney Small and Mike Fleming**, who will celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary on June 2.
- **Karen Levy and Peter Lee**, who will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary on June 8.
- **Ann and Alan Meyers**, who will celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary on June 21.

- **Jeff Shabman and Mari-Claire Zimmerman**, who share a birthday on June 14.
- **Marcy Hotz and Elizabeth Lamb**, who share a birthday on June 26.

We send belated birthday wishes to **Rabbi Ilan Heifetz**, son of Mari-Claire Zimmerman, whose 40th birthday was celebrated on May 21.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Marvin Small**, who celebrates a birthday on June 1.
- **Denise Stodola**, who celebrates a birthday on June 2.
- **Cindy Levy**, who celebrates a birthday on June 10.

Congratulations to **Kim Kraines Aubry** (daughter of Elly Kraines) for being elected President of Congregation Beth Abraham in Bordentown, NJ.

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

IN MEMORY OF

- **Charlotte Cohen**
Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg
- **Dorothy Cummins**
Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg
- **Jacque Hurwitz**
Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg
- **Nate Kraines**
Donations from Mari and Thomas Dougherty, Michael

and Peggy Kotkin, June Kulakow, Barbara Mulhern, Carol O'Neil, Gail Robins, Laurie Schwartz, Sandra and Marvin Small, Drs. Harold Zarkowsky and Vita Land

- **Nola Joy Weiss**
Donations from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS

Julian Lewis



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

Sivan / Tamuz (June)



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.

Richard Bergman: Wednesday, June 23,
Tamuz 13
Father of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Lucille Borenstein: Monday, June 28,
Tamuz 18
Aunt of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Robert Frisch: Sunday, June 6, Sivan 26
Observed by the congregation

Abraham Gelbart: Saturday, June 19
Uncle of Marsha (Lee) Fensin

Jeffrey A. Haber: Sunday, June 27, Tamuz 17
Son of Ann Klein

Teddy Kassner: Friday, June 25, Tamuz 15
Mother of Pam Kassner (Bill Ochowicz)

Roza Krasnik: Thursday, June 3, Sivan 23
Grandmother of Irene (Robert) Elkin

Harold Kulakow: Wednesday, June 23, Tamuz 13
Brother-in-law of June Kulakow

Irving Kulakow: Wednesday, June 2, Sivan 22
Brother-in-law of June Kulakow
Uncle of Laurie Schwartz

Hazel G. Martin: Monday, June 21, Tamuz 11
Mother of Cantor Deborah Martin

Mildred Parr: Monday, June 7, Sivan 27
Observed by the congregation

Ann Rae Raskin: Tuesday, June 15, Tamuz 5
Mother of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

Gerard Scher: Wednesday, June 2, Sivan 22
Father of Claude Scher

Sarah Small: Saturday, June 19
Mother of Marvin (Sandra) Small
Grandmother of Sydney Small

Sarah Zeitlin: Wednesday, June 23, Tamuz 13
Aunt of Ann (Alan) Meyers



June SHABBAT SERVICES

JUNE 4 7 p.m.: Picnic Shabbat, led by Cantor Martin
JUNE 11 7 p.m.: Member-led service
JUNE 18 7 p.m.: Led by Cantor Martin
JUNE 25 7 p.m.: Cantor Martin's final CEEW Shabbat service

These services (except for the June 4 picnic Shabbat service) will be online only.
See Temple website for updates and instructions on how to view them online.



Summer is almost here! CEEW will hold Picnic Shabbat services on June 4, July 9 and August 13. Watch your email for details.

COUPLES CORNER: Arlene and Peter Shelley

By Sydney Small

Familiar congregants, Arlene and Peter Shelley, arrived in the Waukesha area in 1976 and joined Congregation Emanu-El in July of that year. Their marriage of 57 years is successful, Arlene says, due to their loyalty and respect for each other. They also love to travel, though, as for so many others due to the pandemic, that passion has been suspended over the past year.

Peter was born in Italy and came to the U.S. at age six on one of the children's transports. The ten children – traveling without their parents – made their escape with the supervision of a sponsor. Once in this country, Peter traveled to San Francisco and after some years arrived in Nutley, New Jersey. After graduating from college, Peter was hired by General Electric. Arlene was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and also worked at GE, where the two met. Peter and Arlene started dating in 1962 and were married in April of 1964.

Originally Peter was employed in the design of space vehicles and transferred to Waukesha to work with medical equipment. The couple's subsequent synagogue membership led to Arlene's involvement with the religious school, a job which she loved. She taught first through third grades for several years and later became the principal.

Peter enjoys trains and has a passion for arranging layouts with N scale trains; one unique and particularly creative use of the hobby was the Z scale design Peter made for Arlene in the form of a coffee table!

The couple has three great children and four wonderful grandsons. "We are still in love with each other," Arlene states – a wonderful example for their grandchildren! We are lucky to count these two congregants as one of the many engaged and committed couples whose passion for each other and our community continues to shine brightly. ☆

Be a Part of a Committee: Membership!

Are you interested in joining a high-impact, energetic committee to bring new members to CEEW and find ways to connect with current members? Here is an opportunity to build community by joining the Membership Committee, 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!

Being part of the CEEW community is a great way to meet new members and participate in Temple events. If you have a little time to volunteer, please consider being on one of our many committees that work to make a difference at CEEW.





“Even a poor person who subsists on the charity of others should perform tzedakah.”

— Talmud, Gittin 7b

The Poetry Corner

We'd like to feature the poetry of our congregation. Submit your poems to Adrian Richfield (susu78@aol.com) or Sydney Small (rottiesrock@wi.rr.com).

My People

By Michael Druck ©2007

Often I think of my people,
gathered in prayer and in song,
dreaming the dreams of their fathers,
knowing mitzvah from wrong.

And a saying comes to mind
as my heart stops to listen,
“True wisdom is Torah wisdom,
and the thoughts of G-d run deep.”

I see the shapes of ships
through the undulant waves of the seas,
and the passage of my people,
through storms of history.

And a saying comes to mind,
as my heart was want to listen,
“True wisdom is but Torah wisdom,
and the thoughts of G-d run deep.”

I remember the story of Passover.
And the wanderings from sea to sand.
And the gathering of my people,
to the Chosen Promised Land.

And a saying comes to mind,
better than any could ever find,
that “true wisdom is found in Torah wisdom,
and the thoughts of G-d run deep.”

I see tall buildings in city places.
And tree-lined, darkened woods.
And people dressed in black,
walking through their neighborhoods.

For Shabbat day leads the way
to words so understood.
And the verse keeps repeating,
as I know it must and should,
that “wisdom is but Torah wisdom,
and the words of G-d run deep.”

There are things I may not say,
and dreams that will not die.
But the Messiah is coming soon, we know,
and it is we who show the way,
and the reasons why,
that “wisdom from Torah wisdom,
is where words from G-d run deep.”

And the sage looks out to the undulant sea,
and finds lessons for us to keep,
as the words of G-d run through our souls,
and are ever running deep.
And ever running deep.



COMING SOON: *German Jerusalem: The Remarkable Life of a German-Jewish Neighborhood in the Holy City*, by Thomas Sparr and Stephen Brown, will be released on June 30. Pre-order through at smile.amazon.com and donate to our congregation!

BOOK CLUB REPORT

Adrian Richfield Reviews — *Operation Paperclip*

Annie Jacobsen is a 2016 Pulitzer Prize finalist and the New York Times bestselling author of “secret history” books *Area 51*, *Operation Paperclip*, *The Pentagon’s Brain*, *Phenomena*, *Surprise, Kill, Vanish*, and the forthcoming *First Platoon*. Her books have been translated into nine languages. She also writes and produces television programs, including Tom Clancy’s Jack Ryan. A graduate of Princeton University, she lives in Los Angeles with her husband and their two sons.



Annie
JACOBSEN

After WWII there was a dilemma and much discussion about what to do with many of Germany’s scientists that were the brains behind much of the Nazi war machine. Many of these men were complicit in war crimes, some were convicted at Nuremberg. But they also were directly responsible for the advances in medical treatments,

rocketry and ultimately the United States space program.

The author delves into previously unseen materials and documents about how these German scientists managed to arrive in the United States which turned out to be a very guarded government secret and was a disturbing and dark part of our history. That these men were secretly smuggled into our country for dubious reasons

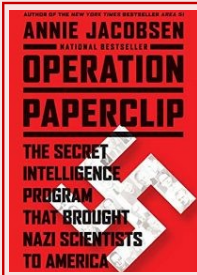
becomes a moral core that came to define the Cold War.

In 1945, Operation Overcast was re-named “Operation Paperclip” for the paperclips that were attached to the dossiers of the most troublesome cases.

Jacobsen tracks 21 of these Nazi scientists and technicians, including names that will be familiar to the reader. Was “Operation Paperclip” a really bad idea? The book explores the controversial idea of one of our government’s dark policy programs.

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 *Operation Paperclip*

Date: Wednesday, June 2

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Leader: Marcy Hotz

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CEEW Book Club Welcomes the Author of *Exile Music*

By Adrian Richfield

What a treat for the members of our book club! At our May meeting, author Jennifer Steil of *Exile Music*, joined our discussion via zoom from Uzbekistan (she is the wife of a United States diplomat and has lived all over the world). While many of us have been to book club author events often held at local book stores, this was a special treat to have the author join us to talk about her life and this book.

This all happened because book club member, Mari-Claire Zimmerman, enjoyed the book a great deal and decided to contact the author via email to tell her that she thought that this was an outstanding book. To her surprise, the author volunteered to attend the book club meeting to give us insights into her actual writing of the story. Although she had planned a publicity book touring event, that was cancelled this year and she said she enjoys participating in book clubs virtually, even though the time difference was significant.

The author lived in Bolivia for several years and met survivors of the Holocaust who had immigrated to Bolivia during the war and thus the seeds for this novel began. She never knew that Jews immigrated



Jennifer Steil, author of CEEW Book Club's May selection, *Exile Music*, joins the discussion.

to Bolivia during the war and the idea began to percolate. The most chilling fact she recalled was that the infamous Nazi, Klaus Barbie, lived in La Paz for many years and walked the streets freely.

It was so interesting to hear how an author writes a book and she feels it is never finished! She has written several other novels and has just completed a new one. The CEEW book club was totally enthralled with her discussion of this book. ★



An unexpected benefit of the virtual meetings of 2020 and 2021 is that, sometimes, the author can come to you! Photos provided by Adrian Richfield.



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,

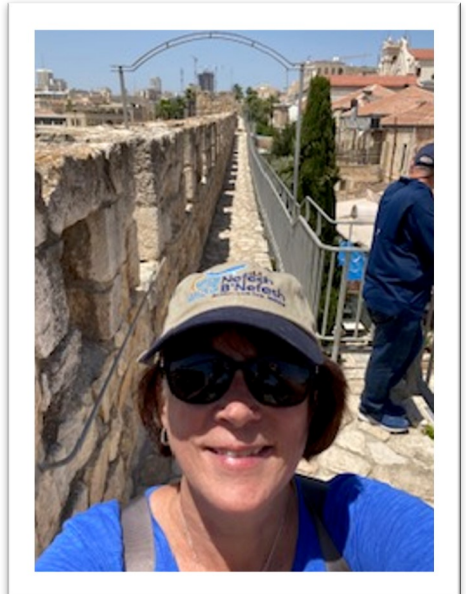
As I enter my third month as an *Olah Chadasha* (new immigrant), I continue to spend most of my time with my daughter, son-in-law and their baby Aviv. It's been a special joy to see the relationship develop between them and their small baby. He's beginning to smile and interact with his parents, cooing sounds of delight when they read to him and talk to him in both Hebrew and English.

I have also been gifted to experience the rich, yet complex life here in Israel. I have not joined an *Ulpan* (language school) as yet, but I continue to practice my Hebrew daily out and about as well as at family gatherings and Shabbat dinners. The difficult part is trying to speak on demand. The understanding comes easier and Google translate is often invaluable, especially when looking for an item in the store. I've found friendly stores where the clerks are more patient with me.

Trips to the colorful and busy downtown Netanya Shuk required thinking on my feet, as I tried to remember the numbers quickly as I made my purchases. Having not lived in the city for many years, I enjoy walking to various places versus driving. I don't think I'll get a driver's license here. The traffic is way too hectic, filled with people on electric bikes, scooters and motorcycles who seem to enjoy risking their lives as they weave in and out of traffic flouting every traffic law. Public transportation is available in every form, so I believe this is much easier for me. I've been attended an "Anglo" modern Orthodox congregation on Shabbat within walking distance. The Brits were in deep mourning for Prince Philip. (The Reform congregation nearby is all Hebrew speakers so even the sermon is in Hebrew.)

On the solemn *Yom Hazikaron* (Memorial Day), I observed the jets flying overhead, reminding me that the IDF is ever protective of the state of Israel against those that wish to destroy her. The sirens were blown and all traffic stopped for minutes of silence as it did on Yom HaShoah. Fireworks exploded, flags decorated businesses, cars, homes and children, as the Israeli Independence Day began in the evening and happy families strolled the streets. I participated in a large extended family outdoor barbecue in Kfar Saba. The Israeli air was filled with the smell of grilling meat that day. Some family members had not seen each other since the pandemic began, so it was especially festive.

Jerusalem and its environs beckoned as always, and I arranged a guide and a two-day trip there. Despite still not getting my "GreenPass," I was able to book a hotel after calling around. Tourist guides are mostly unemployed at the present time, but some have started touring again, working mostly with Israelis. Most of the vendors in Jerusalem had hoped I was a tourist but I explained I was not. Not only did they want to sell me their wares but one asked me jokingly to "buy his store." The streets of Jerusalem seemed strangely lonely to me. On one hand, this proved helpful as I could actually approach the Kotel and pray. However, The Arab markets were full of people buying food for the end of the fast day during this month of Ramadan. I took the north "ramparts walk" which offered a unique view and history of Jerusalem atop the Old City walls.





“So much of who we are is because of where we have been.”

— William Langwiesche

A Letter From... Israel

I also visited *Nebi Samuel* (tomb of Samuel) National Park outside Jerusalem which offers another breathtaking view of Jerusalem and the area as well as archeology dating to the Iron Age, crusader fortress, Byzantine church, mosque and tomb of Samuel. The next day I visited Hebron to see the cave of Machpelah. Jewish tradition says it's the burial place of all the Patriarchs and Matriarchs except for Rachel. It is the second holiest place after Jerusalem Temple Mount. It was the capital of David for seven years before ascending to Jerusalem. At the museum, I learned more of the terrible Arab uprising and the massacre in 1929 of the Jews of Hebron. Machpelah's magnificent, huge structure reveals a humble interior. King Herod was its



builder, as he was also for the other site we visited at Herodian where his palace, fortress and burial site exists. There I was able to meet the archaeologist working on the new section of the theater and Colosseum. I was able to see the exquisite frescoes that have been just revealed on the walls after four years of difficult restoration work.

Since archeology in Israel is a passion for me, I visited the Tel Hebron which opened to the public just a few years ago. and I was offered a personal tour by the archaeologist who worked on the site. One highlight of this site was the unique, huge and ancient *mikvahs* (ritual baths) unlike any in Israel. And to reassure everyone, we had an armed guard the entire time at the Tel, as Hebron can be a volatile area.

Lastly, I wanted to comment on the interconnectedness of the people in Israel that touches me deeply. Despite the recent tragic events at Meron, general frustration with the government and the politics that sometimes divide people here, there is a deep love of the land and of the people here as well as our shared history as Jews which all binds us together.





When I mentioned that I had gone to Nebi Samuel to a friend here (Eitan), he shared with me that his uncle was killed there during the War of Independence in 1948. Uncle Moshe was an 18-year-old Palmach soldier who, with his Harel brigade, attempted to capture this small mountain outside Jerusalem from the Arab army. Unfortunately, the attack was delayed by several hours and ultimately failed. Moshe was buried in a small mass grave in a military cemetery. My friend's father explained to him as they visited the grave that the 34 bodies were cruelly desecrated and therefore all buried together.

All the best, *Kol tov*,
Deb Hacker



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

June 4, 8:09 pm; June 11, 8:14 pm;
June 18, 8:17 pm; June 25, 8:18 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Sivan 21 Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.	2 Sivan 22 Book Club, 1:30 -3 p.m.	3 Sivan 23	4 Sivan 24 Picnic Shabbat, Cantor-led service, 7 p.m.	5 Sivan 25 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Sh'lach
6 Sivan 26 Congregation-wide annual meeting Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	7 Sivan 27	8 Sivan 28 Sisterhood program (TBA)	9 Sivan 29	10 Sivan 30 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz July-August Bulletin content deadline	11 Tamuz 1 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	12 Tamuz 2 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Korachi
13 Tamuz 3 Sisterhood annual meeting: moved to August 15 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	14 Tamuz 4 Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.	15 Tamuz 5	16 Tamuz 6	17 Tamuz 7	18 Tamuz 8 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	19 Tamuz 9 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m. 
20 Tamuz 10 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	21 Tamuz 11	22 Tamuz 12	23 Tamuz 13	24 Tamuz 14	25 Tamuz 15 Cantor Martin's final CEEW Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	26 Tamuz 16 Cantillation Class, 11 a.m.  Balak
27 Tamuz 17 Retirement Picnic for Cantor Martin (see page 6 for details) Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 6:30 p.m.	28 Tamuz 18	29 Tamuz 19	30 Tamuz 20			

The content deadline for the July-August bulletin is **Thursday, June 10.**

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