

# A Safe Welcome for the High Holidays

By Laurie Schwartz

The Delta variant of COVID is changing so many of our plans this fall, in the temple and in our daily lives. As I mentioned in my August 12 letter to the congregation, it has been a long year of being apart and we look forward to coming together again. But we must do this safely.

To minimize the health risks for all members of our temple community, we have implemented several changes to our plans for the High Holidays.

All in-person worshippers must reserve seats for services (your electronic receipt serves as your pass) and must complete their membership agreements before they will be issued a pass to attend services. Masks will be required for attendees of all ages, and seating will be arranged to allow for social distancing.

At each service, attendees must sign an attendance sheet that will allow us to do contact tracing if it becomes necessary.

If you are feeling ill, are uneasy about attending in-person services, or you cannot receive a COVID vaccination, online options will be available to you through Zoom. You will also be able to sign out copies of the holiday prayer books (see dates and times in the box below) or use online flip books to follow along in the services.

Please understand that we may need to make further changes if circumstances continue to change, but the value of *pikuach nefesh* is foremost in our minds.

This is still a time of joy and awe, and a time for celebration! This first holiday season with our new cantor will be a time to remember, and we hope that you will join with us, whether in-person or online.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [president@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:president@waukeshatemple.org) or call me at (303) 888-5137. May you have a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year. *L'shanah tovah!* ✨

## Rosh Hashanah Machzor

Pick up:  
Sunday, September 5  
11 am to 2 pm

Return:  
Sunday, September 12  
11 am to 2 pm



## Yom Kippur Machzor

Pick up:  
Sunday, September 12  
11 am to 2 pm

Return:  
Sunday, September 19  
11 am to 2 pm



**“To hear another say Torah is a precious gift.”**

**— Lawrence Kushner, in *God Was in this Place and I, I Did Not Know***

# Bar, Bat, B’Nai Mitzvot!

By Adrian Richfield

The month of August for CEEW saw three very special events in a row: a Bar Mitzvah, a Bat Mitzvah and a B’Nai Mitzvah. In a matter of three weeks, Milo Patz had his *Bar Mitzvah*, Molly Schmidt had her *Bat Mitzvah* and Joe Dailey, Marcy Hotz, Elizabeth Lamb, Adrian Richfield and Laurie Schwartz had an adult *B’Nai Mitzvah*.

This event is a significant rite of passage in the life of a Jewish person and traditionally occurs around age 13. It builds upon traditions that are thousands of years old. Jewish people have promised to teach the wisdom of the Torah to their children from generation to generation. This becomes a public affirmation of Jewish values, ideas and ideals, a declaration of allegiance to the Jewish people and our rich spiritual heritage.

Each day was special and different. Milo’s event was held entirely outside under a tent and pavilion at a park on a Sunday. Molly’s service was at CEEW on a Saturday with a celebration held off site. The B’Nai Mitzvah was held at CEEW on a Saturday with the celebration in our social hall. While all were different, they all were spiritually part of the Jewish people and traditions, and we celebrated being able to have them at all during this difficult and ongoing year of uncertainty. Each event had been postponed from last year.



Bar Mitzvah photo by Marie Loeffler



Bat Mitzvah  
photo by  
Adrian Richfield



B’Nai Mitzvah photo by Marsha Fensin

Many thanks to Cantor Levson, who stepped into our lives at such a busy time with all of its issues, and to Cantor Martin, who helped everyone reach this very Jewish goal.



**CEEW will hold an in-person Tashlich service at 12:15 pm on Tuesday, September 7. Watch your email for details.**

# The Best-Laid Plans....

*"Mann tracht, un Gott lacht."*  
"Man plans, and God laughs."  
— Yiddish proverb

I am writing this bulletin article on the second day of the month of *Elul*, just slightly shy of one month before *Rosh Hashanah*. (I suppose I'd better start writing some sermons!) A mere month ago, I looked forward to leading High Holiday services in person (with a Zoom option) in the beautiful CEEW sanctuary, and now... well, truth be told, I have no idea what the *Yamim Noraim* (The Days of Awe) will look like this year. There will be services, of course, but I may be streaming them from an almost empty sanctuary. It's hardly the way I hoped our first High Holidays together would be observed, but right now I must make room in my mind for this less-than-ideal possibility.

During my undergraduate years I was a summer camp counselor. It was hard work, but also great fun, and it taught me a crucial life skill: Flexibility. You don't last long as a camp counselor if you're not able to think quickly and change plans at a moment's notice. "This is going to be SUCH a great program this afternoon, campers! You are going to LOVE it! The staff has spent weeks planning it!" And... it's raining. <Brief pause as I frantically think of a 'Plan B.'> "OK, campers!

Change of plans! We're going to do something ELSE this afternoon, but it will still be lots of fun, I promise!" I'm feeling that camp counselor energy today as we face the uncertainty of what Waukesha County (and the world) will look like a month from now. Will we all be back in lockdown? I certainly hope not! Will everyone in the congregation need to be masked? It's possible. Will I need to wear a mask as I lead services? I don't enjoy wearing a mask when I sing, but, if it means keeping people safe from a deadly virus, I will absolutely wear one without complaining. But the bottom line is: We just don't know what we will need to do. In the words of a song from a lesser-known Mel Brooks movie, *The Twelve Chairs*, "Hope for the best, expect the worst." But whatever happens, rest assured that the leadership of CEEW is taking their responsibilities seriously, and that all decisions about the nature of the High Holidays will be guided by the recommendations of doctors and scientists, and by the Jewish value of *Pikuach Nefesh*, the Jewish legal principle that the preservation of a human life overrides virtually all other commandments. One way or another, this will be a *Shanah Tovah*, a Good New Year!



**CANTOR MARTIN LEVSON**  
From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

"I'm a spiritual person, but I don't believe in 'organized religion.' I find my spirituality on the beach or in the forest." As a Cantor, I hear this kind of thing all the time. And I would never discount the intense spiritual experiences that these places can evoke within us. But what these places cannot evoke is a sense of structure, a meaningful organization of the passing of time. As Gretchen Rubin wrote, "The days are long, but the years are short." One of the things I love best about our Jewish tradition is that, once a year, the haunting sound of the shofar forces us to ask ourselves the challenging question: "Am I a better person than I was one year ago? Why or why not?" The beach and the Redwoods, much though I love them, will not demand an answer to this question every year. Only Judaism will demand a response to this existential question from me.

One of my favorite phrases from the High Holiday liturgy is "*Chadeysh yameinu kekedem*." The common translation of this phrase is: "Renew our days as of

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**“Food can bring people together in a way nothing else could.”**

**— Chef Yotam Ottolenghi**

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old.” A wonderful teacher whose name I cannot remember (but I am certain it was Elijah the Prophet in disguise) translated the phrase this way: “Don’t wallow in phony nostalgia; make *these* days the ones you will want to remember!” Together, let us make 5782 a wonderful Jewish year that we can all look back upon and be proud of one year from now!

In the words of a late 20<sup>th</sup> century Prophetess, “These are days you’ll remember.” May this be for us a “*Shanah tovah u’mitikah*,” a New Year filled with goodness and sweetness! Together, let’s make *these* days the days that we’ll remember! ★

### DAYS TO REMEMBER

September 6  
Rosh Hashanah evening

September 7  
Rosh Hashanah morning

September 15  
Kol Nidre

September 16  
Yom Kippur



### Local Favorite Middle Eastern Restaurant Reopens

During the initial waves of the pandemic, many of our favorite restaurants closed. Some stayed open for carry-outs, but few (if any) had in-person dining. After a while we wondered if they would ever reopen.

Well, there is good news! Earlier this month some friends and I decided to check on one of our favorite restaurants, Naf Naf Middle Eastern Grill in Brookfield (95 N. Moreland Road, Unit 3E). To our delight, the “pita packers” were again open for business.

All of their old favorites are back, as well as a new breaded chicken dish—crispy chicken schnitzel, available for a limited time. So if you’re hungry for fluffy pita or some shawarma, falafel or baba ganoush, stop on by!

— Mari-Claire Zimmerman

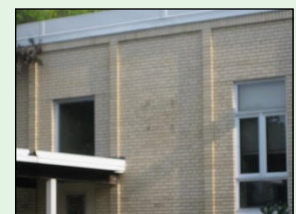
### CEEW Granted MJF Funds to Upgrade Wi-Fi

In late June, Congregation Emanu-El was awarded a Re-building Grant in the amount of \$3,800 from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation’s Fund for Jewish MKE.

The grant money will be used to upgrade the temple’s Wi-Fi capabilities in order to support hybrid programming, services, and the religious school.

The Milwaukee Jewish Federation raised over \$2 million for this fund, which is intended to provide the entire local Jewish community with pandemic relief.

— Elizabeth Lamb



### Watch This Space...

The temple’s new outdoor Magen David has been test-fitted to the exterior of the building, and an unveiling ceremony is being planned.

Watch your email for details!

— Elizabeth Lamb



**Before reopening the temple for the new year we would like to spruce up our spiritual home. Please join us for a clean-up day on September 1. Call Laurie Schwartz at (303) 888-5127 to sign up.**

## Zooming into a new year

**A**s the school year starts again, I cannot help but think about how life is in cycles. Every year in August the sun gets hotter, the days are long and the start of a new school year is looming. It also means the start of a new Jewish year is coming. We are supposed to be excited for a new beginning, a new set of pencils, new books, new material. However, if you think about it, “Jewishly” we are starting the “same” Jewish holidays all over again and the “same” Torah portions and for some this might seem monotonous.

For me it is a time to accept that I need to look at the world in a new light. I need to examine the text with a different lens. The world in which I experienced the holidays or the Torah at age 4 is not the same as how I experienced it in elementary, junior high, high school, college or beyond. I took advantage of the different people around me, the different places I have lived and the different understandings of the text or the different meanings of the holidays. This is what has allowed me to not feel as though there is “monotony” with the repeated cycle of the holidays or the Torah portions. I am recognizing these moments as a passage of time.

I know I was hoping for a new beginning with hope of an end to the pandemic. However, this whole experience of the pandemic has taught me I am not in control of the world around me. I can be in control of my actions and my reactions but that God has the

ultimate say. I know everyone in our school and our congregation has been affected by the pandemic, and it is hard to find any “silver linings” in the experience.

This summer I attended the NewCAJE conference and many of the sessions reflected on the challenging year we have all experienced. Whether it was a loss of a loved one, witnessing the sickness of a loved one, experiencing isolation from family and friends, the fears of the virus, or losing your job, or your home. There were also sessions about all of the technology we have learned to use to try to replicate in-person learning opportunities. I am grateful to CEEW for allowing me to attend this conference and meet with my peers from all over the country and learn from experts in the field.

One of the silver linings was Zoom which has brought all of us into one another’s homes and allowed us to at least see one another on a weekly basis. We as educators definitely recognize Zoom is not a total replacement for the sitting side by side of your teacher and peers in your classroom, but it does the job of giving us new opportunities and ways to learn. Zoom has made me think about eye contact and how to have my students be more of an auditory learner and be more vocal in class. I know the students spent more time listening to infor-



**CARRIE BARBAKOFF**

**From the Education Director’s Desk**

mation being shared on a screen or being spoken to by the teachers. Our students were asked questions and expected to answer “at the click of an un-mute button”. I know the separation of home, one’s kitchen, living room or bedroom was a challenge to transform into a classroom, but most of the time our students seemed to do a great job of overcoming this challenge.

Again, as I write this message to all of you I reflect about the uncertainty of the world around me. I question each day and wonder what God has in store for me. I try to find comfort in knowing that the cycle will continue. The start of a new year and a new school year will allow me to continue to grow and learn more with each of us as we celebrate the holidays, read the Torah or go through another year of life. I want to wish each and every one of our congregants a L’Shana Tovah! A good (new) year!

On a side note: If you are considering testing out your teaching skills or know someone who might be interested in working in the school, please contact me at [eddirector@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:eddirector@waukeshatemple.org). I am always looking for substitute teachers and this year a K-1 grade teacher. ★



**“In Jewish history there are no coincidences.”**

**— Elie Wiesel**

## **COUPLES CORNER: Mark and Cindy Levy**

*By Sydney Small*

“Bashert” — meaning “meant to be” — is the phrase that best illustrates the connection between congregants Cynthia and Mark Levy. Cindy was the “nice Jewish girl” whom a work colleague of Mark’s suggested he get to know during an office potluck which Mark hosted. Mark’s colleague, Reaz, and Cindy were both graduates of the small Electrical Engineering program at the University of Rochester. In 1981 Cindy had just begun work on her Master’s in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in a new department at GE. Mark meanwhile had arrived in WI from San Francisco a few years prior, in 1979. Both of them were also involved in the accelerated Edison program for advancing engineering professionals while at GE. The “Jewish girl” from New York via Massachusetts was one of 75 people at the potluck that Mark threw on that day.

Engineering is only one of the common threads in their relationship – they are also avid volunteers for a host of different organizations. Both of them are among the many congregants who have so generously donated their time to CEEW in a variety of positions. They originally joined the synagogue in 1983. Cindy recalls how she spent some time “synagogue shopping” when she first moved to the Milwaukee area. She found Emanu-El to be the “most welcoming” of the places she visited. Cindy is on the Sisterhood Board and has been instrumental in offering assistance during this time of Zoom events. She also serves on the Boards of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, the Jewish National Fund and the Morning Glory Art Fair. She recently completed volunteer terms with Hillel MKE and the Jewish Museum as well. Mark volunteers extensively with the synagogue in a number of roles; among them multifaceted communications, such as website services and weekly notifications. He has also been coordinating Zoom activities and in-synagogue technical assistance. Last year, Mark synchronized and maintained all of the High Holiday streaming. He

also serves as Vice President on the synagogue Board. The Jewish National Fund and Israel Bonds organizations have both recognized Mark for his community involvement.

Music is also one of Mark’s favorite pastimes. He participates in our “A Band’n All Hope” and has been known to play trumpet with the Jazz Express. He is

also active in the Waukesha Civic Band. Of course, we cannot forget the wonderful Shofar blowing during the fall holidays!

Cindy’s hobbies include gardening, knitting, and a variety of fitness activities, such as biking, yoga, core and spin workouts. She has also maintained her own engineering consulting firm - Pomegranate E-Consulting, LLC. Cindy is an authority in the area of Standards and Regulations pertaining to Electronic Health Care Systems. The vital

fields of immunizations and Electronic Health Records Systems Certification have also benefitted from her expertise. Mark and Cindy have an adult daughter, Sharon.

Cindy recounts a funny anecdote involving the art of decoration. Mark and Cindy were exploring the possibility of new chairs for their recently-done reading room. Cindy stepped aside to look at some fabric in the shop. She considered it but thought there might be less elaborate material to show Mark instead. Upon their return trip to the same store a few days later Mark spied the originally-chosen fabric on a counter. He inquired “What about this one?” No other fabric was ever considered. The pattern from this particular fabric became part of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary *ketubah* (Jewish wedding contract) that adorns their purple reading room. The couple’s tastes in home accessories are so similar, Cindy remarks, that when they got married “you couldn’t tell whose furniture was whose because it blended so well”. Respect and mutual encouragement are important aspects of their relationship; the axiom that “engineers make good life partners” certainly holds true for this pair of technical wizards! ✨



Mark, Cindy, and daughter Sharon Levy.





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

# CEEW Summer Scrapbook



With a little help from his new friends, Cantor Levson moved a few of his books into his office at the temple.



After conducting virtual Shabbat services for his East Coast congregants on July 9, Cantor Levson then led the CEEW picnic Shabbat service. This was his first Shabbat service with our congregation.



CEEW members Karen Levy and Peter Lee, otherwise known as PK Harmony, performed at Mama D's in Wales on August 29.



**“I don’t speak because I have the power to speak; I speak because I don’t have the power to remain silent.”  
— Rabbi A. Y. Kook**

## Sisterhood Happenings

**From the desk of  
Sisterhood Co-president**  
By Deb Hacker

Summer was a brief (and dry) time in our lives. Soon we will all hear the call of the shofar. It’s a call to repentance and return (teshuvah). It’s a call to repair our relationship with G-d and with our fellow human beings. It’s a time to reflect upon the past year and pray for renewal in the New Year.

The Sisterhood Board continued to meet during the summer working on our annual meeting, upcoming programs, formulation of Tikkun Olam projects, attending virtual WRJ Leadership training, as well as our annual fundraising project — the Hanukkah Card. (More information on this project will be mailed.) Also, save the date for October 19th for a program on the art of Jewish paper cutting.

I personally hope that more CEEW women will join together to form a close Sisterhood as we again begin to meet together in what the Women of Reform Judaism call “caring communities.” I know personally that all of us have missed coming together as



women. Our Annual meeting, election of officers as well as short program by Cantor Emeritus Debbie Martin has been scheduled during the Sukkot holiday in the Levy sukkah on Tuesday, September 21st (see separate article to RSVP).

Let the Chagim (holidays) begin!

**From the desk of Tikkun Olam -  
Chair Mari-Claire Zimmerman**  
By Cindy Levy

The CEEW Sisterhood is in the process of planning its 2021-2022 Tikkun Olam projects. If you are interested in helping to plan a project or have any ideas, please contact the CEEW Sisterhood at [ceew\\_sisterhood@yahoo.com](mailto:ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com) and we will put you in touch with Mari-Claire Zimmerman.

**CEEW Sisterhood Annual Meeting**

The CEEW Sisterhood Annual Meeting is going to happen in conjunction with the paid-up member event on September 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The plan is for it to be in-person, but as with everything else this year we have a contingency plan (we won’t tell you what it is unless we have to use it).

As the Jewish Holidays are early this year (according to the Julian Calendar), the weather should be lovely for Sukkot, and so we are planning on holding the Annual Meeting outside in the Sukkah at the Levy’s home (directions will be provided to those who sign-up by the deadline). The evening will include a short Sukkot program led by Cantor Emeritus Debby Martin as well as a thank you to all of our 2021-2022 paid-up Sisterhood member event, so there will be treats (individually packaged)! So, join the CEEW Sisterhood (see membership), RSVP by September 14 to Deb Hacker at [jolly-roger@wi.rr.com](mailto:jolly-roger@wi.rr.com), and join us for an evening under a Sukkah.





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

## Sisterhood Happenings

### CEEW Sisterhood Annual Meeting

All households should have 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. We hope to see all of the women of the congregation at the Sukkot Event, so please pay your dues by September 14 so you can be a part of us.

**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  
Mail to: Barb Dailey, Treasurer  
PO Box 332  
Waukesha WI, 53187

### CEEW Sisterhood Program Planned

by Deb Hacker and Cindy Levy

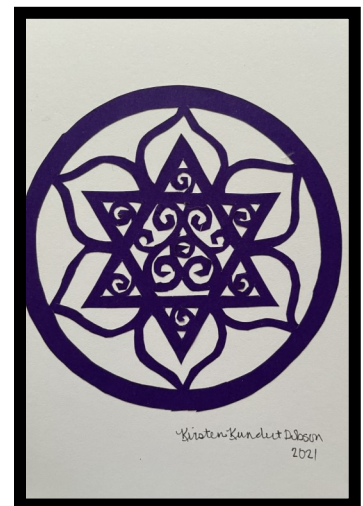
Once again, the CEEW Sisterhood is busy planning programs! Have you ever thought about learning how to make a paper cutting? The CEEW Sisterhood has found someone who will teach us the art step by step (and they claim that it is easy to do).

A unique form of Jewish folk art is "scherenschnitte" or Jewish paper cutting: cutting figures, words or sentence in paper or parchment. Using the humble tools of paper, penknife, pencil and watercolors or crayons, an artist can perform "hiddur mitzvah" or beautification of the mitzvah.

Likely starting in the 1300s, paper cutting became very popular in the 18th century in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of the Ottoman Empire. These art forms served a purpose in daily religious or ritual life such as a mizrach (denoting the eastern direction of prayers), but also served as decorations. Many of us are familiar with a printed or hand crafted ketubah, but the Jewish marriage contract may also contain paper

cutting. Traditional symbols may be included in paper cutting such as a lulav, etrog or menorah, but fanciful animals, signs of the zodiac, cherubim, and kabbalistic symbols such as the hamsa could also be used.

The program is planned for Tuesday October 19 at 7:00 pm in the CEEW social hall. **RSVPs are required by October 4<sup>th</sup>** to [ceew\\_sisterhood@yahoo.com](mailto:ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com) so we can ensure that we have enough supplies for everyone. All supplies will be provided, but if you have cuticle scissors to bring that will help.





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



## ANNIVERSARIES

**Kim Kraines** and **Curtis Aubrey** celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 1.

**Kelly** and **Sheila Goodman** celebrate their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 6.

## BIRTHDAYS

- **Jack Goldberg** celebrates a birthday on September 3.
- **Barb Zacher** celebrates a birthday on September 8.
- **Sydney Small** celebrates a birthday on September 12.
- **Laurie Schwartz** celebrates a birthday on September 30.



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](mailto:leme@uwm.edu). We're waiting to hear from you!

## IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

### IN MEMORY OF

- **Jeanette Jacobs**  
*Donation from Howard Jacobs*
- **Robert Ullman**  
*Donation from Jennifer Ullman*

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**Contact temple administrator Brigitte 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** **Elul / Tishrei (September)**



**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.

**John Alpert:** September 2; Elul 25  
*Father of Carol O'Neil*

**Ruth Alpert:** September 14; Tishrei 8  
*Mother of Carol O'Neil*

**Albert Bergman:** September 15; Tishrei 9  
*Grandfather of Cindy (Mark) Levy*

**Eugene Braun:** September 11; Tishrei 5  
*Father of Denise (Dennis) Stodola*

**Ruth Cohen:** September 16  
*Grandmother of Marcy (James) Hotz*

**Lorraine R. Cohodes:** September 12; Tishrei 6  
*Mother of Marshall Cohodes*

**Theodore Ellison:** September 1; Elul 24  
*Father of Barbara (Gregory) Zacher*

**Lawrence Finkel:** September 11; Tishrei 5  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Cantor Harold Freeman:** September 6; Elul 29  
*Observed by the congregation*

**Edyth Gellman:** September 29  
*Grandmother of Bill (Jan) Lowell*

**Harry Goldberg:** September 15  
*Father of Jack (Elaine) Goldberg*

**Sadie Gottlieb:** September 19; Tishrei 13  
*Grandmother of Cindy (Mark) Levy*

**Riva Kagan:** September 1; Elul 24  
*Grandmother of Robert (Irene) Elkin*

**Evelyn Lewis:** September 20; Tishrei 14  
*Mother of Joanne Wagner; grandmother of Ellyn Lem (Trevor Huskey)*

**Bella Rachel Mazursky:** September 11; Tishrei 5  
*Great-grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow*

**Dr. William Merkow:** September 20  
*Father of Steve (Ann) Merkow*

**Hyman B. Parks:** September 15; Tishrei 9  
*Great-uncle of Steve (Ann) Merkow*

**Harry Rodin:** September 27; Tishrei 21  
*Father of Marlis Lippow*



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





**“Every blade of grass has a corresponding ‘mazal’ in the sky which hits it and tells it to grow.” — Rabbi Simon, Midrash Rabba, Bereshit 10:6**

## The Poetry Corner

This month the Poetry Corner features contemporary poems touching on themes of the High Holy Days. Suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work, to Adrian Richfield ([susu78@aol.com](mailto:susu78@aol.com)) or Sydney Small ([rottiesrock@wi.rr.com](mailto:rottiesrock@wi.rr.com)).

### About the Poets

**Maia Evrona** is a poet and essayist who also translates works in Spanish and Yiddish. She served as a Fulbright Scholar to Spain and Greece in 2019-2020, and will serve again in 2021-2022. Evrona's translations have earned her fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Literary Translators Association, and the Yiddish Book Center.

**Marge Piercy** has written 17 novels, 20 books of poetry, and the memoir *Sleeping with Cats*. She continues to write books of all kinds and run the Marge Piercy Intensive Poetry Workshop from her home in Wellfleet, a small fishing village in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

### Rosh HaShanah

By Maia Evrona

To a new year that is good and sweet  
with apples dipped in sticky honey  
pomegranate seeds that stain —  
the true fruit that tempted Eve.  
For though we are imperfect and like she  
we owe apologies, we may remain  
another year in this messy world.  
Surely even God above must know  
a sweet beginning is a sacred need.

### Yom Kippur

By Maia Evrona

On this most holy of days we determine  
that we have not suffered enough,  
that in our new lands of plenty,  
only hunger brings purity.  
A kind of return to Eden:  
this gnawing simplicity.

### The Birthday of the World (written for 5777/5778)

By Marge Piercy (b.1936)

I begin to contemplate  
what I have done and  
left undone, but this year  
not so much rebuilding  
  
of my perennially damaged  
psyche, shoring up eroding  
friendships, digging out  
stumps of old resentments  
that refuse to rot on their own.  
  
No, this year I want to call  
myself to task for what  
I have done and not done  
for peace. How much have  
I dared in opposition?  
  
How much have I put  
on the line for freedom?  
For mine and others?

As these freedoms are pared,  
sliced and diced, where  
  
have I spoken out? Who  
have I tried to move? In  
this holy season, I stand  
self-convicted of sloth  
in a time when lies choke  
the mind and rhetoric  
bends reason to slithering  
choking pythons. Here  
I stand before the gates  
opening, the fire dazzling  
  
my eyes, and as I approach  
what judges me, I judge  
myself. Give me weapons  
of minute destruction. Let  
my words turn into sparks.



Email Mark Levy at [markallanlevy@yahoo.com](mailto:markallanlevy@yahoo.com) by September 10 with names to be read at the September 16 Yitzkor service.

## BOOK CLUB REPORT

### Adrian Richfield Reviews: *Florence Adler Swims Forever*

**B**ased on a true story, this novel begins with a tragedy that impacts the lives of the Adler family as they struggle with events and family secrets.

The main character, Florence, has returned home to Atlantic City in 1934 with the goal to train and swim across the English Channel.

Her sister, Fannie, is pregnant and on bed rest after recently losing a baby. After the family takes in a mysterious young woman who has recently emigrated from Germany, the small apartment is full of people and drama.

The story, revolving around what we do to keep our family

safe when sometimes things are out of our control, is told from many different perspectives (seven actually) as the aftermath of the tragic incident unfolds among the main characters. You will find yourself engrossed in the setting (the shadow of the approaching Holocaust in the 1930s) and story about the human spirit.



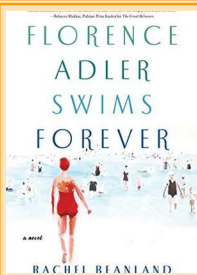
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BEANLAND

Beanland, an essayist, received the 2020 National Jewish Book Award for Debut Fiction with this novel. A graduate of

the University of South Carolina, she earned an MFA in creative writing from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Anyone interested in joining the discussion should contact Diana Stroshine, the book club coordinator, at [dstroshine@yahoo.com](mailto:dstroshine@yahoo.com). ★





### CEEW Book Club

**What:** Discussion of *Florence Adler Swims Forever*

**Date:** Wednesday, September 1

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Leader:** Karen Levy

## CEEW Dining Group: Sushi in September

The CEEW Dining Group will meet on **Saturday, September 25th** at Meiji Cuisine in Waukesha, showcasing Japanese and Chinese specialties.

From edamame to hibachi entrees, dan dan noodles and tuna steak to sesame chicken and moo goo gai pan ending with Buddha's Delight, this will be a treat for the palate! Anyone interested should sign up with Elly Kraines ([Ellyanna34@gmail.com](mailto:Ellyanna34@gmail.com)).





**COMING SOON: *Twelve Tribes: Promise and Peril in the New Israel* by Ethan Michaeli, will be released on November 16. Pre-order this nonfiction book through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and donate to our congregation!**

## CEEW Book Club: Fall 2021 Selections

The Temple book club meets once a month, usually the first Wednesday of the month, at the Temple or a member home at 1:30 pm. We will have a short chat session with snacks, followed by a discussion led by the person who chose the book. Here are the fall selections:

September 1, *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland (discussion leader: Karen Levy); October 20, *House on Endless Waters* by Emuna Elon (Adrian Richfield); November 3, *The Woman Who Fell From the Sky* by Jennifer Steil (Mari-Claire Zimmerman); December 1, *Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd (Diana Stroshine).

If you are interested in joining the book club for next year, please contact book club coordinator Diana Stroshine to be added to the list (Email: [DStroshine@hotmail.com](mailto:DStroshine@hotmail.com)).



## SHABBAT SERVICES

<b>SEPTEMBER 3</b>	<b>7 p.m.:</b>	<b>Member-led service (in person only)</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>	<b>7 p.m.:</b>	<b>Cantor-led service</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>	<b>7 p.m.:</b>	<b>Member-led service (in person only)</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>	<b>7 p.m.:</b>	<b>Cantor-led service</b>

These services may 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.

## CEEW TEMPLE LEADERSHIP

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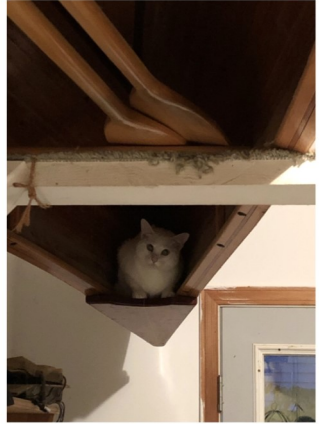
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## A Letter From... West Virginia

Dear CEEW family,

In mid-July I drove to Ohio and West Virginia with my adult (and nearly-adult) children to plan and participate in a pair of family milestones. Planning the trip took longer than the trip itself, as I no longer own a minivan that can carry all five of us. (If we had tried to cram everyone into my 2002 Subaru Forester we might not have made it to the Illinois border. Alternatively, we might have acquired more elbow room at each rest stop as we “accidentally” left people behind.) My recent high school graduate Cole (they/them) drove the second car; this necessitated my setting up a second I-Pass transponder, giving them my usual navigator, and training a new navigator. Prior to the trip Cole’s longest drive was from Milwaukee to Oconomowoc, so I was a bit anxious. Maybe they were, too, but they didn’t let on.

As it turned out, the roads in southern Wisconsin gave us plenty of practice with driving in a caravan and traveling through construction zones. By the time we stopped at the Lake Forest Oasis we were driving like old pros, and the rest of the drive to my mother’s house in south central Ohio passed with no major incidents. Mom’s cat Lucy, however, freaked out when the five of us entered the house, and she hid in the canoe until she felt like meeting us the following morning.



The first event to plan was a 100th birthday celebration for my mother’s mother in West Virginia (another four hours away). Most of the actual preparation was already underway and being supervised by my uncle and his wife, but my mother was anxious about it regardless. Our attendance involved another two-car caravan and the logistics of finding sleeping spaces for six more people in Grandmother’s house; my cousin and his wife and son were already sharing a bed in one of the three guest rooms. (To make a long story short, my mother and I had our own couches to sleep on.)



My four-year-old cousin, whom I had never met, immediately took to my own kids and decided they were not his cousins but his “friends.” They took turns playing “Sorry” and cornhole with him and putting together a 499-piece jigsaw puzzle. Grandmother was pleasantly surprised by the turnout as her neighbors came by to wish her a happy birthday; one gentleman brought a guitar and played his own songs for her. She kept a bagful of cards to open on her “real” birthday, which was a few days later.

Upon returning to Ohio we focused on making the final preparations for a celebration of life event for my father, who passed away last October. I took over the design and layout of the program; my brother collected family photos and turned them into a multimedia timeline of my father’s life.

The final day in Ohio was the most relaxing, with not much to do besides pack our things and prepare for the return drive (I got my old navigator back). My brother came over to teach Cole some chords on the guitar, I met his fellow-artist girlfriend, and we all conspired to keep her Newfoundland mix from digging under the gate and escaping from the yard to chase squirrels.

We did many things that needed to be done, and we got to know each other — and our cars — a little better. All the same, it felt good to be warmly greeted by the house (and dog) sitter as we pulled into our driveway.






Safe travels!  
Elizabeth Lamb



## SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

September 3, 7:05 pm; September 10, 6:53 pm;  
September 17, 6:40 pm; September 24, 6:28 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Elul 24 Temple clean-up day! CEEW Book Club, Karen Levy's house, 1:30 p.m.	2 Elul 25	3 Elul 26 Member-led Shabbat service, in-person only, 7 p.m.	4 Elul 27  Nitzavim
5 Elul 28	6 Elul 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service held in person and on Zoom, 7:30 p.m.	7 Tishrei 1 Rosh Hashanah Rosh Hashanah service in person and on Zoom, 10 a.m. Tashlich service in person only, 12:15 p.m.	8 Tishrei 2 Rosh Hashanah family service and potluck dinner, 6 p.m.	9 Tishrei 3	10 Tishrei 4 October Bulletin content deadline Cantor-led Shabbat service, in person and Zoom, 7 p.m.	11 Tishrei 5 Dining Group, 5:30 p.m.  Vayeilech
12 Tishrei 6	13 Tishrei 7 Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.	14 Tishrei 8 Beginner Adult He- brew class, 3 p.m.	15 Tishrei 9 Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre service, in person and on Zoom, 7:30 p.m.	16 Tishrei 10 Yom Kippur Yom Kippur service, in person and on Zoom, 10 a.m. Yom Kippur family service, 4:30 p.m.	17 Tishrei 11 Member-led Shabbat service, in-person only, 7 p.m.	18 Tishrei 12  Ha'Azinu
19 Tishrei 13 Build sukkah — details TBA First day of religious school, 12 p.m.	20 Tishrei 14 Erev Sukkot	21 Tishrei 15 Sukkot 1 Beginner Adult He- brew class, 3 p.m. Sisterhood Annual Meeting	22 Tishrei 16 Sukkot 2	23 Tishrei 17 Sukkot 3	24 Tishrei 18 Sukkot 4 Cantor-led Shabbat service, in person and Zoom, 7 p.m.	25 Tishrei 19 Sukkot 5 Dining Group, 5:30 p.m.
26 Tishrei 20 Sukkot 6 Religious school— Intergenerational Simchat Torah Ob- servance, Zoom only, 9 a.m.	27 Tishrei 21 Sukkot 7 Yizkor service for Simchat Torah, 7 p.m.	28 Tishrei 22 Shmini Atzeret BEGIN Meeting at CEEW, 11:30 a.m. Beginner Adult He- brew class, 3 p.m.	29 Tishrei 23 Simchat Torah	30 Tishrei 24		
The content deadline for the October bulletin is <b>Friday, September 10.</b>						

Calendar dates and candle lighting times from [hebc.com](http://hebc.com). Check the CEEW calendar for the most current information. Most events are held online via Zoom, as well as in person if possible.