

Friends of CEEW: A New Membership Option

By Laurie Schwartz

Over the years we have seen members leave for a variety of reasons. Some for warmer climates, some for a job change, and others to be nearer to family.

Visitors and friends of members often enjoy visiting our small and welcoming community and wish to keep in touch. Additionally, there are those who live within 75 miles of CEEW and belong to another reform or conservative synagogue who also wish to also be part of our community.

In light of this we have created a new membership type: Friends of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha, or FCEEW. This membership allows

people to keep in touch and feel a part of our community while not actually living here.

FCEEW members are able to join us for our weekly Friday night services either in person or on Zoom, join in on our adult education programs, receive our monthly bulletin and our bi-weekly blasts. Most of all, FCEEW members have the opportunity to feel a part of our warm and close knit community while enjoying the wisdom, voice and leadership of Cantor Martin Levson. The cost of FCEEW membership is \$18 per month / \$216 per year. If you know of anyone who might be interested please contact Laurie Schwartz at President@waukeshatemple.org. ★

Tashlich Service at Frame Park

Families of CEEW attended a tashlich service at Frame Park in Waukesha on September 7, immediately following the morning Rosh Hashana service. Photo by Cecille Sulman.





“Do not be wise in words — be wise in deeds.”

— Jewish proverb

THANK YOU!

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רבה

Public thank-yous are long overdue to the many, many people who have helped prepare us for the High Holy Days, as well as to everyone who has assisted in the transition between Cantor Martin and Cantor Levson.

Thank you for cleaning up the synagogue for the holidays:

Carrie Barbakoff, Elaine Goldberg, Marcy Hotz, Cantor Levson, Mark Levy, Ann Meyers, Carol O’Neil, Bernie Sandler, Laurie Schwartz, Dennis Stodola, Sandy Villa, and Mari-Claire Zimmerman.

Thank you for pulling weeds, mulching, and making our grounds look pretty again: Pati Brickman and Sandy Villa.

Thank you for planning, beautifying, and participating in our holiday services:

Beth Ann Waite for underwriting the talented musicians, Elly Kraines for the flowers on the bimah, Mari-Claire Zimmerman and Marsha Fensin for assigning all of the readings, Mark Levy for his help with Zoom, electronics, and shofar-blowing, and our High Holy Days readers Pati Brickman, Ed Cohen, Mick Cohodes, Marsha Fensin, Scott Fensin, Elaine Goldberg, Mike Kotkin, Elizabeth Lamb, Cantor Levson, Cindy Levy, Mark Levy, Cantor Martin, Ann Meyers, Carol O’Neil, Adrian Richfield, Bernie Sandler, Claude Scher, Loren Schmidt, Molly Schmidt, Laurie Schwartz, Rick Steinberg, Sandy Villa, Beth Ann Waite, Barb Zacher, and Mari-Claire Zimmerman.

Thank you for helping assemble our community sukkah:

Pati Brickman, Ed Cohen, Dave Cornale, Mike Cummins, Dan Kazarek and kids, Elizabeth Lamb, “Cap’n” Cantor Levson, Mark Levy, Tabb Patz, Loren and Molly Schmidt, Laurie Schwartz, Aaron and Noah Sulman, and Sandy Villa.

Thank you for hard work behind the scenes: Bernie Sandler.



**Did I miss
anyone?
Let me
know!**



Above, Pati Brickman and Mari-Claire Zimmerman pose behind the gorgeous flowers donated by Elly Kraines. Photo by Adrian Richfield. Right: With the sukkah framework and walls in place, it was time to “construct” the roof. September 19 also happened to be International Talk Like a Pirate Day, which provided extra energy and inspiration. Photo by Pati Brickman.



The CEEW Dining Group will meet October 24 for a Sunday brunch at Coco's in Oconomowoc. Carpooling from the temple is encouraged. See page 13 for more information or contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com).

My Cantorial Journey: Part Two

The first year of the Cantorial program at HUC-JIR is spent studying in Jerusalem, Israel. By this point in my life, Sheri and I were engaged and a wedding date had been set, so she was accorded full spousal privileges by the College. As I began my Cantorial studies, Sheri took classes in Jewish Education (she already had a teaching degree from UC Berkeley), which included most of the Rabbinic classes.

My class was only the second year of this program for Cantors, so there were "still a few bugs in the system." Thankfully, my Cantorial class of nine (six women, three men) benefitted immensely from the guidance of the newly appointed director, Cantor Eliyahu Schleifer, an incredibly knowledgeable teacher and *gute neshama* (good soul).

We were also blessed with a tight knit class. While we were all strong, artistic personalities, and not everyone was the best of friends, despite our many differences we all respected and supported each other. At the time, we did not realize how uncommon this was in graduate school. Because I read Tom Wolfe's *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test* that year in Jerusalem, I gave our class the playful nickname "The Merry Pranksters." Our friendship continues to this day, and we remain in close contact with each other.

Our studies continued over the next three years in New York, where we were taught by Cantors Israel Goldstein (z"l), Lawrence Avery, (z"l), Bob Abelson, and

Rabbi Jeff Salkin, among many others. It was at HUC in New York that I became a "Chassid" of Rabbi Larry Hoffman, whose creative ideas about liturgy and worship continue to shape my thoughts about meaningful prayer experiences.



CANTOR MARTIN LEVSON

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

"Go forth from your native land... to the land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)

"What a long, strange trip it's been." (Rav R. Hunter)

The subject of my master's thesis was Cantor Charles Davidson, an innovative Conservative Cantor who taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Cantor Davidson was most gracious with his time, his musical library, and his dry sense of humor, although to this day I wonder if some of the anecdotes I included in my thesis were true, or if he was pulling my leg.

My first pulpit was in a place Sheri and I never dreamed we would live: Tulsa, Oklahoma! We quickly discovered that the Jewish community of (at the time) 2,800 Jews were heavily involved and engaged with Jewish life.

I benefitted from a long tradition of long-tenured Cantors serving Temple Israel since the 1950s; I was only the fourth person to serve as their Cantor. Most of the

Jews in Tulsa were transplants from the coasts who were transferred to Tulsa by their employers. Almost all of them swore they would only live there for two years, but they discovered that life in Tulsa had its perks and charms, and they set down roots and raised families. There were also a small handful of Jews who were born and grew up Jewish in Oklahoma, the most notable of whom was David Milsten (z"l), a brilliant man who was the first biographer of Will Rodgers, whom he knew personally.

In Tulsa I worked with Rabbi Charles Sherman, who was a father figure and made sure that I learned "all the real-life clergy skills that I know they don't teach in the seminary." His leadership abilities were excellent, and hardly a week goes by that I don't think to myself "How would Rabbi Sherman handle this problem?" I was also blessed with the opportunity to work with a gifted and wildly creative Jewish Educator, Debra Cohn, who took this very strait-laced, by-the-book, newly minted Cantor and got him to loosen up a bit! Debra was the person who introduced me to the Jewish Renewal movement, a group that I lovingly refer to as "The Hippie Jews."

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“If you don’t know what you’re living for, you haven’t yet lived.”

— Rabbi Noah Weinberg

CEEW News Briefs

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Finally, after nine years in Tulsa, Sheri and I determined that my next contract would mean our son Kailin would be entering middle school and become a Bar Mitzvah, so we needed to make a big decision: we either move now, or we wait until our daughter Liz graduated high school.

Life in Oklahoma was familiar and comfortable, and we could have easily stayed there, but we decided to make the leap and move on. Sheri and I still have several close friends from our time in Tulsa, and some of them “attended” the High Holidays on CEEW’s Zoom stream last month.

To be continued... ✨



Yom Kippur Food Drive a Success for Food Pantry

Many thanks to all who donated to the Yom Kippur Food Drive in this unusual High Holiday season. More than \$700 in donations were collected and the food bin was full to overflowing. All the bags completely filled a cart when they were delivered to the Food Pantry of Waukesha.

— Mark Levy

Adult Education Programs to Restart

Watch your inboxes for details about programs of interest to adult learners this fall.

Midweek Hebrew education continues this year; contact Education Director Carrie Barbakoff for more details and to register. Her email address is eddirector@waukeshatemple.org.

We will also be starting weekly adult study sessions, led by Cantor Levson.

Look for more information in our email “blasts” and on the CEEW website calendar.

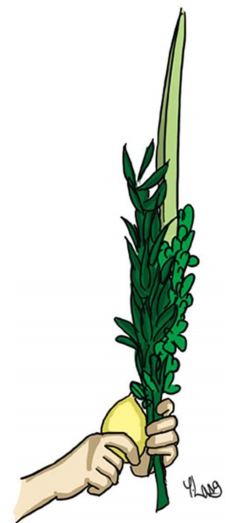
— Elizabeth Lamb

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November Bulletin
content deadline

Save the Date!

The tenth day of the month is the deadline for articles and photos for the next month’s Bulletin.



Above, our religious school students enjoy some time in the newly constructed CEEW community sukkah. Photo by Adrian Richfield.



Volunteers are needed for the member-led Friday night Shabbat services. Contact Mari-Claire Zimmerman (wzimmerman1@wi.rr.com) for more information.

A few words for Rosh HaShanah

On this *Rosh HaShanah* I have found it incredibly challenging to put into words just one thought, one feeling, one thing that I want to reflect on or leave behind in 5781. Many of us have experienced loss and heartache and challenges throughout the last year. I felt like it was a marathon to keep going each day to keep fulfilling my goals. Each turn of the race seemed to pose new challenges; yet together with my friends, family and colleagues we all persevered.

The words of the *kiddush*, the blessing we say to sanctify and make holy our simple cup of grape juice or wine are “*Yom HaZikaron, Yom T’ruah, mikra-kodesh*” this day of remembrance, a day for the *shofar’s* joyful sound, a day of sacred assembly. So, what is it that we are supposed to remember? Why is this the day to hear the *shofar’s* joyful sound? And what does it mean to have a sacred assembly?

I would like to suggest that the day of remembrance is a day for remembrance of why we were created and why we are here on God’s earth. We are to remember that we are the ones who can make a difference by making the right choices and doing our best to make the world a better place.

Why is this the day to hear the blasts of the *shofar*? This is the

day, the season, the time of year where we need a wake up, a sounding or “blast” to our psyche. We need to take stock of where we are, where we are headed and where we might be going, what is it that we can do each day to appreciate what God has given us and what we can do to not take that for granted.

And lastly, we have come together in this service tonight (the *Rosh HaShanah* family service which took place on September 5) to have a sacred assembly. Judaism very much values coming together to celebrate, to mark time and to make a sacred space. So, it is my honor to come together with you to make this (Frame Park’s picnic shelter) our sacred assembly, our spiritual or holy gathering as one community in prayer.

Second, I want to touch on the *Torah* reading which comes from the book of Genesis. We read that Abraham is asked to make an altar and to bring a sacrifice; however, the sacrifice is that of his son. God tests Abraham to see what he would do in order to show his fear in God. Another way of looking at this is not only fear but by faith. Abraham, when God tested him, offered Issac as a sacrifice. He who had received the



CARRIE BARBAKOFF
From the Education Director’s Desk

promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son. It is through Issac that your offspring will be reckoned. It is because of Abraham’s faith that God would ensure that Abraham would be the leader and trust that he wouldn’t actually kill his only son. We, as Jews, must not have fear in those we trust but have faith to believe that those we trust are teaching us and guiding us to do the right thing even when it might not appear that way at first.

And third, I want to share with you the inspiration I received. The month of *Tishrei* is a journey which begins with *Rosh HaShanah* and continues through *Simchat Torah*. On *Rosh HaShanah* we say “*Avinu malkeinu*,” our father, our king which means that we have to define who God is. We have to establish a relationship with God, acknowledging what God can do for us. We have to identify that God is our father, our protector, our support and our king, our ruler, our leader and that we must follow his rules. Then, God gives us 10 days from *Rosh*

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“Worries go down better with soup than without.”

— Jewish proverb

Annual Book Fair: October 18–November 4

By Cindy Levy

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HaShanah to *Yom Kippur* to do *teshuva*, to ask for forgiveness and on *Yom Kippur* to make peace with our mistakes and decide how we are going to do better. Then, we come to the holiday of *Sukkot* (which we will celebrate together on September 19th, the first day of Religious school), and we will show God that we trust him, that we are protected by him. We build a safe “tent,” a sukkah and we sit in the sukkah to show that we trust that God will protect us. And lastly, we celebrate with God and thank him for the gift of the *Torah*. We dance and sing joyously that we have received the gift of the words of the *Torah*, the guidance and order that will carry us through another year.

I want to thank you for listening to my thoughts and reflections and vulnerability to admit that this was a rough year that we are leaving behind. I want to take this opportunity to ask you to join me in showing God who we are as a sacred community, who we are as those who can stand up just as Abraham did and have faith, and who we are as a people who are going to take this journey together through the month of *Tishrei* and come out of this month stronger, better people ready to take on 5782 as a year of success, health, wealth and happiness! *Shanah tovah* (A good year!) to everyone in the CEEW community. ✨

You have probably heard it said more than one time this year – the Jewish holidays are SO early this year. Well, Hanukkah is no exception, and so the annual book fair goes.

This is a great time for readers so everyone get ready to make a “To Read” list of books and to get in the mood for buying some books for yourself, friends and family as well.

Our annual book fair will be held virtually over a two-week period from October 18 through November 4 with pick-up and delivery from pre-defined locations (or mailing) right before Hanukkah! Since we are currently using the building, there will be a small sampling of the books you may be interested in purchasing to peruse. Additionally, book suggestions will be sent home with the Sunday School students and will be sent in email blasts.

Details on the CEEW Virtual Book Fair will be available on the CEEW Website. But there are some things you can do now.

Visit the Books & Company website and create an account at any time. If you created one last year, it is still active. (You can reset the password if you forgot it or call Books & Company for assistance).

Start your wish list of books through your Books & Company account at any time.

Feel free to send book suggestions or questions to communications@waukeshatemple.org or Lisa at Books & Company in Oconomowoc using the email address lisabbksco@gmail.com with a subject line of “CEEW Book Fair”.

On October 18 you will be sent a link to the CEEW Virtual Book Fair. Books of Jewish content will be displayed just as if you were at the synagogue! However, do not fear, you will be able to order books from anywhere on the Books & Company website.

Because the book fair supports our CEEW library and other synagogue programs, it is our hope that everyone will buy at least one book for themselves and another one for a friend, family member or child. What better gift to yourself and others than the gift of a good book — just in time for Hanukkah, the holidays, or a birthday present! ✨





Midweek Hebrew education continues this year. Please contact Education Director Carrie Barbakoff (eddirector@waukeshatemple.org) for details.

Scenes from Sukkot



ABOVE: The members of the Sukkah Construction Crew take a moment to relax. If you can name everyone in this photo, you could win a \$25 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice! Send your entry to bulletin@waukeshatemple.org. If there are multiple correct entries I will draw a name at random. BELOW: our students enjoy company, music, and pizza during the morning's program in the sukkah.





“Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what’s going to happen next.” — Gilda Radner

Sisterhood Happenings

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

The whirlwind of the fall holidays is now behind us: from happily greeting others with *L'shana tova*, to fasting and praying fervently on Yom Kippur, to waving the lulav in our sukkas, to dancing with the Torah on Simchat Torah, we Jewish women are feeling grateful to be together again with family, friends and congregants, albeit masked as needed. As we are firmly into year 5782, we strive for what Cantor Levson urged in his Rosh Hashanah Eve sermon: that “G-d wants us to be better versions of ourselves.”

In that vein, one of my spiritual goals for the New Jewish Year is to study one text in depth every week. This year I wish to delve into the WRJ *Torah: A Women's Commentary* which is considered the “crowning achievement of WRJ” and “showcases the teachings of Jewish women in the first comprehensive commentary on the Torah written entirely by women.”

Personally, I'm very interested in the community, ritual and religious roles of biblical women that often must be teased out of the Torah text. I've visited Shiloh where childless Hannah prayed for a



son, Mount Tabor where the Israelite army lead by Barak and prophetess Deborah fought against King Jabin, as well as many other biblical sites in Jerusalem. Judea and Samaria. Having seen these places makes the text come alive for me. I'm hoping that all women will consider this text (from the URJ press) to study the weekly parsha.

Over one year ago I accepted the offer of being CEEW Sisterhood co-president partly because I felt isolated in the height of the pandemic, but also because I wanted to renew old friendships and to help empower Jewish women at Emanu-El through learning. While my path has also included Aliyah and living in Israel 6 months a year, my heart also lies in Waukesha County and with the hardworking volunteers at CEEW. This summer, the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) offered a three-part leadership course for Sisterhood presidents which has proved very helpful to me in leading meetings. Unfortu-

nately, the in-person Kallah retreat at OSRUI was cancelled due to COVID technicalities. But, with each loss or hurtful thing that has happened during COVID, I have learned a sense of gratitude that while does not take away the hurt, helps me cope better and move forward.

I write all this because I encourage all women at CEEW to become involved in Sisterhood. So many women have paid dues this year because they believe in the bonds of Sisterhood and seek to strengthen the synagogue life. All jobs are volunteer sized and many can be accomplished at home. Board meetings are on Zoom, so travel is not needed.

By the time of this publishing, we have had our paid up member Annual Meeting on Sept 21 (details will need to follow in next bulletin). We have a new (and yet returning) co-president — Denise Stodola. We have exciting in-person programming on Jewish paper cutting on Tuesday October 19th, Hanukah card fundraising and Tikkun Olam projects in the works. We have a January program scheduled with Cantor Levson. Please reach out and join us and help us grow together and meet some of your spiritual or personal goals for 5782.



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

CEEW Sisterhood 2021 Chanukah Card by Denise Stodola and Cindy Levy

We are excited to again be partnering with renowned Jewish artist Nina Bonos on our annual Chanukah card. Look for information in your mail for details how your family can be part of this tradition. We thank you in advance for your support. Remember that Chanukah is early this year (the day after Thanksgiving), so please return your donation and card information by October 19.

CEEW Sisterhood Camp Scholarship Recipient: Theo Hacker by Rachel Ladin and Deb Hacker

One of the missions of the CEEW Sisterhood has been to encourage Jewish camping. Studies have shown that sending children to Jewish camps helps to strengthen their connection and love of Judaism throughout their lifetime.

This year's recipient of a camp scholarship was Deb Hacker's grandson, Theo Hacker, who attended Jewish Beginnings Camp 2021. As Theo is only in pre-school, we asked Theo's mom to write a little about the experience.



Scholarship recipient Theo Hacker makes a popsicle at Jewish Beginnings Camp. Photo by Deb Hacker.

The kids played their hearts out all summer long. Each day they had a "class" including art, sports (often soccer) and science where they would create imaginative projects and run until they plotzed. Soccer was taught by one of their *Morahs* (teachers) who coaches adults as well. And in between classes, they enjoyed splashing in little pools and sprinklers with friends, playing on the playground, riding bikes and making/eating refreshing popsicles. They had so much fun on the bouncy slide too!

Some highlights included a petting zoo that came to Jewish Beginnings. The kids got to feed and pet goats, cows, llamas and ducks. They also went on short hikes and learned about the life cycle of butterflies and other animals with the Urban Ecology Center. And lastly, Mad Science came to teach scientific concepts and interactions, and of course to make slime. The best part for Theo was seeing his friends that opted out of school during the year (due to COVID) and returned again this summer for a wonderful reunion.

CEEW Sisterhood Program Reminder by Deb Hacker and Cindy Levy

The Jewish Papermaking program is planned for Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 pm in the CEEW social hall. RSVPs are required by October 4th to 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.

The CEEW Sisterhood follows the policies set by the CEEW Board, so adjustments will be made accordingly.



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

Sandy and Marvin Small celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on October 8.

Sara and Doug Anson celebrate their 8th wedding anniversary on October 19.

BIRTHDAYS

• **Laura Gacek**, daughter of Ardis Horwich, celebrates her 10th birthday on October 6.

• **Elyse Ogden**, daughter of Jonathan and Nicole Ogden, celebrates her 6th birthday on October 12.

• **Freesia Bornstein**, daughter of Mark and Shirley Bornstein, celebrates her 17th birthday on October 16.

• **Judy Shabman** celebrates a birthday on October 24.

• **Joe Dailey** celebrates a birthday on October 26.

• **Arlene Shelley** celebrates a birthday on October 30.

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

July and August donations, submitted by CEEW Treasurer **Alan Meyers**

IN MEMORY OF

- **John Alpert and Ruth Alpert**
Donation from Carol O'Neil
- **Nate Kraines**
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Contributions from Marsha Fensin, Gloria and Martin Ostacher, Barbara Zacher

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Contributions from Mari-Claire Zimmerman

IN HONOR OF CANTOR MARTIN'S RETIREMENT

Contributions from Art Foss, Jack and Elaine Goldberg, Michael and Peggy Kotkin



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 **Tishrei / Cheshvan (October)**



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.

Mark Bergman: October 22; Cheshvan 16
Uncle of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Jack Brandner: October 12; Cheshvan 6
Father of Andi (Tabb) Patz

Bertha Cohen: October 29
Grandmother of Marcy (James) Hotz

Samuel S. Cohen: October 13
Grandfather of Marcy (James) Hotz

Lucille H. Fensin: October 3
Mother of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Milton Gottlieb: October 30; Cheshvan 24
Uncle of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Edna Kalstein: October 15
Mother of Jack (Elaine) Goldberg

Morris Kraines: October 15; Cheshvan 9
Father of Nate (Elly) Kraines

Arthur Kulakow: October 13; Cheshvan 7
Father-in-law of June Kulakow

Emanuel Kupperman: October 8; Cheshvan 2
Father of Gerard (Laurel) Kupperman

James Lamb: October 23
Father of Elizabeth Lamb

Robert Lavine: October 16
Uncle of Sara (Doug) Anson

Dr. Roland Levy: October 1; Tishrei 25
Father of Mark (Cindy) Levy

Dr. Robert L. Merkow: October 22; Cheshvan 16
Brother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Dora Moscovitz: October 19; Cheshvan 13
Grandmother of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Samuel Orshansky: October 9
Uncle of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Arthur Pass: October 12; Cheshvan 6
Great-uncle of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Bessie Rich: October 23; Cheshvan 17
Grandmother of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Isabelle Richfield: October 11
Mother of Adrian Richfield

Adele Schuman: October 26; Cheshvan 20
Sister of Philip (Mary) Schuman

Mary Elizabeth Steinberg: October 24; Cheshvan 18
Wife of Rick Steinberg

Dr. Aaron Sweed: October 30
Father of Laurie Schwartz

Leah Weiss: October 26; Cheshvan 20
Mother of Ed Weiss



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



Cantor Levson will soon be leading weekly adult study sessions. Watch your email and the website calendar for more information.

The Poetry Corner

This month the Poetry Corner features contemporary poems touching on themes of Sukkot and the coming autumn. Suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work, to Adrian Richfield (susu78@aol.com) or Sydney Small (rottiesrock@wi.rr.com).

I in the Sukkah

By Rabbi Jill Hausman



About the Poet

Rabbi Rachel Barenblat (AKA the Velveteen Rabbi) was ordained as a rabbi in 2011 and as a spiritual director in 2012. We discovered this poem at velveteenrabbi.blogs.com, where she has been writing since 2003.

Permeable: A Poem for Sukkot

By Rabbi Rachel Barenblat

Today I'll finish our sukkah
stacking old wildflowers
to hint at roof, twining tinsel
around the slats

all year we imagine
our houses are our houses
stable and comfortable
waterproof and familiar

but these seven days
remind us that permanence
is overrated, that our true home
is under the stars

change is always underway
nine short weeks remain
until you'll leave the home
you probably think is forever

and enter our world
airy and unpredictable
where we won't know what you
need
even sometimes when you tell us

your first big leap of faith, kid:
into nothing you've ever known
into the fragile sukkah
we've decorated just for you

I
in the Sukkah
body circumscribing soul
a temporary shelter
on good days happy here
labor good
and fruit delicious
but when rain gets in
peeking through the veil
of leafy branches
to beyond
not content just being
rooted to the floor
to be weightless
in some space-booth
able to float up at will
to push off earth
and feel the sky
of
I
in the Sukkah
body circumscribing soul

About the Poet

Rabbi Jill Hausman has been the cantor and rabbi of the Actors' Temple in New York City since 2005. We found her work at ritualwell.org.



When meeting someone, be the first to say shalom.

— Talmud, Tractate Avot

BOOK CLUB REPORT

Adrian Richfield Reviews: *House on Endless Waters*

"Elon powerfully evokes the obscurity of the past and its hold on the present, as we stumble through revelation after revelation with Yoel. As we accompany him on his journey...we share in his loss, surprise and grief, right up to the novel's shocking conclusion." —*The New York Times Book Review*



Emuna
ELON

According to author Emma Elon, she did extensive research about Dutch history during WWII, Dutch Jewry and Holland. She spent a great deal of time in Amsterdam and interviewed survivors and was surprised at much of what she found. All of this led to the writing of this book. There

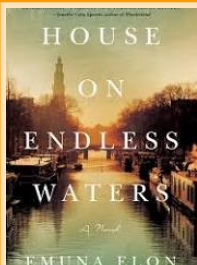
were many stories about Holland's hidden Jewish children and many of their stories remain murky and untold. Thus, the novel is the story a family and especially the story of a mother and her son. It delves into who we are based on the stories we have been told in the past. It is an intricate novel containing with a story within a story.

Emuna Elon is an internationally bestselling novelist, journalist and women's activist who was born into a family of prominent rabbis and scholars. She

was raised in Jerusalem and New York and teaches Judaism, Hasidism and Hebrew.

Anyone interested in joining the discussion should contact Diana Stroshine, the book club coordinator, at dstroshine@yahoo.com. ☆





CEEW Book Club

What: Discussion of *House on Endless Waters*

Date: Wednesday, October 6

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Leader: Adrian Richfield

CEEW Dining Group: Sunday Brunch in October

The CEEW Dining Group will meet at 11 a.m. on **Sunday, October 24th** for brunch at Coco's Seafood and Steakhouse in Oconomowoc, located at 151 St. Paul Street on the ground floor of the Fowler Lake Village Condominiums. Car pooling from the synagogue is available.

Coco's is a casual/fine dining restaurant featuring locally sourced high-quality ingredients. Anyone interested should sign up with Elly Kraines (Ellyanna340@gmail.com).



COMING SOON: *The Last Checkmate* by Gabriella Saab, will be released on October 19. Pre-order this chess-themed novel, set in Auschwitz, through smile.amazon.com and donate to our congregation!

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!



SHABBAT SERVICES

OCTOBER 1	7 p.m.:	Cantor-led service
OCTOBER 8	7 p.m.:	Cantor-led service
OCTOBER 15	7 p.m.:	Cantor-led service
OCTOBER 22	7 p.m.:	Member-led service (in person only)
OCTOBER 29	7 p.m.:	Cantor-led service

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.

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Did you 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 guidelines.

A Letter From... England

Dear CEEW family,

This past summer I was fortunate to be able to travel to England to spend two months with my daughter and grandchildren. My son-in-law was deployed with the United States Air Force to an unknown location. (What we did know was that there was sand but no beach.) Traveling during COVID added some more interesting steps to an already long trip. Upon arriving at O'Hare, I had to prove I had both a negative COVID test within the past 72 hours and had COVID tests scheduled on days 2 and 8 after my arrival. I had to provide the address and phone number of where I would be isolating — luckily, at my daughter's home — so I could be randomly checked.

After arriving at Heathrow, clearing customs and getting my luggage I was taken by private car to my daughter's house, which is three hours north of London. Normally I take public transportation but everything was shut down because of COVID. From the time I arrived at O'Hare till I arrived at my daughter's home I had to wear a mask.

England was still on lockdown so there was nowhere we could go. Going into any building required a mask. Without a military ID, I couldn't even go to the commissary. Fortunately, my daughter and son-in-law live in the country on a large farm with lots of room to play outside. The kids climbed trees, played tag, hide and seek, hopscotch, played in the mud kitchen, rode bikes, and jumped on the trampoline. Even grandma jumped on the trampoline and no, there are no pictures! Inside we played games, had puppet shows, read books, colored, worked on learning to play chess and yes, watched movies.

We did get out a few times. There was a July 4th carnival on the base geared towards kids' rides. It was their first carnival and they had a blast! We were able to go to a small circus that included social distancing and mask wearing. One of



my favorite places to visit is Bewilderwood, and we were able to spend a day there. It's a woodland area that features tree houses, rope bridges, slides, zip wires and a maze. Nothing is electric and the kids go home at the end of the day dirty and exhausted. Perfect!






Returning home was more of the same. I was required to have a COVID test 3 days prior to traveling and I had to be driven to Cambridge: private transportation to and from the airport and wearing a mask for 18 hours straight. Yet, after not being able to visit them for a year and a half, it was worth jumping through innumerable hoops to be able to spend time with Sarah and the kids.

Safe travels!
Laurie Schwartz



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

October 1, 6:15 pm; October 8, 6:03 pm; October 15, 5:51 pm;
October 22, 5:40 pm; October 29, 5:30 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Tishrei 25 Cantor-led Shabbat service, Board installation, 7 p.m.	2 Tishrei 26  Bereshit
3 Tishrei 27 Religious school, 9 a.m.	4 Tishrei 28	5 Tishrei 29 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m.	6 Tishrei 30 Rosh Cheshvan Book Club, Adrian Richfield's house, 1:30 p.m.	7 Cheshvan 1	8 Cheshvan 2 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	9 Cheshvan 3 
10 Cheshvan 4 November Bulletin content deadline Religious school, 9 a.m.	11 Cheshvan 5	12 Cheshvan 6 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m.	13 Cheshvan 7	14 Cheshvan 8	15 Cheshvan 9 Women of Reform Judaism Kallah Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	16 Cheshvan 10  Lech-Lecha
17 Cheshvan 11 Religious school, 9 a.m.	18 Cheshvan 12	19 Cheshvan 13 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m. Sisterhood program — paper cutting, 7 p.m.	20 Cheshvan 14	21 Cheshvan 15	22 Cheshvan 16 Member-led Shabbat service, in person only 7 p.m.	23 Cheshvan 17 
24 Cheshvan 18 Religious school, 9 a.m. Dining group, 11 a.m.	25 Cheshvan 19	26 Cheshvan 20 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m.	27 Cheshvan 21	28 Cheshvan 22	29 Cheshvan 23 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	30 Cheshvan 24  Chayei Sara
31 Cheshvan 25 Religious school, 9 a.m.						

The content deadline for the November bulletin is **Sunday, October 10.**

Calendar dates and candle lighting times from 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.