

**NEWAUKESHA** 

Kol Emanu-El

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# Adult Education Programs Return on a Special Shabbat

By Adrian Richfield

ome for a Friday night service and stay for a special musical program with Cantor Levson. It will be a shortened service followed by selections from "An Obscure Song Book Collection of Favorites" presented by Cantor Levson.

Before the pandemic stopped our Adult Education programming, we had been able to offer a few short programs following a regular Friday night Shabbat service. We are happy that we are able to once again present some of these programs to the congregation. Our first such endeavor promises to be a wonderful way to end the week and start the weekend with spirituality, prayers, music and so much more!

The regular shortened service will begin as usual at 7:00 pm at the synagogue followed by an entertaining musical performance with our own talented performer and Cantor. There will be challah, along with some snacks and drinks to enjoy safely at the oneg.



Mark your calendars, save the date, visit with CEEW friends, and bring guests and family as we gather together on Friday, November 12th for a "Special Shabbat."

If you would like a pickup at your house to go to this Special Shabbat service, please contact Adrian (susu78@aol.com/262-547-1904) as we have members who are willing to provide drivers for anyone who might like a ride from the Pewaukee, Waukesha, or Brookfield areas! Uber up with us!



The CEEW Dining Group will meet November 14 for a Sunday lunch/brunch at Cooper's Hawk in Brookfield. See page 3 for more information or contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com).

# **To London (and Back Again)**

AS I write this article, I have just returned from an exhausting but exhilarating week in London, and I am extremely jet lagged. I went to London to perform as part of the Tsitsit Fringe Festival (*Tsitsit* are the strings, or 'fringes' on the four corners of a tallit. What a delightful linguistic pun!) Good fortune presented another unexpected opportunity while I was there.

The work I went to London to perform is a "Multi-media, 21<sup>st</sup> century Pop Oratorio" (that's the best concise description I can give it) called *Letters From The Affair*, composed by my good friend David Chevan.

Letters follows the relationship between Camille Pissarro and Edgar Degas, two of the founders of the Impressionist art movement. These two men were close friends and colleagues for many years, until the Dreyfus Affair in late 19<sup>th</sup> century France ripped their friendship apart. I portrayed Degas, who is primarily known for his beautiful paintings of ballet dancers and is less known for the fact that he was. sad to say, a nasty Anti-Semite. (Pissarro was an assimilated French Jew.) You will be hearing a lot from me about this musical work, which I

would LOVE to bring to Milwaukee, in the weeks and months to come.



CANTOR MARTIN LEVSON

From the Spiritual Leader's Desk

The unexpected opportunity I had during my visit was through the help of the narrator



This photograph was taken after our final performance of "Letters from the Affair" in the Stern Pissarro Gallery in London. The gentleman fourth from the left is David Chevan, the composer and bassist. The other people are members of the cast except for the gentleman on the far left, Dothan Stern, who is Camille Pissarro's great-great grandson! The paintings behind us are original paintings by Camille Pissarro.

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of the piece, Maya Kay, the woman in the photograph. She happens to be the personal assistant to the Rabbi of the Westminster Synagogue, where the Czech Torah Scrolls are administered.

With her assistance, David and I had the incredible blessing of a two-hour personal meeting with Jeffrey Ohrenstein, the Chairman of the Memorial Scrolls Trust.

Because of the pandemic, David and I were only the second group in the past 18 months that had the opportunity to visit the museum!

I will have a lot more to say about our Czech Torah in the weeks and months to come, but it's fascinating to think that my chance to take on an acting gig in England led to a visit with the administrators of the very group that sent us our Torah scroll! 🜣

> Right, Jeffrey Ohrenstein, Chairman of the Memorial Scrolls Trust, poses with Cantor Martin Levson before a collection of Torah Scrolls at the Czech Scrolls Museum at Kent House, West London.

### **CEEW News Briefs**



#### Virtual Book Fair Ends Nov. 4

There is still time to shop CEEW's Virtual Book Fair, but hurry! Follow this link to set up a wishlist or do the shopping: <u>https://www.booksco.com/</u> <u>congregation-emanu-el-book-</u> <u>fair</u>. More information on this temple fundraiser is available on the CEEW website and will be sent out via email.

#### **Dining Group Meets Nov. 14**

The CEEW Dining Group will meet at 11 a.m. on **Sunday, November 14** for lunch/brunch at Cooper's Hawk in Brookfield.

The restaurant features "a contemporary American menu infused with flavors from around the world." Each dish is made fresh, incorporating seasonal ingredients, and is paired with the perfect wine.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the CEEW Dining Group should sign up with Elly Kraines by sending her an email at Ellyanna340@gmail.com.



## Save the Date!

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



# **Jewish Education with a Hybrid Model**

he year 5782 has brought new challenges to the religious school. In order to maximize all of our students learning potential and ensure all of our students have access to our school we are offering a hybrid model.

All of our students have the same textbooks — however, some of our students are in their own homes on Sunday morning and some are at the temple. Thanks to the help of Mark Levy, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, and Jan and Bill Lowell, our classrooms all have computer monitors, chromebooks, WiFi, and Zoom.

At 9 am when the school day starts, some of our students are sitting at desks or a table spaced apart in our classrooms, while others are at home and in our classrooms virtually on a screen. All students are listening to their class's same teacher and following along with the same curriculum materials.

This year our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are learning Torah stories with llene Jauquet for their first *limud* (learning) period, while our 6th and 7th graders are learning about Judaism's great debates with Marie Loeffler. After we all come together for a Hebrew session, we take a *hafsaka* (a break) to remove our masks and have a quick snack and drink.

Next our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students work with Marie on a building Jewish identity series, which is helping our students identify where Judaism is rooted



and how it connects to our students today. Meanwhile the 6th and 7th graders are learning Jewish history with llene. Our kindergarten and 1st graders are learning about Jewish symbols, holidays, God, and Jewish values. Lastly, we end our morning with a whole-school prayer service both in the sanctuary and on zoom.

This year Chanukah begins with Chanukah fun day on November 21, and our first student co-led Friday night service is November 19. We look forward to seeing everyone at these two occasions. \$\$

### **Midrash Classes Begin Again at CEEW**

CEEW has begun its weekly adult education learning and study classes with Cantor Levson. The classes are from 10:30-12:00 each Wednesday, in person at the Temple and on Zoom.

The CEEW Midrash class has been meeting for many years. The class decides on a topic of interest and then begins to examine and study using the Jewish Tanakh, Rabinnic literature, the Torah, or books on the subject of religious study. This often leads to high-spirited discussions, interpretations, and off-topic spontaneous engagements as well.

With the help of Cantor Levson, they will delve into the prayer book deeply for the first endeavor of this year for Midrash class. All members are welcome to come and join in the learning and discussion, and explore more aspects of Judaism in a study-type session. To join, please send an email to Cantor Levson at spiritualleader@waukeshatemple.org.

Adrian Richfield



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

### **Member Focus: Barb Mulhern**

Barb Mulhern has been a regular and a returning member of CEEW, and now she rejoins us as our first "Friend of CEEW" member. Here is her story.

W arm... friendly... inviting... down to earth... a place where people truly care about each other. Those were among my first impressions of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha (CEEW) when I first joined over a dozen years ago. I have left, then returned, more than once since then due to the three-hour round-trip drive from our house 20 miles southwest of Madison, but thanks to both Zoom and the new Friends of CEEW membership this time I am here to stay.

I grew up in Kenosha where I went through both religious school and Hebrew school at Beth Hillel Temple but never knew CEEW existed. It wasn't until my husband Rick and I had lived near Madison for many years that I decided one time to search the Internet for someplace new to attend High Holiday services. And, I got much more than I ever expected.

Almost immediately, people I didn't know — Mary and Phil Schuman, Carol O'Neil, Ady Richfield, Elly Kraines, Marsha and Lee Fensin (may he rest in peace) and others — became my friends. I spent many nights staying overnight at Carol's house and at the Schumans' to help alleviate my long drive. And I learned that even after I left CEEW for a couple of years or more my very first impressions never changed.

I am the only one in my immediate family who is Jewish but we have always celebrated the Jewish holidays at home. I remember one year when Chanukah fell late and we had already put up our Christmas tree Rick looked at me and said: "Where is the menorah?"

Within the CEEW community, Ady and I immediately connected because we joined at virtually the same time. And Mary and I became fast friends. A couple of years ago when I decided to worship in a non-Jewish setting, Mary said to me: "I don't care where you worship. You will always be my friend."



Barb has a great time with her granddaughters Laila (10 months) and Malia (4 years).

Lee and I also bonded right away because of

both of our journalism and newspaper backgrounds. Yet whenever I would see him at temple, before we started talking about that he would always ask me how my family was doing.

The more I think about it, probably the best way to describe CEEW is that it is a true "family." When something happens to someone, others are immediately there for that person. It doesn't matter how well you know the person, CEEW's warm, caring atmosphere brings people together.

I have not been to CEEW in person for a long time due to the continuing high transmission of COVID in Wisconsin and my subsequent decision to stay very close to home. But thanks to the hard work of Mark and Cindy Levy and others, Zoom is available to those of us who can't make it there in person.

I encourage anyone who is reading this who lives far away like I do to consider becoming a "Friend of CEEW." The nominal membership fee is more than worth becoming part of this very special second "family."

- contributed by Barb Mulhern



"One needs something to believe in, something for which one can have wholehearted enthusiasm. One needs to feel that one's life has meaning, that one is needed in this world." — Hannah Szenes



## Soup's on the Way!

Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Carol O'Neil, and Deb Hacker were just three of nine volunteers who shopped, cooked, and delivered meals to 14 individuals in eight families. Not pictured but also participating in the mitzvah: Pati Brickman, Barb Dailey, Marsha Fensin, Annette Holvy-Hamm, Adrian Richfield, Denise Stodola. Photos by Adrian Richfield.



## Can you say "Scherenschnitte"?

Members of the Sisterhood learned about this paper cutting art, which means scissors and to cut. Jewish scherenschnitte, like the Jewish people, has developed according to individual traditions in various places. BELOW LEFT: Artist and teacher Kirsten Dobson, left, discusses the steps involved in Jewish papercutting art. BELOW CENTER: Participants in the October 19 workshop show off their completed cards (Back row: Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Laurie Schwartz, Elaine Goldberg, Alice Lambie, Debby Martin, Pati Brickman, Adrian Richfield, Marcy Hotz, Ann Meyers, Lindsey Wurtzel (seated), Beth Ann Waite, teacher Kirsten Dobson. Front row: Sandy Villa, Marsha Fensin, Cindy Levy, Carol O'Neil). BELOW RIGHT: Alice Lambie trims a Hamsa image for her second card. UPPER RIGHT: Two of several pieces created by Sheri Levson.







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.

## **Sisterhood Happenings**

From the desk of Sisterhood Co-president By Deb Hacker

Amos Bronson Alcott once said, "Who loves a garden, still His Eden keeps." For those that know me understand my Eden in summer is in my yard and garden. Autumn found me in the garden putting the garden "to bed." Or perhaps I was canning summer's bounty of vegetables and fruit at the stove or my electric canner.

It was also significant for me to pray (for the first time) on Shemini Atzeret (the 8th day of assembly) the lengthy "Tefillat Ha Geshem" the prayer for rain. The rainy season officially started in Israel at this point. We stopped praying for dew, and now pray for rain every day in the Amidah. It's been a difficult and dry summer and fall, and the lack of rain has affected many crops i.e., apples. So I can very much relate to this dependence on this natural force.

In Biblical times, ancient Israelite were involved heavily in tending of flocks as well as cultivation, as the land allowed. One can still see the remnants of ancient "hill cultivation" as terracing was used then, as it is now. Ancient olive and wine presses and threshing



floors can be seen at every ancient archeological site. However, agricultural prosperity was determined by rainfall, and that's where the prayer for rain came in.

Most Jews today in the US live in urban or suburban areas, but so much can be gained by having even a small garden even on a porch or balcony. I was so impressed by the Levys' raised garden of herbs and hills and groupings of beautiful perennial flowers in Brookfield at our Sisterhood Annual meeting on September 21st. It was the perfect setting for Sukkot and our Sisterhood annual meeting. Cindy and I bonded over our mutual growing of garlic; and here is where it gets even more Biblical.

Alliums — that is garlic, and its sidekicks of leeks and onions were much desired by the ancient Israelites. As they were schlepping around during their 40-year wandering, they kvetched in Numbers 11:5, "Fish we ate free in Egypt, all the cucumbers, melons, leeks and onions." The food was apparently better in Egypt and the Israelites longed for them. In fact, leeks are mentioned 20 times in the Tanach. Now "hardneck" garlic is a crop that is planted in the fall

here in Wisconsin. After rototilling and composting the soil in a sunny location, individual cloves of garlic are placed below the soil, covered and mulched with hay. Garlic teaches patience, as one must wait the entire winter to see the first slim leaves sprout in April. The "scapes" or flavorful stalks that would hold a seed head are cut in June, and the garlic is dug in mid-July. It's cured for about 6 weeks and then stored for use in cooking. (Most garlic sold in stores is imported from China; you can tell by the roots that are completely cut off.)

Garlic is a most satisfying, bountiful, easy to grow, and delicious crop and one can understand why the Israelites desired the alliums. Part of this crop was used by our Sisterhood for our "soup mitzvah" project in October, offering a bit of homemade and homegrown goodness to homebound, ill, or older members.

Also, our tikkun olam/mitzvah can be extended to our Waukesha



"I don't need you to agree with me, I need you to care about me!" — Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

### **Sisterhood Happenings**

Food Pantry as we purchase the "Super 8" commercial products for those with food insecurity in the Waukesha area. (For more information, please see the article on the next page).

I hope that all will participate in this mitzvah. Happy gardening and happy mitzvah making. May your 2022 garden provide you with your own Eden.

#### CEEW Sisterhood Annual Meeting/Paid-up Member Event

Twenty-three CEEW Sisterhood members met for the 2021 Annual Sisterhood meeting in Mark and Cindy Levys' leafy back yard and Sukkah on September 21st. The weather cooperated, and even as twilight and darkness



Sisterhood Co-President Denise Stodola speaks at the September Annual Meeting. Photo by Adrian Richfield.

ascended, members happily talked and visited since some had not seen each other for quite a time. While our past president, Sara Anson was unable to join us, she shared written words expressing her opportunities for personal growth as the past president. Cantor Emerita, Debbie Martin offered an opening prayer.

The slate of officers for 2021-2023 was approved:

Denise Stodola: Co-president Mari-Claire Zimmerman, move from member at large to Vice President

Carol O'Neil, Recording Secretary and Member at Large

Sandy Villa, Member at Large After election of officers, officers and committee members offered a summation of the 2020-2021 year. Karen Levy agreed to head the Sunshine committee beginning in November. Only one Jewish Camp Scholarship was offered this year, although there were two applications. The Hanukah card committee reported regarding the ongoing progress of our yearly and only fundraiser. The full Zoom schedule of programming was highlighted noted almost monthly Jewish educational offerings. Sandy Villa reviewed the on-line Tikkun Olam multi-



Marsha Fensin speaks at the September Annual Meeting of the CEEW Sisterhood. Photo by Adrian Richfield.

month fundraising for the Waukesha Food Pantry of the last year.

Following the business meeting, Cantor Emerita Martin inspired us with the personal stories of Jewish and non-Jewish women of the Torah and Tanach: Sara. Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, Batya, and Ruth. The Matriarchs were invited into our sukkah as the Ushpizin-honored guests as is the custom. She discussed the mystical and female aspects of the lulav and etrog which lent a feminine mystique to the evening event. All were invited to observe the mitzvah on this special evenina.

Many thanks to the Levys for hosting the event at their lovely home, to Carol O'Neil for schlepping beverages, Beth Ann Waite



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**

and Cindy Levy for shopping for food for the individual treat bags, Debbie Martin for her inspirational session connecting us to our forbearers, Barb Dailey for handling the finances in a succinct fashion, and all our members who arrived early to participate and help set up.

#### **CEEW Sisterhood Membership**

Thank you to all of the women of CEEW who have joined CEEW Sisterhood this year. We are currently at 36 members strong. If you have not yet joined the CEEW Sisterhood, but are interested please send an email to <u>ceew sisterhood@yahoo.com</u> to receive the brochure on becoming a member. **Remember, without** you we are one member short!

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Rachel – Temple Member -\$36 Leah - \$54 Rebecca - \$108 Sarah - \$180 Non-Temple Member - \$54 Sisterhood supporter (any amount) Please make checks payable to CEEW Sisterhood Mail to: Barb Dailey, Treasurer PO Box 332 Waukesha WI, 53187

## From the desk of Tikkun Olam Chair

Mari-Claire Zimmerman

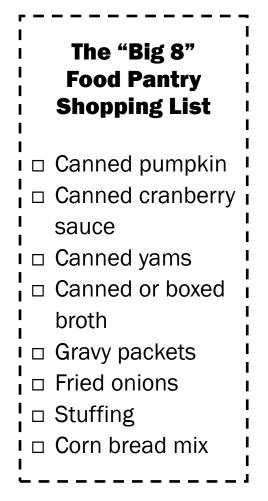
The CEEW Sisterhood is coordinating a food drive (*now until Nov 22*) to benefit our Waukesha County neighbors and help them have a fulfilling Thanksgiving. The food pantry of Waukesha County will deliver and later pick up a barrel for donations. Their requests are very simple and are known as the "Big 8." (see sidebar)

The Big 8 can easily be found in any grocery store in our area and are inexpensive. The barrel is setup in our lobby. Food can easily be delivered Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon during the hours of the administrator (Brigette), Friday evening around services, or Sunday morning during Sunday school.

To enter the Temple, ring the doorbell to be let in or give someone the donations. Call to inquire about the hours that Brigette or others are at the temple on any particular day.

If you prefer to give monetary donations instead, checks can made out to the CEEW Sisterhood and sent to: PO Box 332 Waukesha WI, 53187. The check memo should designate that the check is for the <u>Waukesha Food Pantry</u>. Checks must be mailed by November 15 to reach the Food Pantry in time for Thanksgiving. (A final check will be made out to and delivered to the CEEW Waukesha Pantry.)

### Let's fill the barrel and help with Tikkun Olam.





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



#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Mark** and **Cindy Levy** celebrate their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 27.

#### BIRTHDAYS

• Jim Hotz celebrates a birthday on November 5.

- Noah Sulman, son of Aaron and Cecille Sulman, celebrates his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 6.
- Alan Meyers celebrates a birthday on November 16.
- **Ruth Gacek**, daughter of Ardis Horwich, celebrates a birthday on November 18.
- Marie Loeffler celebrates a birthday on November 19.

### **IN APPRECIATION**

#### of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

September donations, submitted by CEEW Treasurer Alan Meyers

#### IN MEMORY OF

- > John Alpert and Ruth Alpert Donation from Carol O'Neil
- > Nate Kraines

Donations from Kelly and Sheila Goodman, Mark and Sally Pass, Rick Steinberg

- Hazel Martin Donation from Deborah Martin
  Tom O'Neil
  - Donation Carol O'Neil
- > Rosetta Sweed

Donation from Laurie Schwartz

John Waite

Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

#### MISCELLANEOUS FUND

Donation from Bernard and Marie Sandler for facilities and equipment; anonymous donation for security improvements

#### FOR FAMILY MAZORCHIM

Donations from Jennifer Ecker, Deborah and Richard Hacker

FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS MUSIC

Donation from Anthony and Beth Ann Waite

#### IN HONOR OF B'NEI MITZVAH

Contributions from Marsha Fensin, Gloria and Martin Ostacher, Barbara Zacher

IN HONOR OF CANTOR LEVSON

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 Brigette Unger prior to a service, to add a name of a relative or friend to the recent list of those who have died.

### May Their Memories Be for a Blessing



Larry Alpert: November 19; Kislev 15 Brother of Carol O'Neil

Joe Beringer: November 1 Grandfather of Paula Jeanine Duval

Ann Biesemeyer: November 2; Cheshvan 27 Mother of Joan (Rick) Rocamora

**Irving Goodman:** November 23; Kislev 19 Husband of Peggy Goodman, Father of Kelly (Sheila) Goodman

Ruth Grigo: November 1; Cheshvan 26 Mother of Deb (Richard) Hacker

Julius Hahn: November 16; Kislev 12 Father of Elly (Nate) Kraines

**Nettie Israel:** November 13; Kislev 9 *Mother of Ann Klein* 

James Frances Jauquet: November 9; Kislev 5 Father of Patrick (Ilene) Jauquet

Henry Kassner: November 1; Cheshvan 26 Father of Pam Kassner (Bill Ochowicz)

**Max Kurz:** November 24; Kislev 20 *Observed by Congregation* 

Max Lowell: November 10 Nephew of Bill (Jan) Lowell



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.

Irving Mack: November 8; Kislev 4 Grandfather of Laurel (Gerard) Kupperman

**Benny Martin:** November 25; Kislev 21 *Father of Cantor Deborah Martin* 

**Dr. Sidney Meyers:** November 20 Husband of Gloria Meyers, Father of Alan (Ann) Meyers

Ada Mitchell: November 8 Aunt of Bill (Jan) Lowell

June Pass: November 13; Kislev 9 Observed by Congregation

**Robert E. Pincus:** November 14; Kislev 10 *Observed by Congregation* 

Edward Pokorny: November 5 Cousin of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

**Faye Reinherz:** November 25; Kislev 21 *Mother of Barb Mulhern* 

Harry Schnoll: November 18; Kislev 14 Observed by Congregation

**George Shelley:** November 7; Kislev 3 Brother of Peter (Arlene) Shelley

**Jo Smirl:** November 21; Kislev 17 *Observed by Congregation* 



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



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on November 7. Adjust your clocks on Saturday night and don't be late for Sunday school!



This month the Poetry Corner features two poems from our own Marcy Hotz. Suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work, to Adrian Richfield (<u>susu78@aol.com</u>) or Sydney Small (<u>rottiesrock@wi.rr.com</u>).

#### A Feast for the Senses

By Marcy Hotz

The scent of smouldering brush fills the air.

Trees burst into a myriad of colors

against the crisp blue sky.

A golden oak glows against azure sky.

Sumac and burning bush proudly show off crimson flame.

A Norway maple's canopy is purple-black.

Another rains rusty leaves to the ground.

Squirrels toss about nuts and acorns,

hiding them under crispy leaves,

planting next year's new trees.

The sound of fall is in the breeze,

rustling eerily into the night.

Autumn delivers a feast for the senses.

#### Wisconsin at its Best

By Marcy Hotz

Flaming crimson, burnt orange, honey gold, deep chocolate -

an explosion of autumn colors

delights the eye and sparks the soul.

Wisconsin at its best,

showing itself like a proud peacock strutting,

tail feathers fanned out.

Some drive north to see

this glorious spectacle.

I wait for it to come to me.

I am enveloped.



Photo by Adrian Richfield.

About the Poet

CEEW member **Marcy Hotz previously** contributed poems to the February and May 2021 issues of the Bulletin.

"There is divine beauty in learning, just as there is human beauty in tolerance." — Elie Wiesel



### **BOOK CLUB REPORT**

#### **Adrian Richfield Reviews:** The Woman Who Fell From the Sky

"From the first page of *The Woman Who Fell From the Sky*, Jennifer Steil comes across as a person blessed with sensibility and sensitivity in equal measure. She is the kind of woman who's not fearful of culture shock, danger, or the trials and tribulations of life in what is the Arab world's rawest land. Her book shines a bright light on the region, showing it how it is with astonishing clarity from the inside out." — Tahir Shah, author of *The Caliph's House* 



This is a memoir that reads more like a novel. When Jennifer Steil is working as a senior editor in 2006 in New York City, she impulsively accepts a job to become editor-in-chief at the *Yemen Observer* in Sana'a Yemen, an impoverished middle eastern county. She dismisses her co work-

Jennifer STEIL

ers, parents and friend's warnings about living in such a place with her liberal zeal to make the world a better place. She is a gregarious and liberal New Yorker who is quickly confronted with the realities of living and working in Yemen. Yemen seems like an unlikely country to talk about freedom of the press, but Steil sets out to lift the curtain and forge friendships with young people in this winning account of her adventures.

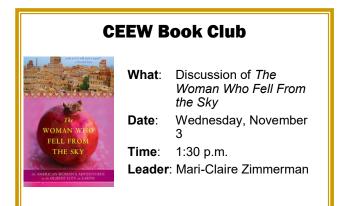
Of course, she meets many obstacles and frustrations in this patriarchal society. She confronts writers that barely write or understand deadlines. However, she uses the experience to really discover Yemeni culture and history and to improve the reporting in the paper. Along the way she becomes involved with and falls in love with the Brit-



ish ambassador! But that is another story as well. (This part of her life presents itself in her novel, *The Ambassador's Wife.*)

The book club read another of her books, *Exile Music,* last year and enjoyed it so much that this book was selected to read this year as a follow-up to her writings.

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





COMING SOON: Broken Promises: The Story of a Jewish Family in Germany, by Bonnie Suchman, will be released in paperback on November 2. Pre-order this memoir 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	NOVEMBER 5 NOVEMBER 12 NOVEMBER 19 NOVEMBER 26	7 p.m.: 7 p.m.: 7 p.m.: Thanksg	Cantor-led service Cantor-led service followed by in-person musical program Cantor-led service jiving holiday—no service					
These services may be available online. See the Temple website for updates and instructions on how to view them online.								

#### **CEEW TEMPLE LEADERSHIP**

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## SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

November 5, 5:21 pm; November 12, 4:13 pm; November 19, 4:07 pm; November 26, 4:03 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Cheshvan 26	2 Cheshvan 27 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m.	3 Cheshvan 28 Midrash group, 10:30 a.m. Book Club, Mari- Claire Zimmerman's house, 1:30 p.m.	4 Cheshvan 29	5 Kislev 1 Rosh Chodesh Kislev Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	6 Kislev 2
7 Kislev 3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Religious school, 9 a.m.	8 Kislev 4	9 Kislev 5 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m.	10 Kislev 6 Midrash group, 10:30 a.m. December Bulletin content deadline	11 Kislev 7	12 Kislev 8 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m., with special musical pro- gram to follow	13 Kislev 9
14 Kislev 10 Religious school, 9 a.m. Dining group, 11 a.m., Cooper's Hawk	15 Kislev 11	16 Kislev 12 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m.	17 Kislev 13 Midrash group, 10:30 a.m.	18 Kislev 14	19 Kislev 15 Cantor-led Shabbat service (Installation and Religious School service), 7 p.m.	20 Kislev 16
21 Kislev 17 Religious school, 9 a.m.— Chanukah Fun Day Temple Band rehears- al, 1:30 p.m.	22 Kislev 18	23 Kislev 19 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m.	24 Kislev 20 Midrash group, 10:30 a.m.	25 Kislev 21 Thanksgiving Day	26 Kislev 22 No service	27 Kislev 23
28 Kislev 24 No religious school— Thanksgiving break Temple Band rehears- al, 1:30 p.m. Chanukah: 1 candle 4:52 p.m.	29 Kislev 25 Chanukah: 2 candles 4:52 p.m.	30 Kislev 26 Beginner Adult Hebrew class, 3 p.m. Chanukah: 3 candles 4:51 p.m.	cember bulletir	n is <b>Wednesd</b> a	ıy, November	10.

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