

Friday the 13th is your Lucky Day! Special Shabbat Program on Jewish Italy

By Adrian Richfield

The southern point of Italy, more commonly referred to as the “heel” of Italy, has become a popular Italian destination with hilltop villages and baroque architecture. Puglia (pronounced “pool-ya”) is an area known for its abundant countryside, olive trees, and a gentler pace of life. But it also has quite a Jewish history, as CEEW member Karen Levy will discuss at this Special Friday Shabbat program. Karen will share her visit to Puglia with a Jewish touch. ★

What?

May 13 Special Shabbat Program

Who?

Congregation Member Karen Levy

Times!

Shabbat service	7:00 pm
Oneg	7:45 pm
Program	8:00-8:30 pm



Yes, Karen, you're on the right path! Photo by Peter Lee.



“Everyone carries with them at least one piece to someone else’s puzzle.”
— Lawrence Kushner

CEEW News Briefs

New Form for Donations

We are fortunate to have very generous members who often donate needed items to the temple. While this is greatly appreciated, it shows what it actually costs to run our synagogue.

In an effort to determine the actual cost we are asking that our new form be filled out and returned to Laurie when items are donated. This could be anything from reams of paper, paper plates, toilet paper, to vacuums and lawn care. This applies only to those donations that do not require a tax receipt.

(The new form is printed on page 21 of this month’s Bulletin, and you can print just that page whenever you need another copy of the form. — Editor)

Jewish Trivia Night is Coming!

Start reviewing your reference books now; Jewish Trivia Night, originally scheduled for 2020, is finally coming on Saturday, June 4. Teams will be formed at random, so everyone will need to be sharp. The registration fee of \$10 per person is due to Adrian Richfield by May 30.

See page 9 for more details, as well as a few sample questions to help you warm up for the competition.

Dining Group Back in Action

The CEEW Dining Group will reconvene in May with a 5 p.m. dinner at ParkSide 23 in Brookfield on Saturday, May 21. ParkSide describes its cuisine as “farm-to-table New American fare” and features craft beers and locally sourced ingredients.

Anyone interested in joining the group should email Elly Kraines at ellyanna340@gmail.com.

June 12 Annual Meeting

The CEEW Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12 — in person! We will have bagels and schmoozing starting at 9 a.m. and get down to temple business starting at 9:30 a.m.

Watch your email for more specific information to come.

— CEEW President Laurie Schwartz

Baseball and a Movie

We’re planning a special event for this July that combines baseball, a cookout, and an Israeli movie. The 2018 movie “Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel” tells the story of Israel’s national baseball team’s first competition in the World Baseball Classic.

This Adult Education program will take place on July 17. Get ready to [play ball!](#)

CEEW Members Celebrate Earth Day at UWM-Waukesha

CEEW member Marie Loeffler shares her photographs taken at the UWM-Waukesha Field Station during an Earth Day Celebration at the campus. Adrian Richfield read several poems that were part of a 2021 summer class. Wisconsin former Poet Laureate Peggy Rogza also presented works from the class.



The UWM-Waukesha Field Station, an outdoor education learning center located in Oconomowoc, offers many outdoor education classes and experiences throughout the year along with a large functioning kiln.



The Dining Group will meet at Parkside 23 in Brookfield on Saturday, May 21. Contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com) for more information or to be on the email list.

On the Metaphorical Road to Sinai: Counting the Omer

We are currently in the time between Passover, the celebration of our freedom, and Shavuot, the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. These 49 days mark both the physical journey of our ancestors from Egypt to an unknown place in the Sinai Desert, and the spiritual journey they undertook to prepare themselves for service to Adonai. The former slaves needed some time to adjust to their new existence before they were ready to receive Torah at Sinai. As I playfully remarked in a recent Midrash class, "In the teaching of Rav Tolkien, 'One does not simply walk up to Mount Sinai.' "

To mark this period, we are told in Leviticus 23:15 to "count a week of weeks." In the days when The Temple stood in Jerusalem, each day was marked by the sacrifice of an *omer* of barley, the grain that ripens first in the Middle East. An *omer* was a dry measure, like a cup. This ritual of bringing a physical offering of barley to the altar has not occurred for over 2,000 years now, but it has remained in our Jewish consciousness as a part of our daily liturgy between Pesach and Shavuot. Growing up as a Reform Jew, I had no awareness of this period of the Omer; it was not found in *The Union Prayerbook* or its successor, *Gates of Prayer*. If you grew



Cantor's Column

By Cantor Martin Levson, CEEW Sole/Soul Spiritual Leader

up in a more traditional setting, you might have been aware of it, but probably didn't give it much thought: Liturgically counting the Omer takes less than a minute during a service. But in recent years, a curious transformation of this ancient practice began to infuse new spiritual and psychological meanings into this ancient ritual.

I first became aware of the practice of Counting the Omer from my friend and teacher Rabbi Ted Falcon of Seattle, WA. Ted and I worked together on the faculty of the Jewish Meditation Kallah in Prescott, AZ, an early springtime gathering of Reform Jews that occurred between 2000 and 2008. These gatherings often took place during the period of the Omer. Rabbi Falcon wrote a book, *A Journey of Awakening*, which marked each day and week of the Omer with Chassidic and Kabbalistic meditations and *kavvenot* (focused intentions). His book was based on a series of internet bulletin board posts (remember those?) he wrote during the 1990s. There are now many other books (and yes, even apps for

your phone) that can guide you through this ancient/new practice of counting these 49 days. This year I have been following the meditations of Rabbi Karyn Kedar in her book *Omer: A Counting*. I personally find Counting the Omer each year a fascinating spiritual exercise, and I make new discoveries about myself every year. Just as we re-read the Torah every year, the counting of the days and the weeks is the same each year, but I am (hopefully) a different person from one year to the next.

I have been posting a daily Omer meditation from my friend and colleague Rabbi Emma Gottlieb on the CEEW Facebook page. I hope you find these posts worthwhile. If you are interested in engaging in this spiritual practice, you don't have to wait until next year; I would encourage you to jump right into the middle of the counting. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about Counting the Omer. And, in the words of my friend Rabbi Garry Loeb, "It's not just about counting the days, it's about making each day count!" ✨



**CEEW's Midrash Class meets most Wednesdays at 10:30 in the temple.
Contact the Temple Administrator for more information.**

The End of the School Year — *Already?*

May is the close of the 2021-2022 religious school year. It is hard to believe that we have completed an entire school year already. Last September when we were beginning the school year with Rosh HaShanah at Frame Park, I was excited to see everyone in-person and use our new machzor (high holiday prayer book). Our first several sessions were outdoors where we could “socially distance” and see one another which was a welcome change from the previous school year where we were totally virtual.

Then as the weather got cooler, we moved indoors for our religious school learning sessions. As the pandemic got worse, we transitioned to virtual learning and as the pandemic got more under control, we transitioned back to the classrooms again.

Thank you to our students, parents, and teachers for their patience and flexibility with the ever-changing conditions that we had to endure. This school year really has shown us what it means to “leave things in God’s hands.”

It was with the perseverance of our students to stay focused on the lessons being taught, the determination of our parents to bring our students each week and the hard work of our teachers Ilene Jauquet and Marie Loeffler for creating the meaningful lessons that made our school year a success.



School News

From Carrie Barbakoff, Education Director

Cantor Levson has joined our religious school this year on Sunday mornings for our Shacharit (morning service) and has brought to us new songs and new tunes to our traditional prayers while sharing with us many stories with inspiring thoughts on the parsha (Torah portion) of the week.

As we close out the school year, I want to make sure everyone is invited to our programming taking place at the beginning of May.

Our Annual Yom HaShoah program. This year we are going to hear the story of CEEW member Peter Shelley. The program will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1.

Sunday, May 8 we are celebrating the holiday of **Yom HaAtzmaut** (Israel’s Independence Day) and the celebration of the 74th year of Israel as an independent state. All are invited to our CEEW Israeli café (come find out how amazing Israeli breakfast buffets are in person) and hear Band’n All Hope (our own CEEW Klezmer band) perform Israeli music as well as learn an Israeli dance. This will all take place from 10:15-11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to eddirector@waukeshatemple.org to help ensure that we have enough food.

Sunday, May 15 is the final day of religious school where I look forward to enjoying quality time together with our religious school students, teachers and parents at a picnic. I want to wish everyone in the school a happy, healthy, fun-filled summer!

I hope Julia Christian and Ava Koszarek have an amazing time at OSRUI (Oling Sang Ruby Union Institute), Henry Mandel-Cornale has an amazing time at Camp Interlaken and Jonah Sulman has an amazing time at Camp Chi. I want to wish hatzlachah (good luck) to Molly Schmidt, who will be competing (swimming) in this year’s JCC Maccabi games in San Diego.

For the rest of the school children and CEEW community, I hope that the spring and summer is a welcome change of weather and a chance for you to embrace the outdoors. We have much to be grateful for living in Wisconsin. There are so many parks, lakes, rivers and beautiful nature. I encourage everyone to explore a new place or revisit an old favorite and then share with your CEEW community where you went so everyone can learn about new places or be reminded of ones they haven’t been to in a while. ✨



"If we survived Pharaoh, we'll survive this."

— Meir Arieli



April 10 Model Seder





Question: How long does it take to go through a Jewish house?

CEEW 2022 COMMUNITY SEDER CHENEQUA COUNTRY CLUB HARTLAND, WISCONSIN



How wonderful it was to be
together again for CEEW's
Community Seder on April 16!
Photos by Adrian Richfield.





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

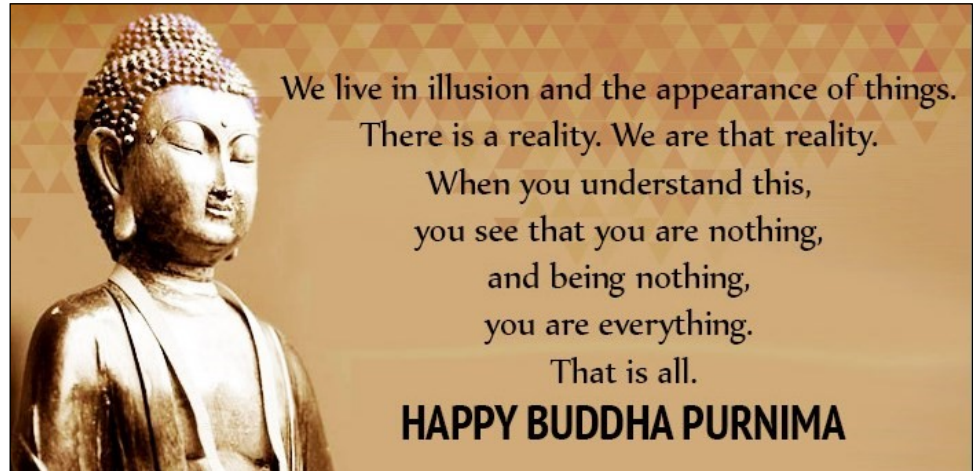
Springtime: A Wealth of Holidays

By Sydney Small

Springtime can bring new opportunities and for many of us, a change of seasons. Spring also blossoms with a range of holidays in the United States and around the world. The Jewish diaspora has learned from and enriched many other traditions.

Our people's history of marginalization both enables and mandates us to respond when other people are also targeted. One of the ways we as Jews can further support the URJ's <Union for Reform Judaism> specific commitment to fighting oppression is to learn about the holy days from a host of cultures.

According to the Diversity Resources 2022 Interfaith Calendar, there are at least five May-centered holidays from various faiths, some of which may not be



that well-known in the U.S. While multiple countries may have slightly different dates of observance, there are commonly observed elements.

One of these is holidays is Eid-al Fitr, a major celebration which marks the end of the Ramadan fast for Muslims and takes place this year at the beginning of May. Fasting as part of religious observance is one of the practices shared by both Muslims and observant Jews. On Eid-al Fitr, followers give gifts, enjoy new clothes, reunite with friends and offer special prayers.

There are also multiple Sikh holidays which honor several of their 10 gurus or spiritual teachers. Sikhism is one of the major religions of India, along with Bud-

dhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity. Like the three classic Abrahamic faiths, Sikhism is a monotheistic religion. Celebratory vegetarian meals and fireworks are common events at Sikh festivals. According to the "World Gurudwaras" website, Wisconsin hosts four Sikh congregations or Gurudwaras.

Buddhism is the major religion in China, with large numbers of followers in Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and Bhutan. It is also the fourth largest religion in the United States. Buddha's early May birthday is followed by the observance of Vesak, which references the day he was born as well as his enlightenment and his passing. This very significant event is marked by a variety of meatless Asian dishes as



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CEEW's celebration of Israel's independence day, Yom HaAtzmaut, will be May 8. Watch your email for more details.

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well as a proliferation of decorations including lanterns, flowers and floats. The lanterns symbolize enlightenment for the entire world. There are special processions and white garments worn by celebrants. Sharing food with other people, bringing temple offerings, providing good deeds and ritual chanting or meditation are also hallmarks of the occasion.

The Baha'i faith is Persian in origin and founded by the prophet Siyyid Ali Muhammad who came to be known as the Báb, which means "gate." An estimated 300,000 participants currently practice in Iran today. It is the largest non-Muslim faith in the country and has been subject to ongoing persecution from the Shiite Muslim government. This minority religion has as its core principle the unification of all humanity and also claims one central God. Báb is honored on a day called the Declaration of the Báb. At this time followers abstain from work and school and gather instead to share prayers and stories. Wilmette, Illinois proclaims the world's oldest Baha'i temple. Built in 1953 and not far from Chicago, this stately building displays symbols of multiple religions, including Islam, Judaism and Buddhism, and includes Native American religions, according to the culturetrip.com website.

Native peoples of the Americas continue to honor their heritage despite centuries of colonization and oppression. Forced assimilation over centuries by the Spanish led to a combination of Catholic and traditional ceremonies in the Southwestern United States. These include multiple Feast Days in May among the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico. Feast Days honor Catholic Saints and also often incorporate ancient Corn Dances. This event is a ceremonial dance to honor the life-sustaining gift of corn. Participants gather with friends and family to enjoy stews or other dishes made from different types of chilies, as well as Posole and Kiva bread. Posole is a rich chicken or pork-based broth that also contains hominy or corn. The stock pairs well with the traditional Kiva bread favored by the community. The term Kiva refers to "a spiritual space for Pueblo gatherings" according to Pueblo baker Debbie Sandoval. This puffy bread is made in an outdoor clay oven and blends wheat flour, butter or lard and a bit of salt. It also illustrates the complex history of invasion as prior to Spanish influence Pueblos used traditional binding ingredients like corn or beans. Feast Days may be open to visitors.

Beltane is the Gaelic-based May Day festival, translated as "bright fire" which commemorates the fer-

tility of spring and new life. It is common today among many pagans of European origin, including Wiccans and Druids. This major fire festival is one of eight Sabbats in the festival cycle or Wheel of the Year. Usually held between the spring equinox and summer solstice, Beltane is a jubilant celebration of life which includes dancing, bonfires and storytelling. People may make wreaths and plant flowers to honor the Earth. Unique altars are also common and often hold particular gifts to heighten the magick of the season, such as fresh fruit, special candles and bright cloth. As a Jewish pagan I have participated in several Beltane rituals and found them powerful heralds of spring.



Jewish teachings urge us to "welcome the stranger." When we learn and share the customs of those around us, no one is a stranger. We all benefit from seeing what unique traits each of us brings to the world; it may be the only way to truly repair the breaches of our communal blue home. ★



**"If a person has a contribution to make, he must make it in public. If learning is not made public, it is a waste."
— Chaim Potok**

SAVE the DATE!

Saturday, June 4th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



**JEWISH
TRIVIA
NIGHT!**



Shavuot!

Trivia Hosts Cindy and Mark Levy!

Cantor Levson on the holiday of Shavuot!

Special performance by CEEW's "Band'n All Hope"!



**Hors d'oeuvres/Beverages/Dessert Table
(Dairy foods such as blintzes, cheesecake for Shavuot)
BYOB wine to share with your friends**

Teams of contestants for playing Jewish Trivia Night will be randomly selected, and there will be prizes for winning teams.

— Cost: \$10 per person, due by Monday, May 30th —

**Send your check made payable to CEEW to: Adrian Richfield,
1334 Bluebird Terrace, Waukesha WI 53188 or give cash to her.
Please list your name and the names of your guests.**



Practice Jewish Trivia Questions

In which movie did Neil Diamond sing Kol Nidre?

(a) Shoah (b) Brighton Beach Memoirs (c) Yentl (d) The Jazz Singer

What does the Jewish word *mandelbrot* mean?

(a) whole wheat bagel (b) almond bread (c) small biscuit (d) hard cookie

How many medals did Mark Spitz win for swimming events in 1972 Olympics?

(a) eight (b) three (c) five (d) seven



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

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President's Letter

From the Desk of Co-President Deb Hacker

I agree with TS Eliot who wrote that "April is the cruellest month." I was used to the balmy weather, greenery and sunny skies of Israel in spring time. Just as my little seedlings are growing under lights and bottom heat indoors, I also marvel (or is it complain?) about the frigid and snowy April weather.

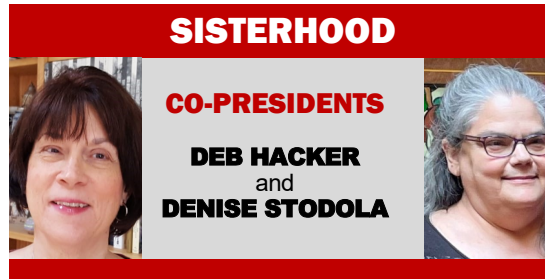


These bold tulips poking through the Maryland snow were photographed by writer Laura Vanderkam in 2016. Spring is still attempting to take hold in Wisconsin in 2022.

SISTERHOOD

CO-PRESIDENTS

DEB HACKER
and
DENISE STODOLA



By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the "season of our liberation" at inspirational Seders with our own families or friends and/or with the Congrega-

tion. CEEW will have also held a "Pesadike" music education program by Cantor Levson on April 19th.

Shortly, the inspirational days of Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut will be upon us. The resilience of the Jewish people never ceases to amaze me. Just a few short years after the catastrophic genocide that was the Shoah (which we also commemorated this past month), Jews rose up, united and created the State of Israel.

Israelis have big, complex, busy, loud, loving, sometimes tearful, and sometimes intrusive and annoying Jewish conversations that continue every day in workplaces, schools, sidewalks, synagogues, supermarkets and often on the phone. The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks pointed out in his book *Future Tense* that the Babylonian Talmud says "conversation is a form of prayer."

In conversation, I reach out to the human other, just as in prayer I reach out to the Divine Others. Rabbi Sacks notes that conversation is more than the act of speaking. It involves the act of listening. His chapter on *The Jewish Conversation* instructs that Judaism is not a religion of



Answer: About thirty years, l'door v'door.

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seeing, but of listening. As we know, the first word of our Shema prayer is “Listen.”

The CEEW Sisterhood board spent a full 2 hours in conversation at our April Board meeting. One of the topics was the planning our next Annual Sisterhood meeting. We have tentatively set the date for Sunday, August 28 (place TBA) in an outdoors setting. We can't miss one minute of our beautiful summer weather!

Another part of the conversation was the planning of the Sisterhood Shabbat on July 8th (another place TBA). Again, the plan is to have this service out in nature. Details to follow. We hope that everyone in the sisterhood will participate and everyone will come.

Recently several CEEW Sisterhood members took advantage of leadership conversations with the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Midwest District via Zoom. One of the sessions focused on the Sisterhood board structure. We hope to start conversations and explore how the CEEW Sisterhood Board is structured and determine how to make us more inclusive. We hope you can join us for the many conversations that the Sisterhood hopes to have. Your voice is important and we wish to engage



members in a “CEEW Sisterhood conversation” in the months ahead.

Finally, this month, the CEEW Sisterhood will be partnering with the CEEW Sunday School parents and “talk Israeli food — organize, cook and work at the “Israeli café.” This cafe will culminate a fun day of learning about Israel on May 8th — the Yom HaAtzmaut intergenerational day. We expect it to be a day of great conversation and listening.

We hope you can join us for the many “conversations” that the Sisterhood hopes to have. Your voice is important and we wish to engage women in a “CEEW Sisterhood conversation” in the months ahead.

The CEEW Sisterhood Board's thoughts are with our co-President as she recovers from recent cancer

treatment and a hip replacement. We miss her leadership and conversations and hope that she will be back soon.

WRJ and CEEW Sisterhood Tikkun Olam Project

From the desk of Sandy Villa

Our PERIOD PROJECT has been a success above and beyond anything we could have imagined. Once again, the generous CEEW congregants have filled the barrel in the entryway not once, but three times. The barrel will remain in the lobby through the CEEW Sisterhood Annual meeting, which is currently planned for August.

In addition to filling the barrel with products, many congregants and others who have never entered a synagogue, have submitted checks because they believe that people should not have to choose between buying food for their families and purchasing necessary menstrual products.

I want to give a shout out to Beth Ann Waite, who donated all the large packages of adult diapers remaining following the death of her mother. These products are another example of an expensive necessity that many can't afford.



PICNIC SHABBAT SCHEDULE: We will meet at 7 pm at Horeb Park in Waukesha for Shabbat services on June 24, July 22, and August 26.

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The Waukesha Food Pantry has been so grateful for the donations. Their response to the products that we brought to date is “CEEW always provides the right donations at a time of need.”

To those who want to donate but prefer not to do the shopping, Sandy Villa will buy the period products! Checks should be made out to Sandy Villa and mailed to:

Sandy Villa
N3W27261 Arrowhead Trail
Waukesha, WI 53188

CEEW Sisterhood Shabbat

From the desk of Mari-Claire Zimmerman

After two-years of Zoom Sisterhood Shabbats, we are planning to be in-person this year! By delaying the service to the summer, the CEEW Sisterhood plans on an outdoor in-person service on July 8th in a park (TBA).

Since the inception of the CEEW Sisterhood, the Sisterhood Shabbat has always been done in conjunction with our Spiritual Leader and this year will be no exception. Cantor Levson will be a part of the service, but we need the participation of all the Sisterhood members!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mari-Claire Zimmerman at wzimmerman@wi.rr.com. English and Hebrew parts, big and small, are available.

In addition to participating in the service, CEEW Sisterhood members will be asked to bring treats. For what is a sisterhood event without food?

And, of course, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the CEEW Sisterhood Shabbat Service.

CEEW Sisterhood Program – Jewish Liturgical Music

From the desk of Deb Hacker

The CEEW Sisterhood sponsored an engaging musical program on Jewish liturgical music led by Cantor Martin Levson on April 19. This was actually a sequel to his January program for the Sisterhood. He reviewed the January discussion on the question of: “What is Jewish music?” He explained that there were partial





“When we pray, we do not read; we sing.”

— Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

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definitions, but not an all-encompassing definition.

The oldest notation used to document Jewish music is the cantillation marking. Each marking represents a set of musical notes. If you look at certain prayer (e.g. The V’ahavta), the Torah and the Haftarah, they all use notations to indicate how they should be chanted. But each Biblical book is different. According to Cantor Levson, no one has the record on the cantillation associated with the Psalms!

There is a perception that there is a “Jewish traditional tune” associated with much of Jewish liturgical and holiday music, but this is very much a misnomer. Many of the tunes we North American Jews call “traditional” are from our Ashkenazic heritage, or are much more recent than you would think. Many of the songs that have stood the test of time are from the 18-19th century such as the “traditional” Shema we know, or the Adon Olam that those of us that grew up in the Jewish faith would know. He pointed out that this includes contemporary songs like Max Janowski’s Aveinu Malkeinu (was sung by Cantor Spanier).

Many of the songs and prayers which we use now started out in the URJ camps in the 60’s and 70’s and became synagogue music as the camp song leaders became Reform Cantors. One can’t discuss modern Jewish liturgical music without mentioning Debbie Friedman, who “revolutionized Reform Jewish music.” She composed her first song while waiting for a bus to Kutz Reform camp.

Then Cantor Levson discussed the depth and breadth of Jewish music using six different musical versions of Psalm 150 (the last of 150 liturgical Biblical poems that are expressions of “extreme emotion”).

The first selection was sung by a large European choir, composed as synagogue music by Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894). This selection was performed in the Reform classical style and sounded like the European choral tradition church music complete with a many-voiced choir.

The last selection was a composition of contemporary composer, Israeli pop star and musical director Donny Maseng. This joyful medley of Psalm 150 included



Debbie Friedman, z”l, brought spirit and vitality to Jewish worship services that had become stale and dry.

many voices and styles of music melded and woven together and even included spoken Arabic.

Cantor Levson’s high quality music program was a participatory and well-organized educational event. Cantor Levson was able to encapsulate a number of intriguing thoughts about the world of Jewish music in a 90 minute time period. The CEEW Sisterhood hopes to continue the series on Jewish Liturgical Music. The program was recorded and I encourage everyone to see the video online. ★



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

Mazel Tov

מזל טוב

ANNIVERSARY

Jeff and Judy Shabman celebrate their wedding anniversary on May 26.

BIRTHDAYS

Ann Klein shares a birthday with **David and Gabe Merkow** on May 5.

Rick Steinberg celebrates a birthday on May 8.

Carol O'Neil celebrates her birthday on May 10.

Pati Allen Brickman celebrates a birthday on May 13.

Sandy Small celebrates her birthday on May 17.

Jonathan Ogden celebrates a birthday on May 18.

Rylan Ecker, son of Jennifer and Wes Ecker, celebrates a birthday on May 21.

Macy Bornstein, daughter of Marc and Shirley Bornstein, celebrates her birthday on May 28.

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

IN MEMORY OF

- **Susan Brandner**
Donation from Alan and Ann Meyers
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Contact temple administrator Brigitte Alexander 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

YAHREZEITEN

Nisan / Iyyar (May)



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 Burris: May 12, Iyyar 11
Father of Becky Burris

Carl Fein: May 14, Iyyar 13
Grandfather of Laurel (Gerard) Kupperman

Abraham L. Frisch: May 31, Sivan 1
Observed by the Congregation

Sara Hafner: May 15
Mother of Sandra (Marvin) Small; grandmother of Sydney Small

Robert Jauquet: May 27, Iyyar 26
Brother of Patrick (Ilene) Jauquet

Sidney Kalstein: May 30
Father of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Nathan Kraines: May 6, Iyyar 5
Husband of Elly Kraines

Lida Merkow: May 3, Iyyar 2
Grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

David Parr: May 18, Iyyar 17
Observed by the Congregation

Todd Patz: May 6
Brother of Tabb (Andi) Patz

George Weisensel: May 31
Father of Natalie (Noah) Bledstein

Anne Weiss: May 3
Wife of Ed Weiss

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





**"In your unfailing love, you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength, you will guide them to your holy dwelling."
— Shemot 15:13**

The Poetry Corner

This month the Poetry Corner features a poem about Shavuot. Suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work, to Adrian Richfield (susu78@aol.com) or Sydney Small (rottiesrock@wi.rr.com).

The Forever of Us By Stacey Zisook Robinson

Maimonides and Rashi;
Spinoza, too,
and Buber.
I saw them,
just over there,
talking the deep talk
of this and that,
while the Partisans
sang drinking songs
and laughed at
the rumbling,
booming gravitas
of God's own mountain song.

Miriam tapped her timbrels,
in time to the thunder,
calling us all to dance -
Sarah led it,
and Deborah
and Ruth
and Yetta, my grandmother,
who could not go to school
because she had no shoes,

but she danced
that wild and weary
dance, holding hands
with Esther
and Golda.
We all danced,
and trembled.
I could barely hear
that tinny counterpoint
that threaded itself
just beneath the
deep and blaring bass
that shivered the air under
the deep bones of the Mountain.

Let Aaron and the
others play with
their tinker toy gold!
The rest of us -
the long chain of us
that stretched into
the forever of us -
we could feel it:

the fierce and jubilant
joy of it,
the not-yet-but-
almost of it.

And then the words came.
Oh! they came
like rain, like riddles,
Like ropes of silk,
And caught some inner light -
Some spark left over from creation -
And flowed like water over rocks;
All those words of binding and gift
and grace,
They carried us,
And caught us,
And led us,
The long forever line of us,
The words that created
the All of us,
led us
Home.



About the Poet: Stacey Zisook Robinson, z"l, was a member of Congregation Hakafa in Glencoe, IL. She blogged at [Stumbling Towards Meaning](http://StumblingTowardsMeaning.com) and authored a collection of poems and essays, *Dancing in the Palm of God's Hand*.



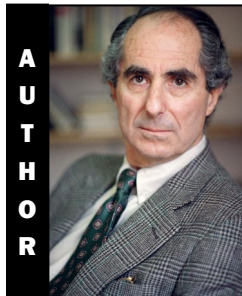
Order “A Place at the Table” through Amazon Smile and benefit CEEW. This book for ages 10-12 years was written by Saadia Faruqi and illustrated by Laura Shovan.

BOOK CLUB REPORT

Adrian Richfield Reviews: *The Plot Against America*

We have all heard the term “alternative facts,” but this is Philip Roth’s book on alternative history which was written back in 2004. In Roth’s imagination the Nazi sympathizer Charles Lindbergh somehow becomes the American President.

The book takes place in Newark, New Jersey, where Roth (1933-2018) actually grew up. The story revolves a young Philip Roth whose fictional alter person along with his family struggle with the amount of antisemitism that pervades his neighborhood.



Philip
ROTH

The Plot Against America examines the idea of patriotism, Jews in America at that time, and the shock waves that confuse the Jewish people in the book. Charles Lindbergh was a national hero, but who could imagine him as the President?

The book exemplifies the constant choice that Jewish Americans face in terms of their people’s history and traditions and what it



means to be an American. This “what if” novel takes Philip Roth back to his childhood and to his parents as well. The *Plot Against America* is about our own country and how this alternative history divided Jewish communities around the nation.

Contact Diana Stroshine (dstroshine@hotmail.com) to sign up for the meeting. ✨

CEEW Book Club



What: Discussion of *The Plot Against America*
Date: Wednesday, May 4
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Leader: Nancy Cummings



American hero Charles Lindbergh as the President of the United States during World War II? What could go wrong?



The deadline for articles for the June Bulletin is May 10! Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at susu78@aol.com.

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

MAY 6	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
MAY 13	7 p.m.	Cantor-led Special Shabbat service
MAY 20	7 p.m.	Member-led service
MAY 27	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service

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Programming Returns to CEEW!

Our Friday night Special Shabbat on April 1st featured member Ellyn Lem, professor of English at UWM-Waukesha. Ellyn gave us a brief synopsis of current and recent Jewish authors and books. Each person got a list of some of her recommendations for Jewish reading.



We hope to have her back for another lecture next year!

On Wednesday, April 6th we were treated to a wonderful talk by Uria Roth, Milwaukee's Israeli emissary, who explained about the political situation going on currently in Israel and told us about his job and experiences here in Milwaukee.





Sandy Villa, who is on Uria's Community Committee, introduced him. He has extended his stay here in Milwaukee, so we look forward to having him back in Waukesha again next year. — *Text and photos by Adrian Richfield*





SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

May 6, 7:41 pm; May 13, 7:49 pm;
May 20, 7:56 pm; May 27, 8:03 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Nisan 30 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar Religious school — Yom HaShoah Observance, 9 a.m.	2 Iyyar 1	3 Iyyar 2 Community Yom HaZikaron Observance, 6 p.m.	4 Iyyar 3 Yom HaZikaron Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m. CEEW Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Nancy Cummins's house	5 Iyyar 4 Yom HaAtzmaut	6 Iyyar 5 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	7 Iyyar 6  Kedoshim
8 Iyyar 7 Religious school — Yom HaAtzmaut Observance, 9 a.m.	9 Iyyar 8 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	10 Iyyar 9 June Bulletin content deadline	11 Iyyar 10 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	12 Iyyar 11	13 Iyyar 12 Cantor-led Special Shabbat Service, 7 p.m. Special Shabbat pro- gram on Jewish Italy, oneg at 7:45 p.m. and program at 8 p.m.	14 Iyyar 13  Emor
15 Iyyar 14 Religious school — last session, 9 a.m.	16 Iyyar 15	17 Iyyar 16	18 Iyyar 17 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	19 Iyyar 18 Lag BaOmer	20 Iyyar 19 Member-led Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	21 Iyyar 20 CEEW Dining Club, Parkside 23 in Brookfield, 5 p.m.  Behar
22 Iyyar 21	23 Iyyar 22	24 Iyyar 23	25 Iyyar 24 Midrash Class, 10:30 a.m.	26 Iyyar 25	27 Iyyar 26 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	28 Iyyar 27  Bechukotai
29 Iyyar 28	30 Iyyar 29 Rosh Chodesh Sivan	31 Sivan 1				Q: Why save the date? A: June 4 is Trivia Night!
The content deadline for the June 2022 bulletin is Tuesday, May 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.



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