

## Israel's Eternal Hunt for Water: April 21 Special Shabbat Program with Rich Hacker

By Adrian Richfield



Come to a shortened Shabbat service on April 21, and stay for a special program put on by Rich Hacker. Rich will highlight the many key Israeli innovations and long-term projects regarding water sources in Israel.

“Be honest,” says Rich. “Do you wake in the morning and worry that fresh water will not come from the kitchen or bath tap at the touch of the handle? I doubt it. On the other hand, in the greater Middle East this can be and is an everyday concern.

“And it would be in Israel as well except for the fact that these free, smart, industrious people long ago decided to do something about it.”

Learn more about the “water wizards” of Israel and apply some of their ideas to your own life in the water-rich Midwest.

Cantor-led Shabbat services will begin at 7 p.m., followed by an oneg at 8 and the program at 8:15. ✨

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**"Freedom is within our grasp, and Pesach reminds us that we need to reach."**

**— Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson**

## CEEW News Briefs

### April 19 Breakfast for Israel

I am proud and excited to be a Table Captain for the upcoming JNF USA-Wisconsin's Annual Breakfast for Israel. This year we will gather in-person as a community on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at The Wisconsin Country Club, 6200 W. Good Hope Road.

The Breakfast and Program are from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.; sign-in begins at 7:45 a.m. Keynote speaker Joel Chasnoff, a stand-up comedian and author of multiple books, will entertain us with his remarks about Israel's everyday life with a touch of humor. His talk should be entertaining and informative. Together we will celebrate Israel's 75th birthday.



Join us for a good laugh, a perfect cup of coffee and a complimentary breakfast. To register for this wonderful event, click on the link, [JNF.org/BFIWisconsin](https://jnf.org/BFIWisconsin) and then locate and click on the Register button in the upper right corner. There will be a pull-down screen to indicate who your host/table captain is. Please select Cindy and Mark Levy so you can sit at our table or close by.

*-- Mark Levy*

### Surf to Our New Gift Shop!

CEEW now has an affiliate membership with online retailer Modern Tribe. When you purchase items using [our affiliate link](#), a portion of your purchase comes back to the temple. The shop carries traditional, modern, and whimsical items for every occasion.

### MJF Programs for the Yamim

The Milwaukee Jewish Foundation has events planned for each of the Yamim; click [here](#) for detailed event and registration information. All events take place at the Harry and Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center in Whitefish Bay.

**April 17: Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day**, recognizes the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

**April 24: Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Day of Remembrance**, recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.

**April 30: Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day**. The Walk for Israel event at 2 pm will be followed by a 3 pm celebration with food, crafts and games, and Israeli dancing.



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### Don't Miss: Exploratory Haggadah Experience

Join the Religious School students on April 2 for their Passover program, starting at 9 a.m.



### Dining Club: April 29 at Pacific Bistro

The CEEW Dining Group will meet for a 5 p.m. dinner at Pacific Bistro in Delafield on Saturday, April 29. Contact Elly Kraines at [ellyanna340@gmail.com](mailto:ellyanna340@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

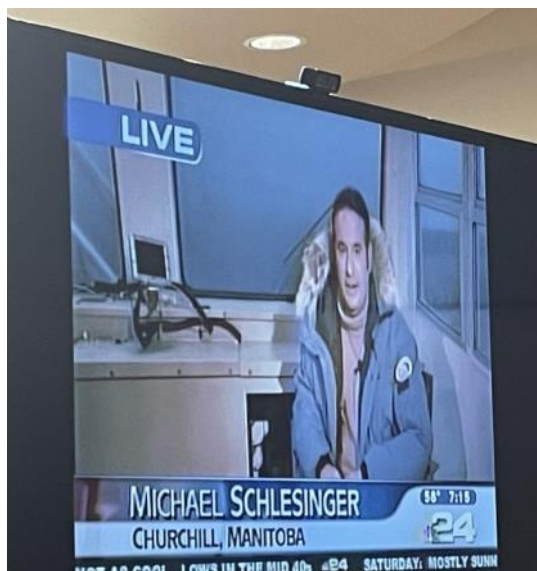


Save the date for a Wednesday, May 10 conversation about Israel with the Milwaukee Shaliach, Uria Roth.

# March: In Like a Meteorologist

Text and photos by Adrian Richfield

After a successful BYO lunch with drinks and desserts provided by the Adult Education Committee, CEEW members moved upstairs for our March 19 program. Local television personality Michael Schlesinger ordered a perfect winter/spring sunny day for our program about the weather. After telling us about his career as a weather person and news reporter, he shared some fun and interesting clips about his life as both. Schlesinger is an entertaining, funny and informative speaker, and everyone enjoyed his presentation and program a great deal. He was adept at fielding questions from the audience, and we learned a lot about the news/weather industry, TV ratings and the life of a meteorologist. Thanks to Schlesinger for providing input for this Sunday program!







**"The Exodus from Egypt occurs in every human being, in every era, in every year, and in every day."**  
— Reb Nachman of Breslov

## Keeping the Past in the Present

**T**he Wednesday morning "Midrash" class is reading Rabbi Lawrence Kushner's introduction to Jewish mysticism, *Honey from the Rock*. This past week we discussed a chapter that explored Jewish notions of reincarnation (yes, there are Jewish ideas about reincarnation!) and the cycles of time. Kushner specifically makes the distinction between secular time, which is "infinitely and irreversibly linear," and religious time, which works by a different set of rules.

I've been thinking a lot about this idea as we enter the month of Nissan, and the curious coincidence of reading this chapter so soon before Passover. But then again, "Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous." (unknown)

The Passover seder is an event in religious time. Yes, it may have a specific secular date and hour, but its power comes from existing in religious time. We read the ancient words, "In every generation, every person should imagine that they personally went forth from Egypt." We are ritually re-enacting a quasi-historical event, but it's much more

### Cantor's Column

By Cantor Martin Levson, CEEW Sole/Soul Spiritual Leader



than that. The text speaks about the Exodus in the present tense. We celebrate the simultaneously ancient and contemporary journey from slavery to freedom as our ancestors did, and, God willing, as our children and grandchildren will hopefully do long after we are but a memory.

My "Partner in Liturgical Crime," Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro (z"l), told me about a wonderful tradition he began when he first started leading his own Passover seders: He had everyone in attendance sign the inside cover of his Haggadah. Over the decades this eventually grew to include the back inside cover and several supplemental sheets as well.

He said that every year when he began to prepare for seder, he would look at the names in the Haggadah and be reminded of the people who had attended his seders over the years, and he would remember those who were no longer with us. In secular time, these people were gone, but in

religious time, these seder guests remained, immortalized by their signatures in the Haggadah. Now Mark Dov has himself been gone for almost three years, but I still think about him almost every day.

As we prepare for our own seders this year, I would encourage you the take some (secular) time to think about the seders of your past, and the people and customs that made them special. Are there traditions that are unique to your family? Do you know where they came from? Do you make special foods from recipes handed down through the generations, perhaps from a index card in your grandmother's beautiful handwriting? And during the seder itself, be sure to take a bit of time to remember those who are no longer physically present at your seder — and consider that on this special night, the past, the present, and the future all collide in this amazing moment of sacred time. My best wishes for a *Ziessn* (sweet) *Pesach*! ✨



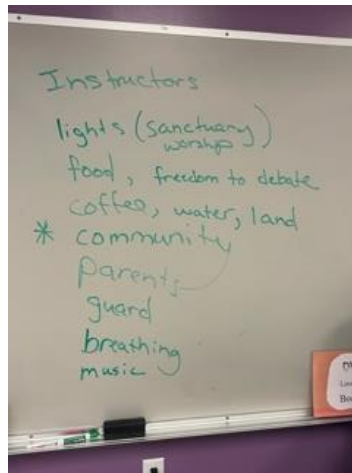
There will be no adult study class on Wednesday, April 5 (the first day of Pesach).

## Manifesting our gratitude

Our oldest class recently worked on a great project called Picturing Hakarat Hatov, or the Hebrew term for gratitude. The kids made a list of examples of things they were grateful for on the board, and then we went around the sanctuary taking photos of everything they listed. Students listed instructors, lights (or everything that makes sanctuary worship possible), food, freedom to debate, Torah, coffee, water, land, community, parents, our security guard, breathing, and music. Afterward, we had a discussion of why they were grateful for what they chose. ★

### School News

By Marie Loeffler







"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."  
— T. S. Eliot

## Purim ... The Final Frontier

The timeless tale of Esther, Haman, and Mordecai was brought to life this Purim through the lenses of science fiction, fantasy, and a familiar glitch in the Zoomiverse. Many, many thanks go out to all who acted, sang, *overacted*, and made it possible for us to prepare delicious hamantaschen and yogurt parfaits. It was great to see all the families playing the pre-shpiel games.

— Editor



Photos contributed by Sandy Villa (above) and Marsha Fensin (below.)





The CEEW Dining Club will meet at 5 p.m. on April 29 at Pacifica Bistro in Delafield. Contact Elly Kraines (ellyanna340@gmail.com) to join the group.

# March 2023 CEEW Board Minutes

By Pati Allen Brickman

*This is a "highlights" version of the minutes. For a full version, email Board Secretary Pati Allen Brickman at pati.brickman@gmail.com.*

## Spiritual Leader's Report

Cantor Levson thanked everyone for participating in and helping with the Purim celebration, noting it was a great demonstration of what we can do as a community. He particularly thanked Carrie for organizing the diapers and feminine hygiene products mitzvah project, the Sisterhood for the well-organized hamantaschen set up, and the parents for their turnout and participation.

Several potential new families with children came and saw us at our best: a school and community working together. The spiel was great fun and well-received. Cantor reminds us that Pesach is coming, our foundational holiday!

## Education Director's Report

Carrie Barbakoff thanked the parents, teachers, Sisterhood, and community for their parts in making the Purim celebration a success. She and Cantor Levson participated in a Feb-

ruary 16 Senior Educators Cohort program called "18X18," 18 Jewish values children should learn by age 18, and how to apply it to our curriculum. Last Sunday's lesson featured the concept of gratitude.

The CJL Salute to Educators on March 19 will recognize Cantor Levson with a Teacher Impact Award and parent Elizabeth Hamlin with a School Support Award. Carrie herself will be recognized for her participation in the BINA Cohort. She encouraged the entire community to take part in the Passover celebration on April 8; the Yom HaShoah program on April 16; and the Yom HaAtzmaut observance on April 23.

## President's Report

Laurie Schwartz urged everyone to send in their reservations for the April 6 Seder, which are due on March 23. Mark Levy has purchased Passover supplies from Chicago and we hope it will be sufficient.

With the COVID situation having eased, more people are seeking out our temple. We have seen people showing interest in us and in our school.



## Treasurer's Report

Alan Meyers' full printed report is always available to any member upon request. With year-end estimates based on fixed needs such as heat, salaries, etc., a deficit of approximately of \$15,000 is projected. An appeal for donations to cover security guards has been sent out with some response but more is needed. Laurie reported that a couple of non-members have requested to participate in RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) for our benefit to bridge the gap in security needs. Ann Meyers and Laurie Schwartz can help people sign up for this easy fundraising program. As it is we will need to draw from reserve savings and from the budgeted amount from our endowment.

## Sisterhood Report

Ann Meyers gave the report in the absence of Sisterhood board delegate Denise Stodola. She thanked the Sisterhood members who helped put





**"Passover is our tradition, and I like to keep up with that. Our ancestors couldn't eat bread, and it's nice for us to celebrate that every year by going through their struggles."**  
— Marsha Cohen

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together the hamantashen baking and yogurt parfait stations during the Purim celebration.

### Committee Reports

**Facilities and Security:** Mark Levy reported that a vendor has been found for some of the equipment we will purchase under the Federal Government Grant, which is a reimbursement grant. A loan contract for contributors is nearly complete so that people can receive a written contract from the temple when they give us money for these items and wish to be reimbursed when the grant comes through after we spend the federal funding.

Bernie reported that some plumbing issues in the old ladies' bathroom have been resolved, as well as a minor fire code violation involving the use of extension cords. Snow removal is going well. Carrie requested some adjustment to the heating in the lower level.

### New Business

**Ethics Policy:** The Union for Reform Judaism is advocating for

congregations to write an Ethics Policy. While some professionals are covered for this by their professional associations (as is Cantor Levson), this has to do with members' ethics relating to synagogue life. Mark is looking at what other synagogues are doing and will report at next month's meeting.

**Jewish Adulting Trip:** Ann Meyers reported she met with the parents and heard their interests and concerns about the upcoming trip. Four of our 5 students will participate in the trip. One parent from each family intends to go, as well as Cantor Levson, Carrie Barbakoff, and Ann Meyers. The specifics of the itinerary are still being decided.

The students will sign conduct agreements as part of their participation, which is standard procedure for such trips.

### Old Business

**Nominating committee:** Ann Meyers commented on qualities that are desired in officeholders: honesty, integrity, respect, and the ability to set aside personal interests, ability to

maintain confidentiality, to refrain from 'lashon harah' (gossiping), to contribute constructive criticism, to disagree on policy and principles - not personalities, and to respect boundaries of members and professional staff. As noted by Cantor Levson, these are some aspects of a Brit Avodah, a work covenant. A few board members who were not present will be asked if they wish to continue in their positions. Ann will seek potential candidates to fill any open seats for trustees or other positions and report next month.

*Respectfully submitted, Ann Meyers,  
acting Secretary*

**The next CEEW Board meeting will be April 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. ★**







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

## Shalom from Israel!

### President's Letter

**From the desk of Deb Hacker**

The Purim holiday in Israel has just passed as I write this presidents letter. Women here were very involved in party planning, providing and crafting costumes for the children and themselves and most of all, preparing and sending Mishloach Manot to friends, family and neighbors.

It seemed that Purim lasted at least a week here with all the Purim parties at work and school, costume parades, and Oznei Haman (what we call hamantaschen) displayed in the stores. Soon many women and sometimes men, are involved in the preparation for the Pesach holiday.

In traditional homes, the home and even the cars, are scoured for chometz (leavened food products) before the holiday of Pesach, the Chag ha Matzot. One of the big differences is that in Israel, only one Seder is celebrated.

Women's contributions to Israeli society seems inexhaustible. The current birthrate in Israel is 2.931 births per woman in 2023 which is a slight decline from 2022.

### Sisterhood News

**By Co-Presidents Deb Hacker and Denise Stodola**

One way that women contribute to the well-being of families is through a new breast milk bank located at the state of the art, underground, missile proof blood bank in Ramle.

This new secure blood bank houses the Sussman Family Foundation Human Milk Bank. This one-of-a-kind facility proves vital donor milk especially for preemies and infants born under 3.3 pounds.

The director, Dr. Sharon Bransburg-Zabary, explained that breast milk is "like a magic potion with anti-inflammatory properties, growth and biological components."

In 2022, the milk bank doubled its capacity after moving to the new facility. Human milk is vital to hospitals and is the standard of care for preemies. Dr. Bransburg-Zabary believes that the previous lack of a milk bank may have contributed to the country's infant mortality rate.



Closer to home, the women at CEEW Sisterhood continue to work to benefit our congregation. With monthly board meetings, Board members assist the congregation and Sunday School in projects and have a bit of fun too. As you can see from the rest of the Sisterhood bulletin pieces, the sisterhood is up to a lot. We hope that you will partake in one or more of these activities.

### The Purim Bakery

**From the desk of Ann Meyers**

CEEW Sisterhood members joined in the fun and helped make the Purim holiday more festive by offering a hamantaschen-baking station and a

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## Yiddish of the month: *Kneidlach*, "Matzah balls."

— contributed by Marsha Fensin

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yogurt parfait bar for children and adults who enjoyed the morning's festivities on Sunday, March 9.

Sisterhood members and Sunday School parents prepared hamantaschen dough at home and brought it to the temple, along with fillings and baking tools. Plastic food preparation gloves were provided and the tables in the social hall were covered to offer a sanitary workspace. Sisterhood members worked smoothly to assist the rolling of the dough, formation of the cookies, and the baking of them so that each participant could claim their own culinary masterpieces.

Despite some runaway fillings and misshapen hamantaschen, everyone

seemed to enjoy the baking process and, of course, eating!

Denise and Dennis Stodola captained the yogurt parfait bar ably by providing all the ingredients and containers for everyone to make parfaits of delicious yogurt and various flavors of granola. Containers were marked with the name of each "cook," then refrigerated until they could be claimed after the megillah reading and Purim spiel.

As part of the Purim festivities all of the students partook in the Purim tradition of Mishloach manot-sending gifts to each other. So rather than eating their own hamantaschen, everyone gave away the hamantaschen they

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made and received a hamantaschen from someone else!

Kol hakavod to Sisterhood members who worked hard to make this possible! Dough makers were Cindy Levy, Marsha Fensin, Ann Meyers, and Andi Patz. Jewish Adulting class member Lia Ecker assisted the children in forming, filling, and placing their hamantaschen on the parchment-lined sheets, then writing their names beside their cookies. An extra big thanks to Nicole Ogden for finishing up the baking while we all went upstairs to hear the Megillah and the Purim Spiel and to Sandy Villa who provided plastic takeaway bags, parchment paper, and plastic food preparation gloves. Thanks to the clean-up crew: Becky Burris, Nicole Ogden, Mari-Claire Zimmerman and other lending hands.

## Upcoming Sisterhood Events

### Tuesday April 18 at 6:30pm - Stampin' Up cards

Come and join the gang to learn to make Stampin' Up cards with leader and Sisterhood member Barbara Zacher as the consultant. All are invited. Treats and beverages will be served. **The cost for materials is \$5. RSVP to Barb by April 11.**



### Tuesday May 2 – Cooking demonstration of Mizrachi dishes

Come join the Sisterhood and learn about how to make (and eat) Mizrachi dishes by Jews of Babylonian and Persian heritage. **RSVP to Ann Meyers by April 25.**

## WRJ Heartland District Convention

From the desk of Cindy Levy

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha's Sisterhood has been a member of the WRJ Midwest District since its inception.

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**"Passover is a time of reflection and joy, when we emerge from our cocoon of doubt to fly freely on the wings of faith."**

**— unknown**

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However, the WRJ Midwest District has combined with the WRJ Central District to become WRJ Heartland District, comprising of Sisterhood/Women's Groups from 14 States. WRJ Heartland is now the third-largest WRJ District after the Northeast and Pacific.

Women from both districts have been working 11 months to develop the governance for this new organization. It has been a lot of work, but from the way the convention worked it looks like we have a success on our hands. Not only did we get to meet old friends, but we got to make new ones!

The WRJ Heartland District was inaugurated at the WRJ Heartland District Convention held March 9-12 at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca, Illinois. CEEW Sisterhood was represented by Cindy Levy and Beth Ann Waite. The WRJ district conventions are a wonderful way to become inspired with the beautiful Shabbat services, Torah Study, workshops, and fun evening activities.

This year's Torah Study was led by Rabbi Marla Feldman, the outgoing Executive Director of WRJ, who taught us about how midrash are constructed and how midrash are developed to fill in the gaps of the Torah.

The goal is to ask the questions you want to know the answers to and then fill in the blank. Our Torah Study was still all about Purim. *Was Vashti a heroine or a spoiled Princess?* By looking at various midrash you could see how the time period they were written in influenced the answer. I suspect that most of us today would consider her a heroine.

There were a number of workshops to choose from – Building & Leading Effective Teams, Social Action project and sharing, World Jewry: WRJ and WUPJ Connections, The Value of WRJ, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Beginning the Journey, Kol Israel Aravim Zeh B'zeh: Strategy for LGBTQ Allyship, and Our Reflections on the WRJ Civil Rights Journey: Where do we go from here? There was a lot to learn and I will share more at a later time.

The Awards Luncheon included an award to our very own Denise Stodola as the Woman of Valor from CEEW Sisterhood. Congratulations to Denise for this well-deserved award. Denise has been an integral part of both the Sisterhood and the Sisterhood board for a very long time, and as co-President she has led us through the pandemic and helped to keep the sisterhood going with her can-do spirit!

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But what is a WRJ Convention without some fun? The participants of the convention were treated to a Jewish Bluegrass concert from Nefesh Mountain Band, who also had the opportunity to tell us of their mission to create a space for Jewish bluegrass within the genre of Bluegrass music. In addition to the band there were late night games and movies. Conventions only come around every few years. Consider joining us for the next one.

## **Stampin' Up Cards with Barb Zacher**

**From the desk of Carol O'Neil**

Barb Zacher, a Stampin' Up artist, will present a hands-on card making class on April 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Temple. The cost of \$5 per person provides each participant with two complete cards and envelopes. Participants aged 8 and up are welcome to participate. Temple members, Sisterhood members, and guests will enjoy a fun evening.

Please RSVP to Barb Zacher at [zacherhc@wi.rr.com](mailto:zacherhc@wi.rr.com) by April 11 to allow for the right number of materi-

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

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als. Payment by check or cash is payable to Barb Zacher on the evening of the event. Additional cards will be available for purchase (cash or check). Desserts and beverages will be served. If you care to purchase cards from Barb but can't attend the event, just contact Barb.

## Mizrachi Cooking Demonstration and Tasting Program

From the desk of Ann Meyers

Sisterhood's May program is delicious indeed! CEEW Sisterhood members are invited to come watch the preparation and experience the flavors of Mizrachi cooking on the evening of Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the temple. Local chef and caterer Hannah Sattler, owner of Hannah's Kitchen Catering and chef for Hannah's Kitchen CAFA B DATA at the Milwaukee JCC, will demonstrate and serve three delicious dishes from Mizrachi cuisine traditions. Members must make a reservation to participate in this program.

Attendees will first observe Hannah prepare Fatayer, a traditional Lebanese Jewish mezze (appetizer). This turnover filled with spinach and cheese is popular in Turkey and elsewhere in the Middle East. Next, she will offer the taste of Persian flavors infused in Joo-jeh Chicken Kabobs, served with saffron rice and grilled tomato. To round out the sampling, Hannah will demonstrate preparation of a date and nut-filled cookie called Kleicha, which is popular throughout the countries of Mizrachi tradition, including Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Yemen.

As this program involves intense preparation and offers food, there will be a cost of \$18 per member. You *must* make a reservation in advance so that Hannah can prepare enough food for everyone. Contact Ann Meyers to make a reservation or if you have any questions about this program. The deadline for reservations for this Mizrachi Cooking program is April 25, 2023. ☆

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- **Joseph Richfield**  
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### ANNIVERSARIES

**Mike and Nancy Cummins** celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 27.

**Arlene and Peter Shelley** celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 2.

### BIRTHDAY

Cantor Emerita **Deborah Martin** celebrates her birthday on April 26.



**“The truth is, no one of us can be free until everybody is free.”**

**— Maya Angelou**

# The Jewish Deaf Community: Part 1

By Sxdni Small

Congregants attending Kerem Shalom in Massachusetts flow into the building for Shabbat services like participants in shuls (synagogues) around the world; they joyously greet each other, find seats and prayer books and settle into the familiar Friday ritual. Voices raise and fall as they wait for services to begin. An additional attribute also joins the evening rhythm – the rich visual-spatial communication that is American Sign Language.

Kerem Shalom, or KS, is one of several U.S. congregations that fully includes the Deaf community through the use of American Sign Language (ASL), captions, interpreters, and other elements of connection. KS also is one of a handful of synagogues which offers a Deaf Rabbi.

Rabbi Darby Leigh drew from his own experience of marginalization in the Jewish community to create a truly welcoming environment for Deaf Jews to flourish. A spiritual seeker and eclectic leader whose background includes study in Eastern traditions and performances with the National Theater of the Deaf as well as involvement with various rock bands, this



Kerem Shalom's cantor, Rosalie Gerut, and Rabbi Darby Leigh sing and sign at a temple event.



Rabbi Darby Leigh

Rabbi wanted to sing, dance, and pray in the communal space of his ancestors.

Kerem Shalom is the realization of that vision. The choir uses ASL, with members signing specific prayers. The traditional [Shema](#) wording of “listen” or “hear” is replaced with the sign PAY ATTENTION. At 250 members strong in 2021, congregants continue to enjoy a vibrant community where a detailed [Inclusion and Accessibility statement](#) is posted on the website, and hands and voices both play a central role in creating a home for everyone.

ASL was not always given equal weight among languages, and for many years was not even considered a language at all. Like Native/First Nations survivors of the horrific boarding school system, attendees of oral deaf schools – places where the emphasis was on speech development through therapy and the use of residual hearing as well as a focus on speech reading – were punished for us-

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ing the visual language that was natural to them. Punishments included forcing the students to sit on their hands, binding the hands together, or the use of shackles, mitten-wearing to prevent easy signing, and whippings by teachers. These practices were common during the late 1800s and early 1900s as the result of the Milan Conference of 1880. This is an infamous [event](#) in the worldwide Deaf community that occurred in Milan, Italy. The program only included one Deaf member among 164 participants from the U.S. and several European countries. It was the first international conference of deaf educators and resolved that: “oral education (oralism) was superior to manual education and passed a resolution banning the use of sign language in school.”

This pronouncement was the result of several resolutions regarding deaf education. The decree led to extensive job loss for white Deaf teachers and other white Deaf professionals; sign language was almost eliminated from that educational realm. Again, as in Native residential schools that aimed to destroy the cultures of indigenous people, Deaf students carried on in secret, hiding their language from oral authority figures.

Black ASL – also known as BASL – followed a different path due to racism and institutional segregation. As signing came to be considered “shameful” among the majority in power, BASL retained its place in Black Deaf schools and grew to contain differences from the ASL used by white signers.

Today’s “Black ASL Project” at Gallaudet University serves to “.....describe the linguistic features of a variety of American Sign Language (ASL) used by African American signers, often referred to as Black ASL.” Black American Sign Language involves even more facial and body expression than ASL. Some of the signs for the same concepts are

also different. [This link](#) contains a video of the two languages and highlights some of the features of BASL.

In 2010 at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Education of the Deaf in Vancouver, Canada, the organization’s board issued a formal apology for the 1880 Milan ban, citing it as a human and constitutional rights violation. ☆

## A brief background of American Sign Language



According to the book publisher DawnSignPress, American Sign Language (ASL) is the 4<sup>th</sup> most popular second language that high school students study, with the Rhode Island Center for the Deaf and Hard of hearing reporting that it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most commonly used United States language.

ASL is a full and complex language with its own syntax, grammar, idioms and slang; Deaf children – like hearing children – have expressions and slang used specifically with peers in Deaf schools. As with spoken language, ASL signs have changed over time.

ASL has its roots in a combination of early 19<sup>th</sup> century French Sign Language, home signs, Martha’s Vineyard Sign and the Plains Native Signs from Western tribes. Martha’s Vineyard in Massachusetts was a small island community of related Deaf and hearing inhabitants going back generations that developed its own sign language – MV Signs. The last known user of MV Signs died in the 1950s. — *Sxdni Small*

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Contact temple administrator Brigette 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*

### **Yahrzeiten** **Nisan / Iyyar (April)**



**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.

**Bella Cohen:** April 12  
*Observed by the Congregation*

**Charlotte Cohen:** April 15, Nisan 24  
*Mother of Ed Cohen (Carol Vandenberg)*

**Merle E. Goldstone:** April 5, Nisan 14  
*Father of Michael Goldstone (Susan Vetrovsky)*

**Samuel Hafner:** April 15  
*Father of Sandra (Marvin) Small; grandfather of Sxdni Small*

**Nathan Kraines:** April 26, Iyyar 5  
*Husband of Elly Kraines*

**Iosif Krasnik:** April 7, Nisan 16  
*Grandfather of Irene (Robert) Elkin*

**Lev Krasnik:** April 14, Nisan 23  
*Uncle of Irene (Robert) Elkin*

**Kathe "Kay" Kurz:** April 5, Nisan 14  
*Observed by the Congregation*

**Lida Merkow:** April 23, Iyyar 2  
*Grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow*

**Sheldon D. Miller:** April 4, Nisan 13  
*Stepfather of Michael Goldstone (Susan Vetrovsky)*

**Marcy Rudoy:** April 20  
*Mother of Marcy (James) Hotz*

**Senta Strauss:** April 12, Nisan 21  
*Grandmother of Claude Scher*

**F. Herbert Venango:** April 15  
*Father of Arlene (Peter) Shelley*

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





Our Yizkor service at the end of Passover will be held on Wednesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. Watch your emails for more information.

## Poetry Corner

Suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work to Adrian Richfield ([susu78@aol.com](mailto:susu78@aol.com)) or Sxdni Small ([rottiesrock@wi.rr.com](mailto:rottiesrock@wi.rr.com)).



### Stones

by Sxdni Small

Pockets full of stones  
Smooth miniature worlds  
contain galactic particles  
All colors and none.  
Stones on the path of ancients  
And the path of becoming  
Rough-hewn earth marbles, formed  
from jagged blades of upheaval,  
Grind together to form boulders  
Fissure-tearing boulders  
carve cosmic cracks  
Universal boundaries – erupted.



Tulip and daffodil photos contributed by Mary Pratt.





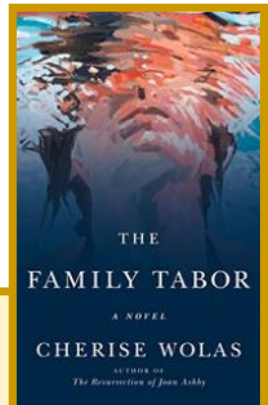
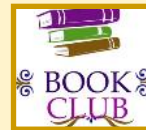
**“The idea that it’s possible to move from slavery to freedom and from darkness to light and from despair to hope – that is the greatest Jewish story ever told.”**  
— Rabbi Sharon Brous

# The Secrets of the Family Tabor

*“I am a novelist who started writing so young that my first stories were in crayon.”*  
— Cherise Wolas

## Book Club News

By Adrian Richfield



The Tabors look like a typical Jewish family: father, mother and three children with a picture-perfect life. But underneath it all a terrible wrong committed in the past looms — and the past catches up to them.

Harry Tabor, 70, is about to be given the prestigious “Man of the Dec-

ade” award by the city of Palm Springs. He has become wealthy but has also done humanitarian work with the resettlement of Jewish refugees. On the night of his award, his conscience suddenly rises to the top and he realizes he must act to redeem himself and receive forgiveness. Without letting anyone know, he leaves his party, his family, and his friends and flies to Israel.

The “somewhat fractured” Tabor family includes Harry’s wife Roma, a prominent child psychologist, and their children: Phoebe, a lawyer; Camille, a student of social anthropology; and Simon, also a lawyer.

Though the Tabors are Jewish, each family member struggles with some aspect of their Judaism as this family saga plays out. Their secrets, history, and Jewishness shape their lives in different ways. What is kept

hidden from oneself and others plays a critical role in this book.

Wolas lives in New York City with her husband and a cat named Henry the Lovebug. She was named one of the 11 Women to Watch in 2018 by BookPage after the publication of her award-winning debut novel *The Resurrection of Joan Ashby*.

Wolas studied English literature, economics, and film at the University of California-Berkeley, earned a BFA in film and screenwriting from the New York University Tisch School of the Arts, and holds a law degree from Loyola Law School. ★

## CEEW Book Club

**When: Wednesday,  
April 12**

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

**Where: Adrian Richfield’s  
house**

**RSVP to Diana Stroshine  
(dstroshine@hotmail.com)**





The deadline for articles for the May Bulletin will be **Sunday, April 16**. Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at [susu78@aol.com](mailto:susu78@aol.com).



# Shabbat Shalom!



<b>APRIL 7</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantor-led service</b>
<b>APRIL 14</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantor-led service</b>
<b>APRIL 21</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantor-led Special Shabbat service</b>
<b>APRIL 28</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Member-led service</b>

These services may be available online, in person, or both. Watch your email for updates on the mode of any temple event.

See the Temple website for updates and instructions on how to view events online.

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**“No one is free — even the birds are chained to the sky.”**

**— Bob Dylan**

## *A Letter From... Israel*

Dear CEEW family,

Despite being in Jerusalem many times, I do my research and find there is always something new to discover. It was so heartening to see the city full of tourists. This time I was excited to visit the newly opened Armenian museum. It is located in the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem, which is only 14% of the Old City area.

Armenians are very proud of the fact that they were the first country to accept Christianity in 301 CE. Their patron saint, Gregory the Illuminator, converted the Armenian king. Initially, they were a pagan nation involved with nature worship, Zoroastrianism, Mithraism, and then finally Christianity. But, actually I learned that the Armenian presence in the land of Israel predates the life of Jesus. The Land of Israel was conquered by Armenian king Tigranes the Great in 83 BC.

Two major groups of Armenians live in Jerusalem. Firstly, there was the ancient community of holy men who came in the 4th century to set up churches and monasteries. Then sadly, the next group straggled in after the Armenian Holocaust -- the “Med Yeghern,” or Great Crime -- of spring 1915 to autumn 1916. The Armenians I met were descendants of the latter group.

The museum beautifully details the ancient history of the Armenians, their unique language and faith and illustrates this with numerous artifacts, especially illuminated manuscripts and objects of religious art. Ninety per cent of the museum is made of this is made up of their history. A beautiful work, the “Birds Mosaic,” covers the floor of the entire foyer. It was transported here after having been discovered in Jerusalem at the end of the 19th century.



The Birds Mosaic, photos by Deb Hacker (above) and Shmuel Bar-Am (left).



**It's never too early to think about summer! CEEW's first Picnic Shabbat of the season will be on Friday, June 16.**

In 1948 there were about 15,000-20,000 Armenians in Israel, but today there are only about 4,000 Armenians left. This is largely due to economic conditions as many looked for better economic opportunities in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

What I thought was significant is that the subject of the Armenian holocaust was only one segment of this beautiful new museum. It was really a foreshadowing of what our own Holocaust would be some 30-40 years later. Through the use of video footage and photographs, the suffering of the Armenian people was difficult to watch. The video showed so many starving, traumatized children that were photographed in the Jerusalem orphanages. One man I spoke to recalled that his grandfather came to Israel after two months of walking and hiding along the way from Armenia to Jerusalem. He was only 17 at the time. All of his family had perished along the way because of beatings, starvation or murder. It is estimated that between 664,000 to 1.2 million Armenian people were killed by the "Young Turk"/Turkish government.



These Armenian robes were made out of fabric from Napoelon's tents.



Greetings from the market in Jerusalem's Muslim quarter!

Suffice to say, that initially the Armenian Holocaust began with arresting intellectuals, confiscations of property, forced conversions to Islam, deportations, death marches, concentration camps, mass killings, and raping. This was all done under the cover of World War One.

I encourage everyone to read about this sad chapter in Armenian history but only as part of their proud history and language. Consider on your next trip to Israel a visit to the museum, the Armenian stores and restaurants in the most unobtrusive Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is a city unlike any other in the world, and this museum is but one small glimpse of the sacrifices and struggles of her many people.





From Israel,  
Deb Hacker





## SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

April 7, 7:08 pm; April 14, 7:16 pm;  
April 21, 7:24 pm; April 28, 7:32 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
						1 Nisan 10 Shabbat HaGadol  Tzav	
2 Nisan 11 Religious school Pass- over program, 9 a.m.	3 Nisan 12	4 Nisan 13	5 Nisan 14 No Adult Study Class Passover - First Seder	6 Nisan 15 Passover - Second Night Community Seder at Chenequa Country Club, 5 p.m.	7 Nisan 16 Passover - Third Night Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	8 Nisan 17 Passover - Fourth Night	
9 Nisan 18 Passover - Fifth Night No religious school	10 Nisan 19 Passover - Sixth Night Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	11 Nisan 20 Passover - Seventh Night	12 Nisan 21 Passover - Eighth Night Adult Study Class, in- person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon Yizkor service, 7 p.m.	13 Nisan 22	14 Nisan 23 Cantor-led Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	15 Nisan 24 Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Iyyar  Shmini	
16 Nisan 25 Religious school, 9 a.m. <b>DEADLINE FOR MAY BULLETIN ARTICLES</b>	17 Nisan 26	18 Nisan 27 Yom HaShoah Sisterhood Stampin' Up event, 6:30 p.m.	19 Nisan 28 JNF Breakfast for Israel, 8:15-9:15 a.m. Adult Study Class, in- person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon	20 Nisan 29	21 Nisan 30 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar Cantor-led Special Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	22 Iyyar 1  Tazria-Metzora	
23 Nisan 4 Religious school, 9 a.m.  30 Nisan 4 Religious school, 9 a.m.	24 Nisan 5	25 Nisan 6 Yom HaZikaron	26 Nisan 7 Yom HaAtzma'ut Adult Study Class, in- person and Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to noon	27 Nisan 8	28 Nisan 9 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	29 Iyyar 1 CEEW Dining Group, Pacific Bistro (Delafield), 5 p.m.  Achrei Mot- Kedoshim	
The content deadline for the May 2023 bulletin is <b>Sunday, April 16.</b>							

Calendar dates, holidays, and candle lighting times are from [hebc.com](http://hebc.com).  
Check the CEEW calendar for the most current information.