

Register for CEEW's Oct. 14 Shabbat Retreat!

By Adrian Richfield

Come join the CEEW community for a day of spiritual retreat, community building, friendship, and learning. We will convene on Saturday, October 14, at nearby OSRUI in Oconomowoc, in the historic "Bayit" mansion. All adult members, friends, and family are invited and welcome to come and participate.

Our day begins with a Saturday Shabbat service by Cantor Levson, followed by a prepared lunch and continuing with three learning breakout sessions. The day concludes with a song session – camp style – with Cantor Levson. Each participant can choose their three sessions from the following five options:

"Maimonides" by Joe Dailey

"Art" by Andi Patz

"Yoga" by Sandy Villa

"Spiritual Walk" by Deb Hacker

"Torah Study" by Ann Meyers

Please see the signup form on page 16 for more information about each session. You'll also use the form to note any food preferences (or allergies!) for the lunch, and to participate in carpooling from the temple.

For the full-day retreat, the cost is \$36 per person, or \$65 for two adults with the same address. The cost is \$25 to attend

the half-day program consisting of only the morning Shabbat service and the lunch.

Please send your check and completed registration form before September 30 to:

Adrian Richfield
 1334 Bluebird Terrace
 Waukesha, WI 53188

If you have any questions or concerns about the retreat, please call or text Deb Hacker at 262-853-1869. ★

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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 14, is the date of the CEEW Fall Retreat. See page 16 for the registration form; you must register by September 30.

Celebrating Esme



Photos by
Adrian Richfield

The CEEW community welcomed Esme Patz as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 12, in a service filled with smiles, tears, and plenty of pride. Esme read his portion, Re'eh, from our Czech Torah scroll; this is the first time in 80 years that the scroll has been used for a Bar Mitzvah. Mazel tov!





**"And above all, remember that the meaning of life is to build a life as if it were a work of art."
— Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel**

CEEW News Briefs

Fundraise for CEEW Without Spending a Dime!

If you could help CEEW raise money without donating any money, would you?

All you need to make a big difference with our Hundredx fundraiser is a little time to complete short surveys (using emojis) on products you use or businesses where you shop. Yes, you read that correctly!

Between October 2nd - October 31st, we're asking each member to complete up to 75 surveys. Each survey will take less than two minutes to complete and can be done on your smartphone or computer. Hundredx will donate money for every survey completed. Each completed survey means \$1.60 for CEEW! If you complete all 75 surveys, that's equivalent to a \$120 cash donation and you never have to touch (or think about touching) your wallet!

Exact details about how to participate will be available about a week prior. Hundredx will not sell or share your personal information to third parties. Your opinions are aggregated and not individualized, and your demographic data is discarded at the end of the campaign.

The Hundredx company name is based on this biblical verse:

Genesis 26:12 And Isaac sowed in that land, and found in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him.

Like Isaac, by participating in this campaign, you and our CEEW community will be blessed a hundredfold. Questions? Reach out to Laurie Schwartz at 303-888-5137 or president@waukeshatemple.org.

Gift Shop Closing

If you have donated something to the gift shop that has not sold, you are welcome to come and retrieve it prior to our final closing. The gift shop will be open September 10 between 11 a.m. and noon so that you can pick up your items, or even make a purchase.

If you have questions, contact Laurie Schwartz.

Library Books Available

Many thanks go to Carol O'Neil and Sharon Levy for their diligent work this summer to straighten out CEEW's library. There are a number of books that they have determined are no longer needed. If you would enjoy adding them to your personal library, they are outside the library for your perusal. The books are free, but donations are greatly appreciated! ✨





Religious school begins again on September 10 at 9am. See the August Board Meeting minutes starting on page 11 for info about the new school curriculum.

Camp: Making Memories for a Lifetime

It's Elul, and I am, of course, trying not to become overwhelmed by the High Holidays which will arrive all too soon. You'll hear lots from me about the themes and theology of the *Yamim Noraim* in the next few weeks, but before we plunge into the month of *Tishrei* and all its holidays, I wanted to share this brief little memory of summer.

One of the things that excited me about coming to Waukesha was its proximity to OSRUI, the URJ camp in nearby Oconomowoc. As I have often said, I probably would not be your Spiritual Leader (or even a Cantor) had it not been for my experiences at Camp Swig (z"l) in Saratoga, CA. While I enjoyed much of my time in Religious School (yes, I was a nerd), Camp Swig was where I learned that Judaism could be much more than something that was done in a Temple or an occasional holiday observance at home.

Throughout my Cantorial career, I have treasured the opportunities to serve on the faculty of Greene Family Camp (Bruceville, TX), Eisner Camp (Great Barrington, MA), and Crane Lake Camp (West Stockbridge, MA).

Cantor's Column

By Cantor Martin Levson, CEEW Sole/Soul Spiritual Leader



Both of our children passionately loved their summers at Eisner Camp. I was eager to see the famed OSRUI Camp in action during the summer! During "The Before Time," I could have simply called up the Camp Director and asked to attend a Friday night service, dinner, and song session, especially if some of our campers were attending OSRUI. Unfortunately, the strict Covid protocols that the camp enacted (to protect the health and safety of campers and staff) meant NO visitors. I understood the need for caution, but I was nonetheless disappointed.

Thankfully, this July I was *finally* able to visit OSRUI on a specially designated day for Jewish clergy, professionals, and congregational leaders. I was quite impressed with what I saw! We had a tour

of the camp, a session with an ARZA representative about the democracy protests in Israel and have lunch and watch some after-meal silly skits. This summer we had 4 CEEW kids at OSRUI, I had the opportunity to meet with 3 who were on camp that day. All three of them had the look of being "in their happy place" on their faces. I'm thrilled that they have the opportunities to make lifetime Jewish





**"As long as the candle is still burning, it is still possible to accomplish and to mend."
— Rabbi Yisrael Salanter**

Cantor's Column continued

memories just as Sheri and I did (she attended Young Judea camps) and our children did.

In this bulletin you'll find information about an adult *Shabbaton* we will hold at OSRUI on Saturday, October 14. We'll have the opportunity to worship together, participate in a variety of "camp style" informal learning events, enjoy lunch, and conclude with a rousing song session of some classic camp songs. Please sign up for this event; it will be wonderful.

Rabbi Levy Yitzchak of Berditchev, the Chassidic Rabbi who famously brought a "Lawsuit Against God," had a reputation of always looking for the good in people. There is a famous story of Reb Levy and a friend who were walking through town when they came upon a wheelwright fixing a wheel during morning prayers. Reb Levy's friend was deeply annoyed by this sight: "Such disrespect! That man is saying his morning prayers while he's fixing a wheel!" Reb Levy

Yitzchak reframed the situation beautifully: "No, look! That man is fixing a wheel... and he's *praying!*" In this coming year, may we make more opportunities to do the "mundane" things we need to do with a renewed sense of meaning and holiness.

Sheri, Kailin, Liz, and I wish you all a *Shana Tova U'mitukah*, a Good and a Sweet New Year! ✨

CEEW Book Fair!



The CEEW Annual Book Fair will continue in its recent form, giving book lovers the opportunity to shop in person or online!

For two weeks in November, you can shop online and on **Sunday, November 12**, you can do it in person at CEEW.

Save the date and feel free to send book suggestions to communications@waukeshatemple.org.



The High Holidays are coming! See page 8 for all the details, and remember to RSVP when necessary.

Jewish Adulthood Travels to New York

September is a time of transition...we transition from summer to fall and from outdoor activities to the classroom. At the end of June, I was fortunate to travel with our Jewish Adulthood class to New York City.

We started our tour at the Museum of Natural History, then went to West Side Judaica and the Kosher

School News

By Carrie Barbakoff, Education Director



Market Place. Our students and their parents got to see a complete grocery store full of kosher products. We capped off the first night off with Second Avenue Deli.

The second day we started off with authentic New York bagels and then went to the Tenement Museum and learned about immigrant life on the lowest east side. We took a lower East Side walking tour which featured the Bialystoker synagogue, the Pickle Guys, and the Eldridge Street Synagogue. We went to Friday night services at B'nai Jeshurun and finished the night off with dinner at a diner complete with phosphates.

The third day we started with Ellis Island, then lunch near the world trade center, the Jewish Museum and a walk through part of Central Park. The trip ended Sunday morning with brunch in Chinatown.

My favorite part was seeing each of our students get excited about different things throughout the trip: Torin says "While in New York I really enjoyed the walking tour. He [our tour guide] was very informative and very good at explaining things." Milo said, "I found that Eldridge Street syna-



Torin, Noah, Lia, and Milo toast with their phosphates during dinner at the 2nd Avenue Deli.



**"We are constantly becoming, continuously redefining ourselves. This doesn't just happen on Rosh Hashanah."
— Alan Lew**

School News continued

gogue was an absolute wonder of architecture, such a beautiful design. I also deeply enjoyed going to the Hayden planetarium, and even trying to get a grasp of the scale of our existence." Lia said, "Going to New York City was very fun and interesting. I liked trying the different kinds of food. I also found the old synagogues very interesting." Noah said, "The NYC trip was packed with fun, and I loved all the walking, as it gave time to embrace the city. I also found the trip to the Jewish Museum very interesting, along with the Natural History

Museum." I hope our students got a taste of what Jewish life is like outside of Wisconsin and the Midwest. It was also important to me that our students understand they are part of a rich history that needs to be remembered and fostered as they grow into adults.

I also traveled in July to Philadelphia to see the National Museum of American Jewish History, which if you ever have the chance to go to this museum I highly recommend! Then I attended Makom Community's Jewish Placemaking 2023 Summer Conference. Jewish placemaking is defined as

"Our exploration of Jewish wisdom is an invitation for parents and children to create the physical and relational spaces we need in community, by engaging with and challenging collected Jewish wisdom."

I plan to incorporate their outcomes into our school this year: "Increased ability to meet our own needs and help others meet their needs, empathy, self-efficacy, joy and ownership of Jewish tradition." I want to wish the entire CEEW community a l'shanah tovah, a happy, healthy, joy filled New Year. ✨



Thank you, Denise!

Sisterhood President Deb Hacker, left, presented Denise Stodola with a past president pin at her 60th birthday party. Several other Sisterhood members were present for this special occasion.



On Rosh Hashanah, please sign up for the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast potluck meal.

High Holiday Information and Reservation Form 2023

Your temple membership includes seats for all High Holiday services for your immediate family. Please note that "self-supporting children over the age of 18 shall not be considered members of the immediate family", according to our Constitution and By-Laws.

Security passes will be provided when members' annual membership commitment has been submitted to the treasurer.

There is no charge to guests for seats for the Erev Rosh Hashanah service. The fee schedule for the remaining holiday services is as follows:

Rosh Hashanah morning services: \$75

Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur all Day services: \$150

When a guest's reservation has been accepted, a security pass will be provided.

All services will be offered on Zoom at no charge for members. A link to the services will be sent at members' request. Non-members may receive links which will entitle them access to all services for a fee of \$100. Individual service links will not be available to non-members.

Family services will be held this year as follows. Contact Education Director Carrie Barbakoff for meal reservations and more information.

Rosh Hashanah- Sunday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. A luncheon follows the service. *Contact Carrie Barbakoff to make reservations for this meal: EdDirector@waukeshatemple.org*

Yom Kippur - Sunday, September 24, 10:30 a.m.

Holiday meals are a cherished tradition at CEEW, and we hope you will join in these annual celebrations. Tashlich luncheon will be held immediately following Rosh Hashanah morning service in the temple social hall. **Please RSVP to Carol O'Neil at caroljo@tds.net** While there is no charge for this meal, advance reservations are necessary; donations are encouraged. The tashlich ritual will follow the luncheon at Frame Park in Waukesha.

The Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast will be held immediately following the Nilah service. This pot luck meal is always well-attended, so please sign up to bring a dish to share if you are attending this meal. A sign up poster will be available on Rosh Hashanah.

**Questions? Members and guests please contact
President Laurie Schwartz, president@waukeshatemple.org**

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High Holiday Service Dates and Times

Family Services

Rosh Hashanah	Sunday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. <i>A luncheon follows the service. Reserve by contacting Carrie Barbakoff.</i>
Yom Kippur	Sunday, September 24, 10:30 a.m.

Adult/Community Services

Rosh Hashanah Eve	Friday, September 15, 7:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah Morning	Saturday September 16, 10:00 AM; Tashlich lunch follows the service RSVP for lunch to Carol O'Neil at caroljo@tds.net by September 9. Tashlich ritual at Frame Park in Waukesha, approximately 2:00 PM
Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre)	Sunday, September 24, 7:30 PM
Yom Kippur Morning	Monday, September 25, 10:00 AM
Yom Kippur Afternoon	Monday, September 25, approximately 3:00 PM Yizkor / Nilah (closing service) approximately 4:15 PM
Break the Fast meal	Monday, September 25, approximately 6:15 PM <i>We encourage you to sign up to bring a dish to share for this potluck meal.</i>



“Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom.”

— Hannah Arendt

CEEW Board Meeting: July 10, 2023

By Pati Allen Brickman

Members in attendance: Laurie Schwartz, Ann Meyers, Alan Meyers, Carrie Barbakoff, Mark Levy, Cindy Levy, Bernie Sandler.

Members attending virtually: Cantor Martin Levson, Jennifer Ecker, Pati Allen Brickman.

I. **Meeting called to order** by President Laurie Schwartz at 6:32 pm. The agenda was approved as amended to include discussion on the Milwaukee Jewish Federation Brandeis study. Minutes from the May 8, 2023 board meeting were approved as submitted.

II. **Spiritual Leader's Report** – by Cantor Martin Levson: See Carrie's report on the Adulting trip to NYC. Cantor especially thanked Carrie who did the lion's share of planning. The parents and kids all handled themselves well and Cantor tried to indoctrinate them to the ways of Manhattan. It was a fabulous trip and hopefully they will be at a Sabbath service to share their experiences. He reminded us of that teacher who was suspended for criticizing the Waukesha School District's decision to ban the song “Rainbowland” from an elementary school concert. Cantor plans to attend the planned silent protest at the schoolboard meeting along with other members of Waukesha clergy. Sunday 7/23 he plans on being at OSRUI, Jewish clergy and synagogue leaders will participate. Four students will also attend as well. Friday 7/28 will be a lay led services and Cantor will be at Temple Shalom with his klezmer band A Band'n All Hope. Reminder that in 2 months and 5 days High Holy Days are coming. Contact Mari-Claire if there is part you would

like to do. She may call or email you as well. Esme Patz's Bar Mitzvah is August 12

and all are encouraged to attend. Between now and the end of June 2024 we will have 5 B.-Mitzvah and perhaps an adult B.-Mitzvah.

III. **Education Director's Report** – by Carrie Barbakoff: Carrie attended the SEC (Synagogue Educator's Counsel) meeting on June 15 where she connected with the Education Director of the Jewish Museum Milwaukee who may be helpful in keeping our Jewish Adulting students connected to Jewish Milwaukee. She presented a detailed description of the Jewish Adulting's trip to New York City June 22-25 with highlights of their visits to American Museum of Natural History, the Kosher Market Place on the Upper West Side and West Side Judaica. Thanks to CEEW's Sisterhood, our students attended the Tenement Museum for free. They visited Eldridge Street Synagogue, took the ferry to Ellis Island, the Jewish Museum and walked through Central Park. Their trip ended in Chinatown at the Golden Unicorn. The many hours of planning paid off in helping the students understand that they are part of a rich history outside of Wisconsin and the Midwest that needs to be remembered and fostered into adulthood. With funding from Makom and MJF, on July 24-25 Carrie will attend the Jewish Placemaking Conference: Planning for Joy! where she will learn about their unique pedagogy.





Update your software now; the September 1 Shabbat service led by Cantor Levson will be Zoom only.

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IV. President's Remarks – by Laurie Schwartz: Laurie spoke to June Kulakow and sent her the bulletin and Alan mailed her the renewal form. This reminds us to be aware of those who do not use a computer and be sure we mail information when needed. Laurie reminded board members to please send reports before the meeting. Finally heard back from HundredX who do surveys to support fundraising events. She will send out more information as it becomes available.

V. Treasurer's Report and Budget – by Alan Meyers: Membership renewals have been mailed and he encourages all to send these in sooner rather than later.

VI. Sisterhood Report – by Ann Meyers: There is a Sisterhood board meeting tomorrow. It was noted that there is an unavoidable conflict between the Esme Patz Bar Mitzvah and the Sisterhood annual luncheon meeting. Neither can be rescheduled.

VII. Committee Reports

Facilities by Bernie Sandler: Lights are done outside. After many discussions with waste management, it seems to be working well now.

Security by Mark Levy: Looking at the security system installation to begin 7/12.

VIII. New Business – by Laurie Schwartz:

High Holiday Tickets: Articles from the URJ were circulated to the Board regarding how to embrace 'audacious hospitality.' They suggest that we don't need

to put a dollar amount on the donation solicitation for High Holy Days because good will and community is a feature of 'relational Judaism.' So, instead of asking for money we ask for information. Ann Meyers recommends that we either eliminate the cost of the tickets to non-members or make it a voluntary donation. We need to weigh this against the idea that membership has benefits and HHDs are a membership benefit. Rabbi Goodman reminds us that we would have to use the information wisely. Use the contact information to invite people into our community. At CEEW there has lately been a large interest in conversion. There are people out there looking for spiritual connection and they don't necessarily know it's Judaism that they want. There are people out there who are looking for us. We should not be afraid of proselytizing, but we should do it 'Jewishly.' Laurie asks if we want to go forward or put this concept to the membership? It was decided that we will put together an ad hoc committee to explore this prior to presenting it to the board at the next annual meeting.

The Milwaukee Jewish Federation is embarking on a study of survey of Jewish communities, and they want to include Waukesha County. They are requesting contact information from our entire membership list. It would only be used for the purposes of the Brandeis study, and the data base will not be shared with the Federation. The information will be destroyed when the study is completed. They are aware of the sensitivity of sharing membership lists. We have between now and July 21 to respond to this request. Carrie suggested we include information in the blast informing members that they can opt out if



"Rosh Hashanah isn't just about being new, it's about a change." — Max Levis

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they choose. The information they are asking for is publicly accessible information. Carrie stressed that this participation can only benefit us. Cantor added that the fact that they want the Waukesha information and not just Milwaukee's is heartening, and he supports the idea.

- Ann Meyers moved that we participate in this study and provide only current member information unless they opt out. Seconded by Cindy Levy.
- Passed unanimously.

IX. Old Business – by Laurie Schwartz:

Ethics Policy by Mark Levy: Nothing new to report.

Men's Group by Cantor Levson: The group met on Sunday, July 9, and discussed possibilities for Jewish study and community service.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. The next board meeting will convene August 14, at 6:30 pm.



CEEW Board Meeting: August 14, 2023

By Pati Allen Brickman

Members attending via Zoom: Cantor Martin Levson, Laurie Schwartz, Ann Meyers, Alan Meyers, Mark Levy, Bernie Sandler, Rick Steinberg, Denise Stodola, Jennifer Ecker, Carrie Barbakoff, Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Cindy Levy, Pati Allen Brickman.

Absent: None

Opening prayer was offered by Cantor Levson.

Meeting called to order by Laurie Schwartz, President at 6:30pm. Minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted. The agenda was approved as submitted.

D'var Torah and Spiritual Leader's Report by Cantor Levson: This month will be Rosh Hodesh Elul and we will sound the shofar at the picnic shabbat this Friday.

Mari-Claire will contact you soon about doing readings for the coming High Holy Days. Please respond quickly and favorably. This Friday is our last picnic service and is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, those who are unaffiliated, or who have shown an interest. Please reach out to people. Dinner is at 5:45 and the service starts at 6:30. Esme Patz did an excellent job on his Bar Mitzvah and the family was very pleased. It was a wonderful celebratory weekend for our congregation.

Education Director Report by Carrie Barbakoff: See her report for details. Prior to attending the Makom Community's Jewish Placemaking 2023 Summer Conference, Carrie visited the National Museum of Jewish-





See your email for the Yizkor Memorial List form. Send in your names to the temple no later than Wednesday, September 20 so the booklet can be printed. You may send your donation along with the names.

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American history in Philadelphia where Milwaukee's Settlement Cookbook is featured. This school year she will be using the Shalom Learning Values Based Curriculum. Classes will focus on empathy, self-efficacy, joy, and ownership of Jewish tradition. The plan is to put these values into practice in class and at home and to include parents more in the coming school year.

Molly Schmidt participated in the JCC Maccabi Games swimming events in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She and six others represented the Milwaukee area at the games.

The Jewish Adulting class will focus on the "18 x 18 Project," 18 values to learn by age 18. They will focus on six values per year for the next three years. Cantor will be using the Moving Traditions pre B-Mitzvah curriculum with the 7th grade students.

Thank you to Ann Meyers and Cantor Levson for their contributions to teaching. School forms have been emailed, please return them ASAP. Carrie will be meeting the new Shin Shins on September 5 and they will be attending the first week of classes on September 10.

President's Report by Laurie Schwartz:

HundredX Fund Raiser: A full description of the program will go in the bulletin in due course. Laurie will attend a conference this month to learn more.

High Holidays: Preparations are coming along. The passes are being created. Birdseed will be used for tashlikh again this year.

URJ Benchmark Survey: They have extended the deadline so we will continue to consider it.

Carroll Involvement Fair: The fair features a col-

lection of student groups on and off campus, including a collection of faith-based organizations. Laurie Schwartz has signed up with Ann Meyers to attend and represent Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha. Laurie is also meeting with the Carroll chaplain to see how we can support and be of service to their Jewish students.

Treasurer/Financial Report by Alan Meyers:

This time of year, we are awaiting membership renewals, so those numbers are not reflected in the financial tables. Our checking account has a bit more money because of the renewals but it should be noted that some pay monthly or quarterly. It is too soon to be concerned about the actual numbers. We will need to renew the contract for the AED and we may want to replace it in a year or so. Bernie has been doing it for the past 2 years and they will coordinate. We plan to complete the forms for scheduling security guards soon. We need to update our contacts for the Federation's email list. Cindy Levy will update their database of our security contacts.

Sisterhood Report by Denise Stodola: Sisterhood annual meeting was Sunday August 13 at Sunset Park and Marsha Fensin gave the d'var torah about women in the bible. Sisterhood is gearing up for the Yom Kippur Food Drive. Bags will be distributed at Rosh Hashanah. Sisterhood sponsored \$500 toward the \$1000 fee to rent OSRUI for the October 14 fall congregation retreat. Sisterhood members donated funds to cover the rest of the cost. The bema railing project is on hold for now. Some generous donations for the Waukesha Food Pantry for the



**"Fight with realistic hope, not to destroy the world's wrong, but to renew its good."
— Elizabeth E. Wein**

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Period Project were received. Thanks to Sandy Villa for making the deliveries and to all those who donated. The 2023-24 budget was approved. Sandy Villa, Barb Hacker, Marsha Fensin, and Denise Stodola were recognized for their generous contributions through the years. The slate of officers includes Deb Hacker as copresident. Nancy Cummings joined as member at large. Denise will still be on the board and the liaison. Garret Waite provided the entertainment.

Committee Reports

Facilities and Security by Bernie Sandler and Mark Levy: See their report for details.

Items competed: Ady Richfield and Elaine Goldberg paid to have weeds pulled and the gardens tidied and we are very thankful for that. Our office computers can now communicate accurately with the HVAC system so our heating and cooling system is working.

Items in progress: We now have 4 optical sensors outside of the building. There are 3 TV monitors covering the main door, cantor's office and main office. We will renew the contract for the maintenance system. We have an estimate to fix the air circulation problem in the cantor's office.

Items needing attention: We will be contacting folks to participate in a work day for site improvement. We will talk to Men's Group and those who have volunteered to help. The dead tree will cost \$1000 to be re-

moved and is not a priority for now. (The line it is overhanging is an internet line, not a power line, and they won't fix it until it breaks.) The security team needed to take down the pine on the corner of the building. We will consider getting the stump out at some point. There were some repairs to drywall that will be taken care of. Magnetic locks are being ordered. We still need some loans to complete the security system. If you have the ability, please contact Laurie Schwartz. There will be numerous training classes to teach people how to use it. We may include the Federation to do additional training.

Old Business - Laurie Schwartz

Ethics Policy: Ann Meyers sent Rick Steinberg a draft of a proposed ethics policy and he has approved it in general. We will continue to tailor it to the needs of our community and will present it to the membership in due course.

Men's Group: Rick Steinberg: Men's Club is starting up with 6-10 attendees at the meetings. They have zeroed in on two charities: Katy's Klost of Waukesha and another working with needy families. Some members have shown interest in doing landscaping at the temple. It would be nice to have greeters before and after the High Holiday services and so this group may be able to help.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51. The next meeting will be September 11, 2023 at 6:30pm. ★



After Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Sukkot will not be far behind. Watch your emails for details of this year's services and events.



Farewell, Summer Picnic Shabbats!

On Friday, August 18, CEEW had the last of its outdoor summer picnic Shabbats with the wonderful weather of the day. As Cantor led services, the sun began to set but the joy of the Shabbat was evident by all who brought their picnic dinners and enjoyed the ambiance of the evening. Mark Levy blew the Shofar, Cindy Levy handed out the wine and grape juice, Elizabeth Hamlin lit the candles, and Carrie Barbakoff did the Parsha for the week. All in all, it was a perfect setting and Shabbat!

—text and photos by
Adrian Richfield

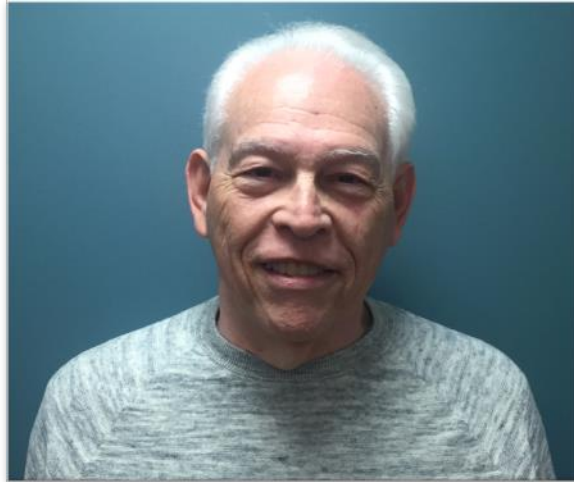


“Every universe, our own included, begins in conversation.” — Michael Chabon

New Member: Ray Elvey

By Sxdni Small

New member Ray Elvey’s commitment to his wife, Jayne, brings him to our cozy shul, where he has already become active with the Security Committee. Jayne hails from this state and it was his promise many years ago to take her “back home” that landed the couple here.



vivors couldn’t believe it when Morris spoke to them in Yiddish, and were amazed at the presence of a Jewish fighter. Morris was also one of the many courageous soldiers who were at the Western European Battle of the Bulge during the Second World War. Ray and his younger sister experienced life in bustling Chicago, where the Elveys moved in 1948.

Ray’s interests include Jewish and Israeli media, such the programs available through ChaiFlicks, which is a Jewish-specific streaming service. During his long affiliation with Oak Park Temple in Illinois, Ray also sponsored a family of four Soviet Jews. His engagement in safeguarding Jewish lives around the world began early, through the actions of his parents, who were descendants of ancestors born in Romania and Poland. Britain was as far as tight funds took Ray’s grandparents in their escape from European antisemitism. His parents, Morris and Rose, were active in Zionist activities in London, where they raised funds for the 1930’s-era aid organization called “Jews in Palestine.” Morris was conscripted into the British military, where he was part of the unit that liberated Bergen-Belsen. In doing so, he also accepted the possibility offered to all Jewish soldiers from Britain who signed up to fight the German army, to change his surname before landing in France. Ray says that his dad “... juggled the letters of ‘Levy’ into ‘Elvey’.” He also recalls from his father’s account many years later, that camp sur-

The family eventually settled in Skokie. Rose’s skill in organizing led to an executive position with Jewel Food Stores, and Morris joined the ranks of so many other skilled Jewish men, working in the garment trades as a tailor. Like his father, Ray also served in the military. In 1966, he was drafted into the army, which took him to a stint at Fort Knox. Later professional experience entailed commercial property management, from which he has since retired. Retirement certainly did not mean an inactive life for Ray, as he has become a freelance writer. Today, Ray’s daughter carries on *tikkun olam* as well, through involvement in Israel’s national emergency and disaster service, Magen David Adom, where she works as a Senior Development Executive.

Ray’s promise was the end result of a long trail of Jewish pathfinders, who were initially dispersed throughout the Diaspora. His work with security in our community continues the tradition of the Jewish people to strive for a better life for both ourselves and others. ✨



The CEEW Book Club is back, with its first fall meeting on September 6. See page 23 for details on the book and the meeting.

CEEW Fall Shabbat Retreat

Saturday, October 14

Time	Activity
10:00	Arrival at OSRUI (Oconomowoc)
10:15-11:45	Saturday morning Shabbat service with Cantor Levson
11:45-12:30	Buffet-style lunch prepared by OSRUI staff
12:45-1:45	First breakout session
1:45-2:45	Second breakout session
2:45-3:15	Break for snacks/drinks/conversations
3:15-4:15	Third breakout session
4:15-4:45	Closing Song Session "summer camp style"

Breakout Sessions (choose 3)

Maimonides: "What Maimonides has Given Us" from the *Guide for the Perplexed*. Led by Joe Dailey.

Art: "Explore Some Jewish Essence" with an art project. Led by Andi Patz.

Yoga: "Grab a Chair" for a relaxing modified yoga flow. Led by Sandy Villa.

Spiritual Walk: "Nature Spiritual Walk" on the OSRUI campus. Led by Deb Hacker.

Torah Study: "Bereshit: Your Lucky Number," patterns from this parsha and the richness they can bring to your life. Led by Ann Meyers.

Register by September 30. Mail your check and completed registration form to Adrian Richfield, 1334 Bluebird Terrace, Waukesha WI 53188. Write check to "CEEW RETREAT."

Fall CEEW Retreat Registration Form

Name 1: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

___ full day program. My session choices (circle 3): Maimonides Art Yoga Spiritual Walk Torah Study
___ attending 1/2 day program only - no sessions.

Food accommodations: ___ Gluten free ___ Dairy free ___ Vegetarian ___ Vegan ___ allergy to _____

Name 2: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

___ full day program. My session choices (circle 3): Maimonides Art Yoga Spiritual Walk Torah Study
___ attending 1/2 day program only - no sessions.

Food accommodations: ___ Gluten free ___ Dairy free ___ Vegetarian ___ Vegan ___ allergy to _____

___ I/we are interested in carpooling from CEEW, with departure at 9:20 a.m.

Directions to OSRUI
will be sent
to all retreat participants!

Full-day program: \$36 X _____ persons = _____
Couples price (2 adults with same address): \$65 _____
Half-day program: \$25 X _____ persons = _____

TOTAL: \$_____



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

Sisterhood Annual Meeting and More

Annual Sisterhood Meeting Report

On August 13, 2023, fifteen Sisterhood members gathered at Genesee Sunset Park west of Waukesha. Cool breezes prevailed and the rain held off until after the meeting. A smaller group was present this year than last due to members' health reasons, travel, and other important simchas on the same day.

Nonetheless, we completed our goal of socializing, meeting, sharing ideas, and enjoying a homemade picnic

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By Co-President Deb Hacker



repast (provided by Carol O'Neil and Deb Hacker).

After the meeting was called to order by Deb Hacker, Marsha Fensin gave her D'var Torah on Parsha Shoftim (Judges). Deborah used to sit under a palm tree and speak to the Israelites in the times before they were united under a king. She sent for Barak and asked him to lead an army against

the oppressive Ca. Marsha also spoke of other women in the Torah, many of them unnamed, such as the wife of Noah.

Members were encouraged to google the website wrj.org and sign up for their weekly newsletters. They were informed now that our Sisterhood is now part of the 14 state Heartland district of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism). Eighteen dollars of each membership goes to WRJ to support the three pillars of sisterhood, spirituality and social justice in communities in North America and worldwide. Our Heartland district dues of \$2 a member has been deferred to 2027 because of an anonymous grant. Other donations that we make to OSRUI and the YES fund were also noted.

Ady Richfield discussed the upcoming Temple Fall Retreat October



Sisterhood News continues



Yiddish of the month: *Pinteleh Yid*, the “spark of Jewishness” within all Jews. — contributed by Marsha Fensin

14th that Sisterhood has underwritten with a donation of \$500 of the \$1000 needed toward rental of the facility at OSRUI. She is hoping for an attendance of 30 adults and encouraged all members and their significant others to attend.

Officers completing their terms on the 2021-2023 calendar years were recognized. These include Denise Stodola (who will continue on the Board as past president). She was awarded a past presidents pin and a Visa gift card. Other members retiring and recognized for their service included Sandy Villa, member at large, and Marsha Fensin, member at large. Carol O'Neil will be continuing for another term as recording secretary. Barb Dailey was again celebrated for her 11 years as treasurer. Sisterhood donated \$108 to her charity of choice- Blessings in a Backpack.

Denise Stodola reviewed the Sisterhood's year including all the donations and programming as well as tikkun olam projects. Sisterhood raises monies and gives it away for scholarships, security at the temple, and other deserving needs of the members including Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts and Sunday school events and trips.

The budget was approved after a lengthy discussion of financial chal-

lenges we may face. Our yearly Chanukah card fundraiser will be underway soon, and we are hoping for giving at a higher level of at least \$36.00 for this project.

It was discussed that the Sisterhood Board in June had decided to use the Temple administrator to do the bookkeeping of the Sisterhood funds because of Barb Dailey's retirement. A supervisory treasurer will also be needed.

The following women were voted into office for the 2023-25 term:

Co-President: open

Recording secretary: Carol O'Neil

Member at large: Nancy Cummings (nominated from the floor)

Supervising treasurers: Deb Hacker (June-December 2023), Barb Zacher (December 2023 onward).

The current 2023-24 Board is:

Co-president: Deb Hacker

Vice president: Ann Meyers

Member at Large: open

While we were eating our lunch we listened to the gentle songs of Garrett Waite on acoustic guitar. Sandy Villa then gathered up and packed a trunkful of period and incontinence products the sisters had collected at the meeting for the Waukesha Food Pantry. Many members informally shared their ideas for programming

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and better communication between the Board and its members.

Everyone has a voice in sisterhood, and we know that this year will be a busy one for us. We encourage all women of CEEW to join and support our efforts to assist our Temple, our Sunday School, WRJ, and our local community.



Garrett Waite provided music for the CEEW Sisterhood annual meeting.

Sisterhood News continues



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

High Holiday Tikkun Olam

By Ann Meyers and Cindy Levy

As we prepare for the High Holidays, it is once again time to remember those who depend on the Waukesha Food Pantry for food assistance.

The CEEW Sisterhood will be distributing bags at the Rosh Hashanah service on September 15th and Monday, September 24th following Kol Nidre services with a list of most needed food items. Please return the filled bags by the Yom Kippur Morning service on September 25th, or money in the form of checks are also welcomed (**Checks payable to: Waukesha Food Pantry**).

Here is an updated list of the most needed items:

- Canned ready to eat soup or pasta
- Canned proteins
- Whole grains
- Pasta sauce
- Condensed soups
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Canned black or refried beans

Thank you for your past and ongoing generosity, which has fed many families over the years. If you have any

questions, please contact the Sisterhood at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com.

CEEW Sisterhood Fund-raiser: Hanukkah Card

by Carol O'Neil

We are excited to be partnering, for the 2nd year with artist Lindsey Moore for the 2023 Hanukkah Card. Her whimsical drawing of dreidels is sure to delight. Look for information in your USPS mail following Yom Kippur for details on how your family can be part of this tradition.

Due to the Temple's great needs, we are asking people to contribute a minimum of double chai or \$36 to have your family listed on the card.



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Orders, with donation, must be received by the Sisterhood via Carol O'Neil by October 16. We hope to have 100% participation of the membership!

Carol's address is 147 Pheasant Run, Johnson Creek, WI 53038.

We thank you in advance for your support of the CEEW Sisterhood. Please contact ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com for questions.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Rachel - Temple Member - \$36
- Leah - \$54
- Rebecca - \$108
- Sarah - \$180
- Non-Temple Member - \$54
- Unable to join but would like to support Sisterhood.

Please make checks payable to CEEW Sisterhood and mail to:

CEEW Sisterhood
Attn: Treasurer
830 W. Moreland Blvd
Waukesha WI 53188



Can you donate to our congregation's Security Fund or make an interest-free loan to CEEW? Contact Laurie Schwartz at president@waukeshatemple.org.

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to
Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

In Honor of...

- **Marcy Hotz**
Donation from Laurie Schwartz

- **Adrian Richfield**
Donations from Deb and Rich Hacker, Elly Kraines, Laurie Schwartz

Memorials

- **Diana Ellison, mother of Barbara Zacher**
Donations from Mary and Gerry Bultman
- **Ruth Grigo, mother of Deb Hacker**
Donation from Deb and Rich Hacker
- **Sima Kotkin**
Donation from Michael and Peggy Kotkin

- **Martin Ostacher, father of Loren Schmidt, grandfather of Molly Schmidt**
Donations from Jack and Elaine Goldberg, Laurie Schwartz

- **Mary Schuman**
Donations from Kelly and Sheila Goodman, Elly Kraines

Miscellaneous Fund

- Donations from Maggie Brzezinski, Raymond Elvey, Laurie Schwartz

Security

- Donation from Barbara Mulhern



ANNIVERSARIES

Kelly and Sheila Goodman celebrate their wedding anniversary on September 6.

BIRTHDAYS

Jack Goldberg celebrates his birthday on September 3.

Barb Zacher celebrates her birthday on September 8.

Sxdni Small celebrates their birthday on September 12.

Laurie Schwartz celebrates her birthday on September 30.



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 **Elul / Tishrei (September)**



PLEASE NOTE: Some of the listings don't have a Hebrew date; that is because we have been changing the database and offering English / Gregorian dates to those who prefer them. In such cases, only the English / Gregorian dates will be listed.

John Alpert: September 11, Elul 25
Father of Carol O'Neil

Ruth Alpert: September 23, Tishrei 8
Mother of Carol O'Neil

Albert Bergman: September 24, Tishrei 9
Grandfather of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Milford Blonsky: September 11
Father of Steve (Susan) Blonsky

Eugene Braun: September 20, Tishrei 5
Father of Denise (Dennis) Stodola

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

Lorraine R. Cohodes: September 21, Tishrei 6
Mother of Marshall (Mickey) Cohodes

Theodore Ellison: September 10, Elul 24
Father of Barbara (Gregory) Zacher

Lawrence Finkel: September 20, Tishrei 5
Observed by the Congregation

Cantor Harold Freeman: September 15, Elul 29
Observed by the Congregation

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

Sadie Gottlieb: September 28, Tishrei 13
Grandmother of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Grete Hahn: September 6, Elul 20
Mother of Elly Kraines

Evelyn Lewis: September 29, Tishrei 14
Mother of Joanne Wager and Grandmother of Ellyn Lem (Trevor Huskey)

Bella Rachel Mazursky: September 20, Tishrei 5
Great-grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

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

Tom O'Neil: September 3, Elul 17
Husband of Carol O'Neil

Hyman B. Parks: September 24, Tishrei 9
Great-uncle of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Samuel Rothman: September 8, Elul 22
Observed by the Congregation

Lou Stallman: September 3
Friend of Debi Schwid

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





[Click here](#) for more information about a November 5-14 culinary trip to Israel.

Poetry Corner

For our October issue we invite you to suggest a favorite poem, or submit your own work to Adrian Richfield (susu78@aol.com) or Sxdni Small (rottiesrock@wi.rr.com).

The Scent of Apple Cake

By Marge Piercy

My mother cooked as drudgery
the same fifteen dishes round
and round like a donkey bound
to a millstone grinding dust.

My mother baked as a dance,
the flour falling from the sifter
in a rain of fine white pollen.
The sugar was sweet snow.

The dough beneath her palms
was the warm flesh of a baby
when they were all hers before
their wills sprouted like mushrooms.

Cookies she formed in rows
on the baking sheets, oatmeal,
molasses, lemon, chocolate chip,
delights anyone could love.

Love was in short supply,
but pies were obedient to her
command of their pastry, crisp
holding the sweetness within.

Desserts were her reward for endless
cleaning in the acid yellow cloud
of Detroit, begging dollars from
my father, mending, darning, bleaching.

In the oven she made sweetness
where otherwise there was none.



Photo by Patrizia Savarese.



**"Now is the time to do what you know you must and have feared to begin."
— Marge Piercy**

An award-winning writer's intriguing first novel

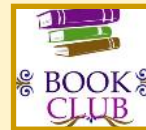
Dara Horn's first novel follows a young woman, Leora, through the death of her friend in high school to her college years, career, and life. It intersects with a story about her friend's grandfather, Bill Landsmann, and his early life in Amsterdam, Austria, and New York's lower east side.

The reader moves simultaneously between both of their lives as the novel reveals unlikely connections and links. *In the Image* is about the past and what it means, along with finding lost things that mean something in the future.

In the Image received the 2002 Edward Lewis Wallant Award, the 2003 Reform Judaism Prize for Jewish Fiction, and the 2003 National Jewish

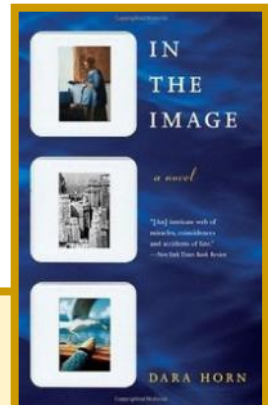
Book Club News

By Adrian Richfield



Book Award. Horn has also written *The World to Come* (2006 National Jewish Book Award for Fiction), *All Other Nights* (New York Times Review Editor's Choice), *A Guide for the Perplexed: A Novel*, *Eternal Life* (finalist for the JQ Wingate Literary Prize and the Simpson Family Literary Prize), and her collection of essays, *People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present* (winner of the National Jewish Book Award).

Horn now serves as Creative Adviser for the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History. ★



CEEW Book Club

When: Wednesday,
September 6

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Mari-Claire Zimmerman's house

To participate in the book club,
contact Diana Stroshine at
DStroshine@hotmail.com

...from the San Francisco *Chronicle* review:

"Mesmerizingly blends religious and family history with its protagonist's coming-of-age story... a stunning and absorbing first novel."



The deadline for articles for the October Bulletin will be **Monday, September 18**. Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at susu78@aol.com.



Shabbat Shalom!



SEPTEMBER 1	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service (Zoom only)
SEPTEMBER 8	7 p.m.	Member-led service
SEPTEMBER 15	7:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashana evening service
SEPTEMBER 22	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
SEPTEMBER 29	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service

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

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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

Sep. 1, 7:09 pm; Sep. 8, 6:57 pm; Sep. 15, 6:45 pm;
Sep. 22, 6:32 pm; Sep. 29, 6:20 pm

5783 / 5784 2023		SEPTEMBER		ELUL / TISHREI		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Elul 15 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m. (Zoom only)	2 Elul 16  Ki Tavo
3 Elul 17	4 Elul 18	5 Elul 19	6 Elul 20 CEEW Book Club: Mari-Claire Zim- merman's house, 1:30 p.m.	7 Elul 21	8 Elul 22 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	9 Elul 23 Leil Selichot Selichot Service  Nitzavim-Vayeilech
10 Elul 24 First day of religious school, 9 a.m.	11 Elul 25 Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	12 Elul 26	13 Elul 27	14 Elul 28	15 Elul 29 Erev Rosh Hashana Rosh Hashana Even- ing Service, 7:30 p.m.	16 Tishrei 1 Rosh Hashana 5784 Rosh Hashana Day Service, 10 a.m. Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Tashlich, 1:30 p.m.
17 Tishrei 2 Rosh Hashana Family Service, 10:30 a.m.	18 Tishrei 3 Tzom Gedaliah DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER BULLETIN ARTICLES	19 Tishrei 4	20 Tishrei 5	21 Tishrei 6	22 Tishrei 7 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	23 Tishrei 8 Shabbat Shuva  Ha'Azinu
24 Tishrei 9 Erev Yom Kippur Yom Kippur Family Service, 10:30 a.m. Kol Nidre Service, 7 p.m.	25 Tishrei 10 Yom Kippur Yom Kippur Day Services	26 Tishrei 11	27 Tishrei 12	28 Tishrei 13	29 Tishrei 14 Erev Sukkot Cantor-led Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.	30 Tishrei 15 Sukkot

The content deadline for the October 2023 bulletin is **Monday, September 18.**

Calendar dates, holidays, and candle lighting times are from hebc.com.
Check the CEEW calendar for the most current information.