

## Fiddler Fun Night: Food, Music, Documentary – and Vodka!

Time is running out to save your space at the dinner table for our Saturday, November 11 Adult Education Program on the making of “Fiddler on the Roof.”

We’ll gather at CEEW at 5:15 p.m., celebrate Havdalah at 5:30, and dig into a special Russian-themed meal at 5:45. The program, including a documentary film and musical performances from Marie Loeffler and Cantor Martin Levson, will run from 6:30 to approximately 8:30 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is \$18 per person (please make your check out to CEEW). *If you haven’t already registered for this event, turn to page 16 for the registration form and send it in before November 7!*

Make sure to save the date for future Adult Education programs on Sunday, December 10, and Sunday, January 28. ★



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There will be no Shabbat service on Friday, November 24, the day after Thanksgiving.

## — SIMCHAT TORAH —

This year's celebration of the culmination of the High Holidays (or High Holy Days) will be mixed with our reactions to the Hamas attack upon Israelis in Gaza. As we all hope, pray, and work for a swift and peaceful resolution to this painful conflict, we share our joyous photos from the CEEW Simchat Torah event here and throughout the pages of this month's Bulletin. Photos were contributed by Marcy Hotz and Adrian Richfield.







“Love in the face of evil gives others hope.”

— Ari Mahler

## CEEW News Briefs

### Midrash Class Resumes



Midrash class began again on its regular meeting time and day of Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. with Cantor Levson. To begin this first learning session, the group will be reading and discussing the book: *Judaism Disrupted, A Spiritual Manifesto for the 21st Century* by Rabbi Michael Strassfeld.

In his book, Rabbi Strassfeld “digs deep into the Jewish tradition to help us get to the root of the matter: our need to create connection to our past, to our present, to each other.”

### Editor's Notes

We have made changes to the Bulletin's email account that should fix the distribution problems we have had for the last few issues. Todah rabah to Mark Levy and Alan Meyers for all the work they have put in to make those changes possible!

If you need to change the email address at which you receive the Bulletin, please send that information to me at [bulletin@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:bulletin@waukeshatemple.org). (If you need to change the email address at which you receive *all* temple communications, please email [membership@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:membership@waukeshatemple.org) instead.)

Please send any Bulletin contributions or queries to the Bulletin email address rather than my personal email address, where it might get lost or routed to the wrong folder.

Finally, please email the Bulletin address right away if you don't receive your copy of the Bulletin when expected. (Check your spam folders before panicking.) The target publication date is two days before the beginning of the month.

— Elizabeth Lamb

### What Can I Do?

Join organizations that work for non-violent conflict resolution.

Give to groups that are making a difference.

Pray for safety, compassion, and peace.



### Cantor at Temple Shalom

On October 9, Cantor Levson took part in a special service at Temple Shalom on Milwaukee's East Side.

This special community event was sponsored by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation to help bring our community together in a time of stress and angst for all Jews. Several CEEW members attended the service.

— Adrian Richfield

Photo contributed by Laurie Schwartz.



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

## CEEW Book Fair by the Dates



### Before November 6

Visit the [Books & Company](#) website and create an account at any time. If you created one last year it is still active. (You can reset the password if you forgot it or call Books & Company for assistance). If you purchase books, please use the code **CEEW23** so CEEW gets credit for the book purchases.

Start your Wish List of books through your Books & Company account at any time.

Send book suggestions or questions to [communications@waukeshatemple.org](mailto:communications@waukeshatemple.org) or Lisa at Books & Company in Oconomowoc ([lisabbooksco@gmail.com](mailto:lisabbooksco@gmail.com)) with the subject line of "CEEW Book Fair."

### November 6-20

On November 6 you will be sent a link to the CEEW Virtual Book Fair. Books of Jewish content will be displayed just as if you were at the Synagogue! However, do not fear, you will be able to order books from anywhere on the Books & Company website.

### On November 12

Come to the temple for the in-person book fair! Books purchased before November 12 may be available for pickup at the temple; books purchased at or after the in-person book fair will be available for pickup (or mailing) before Hanukkah.

Thanks for supporting CEEW!

## Adult Education 5784 Programming

**G**et ready for several Adult Education events tentatively planned for this year.

Friday night Special Shabbats are planned for November 3 (a Leonard Cohen Tribute led by Cantor Levson), December 15 (a Northern Lights travelogue by Pati Brickman), and May 3 (discussion of the Jewish Heritage River Cruise by Cindy and Mark Levy).

These programs will follow shortened Friday night Shabbat services.

Special programs in November include "Fiddler Night" on Saturday the 11th, and the Annual Book Fair on Sunday the 12th.

Over the winter months, "movie and lunch" events are planned for Sunday, December 10 and Sunday, January 28.

March (date TBA) brings the chance to see a matinee of the Milwaukee Rep play "The Chosen," adapted from the Chaim Potok novel, combined with a lunch.

March also brings Purim, and the theme of the Adult Purim Party on Saturday, March 23 will be "Jews and Super Heroes."

We will close out the year and kick off the summer months by celebrating Shavuot and holding our 3rd Annual Jewish Trivia Night on Saturday, June 8. Look for more information about these events in future issues of the Bulletin as well as email blasts.

We can't wait for you to join us!

— *Adult Education Committee*



**"When facing a dilemma, choose the more morally demanding alternative."  
— Rabbi Harold Kushner**

# Looking Towards Hope

**It's** been a rough few weeks.  
(That's putting it mildly.)

In the aftermath of the horrific October 7 pogrom that resulted in over 1,400 Israelis killed and over 220 hostages kidnapped into Gaza, the news from the Middle East (and, indeed, from the entire world) has seemed unrelentingly grim. But rather than recount what has happened over the past three weeks, I wanted to share with you one small glimmer of hope I experienced recently.

I was recently contacted by Kristin Hansen on behalf of Blue Sky Waukesha, a local non-partisan progressive group that a number of CEEW members have been associated with. At the group's monthly meeting she wanted to hear from representatives of the Jewish and Muslim communities. She set specific, tight parameters about what the evening would and would not be. In her own words, "The purpose of this gathering is to help our members understand what their own community members and neighbors are going through because

## Cantor's Column

By Cantor Martin Levson, CEEW Sole/Soul Spiritual Leader



of this war. I want people to hear directly from you (as opposed to through newspapers, or God forbid, suspect social media sites) what your communities feel, what the reactions are in your communities, how people can help, whether that's donations or calls to elected officials, how we who are not Jewish or Muslim can support you in this terrible time. This is NOT a debate. We are not here to find a 'solution' or try to decide issues far beyond our reach. But I did not want

my friends and neighbors to be suffering with silence all around them."

At this meeting I had an excellent conversation with Wassim Malas, who represents the Wisconsin Muslim Civic Alliance and resides in Menomonee Falls. Mr. Malas said before our meeting, "My approach to tonight's event isn't to 'win' the audience through argumentation or even by telling a story that's more captivating. I simply intend to tell the truth of what I believe is the position the Palestinians find themselves in and nothing more. I truly believe that US citizens here should set an example to the various groups fighting overseas. I hope Mr.

Levson and I can do the same." And that is exactly what both of us did. We did not argue about which side deserved more blame, and we did not attempt to solve the problems of the Middle East. Instead, we listened care-



## Blue Sky Mission

**Inform. Engage. Empower Waukesha County Voters.**

Blue Sky Waukesha brings civics education to the people. We are a membership organization of people who share a set of values - we believe in equality for all; that civil rights and civil liberties must be celebrated and protected; that robust voting rights, freedom of information, public education, and accountability are the keys to a successful democracy; that society benefits from diversity; that unions build a stronger middle class; and that people are more important than money.



The Midrash Group meets at the temple (and on Zoom) on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Contact Cantor Levson to join!

## Cantor's Column continued



fully to each other with respect and compassion for what each of our communities were going through during this difficult time. It was an important reminder to me that despite our significant differences, we can still find common ground for conversation.

Many of you have told me that prior to the pandemic and before changes in clergy, CEEW and the Brookfield Mosque had an excellent relationship.

Before this meeting of Blue Sky Waukesha, my thoughts were that “this is not the right time to try to re-establish relations with the Mosque.” I am now of a mind that this is *precisely* the time to attempt to restore these personal connections between our two communities. I know many of you have wondered what you can do to help Israel during these dark days. The World Union for Progressive Ju-

daism, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, and many other organizations are coordinating a myriad number of ways that we can help. But I also believe that, in the words of Mr. Malas, “US citizens here should set an example to the various groups fighting overseas.” I hope that we can make this happen in the weeks and months ahead.

Take care of yourselves, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. ✨

*Avinu She'Ba'Shamayim,  
O God on High,  
Rock and Guardian of Israel,  
bless the State of Israel,  
which marks the dawning of hope  
for all who seek peace.  
Shield it within the embrace of your love.  
Spread over it the canopy of your peace.*

— from Temple Emanu-El (New York City)





**"If I have been unkind / I hope that you can just let it go by /  
If I have been untrue / I hope you know it was never to you"  
— Leonard Cohen, "Bird on the Wire"**

# CEEW Sunday School Begins a Bittersweet Year

October started off with the celebration of Sukkot and then continued with the celebration of Simchat Torah, where we unrolled the small Torah and read from the beginning and the end of the Torah, including hearing a brief summary of each of the five books in between.

Then on October 20th our students from the previous two years' Jewish adulting class with Ann Meyers celebrated the culmination of their time studying in our school by sharing a video presentation they made highlighting their time as students in CEEW's religious school. Lia Ecker, Torin Ecker, Milo Patz, Molly Schmidt, and Noah Sulman were the 5 students in the class.

Besides studying for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, they enjoyed learning about and celebrating the holidays and getting to travel to New York City to see a real-life connection to all they have learned about being Jewish.

We wish Mazel Tov to these students and hope they will not be strangers to CEEW despite

## School News

By Carrie Barbakoff, Education Director



not having to come to a "formal" class going forward.

We are excited to have welcomed a new family to the temple! The Newmans and two of their children, Zeke and Josie, have joined our school.

Cheshvan, the month after the high holidays, is known as mar or a "bitter"

month. However, this year's bitterness is much more intense than the Jewish people have known before. Originally the month was thought of as being "bitter" because there are no Jewish holidays during the month of Cheshvan.

The situation in Israel is bitter for all involved. As a school we sang HaTikvah, meaning "the hope" which is Israel's national anthem, at the end of our morning service and we will continue to do so. It is translated as "As long as the heart within the Jewish soul yearns forward toward the East, an eye looks to Zion, our hope is not yet lost. Our hope is two thousand years old: To be a free people in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem."

As we sang these words, I kept thinking about all of the people I know who are in Israel, especially the past Shin Shins who've visited our school, the





Join us for lunch and a movie on Sunday, December 10! See the article on page 13 for more information about this Adult Education program.

## School News continued

most recent Shaliach Uria Roth, one of our past teacher's family who is in Israel, a few of our students' families who are in Israel, and so many other connections that we have to Israel.

Even though we are thousands of miles away from Israel, we still have Israel on our minds and in our hearts.

We as Jews continue to have hope that our soldiers are able to continue to protect the people, the state, and the land of Israel just as our ancestors have protected Israel for the last 2000 years as the song suggests.

Despite the war consuming my mind, our students in Morah Marie's class and Morah Rachel's class have begun our Shalom Learning curriculum for this school year. The students started with the concept of *teshuva*, meaning "return" or to go astray and now have been focusing on *b'tzelem elohim* and what it means to be created in the image of God.

Our oldest students are learning with Cantor Levson and began working on the Moving Traditions b-mitzvah curriculum, starting with

what it means to transition out of childhood and into becoming more self-aware.

Being able to be a part of Am Yisrael, the people of Israel, even though I am not in the land of Israel, has given me strength and hopefully our students and their parents will continue to feel a sense of pride and belonging to the Jewish people. Next month when I write to everyone I hope it will be with less of a heavy heart. ★







**"People often avoid making decisions out of fear of making a mistake. Actually the failure to make decisions is one of life's biggest mistakes."  
— Rabbi Noah Weinberg**

# Retreat and Renewal

By Adrian Richfield

How do you measure success? In the wonderful experiences of the day! For those attending the first ever CEEW fall retreat at OSRUI on Saturday, October 14, the totality of the day was something all enjoyed in many different ways.

From Torah study, Maimonides, art and a walk/talk, the day was filled with many options for all to enjoy and learn. The day began with a meaningful Shabbat service followed by a delicious lunch and concluded with a song session of memorable summer "camp" songs.



Everyone was kept busy learning and communing with one another. It was a perfect time and day for this event. If you missed it, plan to attend the next one — all agreed that this event was special and we'd like to do another one some time.

Special thanks go to our leaders for the day: Joe Dailey, Deb Hacker, Ann Meyers, Andi Patz, and of course Cantor Levson. Their preparation and effort was much appreciated by everyone who attended and participated in this first Fall Retreat.





The Shabbat service on Friday, November 3 will be a Leonard Cohen tribute led by Cantor Levson.

## CEEW Board Meeting: October 2023

By Pati Allen Brickman

**I. D'var Torah and Spiritual Leader's Report** by Cantor Levson: A prayer for the state of Israel was recited. It's been a difficult several days dealing with the horrors that were unleashed on Saturday. He apologized that he has not been able to respond to articles and messages sent to him. He reported that he is a bit overwhelmed at this challenging time. Cantor participated in a training program about values clarification for B'Mitzvot and is looking forward to bringing this to our congregation. He attended the service at Temple Shalom in response to the attack on Israel where over 900 people attended, and he was moved by the numbers and their fervent solidarity. *Am Israel Chai!*

**II. Education Director Report** by Carrie Barbakoff: She has been hearing from people from all over the world. The family service for Simchat Torah was also a great success. The Jewish Education Project had a webinar on October 10 about how to talk to kids about the events in Israel stressing how to speak to children at their level. We are mindful of security measures, and it is important to carry on as usual.



**III. President's Report** by Laurie Schwartz:

**a. HundredX fundraising program ends 10/31** – Please sign up and fill out survey forms and we could earn as much as \$10,000. It's easy, fun, and very satisfying!

**b. Shlichut/Yamim Committee:** Ann Meyers and Sandy Villa will be participating on 10/30 supporting Israel related community wide activities.

**IV. Treasurer/Financial Report** by Alan Meyers: For details on the budget, contact Alan Meyers for a copy of his report. Laurie noted that there is an American Friends of Magen David Adom where Michael Bloomberg is matching donations up to \$50,000. We received a \$7400 donation this month for the general fund. About \$30,000 was







**"Other people teach us who we are. Their attitudes to us are the mirror in which we learn to see ourselves, but the mirror is distorted." — Alan Watts**

## CEEW October Board Meeting, continued

loaned to us to pay the next installment for the security system. When the security system is complete, we will apply for reimbursement from the FEMA grant.

**V. Sisterhood Report** by Ann Meyers: The request for participation in the Hanukkah card has been sent out and the deadline is October 15. If the board would like to have a new member's dinner the sisterhood stands ready to participate.

### VI. Committee Reports

**a. Facilities** by Bernie Sandler: Bernie has removed all the filters in the building due to the Waukesha water coming on board and has flushed the system. The maintenance check on our system has been completed and there are some repairs to make.

**b. Security** by Bernie Sandler: Alan Meyers and Bernie Sandler sat in on an educational session about the new security system. Bernie, Alan, and the Security Team will have a meeting in a couple of weeks to discuss how to manage the system.

**c. Ritual Committee** by Mari-Claire Zimmerman: Mari-Claire will line up people to participate in the services. Cantor is going to put together a group to assist her.

### VII. New Business - Laurie Schwartz:

**a. Sophia:** The vision of this organization is justice and the advancement of racial equality. They do not require a formal dues commitment. Mark Levy and Laurie Schwartz met with them and felt that their vision aligns well with ours vis a vis Tikkun

Olam. Ann moved that our congregation support this organization. Bernie seconded. Motion carried with one abstention. Laurie will talk with Kelly Goodman to come and make a presentation to the congregation.

#### **b. Archival Work:**

**i. Update from Sharon Levy:** Sharon has been going through boxes and finding lots of pieces that are worth highlighting. She is working with Mark Levy to make a kind of museum page on the website. Sharon would be happy to work with any B'Mitzvah people who would like to make the archival pieces a project.

#### **ii. Hiring Sharon as a contractor:**

Mari-Claire Zimmerman moved to bring on Sharon Levy as an independent contractor to manage our archives and whose salary will be covered by a donation. Ann Meyers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. MCRC Report-** Ann Meyers: Mark Levy and Ann Meyers have been attending MCRC for many years. Laurie Schwartz volunteered to join this group.

### VIII. Old Business - Laurie Schwartz:

**a. New Member Dinner:** We have a few new members and we are considering a Souper Shabbat or a spaghetti dinner to welcome them. Mari-Claire Zimmerman will work with Laurie Schwartz, Ann Meyers, and the Cantor to finalize a date.

**b. Bimah railing:** Ann Meyers has found a person who can do the job. She will have more information at the next meeting. ✨







Have we told you lately about the in-person Annual Book Fair on Sunday, November 12? Hope to see you there!

## Art in Retreat

The art table at the October 14 retreat, led by Andi Patz, was a place for contemplation as well as experimentation with the alcohol inks.



Thanks to Adrian Richfield and Elaine Goldberg for taking (and sharing) so many photos at the retreat!





"Two are better off than one, in that they have greater benefit from their earnings. For should they fall, one can raise the other; but woe to someone who is alone and falls with no companion to assist!" — Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, from *JPS Tanakh: Gender-Sensitive Version*

# December 10 Adult Education Program: Lunch and a Movie

By Adrian Richfield

We are planning a December 10 lunch and movie for members and guests! It will be right after Sunday school at around 11:45 for lunch which will be sloppy joe's, chips, veggies, and dessert. Then we will go upstairs to watch the film, *David: The Movie*, which is eighty minutes long.

*David* is the story of friendship between 2 boys, one Muslim and one

Jewish. The film examines the boundaries of both cultures and religions. Daud (David), a young Muslim boy, finds friendship among a group of Jewish kids. Finding understanding while dealing with stereotypes provides many useful lessons for everyone.

The film is set in the ethnic neighborhoods of Brooklyn and is a won-



derful and moving film. The movie's content is appropriate for children over 10 years old and hopefully some of our Sunday school students and parents will stay for this program. More information will be available in the December bulletin. ✨







Sunday, November 5, is the end of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night.

# Challenge and Resilience in Times of Adversity

by Deb Hacker

I write this revised Sisterhood Presidents letter to reflect the current state of affairs. Our daughter, her husband, and their two-year-old son landed safely at their home in Israel one day before the war in Israel. They had been visiting their United States family and friends here for three weeks during the High Holidays.

On that Shabbat and Simchat Torah (celebrated on Shabbat there in Israel), they had been up most of the wee

## Sisterhood News

By Co-President Deb Hacker



hours with their jet-lagged toddler. They were bleary-eyed, shocked, and overwhelmed as they read about the Hamas incursions and cruel murders and kidnappings in the Gaza border region. Safe from the missiles in their little town of Kfar Yonah, northeast of Netanya, they heard about the missile attacks across the country. They were familiar with the Iron Dome exploding

the rockets near Netanya from the last conflict in May 2021.

But now it was different. Social media became a blessing and a curse, consuming my family members as they read the horrific news of murder, kidnapping, and bestial violence by the Hamas terrorists. Their phones filled with inquiries of friends, former classmates, and family checking in. One by







**Yiddish of the month: *Tzu Gezunt* or *Tzi Gezint*, be well.**

**— contributed by Marsha Fensin**

## Sisterhood News

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one, many of their friends were called up for active duty. Our son-in-law was placed on “standby” as a medic having just completed three weeks of reserve exercises and training in August near Bet Shemesh.

Around 300,000 reservists have been called up to this point. Stores and day cares were closed. Routine life came to a standstill. Gradually the phone had to be put down as the death toll rose. Eventually, by the 4th day of the war, he was called up and the anxious waiting was over. Thank G-d, he was not sent to Gaza.

Yet as they were weary and sad, they were also thankful to have food and shelter. Family was nearby to give support. Everyone had lost someone or knew someone that had lost someone as the death toll mounted. They were safe. We spoke daily, and hopefully I helped her cope from afar.

But for me, it was different. I felt guilty that now, being an Israeli citizen, I should be there helping. I worried about my friends and family there. I had been there in May 2021 during the last major conflict as the sirens sounded and we took shelter with my then infant grandson. I felt a fear I had never experienced in the US. I felt protective of my grandson who was too young to understand the hatred Hamas has in their hearts for the Israelis.

However, I was very much heartened by all the concern and caring from so many people, both Jews and Gentiles, congregants and friends, many of whom I hadn't seen in a long time, and some I had just talked to the day before. The love they have for the State of Israel and the Jewish people gave me much hope. The people in Israel bonded together, and put aside

their political differences to protect their country and support each other. Jewish communities both locally and afar created information sessions, concerts and fundraisers. The world lit up their buildings with blue and white. Is Jew hatred and Israel bashing gone from the Western world? One can only hope the support continues.

I also relied on my “emunah,” the faith and trust and an innate conviction that there is a Creator in the World. I have always believed even as a young child that there is divine retribution for the evil in the world.

So dear Sisters, thank you for your support and I hope this letter finds us in good health with the terrible war in Israel behind us at the time of this publication. Reaching out and assisting at the synagogue is something I think Sisterhood does well. I hope you continue to reach out and join us in our activities. Sisterhood helped fund and organize many activities — most recently donating towards the Temple retreat, planning and executing a food drive, raising funds with the Chanukah card, and planning future programming for all women. ✨





**"A blessing for the Tsar? Of course!"**

**— The Rabbi of Anatevka**

**Saturday, November 11**

## CEEW Night with "Fiddler on the Roof"



Time	Activity
5:15 p.m.	arrival
5:30	Havdalah
5:45	dinner
6:30-8:30	documentary on the making of "Fiddler on the Roof" and performances by Marie Loeffler and Cantor Martin Levson

**Register Now!** Mail your check (made out to CEEW) and completed registration form to Elaine Goldberg, 1165 Club Circle Apt. W13, Brookfield, WI 53005. Call 262-439-9529 for more information.

### *Fiddler on the Roof* Registration Form

**Name 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ dinner and the movie! (\$18)

\_\_\_ just the program (\$5)

Vegetarian option? Yes No

**Name 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ dinner and the movie! (\$18)

\_\_\_ just the program (\$5)

Vegetarian option? Yes No

**TOTAL: \$**\_\_\_\_\_



**Special thanks to Jeff Shabman  
for the idea for the event  
and the loan of the DVD!**



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).

## IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to  
Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

### In Memory of...

- **John Alpert, Larry Alpert, Ruth Alpert, Tom O'Neil**  
Donation from Carol O'Neil

### High Holiday and other Music

- Donation from Anthony and Beth Ann Waite

### Yizkor Book Printing

- Donations from Michael and Nancy Cummins, Raymond Elvey, and Carol O'Neil

### Yizkor Book Listings

- Donations from Mort Blatt, Michael and Nancy Cummins, Jennifer Ecker, Jack and Elaine Goldberg, Kelly and Sheila Goodman, Elly Kraines, June Kulakow, Alan and Ann Meyers, Barb Mulhern, Carol O'Neil, Andi and Tabb Patz, Mark and Loren Schmidt, Philip Schuman, Laurie Schwartz, Rick Steinberg, Denise Stodola, and Jennifer Ullman

*Thanks to those who have made donations  
for CEEW's old library books!*



### ANNIVERSARY

**Mark and Cindy Levy** celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on November 27.

### BIRTHDAYS

**Jim Hotz** celebrates his birthday on November 5.

**Noah Sulman, son of Aaron and Cecille Sulman,** celebrates his 16th birthday on November 6.

**Alan Meyers** celebrates his birthday on November 16.

**Ruth Gacek** celebrates her birthday on November 18.

**Marie Loeffler** celebrates her birthday on November 19.





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** **Cheshvan / Kislev (November)**



**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.

**Larry Alpert:** November 28, Kislev 15  
*Brother of Carol O'Neil*

**Stan Bloom:** November 22  
*Friend of Debi Schwid*

**Jack Brandner:** November 4  
*Father of Andi (Tabb) Patz*

**Milton Gottlieb:** November 8, Cheshvan 24  
*Uncle of Cindy (Mark) Levy*

**Ruth Grigo:** November 10, Cheshvan 26  
*Mother of Deborah (Richard) Hacker*

**Julius Hahn:** November 25, Kislev 12  
*Father of Elly Kraines*

**Nettie Israel:** November 22, Kislev 9  
*Mother of Ann Klein*

**Daniel Levson:** November 8  
*Father of Cantor Martin (Sheri) Levson*

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

**June Pass:** November 22, Kislev 9  
*Observed by the Congregation*

**Robert E. Pincus:** November 23, Kislev 10  
*Observed by the Congregation*

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

**Bessie Rich:** November 1, Cheshvan 17  
*Grandmother of Ann (Alan) Meyers*

**Harry Schnoll:** November 27, Kislev 14  
*Observed by the Congregation*

**Adele Schuman:** November 4, Cheshvan 20  
*Sister of Philip Schuman*

**George Shelley:** November 16, Kislev 3  
*Brother of Peter (Arlene) Shelley*

**Jo Smirl:** November 30, Kislev 17  
*Observed by the Congregation*

**Mary Elizabeth Steinberg:** November 2, Cheshvan 18  
*Wife of Rick Steinberg*

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





“Every soul needs to express itself.”

— Alan Lew

# Poetry Corner

For our next issue we invite you to 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)).

## Sonnet

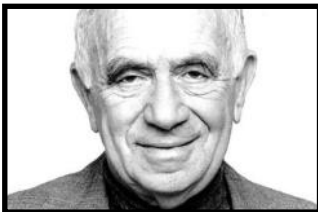
By Yehuda Amichai

My father fought their war four years or so,  
And did not hate or love his enemies.  
Already he was forming me, I know,  
Daily, out of his tranquilities;

Tranquilities, so few, which he had gleaned  
Between the bombs and smoke, for his son's sake,  
And put into his ragged knapsack with  
The leftovers of my mother's hardening cake.

He gathered with his eyes the nameless dead,  
The many dead for my sake unforsaken,  
So that I should not die like them in dread,  
But love them, seeing them as once he saw.  
He filled his eyes with them; he was mistaken.  
Like them, I must go out to meet my war.

**About the Poet:** Yehuda Amichai is recognized as one of Israel's finest poets. His poems, written in Hebrew, have been translated into 40 languages, and entire volumes of his work have been published in English, French, German, Swedish, Spanish, and Catalan. Amichai's translations into English have been particularly popular, and his imaginative and accessible style is credited with introducing contemporary Hebrew poetry to American and English readers. — from poetryfoundation.org



**About the Poet:** Rachel Herring Korn was born in January 1898 in what is now Poland. Fluent in several languages, she began writing her poetry in Polish and switched to Yiddish after learning it in her 20s. She emigrated to Canada in 1948 and died there in 1982. [Click here](#) to read her fascinating life story!



## So Many Times

By Rachel Korn

Translated by D. S. Glick

I have been annihilated so many times.  
At the point of a moment,  
On the thorn of a word.  
On the barbed wire of hate.  
Through hidden hypocrisy.  
On burning roads,  
In worlds made bitter.  
I have been annihilated so many times  
I can't remember the time nor place.

Still I return and am reborn  
And on the new I become renewed.

Through the breath of the wind  
Through my own tears  
Like a little seed  
That is sown in the fall  
I become a part  
Of a new scroll  
Signed with a single star.



“Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and the nooks.”

— Dr. Seuss

# The November Read: *The Color of Water* by James McBride

Although this is a memoir, it is so much more. It became a *New York Times* best seller for two years, sold millions of copies, and has been translated into 16 languages. James McBride, a writer and musician, has received numerous awards for his work in musical theater as well as the Anisfield-Wolf Award for this book.

McBride’s white Jewish mother, Ruth, was born in Poland but raised in the American South, the daughter of an itinerant rabbi and a loving, disabled mother who spoke no English. Ruth fled the south because of abuse, hardship, and poverty and ended up in Harlem. Here she married a Black man and had eight children (James was the youngest); when he died she married another Black man and had four

## Book Club News

By Adrian Richfield



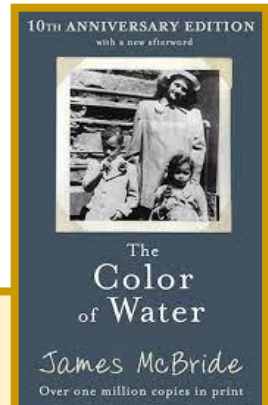
more children. All twelve children went on to become college educated.

McBride saw his mother as an inspirational figure but one with many issues and secrets. He was an adult before he really knew the truth about Ruth as he searched for his roots (mostly against her wishes).

The title of the book comes from an early conversation with his mother where he asks, “Am I Black or White?” Her answer was that he was a human being and the color of water and water doesn’t have a color. His mother did not acknowledge her whiteness, which often caused confusion for him.

McBride spent years unraveling the family secrets into

what turned into this exceptional memoir on race, identity, family and secrets. ☆



## CEEW Book Club

**When:** Wednesday, Nov. 1

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

**Where:** Debi Schwid’s house

To participate in the book club, contact Diana Stroshine at [DStroshine@hotmail.com](mailto:DStroshine@hotmail.com)

...from the *New York Times* book review:

“Complex and moving ... The two stories ... son’s and mother’s, beautifully juxtaposed, strike a graceful note at a time of racial polarization.”





The deadline for articles for the December Bulletin will be **Wednesday, November 15**. Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at [susu78@aol.com](mailto:susu78@aol.com).



# Shabbat Shalom!



<b>NOVEMBER 3</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantor-led service (Leonard Cohen tribute)</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 10</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantor-led service</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 17</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantor-led service</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 24</b>		<b>No service (Thanksgiving holiday)</b>

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:

Nov. 3, 5:24 pm; Nov. 10, 4:16 pm;  
Nov. 17, 4:09 pm; Nov. 24, 4:04 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Cheshvan 17 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. CEEW Book Club: Debi Schwid's house, 1:30 p.m.	2 Cheshvan 18	3 Cheshvan 19 Cantor-led service (Leonard Cohen tribute), 7 p.m.	4 Cheshvan 20  Vayera
5 Cheshvan 21 End of Daylight Savings Time - set your clocks back! Religious school, 9 a.m.	6 Cheshvan 22 Online Book Fair begins	7 Cheshvan 23	8 Cheshvan 24 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	9 Cheshvan 25	10 Cheshvan 26 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	11 Cheshvan 27 Adult Ed Program, 5:15 p.m. Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev  Chayei Sara
12 Cheshvan 28 Religious school, 9 a.m. CEEW Book Fair	13 Cheshvan 29 Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	14 Kislev 1 Rosh Chodesh Kislev	15 Kislev 2 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. <b>DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER BULLETIN ARTICLES</b>	16 Kislev 3	17 Kislev 4 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	18 Kislev 5  Toldot
19 Kislev 6 Religious school, 9 a.m.	20 Kislev 7 Online Book Fair ends	21 Kislev 8	22 Kislev 9 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	23 Kislev 10 THANKSGIVING	24 Kislev 11 No Shabbat service	25 Kislev 12  Vayetzei
26 Kislev 13 No Religious school	27 Kislev 14	28 Kislev 15	29 Kislev 16 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	30 Kislev 17		

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