

December 15 Special Shabbat: A Northern Lights Adventure



Join us for a Special Shabbat program on Friday, December 15. After a shortened Shabbat service that will start at 7 p.m., Pati Allen Brickman will tell the story of her trip to the Arctic Circle to witness the aurora borealis with her sister.

It took them three full days of travel (yes, by planes, trains, and automobiles) to reach their destination: Coldfoot Camp, the northernmost outpost on the Dalton Highway.

Pati says, "Sometimes a sister has the best ideas." Bundle up and come to hear the tale! ☆

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Save the date: Jonah Sulman's bar mitzvah is scheduled for Saturday, February 17.

Wearing a Different Hat

On Friday, November 3, Cantor Levson, who wears many hats in his various jobs and endeavors at CEEW, presented a tribute to Leonard Cohen. Indeed, he wore a different hat. Along with members Karen Levy, Peter Lee, and Paul Smith everyone was treated to a musical night with some of Cohen's songs and music – including, of course, “Hallelujah.”

It was a special treat for all who attended this Friday night Special Shabbat.

— Words and photos by Adrian Richfield





"The inner history of a people is contained in its songs."

— Rabbi Adolph Jellinek

CEEW News Briefs

One More Candle

When I did a Google search for "one more candle," intending to find out more about our current practice of lighting an extra Shabbat candle as we remember those kidnapped by Hamas on October 7, I came across the [One More Candle](#) initiative.

This organization, which was founded in April 2016 and inspired by the work of Simon Wiesenthal, allows you to "adopt the memory" of a child who was lost in the Shoah. I submitted an application through a brief online form; the next day I received an email matching me with a 9-year-old Russian girl, Tamara Teveleva, who was murdered in 1942. I will say the Kaddish for Tamara on her yahrzeit of 10 Shevat, and I can do works of tikkun olam in her name.

The adoption program is free, but donations are accepted to this registered Canadian charity.

— Elizabeth Lamb

CEEW Book Fair

On Sunday, November 12th, CEEW had its annual book fair where tables of Jewish books were displayed by Books and Company of Oconomowoc. We give thanks for everyone's help and appreciation to those who bought books either in person or online. Special thanks to Cindy Levy for organizing and promoting this event every year! Monies raised from the book sale help various

funds and activities at CEEW.



Save Your Seat NOW for "The Chosen" at the Milwaukee Rep Theatre in March!

CEEW has booked a small block of tickets for the Milwaukee Rep Theatre's March 27 matinee of "The Chosen," adapted from the novel by Chaim Potok.



To secure your ticket in this block at the special group rate of \$43.30, you must sign up now and get your payment to Sandy Villa by December 15.

The plan is to car-pool to Milwaukee

and have lunch before the play at Proof restaurant in the St. Kate Hotel, which adjoins the theatre. (Lunch is optional, and would be an additional cost.) The performance will be at 1:30 p.m.

Give or mail your check (made out to CEEW/Rep) to Sandy Villa, 1317 Hillwood Blvd. Apt. G, Pewaukee WI 53072. If you have questions, you can call Sandy at 262-424-2263 or email her at sandravilla724@gmail.com.

Change of Date

Due to conflicts with Hannukah and other programming at CEEW, our movie "David" will not be shown as originally scheduled on December 10th.

The new date will be Sunday, January 28 for this film and lunch event, which will start at 11:45. ☆





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



Fiddler Night!



We had a wonderful crowd of 52+ for dinner and the documentary film on the making of *Fiddler on the Roof*. After a Russian themed dinner (yes, we had our shot of vodka), Cantor Levson, with Susan Krechel on keyboard, combined with fiddler Marie Loeffler and singer Karen Levy to provide several songs from the musical. (You can view their performances on our CEEW web site thanks to Mark Levy). Thanks to all who attended this evening event and to our Adult Education Committee. — Text and photos by Adrian Richfield



Healing through Art

This art work was created with Art Therapist Andi Patz, giving a safe space for our students and teachers by allowing them to express their thoughts on what protection means to them, in a Jewish sense, whether it is through the symbols: Jewish star (star/shield of David) or a Hamsa or another symbol of their choosing. This was an opportunity to share our thoughts and feelings regarding what we are feeling for our Israeli “family” at this time.



“Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.”

— Rabbi Harold Kushner

Stress and Survival

These are... stressful times for the Jewish people in Israel, in the United States and around the world. Since the Hamas Pogrom of October 7, antisemitic incidents have increased dramatically. We here at CEEW are taking security concerns seriously and are in the process of completing our new security system installation. Unfortunately, these are the kinds of things Jewish communities need to concern themselves with today.

Since October 7, I have often begun gatherings of Adult Ed classes, Religious School programs, and other events with a “check-in.” I believe it’s important for us to have a safe forum to discuss how we are doing and what we are feeling.

Recently during a session with Religious School students and parents, one parent said that in previous years they have decorated their home with an over-the-top “Chanukkah Kitsch” display, but they are thinking about NOT doing that this year. I understand their concern, and every person and family needs to carefully consider their actions and their need for safety, but this statement made me

Cantor’s Column

By Cantor Martin Levson, CEEW Sole/Soul Spiritual Leader



feel sad. Chanukkah is, after all, our festival of re-dedication; a reminder that over 2,000 years ago the Syrian-Greeks tried to destroy the Jewish people, but... we’re still here.

Other mighty, conquering empires have come and gone over the centuries, but we are still lighting the candles of our chanukiyot and singing *Maoz Tzur/Rock of Ages*. Despite everything that has been done to us over the centuries, *Am Yisrael Chai!* The Jewish people lives!

Whatever you personally decide to do to celebrate Chanukkah this year, I hope that you can maintain a sense of pride in the resilience of the Jewish people. This may not be the year for a “Snoopy’s Doghouse” Chanukkah display, but I hope that dreidels will be spun, latkes and sufganiyot will be consumed, and that candles will be lit and displayed to proclaim the miracle of the Jewish people’s survival! *Chag Chanukah Sameyach*, a Happy Chanukkah to you all! ☆





Join us for a Special Shabbat on Friday, December 15,
followed by Pati Allen Brickman's program on the Northern Lights.

Standing with Israel

On Tuesday, November 14, I flew with 180 other people from the Milwaukee Jewish community to participate in the March for Israel. Honestly, heading to Washington DC, I was unsure of what it would be like to be in such a public space with so many outwardly Jewish people.

Since the war in Israel started on October 7, I've had a sense of fear and trepidation of what being Jewish in the public eye means. Is the world looking out for me? Is the world looking to blame the Jews for all the problems in the world?



School News

By Carrie Barbakoff, Education Director



By being among a delegation of people that I mostly knew meant that I was traveling with my “extended family.” Coming together with over 290,000 people who all support the state of Israel, who all want to end antisemitism, and who all want fairness and equality and justice in the world was truly an amazing experience.

I ended up feeling a sense of pride and joy of being amongst my people and it felt “ok” to wear a large sticker that said *Milwaukee Stands with Israel* both on my chest and on my back. As Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, “Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”

It was amazing to feel the support of 290,000 fellow Jews all coming together for Am Yisrael Chai (the people of Israel shall live) and to chant “Bring them Home,” bring home the hostages. In a country that has been so divided politically for the last

couple years it feels good to come together for something that can all agree is important for the Jewish people.

“Never again” is now! And We must stand up to antisemitism and support one another in our Jewish heritage and support for peace in Israel. To watch a recording of the rally, go to: <https://www.marchforisrael.org/watch-the-march/>

Our school has been busy in the month of November studying about Betzelem Elohim (what does it mean to be created in the image of God) and our new Moving Traditions curriculum for our oldest students.

We look forward to welcoming back our shin shins Eitan and Tom on December 3 and celebrating Chanukah fun day on December 10.

I hope everyone is able to spread the light of their Chanukah menorah freely in their window and be proud to continue the traditions of our ancestors. ☆



"In the Talmud it is said that the true guardians of a community are the teachers."

— Talmud Yerushalmi, Hagigah 1:7

New Teacher: Rachel Gershon

By Adrian Richfield

Our CEEW Sunday school is very fortunate to have found another teacher this year to provide Jewish education for our community. Our education director, Carrie Barbakoff, went to a back to school picnic with Hillel to look for college students who might want a part-time teacher job and that is where she met Rachel.

Having another teacher has been a goal for the past few years; Rachel joins Marie Loeffler as our second teacher. This allows Carrie more time to be an education director for the school. Ann Meyers and Cantor Levson also help with teaching of the older students.

Rachel grew up in Long Island, New York, with her parents and two older brothers. Her mother is a teacher and social worker and her dad is a CPA. Her mother's professional jobs had a great influence on her decision to become involved in education. She does not at this time plan to be a teacher but is in school at Marquette University as an educational studies candidate with a second major in communications. She is currently looking for internships that combine these two majors. In researching colleges that offered this combination of study, she found Marquette. Rachel now lives on campus and enjoys all that the college offers her as a student.

After she graduates she plans to move back east to be closer to her family and job opportunities, but she has em-



braced our Milwaukee culture and opportunities. Her early impressions of CEEW have been a family friendly atmosphere and a feeling of community; she says, "I love working here!"

When she has some free time she snowboards, follows Marquette men's and women's basketball teams, and crochets as a hobby. She is also an avid Rummy Q (board game) player that she says her whole

family plays when they are together. She had the opportunity to travel abroad last summer in Stockholm, Copenhagen, London, and Berlin. At the end of this experience, she joined her brother for another week of traveling in Europe. She had planned to do a Birthright trip to Israel, but it was cancelled because of the COVID epidemic. Two other travel destinations high on her list are Greece and Italy.

Her favorite foods include chicken wings along with her grandmother's sweet potato pie and of course, brisket! When her mom was in Milwaukee helping her move in to campus, they discovered the King and I Thai downtown restaurant which has become a favorite.

We welcome Rachel, and are very happy and fortunate to have her here at CEEW. Pictured above is Rachel with her class on Sunday, creating hand-made Mezuzahs as part of their learning experience. ✨



Watch your emails for more information about Hanukkah Fun Day
on Sunday, December 10!

CEEW Board Meeting: November 2023

By Pati Allen Brickman



I. D'var Torah and Spiritual Leader's Report by Cantor Levson: The past 36 days have been challenging for Jews and particularly for American Jews who have had several assumptions challenged, as have Israeli Jews. American Jews have significant concerns even including wondering if they should come to Friday services, frustration that neighbors and friends who expect you to be experts in mid-east politics, and concerns about how Jewish to appear in public, perhaps scaling back Hanukkah décor. Scary times to be an American Jew and yet there are glimmers of light in the darkness. We are at the beginning of Kishlev, the end of which is Hanukkah. As we have persevered through other challenges, we will persevere through this. There are no easy answers in weeks and months to come. But during these challenging times it's important to support each other. There is power in our gathering together for any event. We are not alone, we have each other and there is strength in that bond, a flame we should nurture lovingly.

II. Education Director Report by Carrie Barbakoff: Thanks to Ann Meyers for being supportive this month, sharing our post B Mitzvah students' success at the completion of the Jewish adulting class. Thanks also to Ady and Elaine who substituted last month. Andi Patz did an art project with the students about what it is to have a religious symbol that represents protection. We discussed how we express our connection and feelings of support for Israel. November is National Jewish Book Month and so students

will be creating their own books with Morah Marie. Carrie flew to Washington DC to represent Milwaukee at the march in support of Israel [see Carrie's column on page 6].

III. President's Report by Mark Levy for Laurie Schwartz:

a. HundredX fundraising program – We earned about \$1600.00 in this program. In the future we may want to consider how to increase participation in fundraising initiatives.

b. Carroll Involvement Fair: Shabbat dinner at Carroll University was successful, a nice gathering, and a good opportunity for us to be out in the community. We received a nice donation from them as well as a thank you from the chaplain. We will do this again and make it a yearly thing.

c. Sophia: The Waukesha branch of this organization is called Wisdom, a social justice organization. They are asking for congregational representatives and we will be discussing this in the future.

IV. Treasurer/Financial Report by Alan Meyers: For details on the budget, contact Alan Meyers for a copy of his full report. We are switching over our accounting system to the online version of Quick Books, so reports and pay stubs may look a little different. We may need to ask for donations for the improvements to update our HVAC system.



"Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life."
— Golda Meir

CEEW November Board Meeting, continued

V. Sisterhood Report by Denise Stodola: Nancy Cummens is working with Sandy Villa for the Tikkun Olam food drive. There will be a beading program coming soon. Ann Meyers and Cindy Levy are working on the Sisterhood Shabbat Saturday for Feb 3, 2024. Please pay attention to the bulletin and email blasts for more information. Dec 10 is set for our Hanukkah Fun day. The Hanukkah card is now off to the artist.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Facilities by Bernie Sandler: *Completed items* include the heating system, which is repaired; we will need to investigate upgrading it in the near future. Also, the change to the water system from Waukesha adjustment was completed with no issues. *Items needing attention and decisions:* there will be a leaf clean-up the Sunday after Thanksgiving to coincide with Waukesha leaf pickup (watch for an email), shutting off the water valves for the

winter, and informing the sheriff about our security coverage needs for 2024.

b. Security by Mark Levy: Advancements have been made in the installation of our new security system. Contact Mark Levy for more information.

VII. New Business - Mark Levy for Laurie Schwartz:

a. Plan for potluck dinner: December 8 6:30 service with latkes after.

VIII. Old Business - Mark Levy for Laurie Schwartz:

a. Bema railing: Ann Meyers: Sisterhood has allocated \$1000 for a removable railing. She has located a carpenter who has created a workable design; she and Cantor Levson will discuss further.

b. Hiring Sharon as a contractor:

Alan Meyers will send a contract to Sharon Levy so she can continue organizing and preserving our archives. ✨

This photo, contributed by Andi Patz, is from the Jewish Adulthood students' culminating service on October 20. From left to right are Milo Patz, Noah Sulman, Torin Ecker, Lia Ecker, and teacher Ann Meyers. Absent is Molly Schmidt.





Lunch and a movie (*David*) has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 28.

Heavy on Our Hearts

by Deb Hacker

This past month has been one of consternation over the war in Israel and the Israeli people. I wish to share some the efforts and sacrifices of so many young people in the IDF and those left behind. I would also like to mention how grassroots initiatives among civilians are helping the Jewish refugees in Israel. Here's a bit of info about the Israeli friends and family that I keep care about:

Edan G., a 46-year-old divorced father of 2 girls, decided that he was going to re-enlist in the IDF armored corps. Decommissioned Merkava tanks (not obsolete, but an older model) were found and his battalion was dubbed the Phoenix Unit.

Guy R. is a 32-year-old career officer/active-duty Major in the IDF. He is serving in the North. His wife and two small children live in Tel Aviv. Tamar R., his sister, is a 28-year-old in the Israeli Air Force in the North.

Eitan, 50, is a resident of Kibbutz Malkiya in the North. The kibbutz is

Sisterhood News

By Co-President Deb Hacker



on the front lines on the Lebanese border and its population evacuated. He was in Houston when the war began. He traveled to Los Angeles where he helped pack supplies for Israel and is now guarding Jewish schools. One of his sons, Ariel, is serving with the paratroopers "deep in Gaza" and he is so worried.

Rena R., 52, is a New York native (not an Israeli citizen) with a second home in Mitzpe Yericho, a settlement twenty minutes outside of Jerusalem. She was in Israel when the war began and decided to stay to help. Every week at the community center there is

a signup sheet listing food that volunteers can prepare for the soldiers. She has prepared challah, baked salmon, grilled chicken, and desserts. The troops have regular food for Shabbat, so it is a real treat to have homemade Shabbat delicacies. She also helps at Jerusalem hotels which house refugees. They have second-hand clothing shops where she sorts and set up the clothing so families can shop with dignity.

Lis, 33 (our daughter), has been a single parent to their 2-year-old since her husband has been called to active duty on October 10th. He has brief 1-day visits home about once a week. She lives in central Israel, north east of Tel Aviv. There have been no further missile attacks. Our son-in-law is serving on the Homefront guard in the Tiberius area. Lis doesn't "want people to pity us in Israel," rather "we need everyone's support and solidarity. It's been a huge challenge not to





Yiddish of the month: *Ungepochket*, meaning “gaudy” or “overdressed.”
— contributed by Marsha Fensin

Sisterhood News

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have your husband at home and I’m worrying about him every night.”

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Chanukah. Thank you to those who support our fundraising Chanukah card. Thank you to Carol O’Neil for spearheading this project. Sisterhood is sponsoring a hands-on beading program in January at Eclectica, and a Sisterhood Shabbat morning service in February.

Nancy Cummens has assumed responsibility for our food drives which will also be taking place in January/February. I visited with a number of women at the Book Fair and encour-

aged them to join Sisterhood to support our good works in the WRJ world, synagogue, community, and URJ camp/OSRUI.

Join Sisterhood for a Joyous Shabbat Morning Service!

From the desk of Ann Meyers

The upcoming Sisterhood Shabbat was originally planned as a Friday evening service. But we know how those February evenings can be! So we’ve moved this lively service to the morning of **Saturday, February 3, at 10:30 a.m.** A kiddush lunch will be offered afterward. As always, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy! You do not need to be a Sisterhood member; your gender and age are not a factor, so bring the children, too!

If you are interested in participating in the Sisterhood Shabbat please

contact Cindy Levy at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com. The Sisterhood is looking for both Hebrew and English readers as well as those who are musically inclined.

If you have questions please contact Ann Meyers, who is coordinating this event. Details will follow, and please save the date.

Sisterhood Beading Program

From the desk of Barb Zacher

Do you have a creative bent or want to try something new? Here is your opportunity. On **January 9th, 2024 from 1-3 p.m.** the CEEW Sisterhood will be hosting a beading program at Eclectica Beads located at 21420 W Greenfield Ave in New Berlin. If you’ve always wanted to make your own jewelry, Eclectica Beads has the tools, supplies, and guidance! Create gorgeous jewelry for friends, for the special people in your life or for yourself. CEEW Sisterhood will have an instructor in a private room.

Kits for bracelets, necklaces and other projects will be available from \$15-\$60. We will provide snacks and beverages during the event.

Please RSVP by January 5 to Barb Zacher at zacherhc@wi.rr.com or text to 414-331-6825 so we have enough materials and snacks. Please feel free to invite a friend along to learn to bead with us. ★



Heading to the Rally!

CEEW’s Education Director Carrie Barbakoff, left, and Sunday School teacher Rachel Gershon prepare to join the March for Israel in Washington, DC, on November 14. Carrie writes about the Rally in her column on page 6, and you can learn more about Rachel in the article on page 7.



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

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to
Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

In Memory of...

- **Aaron Sweed**
Donation from Laurie Schwartz
- **Harry Goldberg, Edna Kalstein, and Samuel Orshansky**
Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

For CEEW Fall Retreat

- Donations from Michael and Nancy Cummins, Debbie Dintenfass, Jack and Elaine Goldberg, Deborah and Richard Hacker, Elizabeth Lamb, Jean Lauterbach, Carol O'Neil, Adrian Richfield, Laurie Schwartz, Debi Schwid, Barbara Zacher, and Mari-Claire Zimmerman

Miscellaneous

- Donation from Elizabeth McCord, chaplain at Carroll University, for the Shabbat dinner

Security and Facilities

- Donations from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and Waukesha State Bank

Yizkor Memorial

- Donation from Bernard and Marie Sandler



ANNIVERSARIES

Denise and Dennis Stodola celebrate their wedding anniversary on December 8.

Brigette and Mark Alexander celebrate their wedding anniversary on December 11.



BIRTHDAYS

Natalie Hirsch, daughter of John Hirsch and Tracey Buckner, celebrates her birthday on December 2.

Bill Zimmerman celebrates his birthday on December 5.

Julie Baum celebrates her birthday on December 6.

Marsha Fensin celebrates her birthday on December 18.

Alice Lambie celebrates her birthday on December 21.



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 **Kislev / Tevet (December)**



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.

Barbara Allen: December 26
Mother of Pati Allen Brickman

Alvin Cohen: December 20, Tevet 8
Observed by the Congregation

Samuel Evans: December 5
Father of Alice Lambie

Bill Figatner: December 29
Uncle of Ardis Horwich

Rhoda Lea Frank: December 19
Mother of Beth Ann Waite

Marion Goldberg: December 18
Mother of Jack (Elaine) Goldberg

Irving Goodman: December 2, Kislev 19
Husband of Peggy Goodman, Father of Kelly (Sheila) Goodman

Lila Rose Hansen: December 12
Grandniece of Marcy Hotz

Daniel Horwich: December 21
Grandfather of Ardis Horwich

Ruth Louise Horwich: December 20
Grandmother of Ardis Horwich

Celia Kraines: December 19, Tevet 7
Mother-in-law of Elly Kraines

Max Kurz: December 3, Kislev 20
Observed by the Congregation

Clara Levy: December 3
Mother of Karen Levy (Peter Lee)

Merriam Levy: December 15, Tevet 3
Mother of Mark (Cindy) Levy

Benjamin Lewis: December 21, Tevet 9
Father of Joanne Wagner, Grandfather of Ellyn Lem (Trevor Huskey)

Benny Martin: December 4, Kislev 21
Father of Cantor Emeritus Deborah Martin

Jack Moskowitz: December 19, Tevet 7
Stepfather of Ann (Alan) Meyers

Louis Moskowitz: December 6
Uncle of Barbara Zacher

Claire Musickant: December 14
Aunt of Barbara (Gregory) Zacher

Chavalah Pilmaier: December 17, Tevet 5
Daughter of Jason (Valerie) Pilmaier

Faye Reinherz: December 4, Kislev 21
Mother of Barb Mulhern

Edward Rudoy: December 21
Father of Marcy (James) Hotz

Werner Spanier: December 21, Tevet 9
Observed by the Congregation

James Thalman: December 21
Father of Jan (Bill) Lowell

Mildred Schnoll Wasserman: December 25, Tevet 13
Observed by the Congregation



“Community is society with a human face.”

— Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

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) or
Sxdni Small (rottiesrock@wi.rr.com).

Legendary Lights

By Alter Ableson

O, the legendary light,
Gleaming goldenly in night
Like the stars above,
Beautiful, like lights in dream,
Eight, the taper-flames that stream
All one glory and one love.

In our Temple, magical—
Memories, now tragical—
Holy hero-hearts aflame
With a glory more than fame;
There where a shrine is every sod,
Every grave, God's golden ore,
With a paean whose rhyme to God,
Lit these lamps of yore.

Lights, you are a living dream,
Faith and bravery you beam,
Youth and dawn and May.
Would your beam were more than dream,
Would the light and love you stream,
Stirred us, spurred us, aye!

Fabled memories of flame,
Till the beast in man we tame,
Tyrants bow to truth, amain,
Brands and bullets yield to brain,
Guns to God, and shells to soul,
Hounds to heart resign the role,
Pillared lights of liberty,
In your fairy flames, we'll see
Faith's and freedom's Phoenix-might,
The Omnipotence of Right.

from Hanukkah Lights

By Philip M. Raskin

My Hanukkah candles soon flickered,
Around me was darkness of night;
But deep in my soul I felt shining
A heavenly, wonderful light.

Image by Chris Olson



Hanukkah, O Hanukkah (Yiddish)

Traditional

Oy Khanike oy Khanike
A yontef a sheyner,
A lustiker a freylekher
Nisht do nokh azoyner
Ale nakht mit dreydlekh shpiln mir,
Frishe heyse latkes, esn on a shir.

Geshvinder, tsindt kinder
Di Khanike likhtlekh on
Zogt "Al Hanisim" loybt Got far di nisim
Un lomir ale tantsn in kon.
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The January 2024 selection for the CEEW Book Club will be *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende.

The December Read: *Signal Fires* by Dani Shapiro

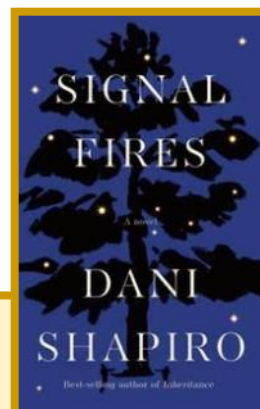
S*ignal Fires* is a TIME Best Fiction Book of the Year, an NPR Best Book of the Year, a Washington Post Notable Work of Fiction and the winner of the National Jewish Book Award. Shapiro made a impact with her gripping 2019 memoir *Inheritance* (2019) and returns to fiction with this novel, her 11th book.

The book begins in 1985 in a fictitious New York suburb with a tragic car accident in which a young girl in the car is killed. Siblings Sarah and Theo Wilf survive the accident and the novel explores the relationships that

ensue when an impulsive lie forever haunts the family. Their neighbors across the street, the

Book Club News

By Adrian Richfield



Shenkman's, become an integral part of the story as the two families intersect over many years. Each time frame of the book suggests the theme of interconnectedness of the human experience over a span of fifty years. Family ties, family secrets, and a host of inter-

esting characters make this a hard novel to put down. ☆

CEEW Book Club

When: Wednesday, Dec. 6

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Adrian Richfield's house

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



...from Kirkus Reviews:

“Acclaimed novelist/memoirist Shapiro writes with compassion and a deep understanding of the damage that secrets wreak. Shapiro’s first novel in 15 years was well worth the wait.”



The deadline for articles for the January 2024 Bulletin will be **Monday, December 18**. Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at susu78@aol.com.



Shabbat Shalom!



DECEMBER 1	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
DECEMBER 8	6:30 p.m.	Cantor-led Special Shabbat service
DECEMBER 15	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
DECEMBER 22	7 p.m.	Member-led service
DECEMBER 29		No 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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"The past is not easy to forget, and I do not want to forget.
The past lives in me. I don't live in the past."

— Olga Horak

Travel Tales from CEEW

To Hawaii with Mari-Claire Zimmerman



One of my dreams has been to visit Lana'i, Hawaii. My mother, Ann Raskin, taught high school there before she was married. After she died, I found her school yearbook from the year 1948-49. My husband Bill and I booked a trip to Oahu, Lana'i, and Kaua'i; despite my broken arm/shoulder, I was determined to go.

After arriving on Honolulu, Oahu, we visited the Battleship Missouri which survived WWII. On the deck of this ship, the Japanese signed the documents of unconditional surrender and WWII ended. While we were on the tour, I was recognized by another tourist who was from Oconomowoc. Small world indeed. Bill had really wanted to see this ship, so we went on two tours. We ate each night at a fabulous Korean restaurant.



Two days later, we flew on Mokulele Airlines to Lana'i, which is a very small island. A couple hundred years ago there was a lot of cattle ranching here. Then Dole bought the island for pineapple farming. There are no longer cattle ranches or pineapples growing here. Most of the island has been purchased by a person who opened a Four Seasons hotel and golf course.

There is only one city here, Lana'i City. Shops and restaurants surround the central Dole Park. Near the park is the school





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which is elementary through high school. There are about 500 students from all across the island.

We met with the principal and looked through the yearbook with her. I showed her my mom’s picture. My mom taught chemistry and other sciences and she lived in a teacher’s cottage with other young, single female teachers. The teacher’s cottages are still there.

The school had some antique yearbooks but not from 1948-49, so I donated the book in my mother’s memory. It has come full circle. At the back of the yearbook are ads from sponsors, many of whom are still in business here. The various student grades are in different buildings which are decorated with beautiful murals.



Lana‘i is a small island. The city is like any small town in America except there are no taverns. There are boutique shops, several restaurants, and two grocery stores around the park in the “downtown” area. All of the shops and restaurants are owned by Larry Ellison [the billionaire founder of Oracle Corporation, *Ed.*] and are leased by the business owners.

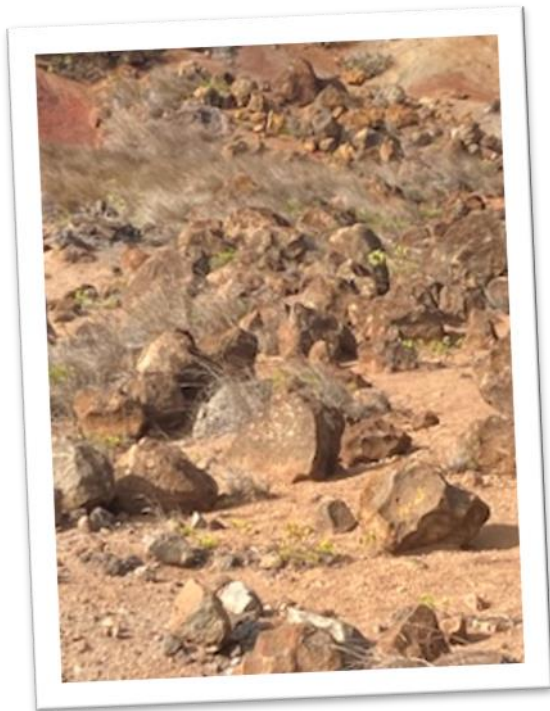


Most of the houses have that small-town look. But a few blocks out are the wealthier houses with wide lawns and upscale condos. Due to a two-year drought, broken by rainfall the week before we arrived, the grassy areas were brown and dry. Plants in private yards looked healthy.



"Freedom is won not on the battlefield, nor in the political arena, but in human imagination and will. To defend a land, you need an army. But to defend freedom, you need education.
— Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

We rented a 4X4 jeep and went down to the ocean near Shipwreck Beach. Lots of little crabs ran from the tide and dug little burrows in the sand. I fell on some rocks and injured my knee. *Oy!* We drove and walked to the Garden Of The Gods, where there were lots and lots of rocks.



On the way there we walked through some forested areas and saw an Axis deer. These are deer here that someone imported, and now there is actually a hunting season. During the recent drought, thousands of deer starved to death or died of thirst. People put out buckets of water but said the deer didn't know to drink from the buckets.

We then drove out to King Kamehameha's favorite place on the island. There is a



rocky beach; not a good place to swim. We climbed up to the king's holy place...lots of rocks! Bill really helped me a lot or I couldn't have climbed up and back down.

The B&B we stayed at in Lana'i city was pleasant and Susan, the proprietor, had fresh fruit, homemade banana muffins, and hot beverages for us in the morning. On our fifth night there, a young couple from Germany also stayed there. We met them when they were planning to find someplace for dinner. We took them to our favorite restaurant and had a lovely dinner together. Our favorite restaurant in Lana'i City is Ganotisi's, run by a Filipino couple. The food was fantastic and they even had specials that were not on the menu such as lox and bagels. I really enjoyed that!






There is a post office in Lana'i city which doesn't deliver the mail... everyone has to have a P.O. box. Also, there is a laundromat, the school, the library, and several churches. The Hotel Lana'i and the Four Seasons Sensei resort are in Lana'i City. ✨

Look for the second part of Mari-Claire's Hawaiian adventure in the January 2024 issue of the Bulletin!



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

Dec. 1, 4:01 pm; Dec. 8, 4 pm; Dec. 15, 4 pm;
Dec. 22, 4:03 pm; Dec. 29, 4:08 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Kislev 18 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	2 Kislev 19  Vayishlach
3 Kislev 20 Religious school, 9 a.m.	4 Kislev 21	5 Kislev 22	6 Kislev 23 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. CEEW Book Club: Adrian Richfield's house, 1:30 p.m.	7 Kislev 24 Chanukah: 1 candle	8 Kislev 25 Chanukah: 2 candles Cantor-led Special Shabbat service, 6:30 p.m. Potluck dinner follows	9 Kislev 26 Chanukah: 3 candles Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Tevet  Vayeshev
10 Kislev 27 Religious school, 9 a.m. Chanukah: 4 candles	11 Kislev 28 Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Chanukah: 5 candles	12 Kislev 29 Chanukah: 6 candles	13 Tevet 1 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. Chanukah: 7 candles Chag HaBanot Rosh Chodesh Tevet	14 Tevet 2 Chanukah: 8 candles	15 Tevet 3 Cantor-led Special Shabbat service, 7 p.m. Program following by Pati Allen Brickman	16 Tevet 4  Miketz
17 Tevet 5 Religious school, 9 a.m.	18 Tevet 6 DEADLINE FOR JANUARY BULLETIN ARTICLES	19 Tevet 7	20 Tevet 8 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	21 Tevet 9	22 Tevet 10 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m. Asara B'Tevet	23 Tevet 11  Vayigash
24 Tevet 12 No Religious school	25 Tevet 13	26 Tevet 14	27 Tevet 15 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	28 Tevet 16	29 Tevet 17 No service	30 Tevet 18  Vayeichi
31 Tevet 19 No Religious school						

The content deadline for the January 2024 bulletin is **Monday, December 18.**

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