

David: Adult Education Lunch and Movie

Join our CEEW community for lunch and a movie on Sunday, January 28! Friends and family are invited; reservations must be made with Elaine Goldberg by Wednesday, January 24th.

About the lunch: Lunch, served at 11:45 a.m., will be sloppy joe sandwiches, chips, veggie plate, drinks and dessert.

About the film: As the son of a local Brooklyn Mosque's Imam, 11-year-old Daud has a lot to deal with including his father, his peers, and the Muslim community. A sudden innocent act of good faith lands him inadvertently in a Jewish Orthodox school where a friendship grows between Daud and Yoav, one of the Jewish boys. Then a dilemma develops for all involved. The film will be shown at 12:30 p.m.

This film, the narrative feature debut of director Joel Fendelman, was the winner



of the Brooklyn Audience Award, Montreal World Film Festival Ecumenical Prize, and the CMS International Children's Film Festival Special Jury Award.

The cost is \$10 for both the lunch and the movie, or \$5 for the movie alone. Send a check (made out to "CEEW/movie") to Elaine at 1165 Club Circle -W13, Brookfield, WI 53005 – or give her a check or cash if you see her at CEEW. ✨

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Update your calendar: Jonah Sulman's bar mitzvah
has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 2.

It's All About the Lights!

On Friday, December 15, at one of our "Special Shabbats," members enjoyed learning about the Northern Lights from congregant Pati Allen Brickman, who traveled many days and miles to reach a far northern camp in Alaska. These lights, also called the aurora borealis, are beautiful dancing waves of light that have captivated people for millennia. Seeing the northern lights with your own eyes is a bucket-list item for astronomy lovers and travelers alike, and was a trip of a lifetime for Pati and her sister.

It was a fascinating travelogue of experiences that many of us will not have the opportunity to do, but we were able to enjoy and understand why this was such a great trip for them. Thanks to Pati for sharing this "trip of a lifetime."

As Cantor Levson explained: "we had the Hanukkah lights, tonight we have Shabbat candles and their light along with the lights of the Aurora Borealis."

It is all about the lights!

— Words and photos by Adrian Richfield





"Sometimes, we need to learn how to meet something with as little of ourselves as we can so that the beauty can arrive on its own."

— Day Schildkret

CEEW News Briefs

Chosen: Last Call!

CEEW has a small block of tickets booked for the Milwaukee Rep Theatre's March 27 matinee of "The Chosen."

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 immediately!

If you have questions, please email Sandy at sandravilla724@gmail.com or call her at 262-424-2263. ☆



Thanks to Marcy Hotz for taking and sharing this beautiful photo of our menorahs alight on the second night of Chanukah.

Mazel Tov
מזל טוב

ANNIVERSARY

Mari-Claire and Bill Zimmerman celebrate their wedding anniversary on January 1.

BIRTHDAY

Brigette Alexander celebrates her birthday on January 13.



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



REPORT OF THE REFORM MOVEMENT SMALL CONGREGATIONS TASK FORCE

We all know the problems small congregations experience on a daily basis. Are they worse than larger synagogues? What can our Movements do to better support us? Gabby Kozak from the URJ will present the results of the recently completed report on the status of small synagogues. Be among the very first to hear their findings.

Via Zoom

Sunday, January 21, 7 PM Central/8 PM Eastern

pre-registration required: flowcode.com/p/wPu0qPEis?fc=0





**"Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement."
— Golda Meir**

CEEW Board Meeting: December 2023

By Pati Allen Brickman

In attendance: Cantor Martin Levson, Laurie Schwartz, Carrie Barbakoff, Ann Meyers, Alan Meyers, Bernie Sandler, Mark Levy, Cindy Levy, Jennifer Ecker, Pati Allen Brickman. **Absent:** Rick Steinberg, Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Denise Stodola.

I. Meeting called to order by Laurie Schwartz. The agenda was approved with inclusion of discussion about large-group visitors and archives under old business. The minutes from the November 13 meeting were approved as submitted.

II. D'var Torah and Spiritual Leader's Report by Cantor Levson: Here we are 5th night of Hanukkah. One last take on Hanukkah this year, the darkness is daunting, but we have about one and a half weeks until the winter solstice when the days will start getting longer. Hanukkah is the most adaptable holiday. The celebration of a military victory, then shifted to emphasize the importance of spiritual strength with the lighting of the oil that was only supposed to last one day but lasted 8 days. Here in America, it has become an excuse for gift giving because of its proximity to Christmas. It is also a form of sympathetic magic like other festivals of light around the world as we rage against the darkness. Most holidays are a full moon holiday, Passover, Purim, Tu B'Shvat, Sukkot. Hanukkah straddles two months and can encompass the new moon, so it is the darkest of holidays. But each day we increase the light even as the moon gets smaller and smaller. So, we are, in a sense, encouraging the light of the moon to return.

III. Education Director Report

by Carrie Barbakoff: The highlights of the last month include Marie Loeffler teaching our students about November's National Jewish Book Month and the students made their own books. Tom and Eitan, our shin-shins led an activity to make Chanukah themed 'stained' plastic sheets to put in the window and they shared how Chanukah is celebrated in Israel.

Thank you to everyone who brought Chanukah food and participated in our Hanukkah Shabbat December 8th where Carrie gave the D'var Torah. Friday night was our temple Hanukkah Party. Then December 10 was our Hanukkah Fun Day with student made sufganiyot, lantern making, and card making to give to senior citizens at Chai Point, and the Jewish Home. Cantor shared the 'real' story of Hanukkah and Chanukiyot while making edible Chanukiyot.

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

a. Personnel Update: Cantor has been with us for 3 years and has agreed to stay with us! Laurie suggested that he needs a raise, and we have an anonymous donor who has agreed to match up to \$30,000.00 to keep him here. The contract is in negotiation, with more information to come.

b. URJ Trip: Ann Meyers, Cindy and Mark Levy, and Laurie Schwartz are going to the URJ 150th convention in Washington D.C. for December 14-17. Laurie will return January 4th after a visit with her family.





The Sisterhood Shabbat has been scheduled for Saturday, February 17. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by Kiddush and lunch.

CEEW December Board Meeting, continued

c. Anniversary: The 85th anniversary of the synagogue is this next year. We are looking for great ideas for the celebration. Bernie suggested that we move some of the displays where people can see them.

V. Treasurer/Financial Report by Alan Meyers. Alan has been working on the new accounting system in preparation for making a full transition to the new system. Stay tuned for more details. Donations are always welcome and really help our bottom line.

VI. Sisterhood Report by Ann Meyers for Denise Stodola: The Sisterhood is organizing a Beading program on January 9. All women members are welcome, and you should RSVP to Barb Zacher as soon as possible. Treats will be provided! The Sisterhood is sending Sunshine Cards to those who don't get out much and need a little brightening. Karen Levy is mailing the cards so let her know if you know someone who needs one. The Sisterhood Shabbat, originally planned for a Friday evening, is now scheduled for Saturday February 3 at 10:30. There will be a kiddish lunch afterwards by Carol O'Neil and Denise Stodola.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Facilities** by Bernie Sandler.
- Sheriff scheduling is completed and has been communicated to the appropriate people, so all the days should be covered from January 5 until June.
 - Garbage collection as been hit or miss, but GFL did pick up on time in the last week.
 - Most of the leaves were moved to the street and taken care of.
 - The driveway is in bad shape. Bernie bought some patch materials and did some repairs, but it is clear that we need to plan for a major repair.

- The heating system is working but has some glitches. Some overheating occurred but we are not sure why; we're working on it.

b. Security by Mark Levy: No changes since last month. We have put together a committee to oversee the installation. We have a new side door. Bernie will collect the keys from people who no longer need them. Notice has been put on each door to remind us to lock the doors.

VIII. New Business - Mark Levy for Laurie Schwartz:

a. Large groups visiting on holidays: Some feel we should limit holidays to members only. All outside groups are funneled through Ann Meyers and from now on, Ann will schedule all the visits. We will be sure to have a greeter at the prayer books as well.

IX. Old Business - Mark Levy for Laurie Schwartz:

a. Ethics policy: Rick Steinberg is now formatting the ethics policy; it should be ready soon.

b. New member dinner: Sisterhood will be happy to assist should we decide to have one. Cindy Levy suggested that we consider doing a little welcome basket and have a new member oneg. We will discuss it further.

c. Archival work by Sharon Levy: Sharon has not received a contract yet; Alan will resend the forms. Mark Levy will discuss it further with Laurie Schwartz.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Pati Allen Brickman,
Secretary to the Board.*

*Full reports are available from each committee chair.
The next board meeting will be held Monday, January 8,
at 6:30 p.m. ☆*



**"Prayer comes into full bloom only as we become aware that the soul-breath (the neshemah) is always praying."
— Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook**

An uneasy quiet in Tel Aviv

by Deb Hacker

Having recently arrived back to Israel, I wish to begin the President's letter with a few first impressions of Israel that may interest our congregation.

My El Al flight from Newark to Tel Aviv was packed with families,



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By Co-President Deb Hacker



both Israeli and American. The service was excellent. There was no cheering upon landing in Israel as there usually had been in the past. Ben Gurion Airport service was also expedited with no lines of foreign tourists or tour groups. I was in and out of the airport in less than 30 minutes. The hallways were filled with posters of the hostages.

My taxi driver was a British-Israeli out of work tour guide whom I know. His daughter had been stationed in the north as a 23-year-old officer. His son had suffered a severe injury during a Navy training exercise and was not called back to duty. He and his family had left the UK 12 years ago due to the rise of antisemitism in the UK, especially London. He spoke of a funeral he had gone to in that morning of a 60-year-old friend who stayed behind on a Gaza envelope kibbutz to care for their cattle.

Everywhere you look there are posters of the hostages: on billboards, buildings and light poles. People were celebrating the last nights of Chanukah in the park square with music and sufganiyot. (Our daughter lives north east of Netanyahu in the center of the country. It is very safe here.) I heard heavy transport planes flying both nights about every hour. Otherwise, there were no sirens or noises that would alarm anyone.

On Shabbat, we went to the nearby Moshav filled with lemon and orange trees. They have a lovely park there with new play equipment. The moshav gate was closed: a new occurrence, according to my family. They wished to keep outside cars that use the road as a shortcut to the highway. The three-acre park (in the middle of the eight apartments here in Kfar Yonah) had reservists patrolling every night.



Yiddish of the month: *Gooteh Neshumah*, meaning “a good soul.”

— contributed by Marsha Fensin

Sisterhood News

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Our daughter quipped that she had asked for municipality security there for two years.



Join Sisterhood for a Joyous Shabbat Morning Service!
From the desk of Ann Meyers

Calling all Sisterhood members: the day will be upon us before you blink! Please volunteer to participate in the Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, February 17, at 10:30 a.m.

If you are interested in participating in the Sisterhood Shabbat, email 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.

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!

Sisterhood Beading Program
From the desk of Barb Zacher

Speaking of dates, the Sisterhood Beading Program sign-up deadline is almost here. **Please RSVP by 1/5/24** 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.

On January 9th, from 1-3 pm, 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, 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.

Tikkun Olam Project
From the desk of Nancy Cummens

The holidays were great but now they're over. You probably ate a little more (or a lot) more of food at one meal. The Food pantry of Waukesha County gets a lot of food donations around Thanksgiving, Christmas and Chanukah too. Donors open their hearts. They want food recipients to share in their bounty. This is all wonderful!

But now it's January, and donations to food pantries fall... That's why the Tikkun Olam committee



The FOOD Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY



"If the way we live does not praise life, then we are not alive."

— Martín Prechtel

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chose to ask you to fill the Food Pantry of Waukesha County food barrel in January and February. We don't want those in need to feel hungry and ignored during the cold, dark winter months.

You can be the "light in God's eye" for fulfilling this mitzvah by helping people eat healthy and nutritious food.

Here is a list of the Big 8 items that the Food Pantry needs the most:

- 1) Ready to eat soup/pasta
- 2) Canned proteins
- 3) Whole grains
- 4) Pasta sauce
- 5) Condensed soups
- 6) Peanut butter
- 7) Cereal
- 8) Canned refried beans

The food pantry cannot accept any food donations without a unexpired expiration date.

- ➔ Please note that there must be an expiration date on each product.
- ➔ Please DO donate anything that has not passed the expiration date.

As always Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha is always giving. Thank you all for generosity!

Camper Scholarships Available From the desk of Cindy Levy

A Jewish camping experience can change your life. The Sisterhood is delighted to have helped make the experience possible. Right now, camps are preparing to make the Summer of 2024 happen and so are we!

If you are a member of the CEEW Sisterhood and have a child or grandchild who will be attending a Jewish camp in 2024, you may be eligible for a camper scholarship.

The Sisterhood is taking applications for camp scholarships through March 31st. Any CEEW Sisterhood member as of December 31, 2023 can apply. Notification of awards will be made on or before April 15th. Contact Cindy Levy at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com for an application.



The white elephant auction was a hoot, thanks to the hilarious team of Michelle Sheinkopf and Carole Fefferman, and raised over \$4,000 for the YES Fund. It was Beth Ann's favorite activity.



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

Be aware that other organizations and individual camps have scholarships available. Many of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) camps provide scholarships, including OSRUI in our own backyard. For example, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation (<https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/departments/philanthropy/jcf/scholarships/>) has two programs with March 1 deadlines. Happy Camping!

WRJ Regional Retreat Report

From the desk of Beth Ann Waite
(and Cindy Levy)

As the size of the WRJ Heartland District has grown both in physical size

and numbers, a decision has been made to run regional retreats in addition to conventions for the entire district.

Thirty-six women attended the West Heartland regional event at OSRUI in Oconomowoc, WI, November 18-19.

Both Beth Ann Waite and Sandy Villa attended part of the retreat.

The retreat began with a get-to-know-you lunch where Area Directors Becky Meade, Leslie Kemp, Marci Kops, Mary Fisher, and Myra Hersh facilitated introductions and conversation. Leslie Kemp is the Wisconsin Area Director.

District President Rozan Anderson (from Madison) and Immediate Past President Zabe Williams (from South

Bend, Indiana) kicked off a series of leadership and personal growth programs with a welcome and d'var. A havdalah service and dinner followed, Saturday night was dedicated to philanthropy and fun! Attendees also contributed over 120 pounds of Thanksgiving Day foods for people in need utilizing the Waukesha food pantry. Our dear congregant Sandy Villa delivered the food. Heartland Co-1st VP's Cheryl Stern and Marci Delson led the closing program for what was a twenty-four-hour period of bonding, learning, and fun! We made new friends, we strengthened existing bonds, and we left with a feeling of optimism about the bright future for WRJ's Heartland District. ★

IN APPRECIATION of generous contributions to Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

November donations, submitted by
CEEW Treasurer Alan Meyers

In Memory of...

- **Stan Bloom**
Donation from Debi Schwid
- **Ruth Grigo**
Donation from Deborah and Richard Hacker
- **Clara Levy**
Donation from Karen Levy
- **Faye Reinherz**
Donation from Barbara Mulhern

Miscellaneous

- *Donation from Cantor David Perper, for A Band 'n All Hope's performance at Simchat Torah*
- *Donations from Bernard and Marie Sandler, Michael Taylor, and Sandy Villa*



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 **Tevet / Shevat (January)**



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.

Joan Alpert Glick: January 1, Tevet 20
Cousin of Carol O'Neil

Marshall Astrin: January 14, Shevat 4
Observed by the Congregation

Max Berger: January 30
Grandfather of Debi Schwid

Dora Bergman: January 28, Shevat 18
Grandmother of Cindy (Mark) Levy

Jennie Byron: January 20, Shevat 10
Niece of Jeff (Judy) Shabman

Peggy Dailey: January 23
Wife of Joe (Barb) Dailey's cousin

Lee Fensin: January 27
Husband of Marsha Fensin

Samuel R. Fensin: January 21
Father of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Kaye Figatner: January 27
Grandmother of Ardis Horwich

Abe Frank: January 26, Shevat 19
Grandfather of Beth (Anthony) Waite

Peggy Goodman: January 15
Mother of Kelly (Sheila) Goodman

Clara Heuman: January 18
Aunt of Marcy (James) Hotz

Howard Hurwitz: January 30
Uncle of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Emanuel Jacobs: January 22
Father of Howard Jacobs

Stanley Jacobs: January 14, Shevat 4
Brother of Howard Jacobs

Ruth Kalstein: January 4
Aunt of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Tillie Kulakow: January 16, Shevat 6
Mother-in-law of June Kulakow

Adam Jacob Lemel: January 15, Shevat 5

Dora Levin: January 14, Shevat 4
Grandmother of Mark (Cindy) Levy

Joseph Levin: January 26, Shevat 16
Grandfather of Mark (Cindy) Levy

Bernard Mack: January 29, Shevat 19
Father of Laurel (Gerard) Kupperman

Etta Mazursky-Daitch: January 19, Shevat 9
Grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

Jeanne Pokorny: January 10
Aunt of Lee (Marsha) Fensin

Bernard Raskin: January 23
Father of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

Dr. Richard Reinherz: January 28, Shevat 18
Brother of Barb Mulhern

Florence Rothman: January 14, Shevat 4
Observed by the Congregation

Charlotte Rudoy: January 11
Mother of Marcy (James) Hotz

Itzhak Rudoy: January 15
Grandfather of Marcy (James) Hotz

Adelaide Starr: January 29
Grandmother of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

Richard J. Steinberg: January 11, Shevat 1
Father of Rick Steinberg

Esther Waxman: January 20, Shevat 10
Grandmother of Michael Goldstone (Susan Vetrosky)

Sonia Willenson: January 5, Tevet 24
Cousin of Nate (Elly) Kraines



"It is human nature to yearn for precisely that which is difficult to obtain."
— 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) or
Sxdni Small (rottiesrock@wi.rr.com).



Image by Elizabeth Lamb

Etz Hasadeh (The Tree in a Field) By Natan Zach

For the human is like the tree in a field,
like the human, the tree grows too;
like the tree, the human is chopped down,
and I don't know
where I've been and where I'll be,
like the tree in a field.

For the human is like the tree in a field,
like the tree he strives upwards;
like the human, it burns in fire,
and I don't know
where I've been and where I'll be,
like the tree in a field.

I loved, and I hated too,
I tasted this and that;
I was buried in a plot of dust,
and I feel sour – sour in my mouth,
like the tree in a field.

For the human is like the tree in a field,
like the tree he's thirsty for water;
like the human, it stays thirsty,
and I don't know
where I've been and where I'll be,
like the tree in a field.



Julia Christian will celebrate her bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 16.

The January Read: *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende

The title of this month's book seems to be a reference about the search for one's home. Allende mingles the past and the present when children are separated from parents who make heart-breaking decisions and choices. Allende researched this topic and tries to tell one story at a time with two very different time periods.

"Vienna Austria in 1938" tells the story of how Samuel Adler is placed by his mother on a Kindertransport train out of Austria to England with nothing but a change of clothes and his violin. Eight decades later, Anita Diaz and her mother board a train fleeing danger in El Salvador, hoping to find safety in the United States.

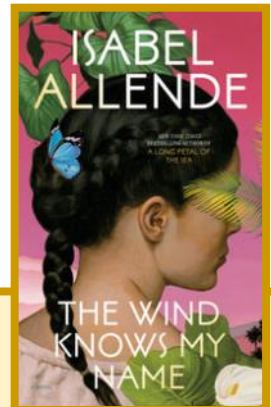
Social and political history, along with global turmoil, play a part in in-

Book Club News

By Adrian Richfield



tertwining past and present with these characters. Often war brings about immigration issues – who belongs and who doesn't – and combines historical weight with current family separation immigration issues here in the United States. ★



CEEW Book Club

When: Wednesday, January 3

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Adrian Richfield's house

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

...from the New York Times Book Review:

"Timely, provocative ... emotionally satisfying ... a story about the kindness of strangers who become family."



The deadline for articles for the February 2024 Bulletin will be **Monday, January 22**. Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at susu78@aol.com.



Shabbat Shalom!



JANUARY 5	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
JANUARY 12	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
JANUARY 19	7 p.m.	Member-led service
JANUARY 26	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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"When you have a chance to do the right thing, do it! And if you are going to do it, do it the right way."

— father of Mark Shapiro, President and CEO of Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC

Travel Tales from CEEW

To Hawaii with Mari-Claire Zimmerman



Here is the second part of Mari-Claire's Hawaiian adventure, continued from the December 2023 issue of the Bulletin!

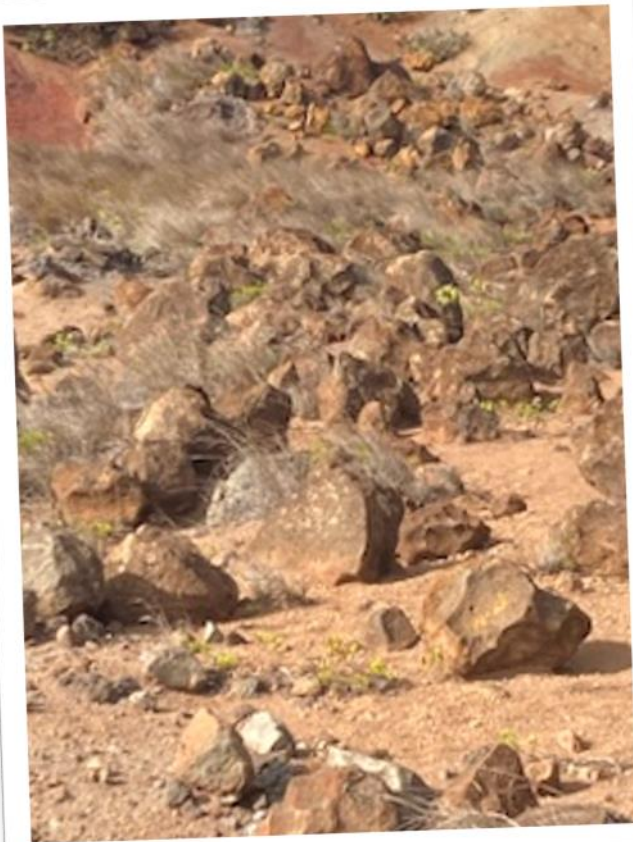
Our flight from Lana'i was bumpy due to windy conditions. We changed planes in Honolulu and flew to Kaua'i.

The two islands are very different from each other. While Lana'i is very rocky, Kau-

a'i is lush and green. The botanical gardens here have amazing flowers and trees. Both islands had been taken over by pineapple, sugarcane, and cattle farming. Each of these wreaked havoc on the natural environment.

A lot of work and a lot of money has been spent to revive Kaua'i. Many of the flowers and trees were brought here by early travelers from Tahiti and other Polynesian islands. Others were brought here, often unknowingly, by Europeans. According to our guide, insects (including ants, earwigs, and mosquitoes) came with them in their ships.

Other invasive elements include mice, cattle, goats, cats, and pigs; all run feral. There are also black-tailed deer. The deer, pigs, goats, and cattle are hunted for meat. Cats are trapped, neutered/spayed, and returned to the wild or adopted. When the sugarcane was being grown, workers from the Philippines came here and brought chickens for illegal cock fighting. The chickens escaped and are now protected. Beautiful roosters and their hens and chicks are found the island. It seems that "Kaua'i" is synonymous with "chickens." And yes, you can hear the roosters





Contact Sandy Villa ASAP to see “The Chosen” at the Milwaukee Rep on March 27! See page 3 for details.

crowding. Some people live-trap and relocate them, but it really doesn't matter.

As much as Lana'i had a very small shopping district, Kaua'i has outdoor malls and many places to eat. Lihue, has a good sized airport and a shopping center like you would find in Waukesha, even including a Home Depot. There are a lot of hotels near the ocean. We stayed in a beautiful B&B run by Mike and Alexis Levy.

On Thursday we watched a hula show. Hula dancing in Hawaii is a religious activity. The dancers were excellent and had won awards at hula competitions. Queen Lilioukalani was the last reigning monarch in the kingdom of Hawaii. She was overthrown by the pineapple and sugarcane farmers with the help of the U.S. government. She was then confined to house arrest in her palace. She wanted to be sure that hula dancing survived – and so it does. President Clinton wrote an official letter of apology to the Hawaiian people for deposing her.

At the Hawaiian Botanical Gardens we joined a guided tour, and I'm so glad we did. We then drove to the McBryde and Al-lerton Gardens.

These families purchased the lands from Queen Emma and ran sugarcane, pineapple, and cattle farms. Eventually the land became the gardens. Amazing flowers and trees populate the gardens. Some are deadly poison; others are very potent laxatives.

The breadfruit is definitely edible. They are ripe when they soften and have some



dark spots on the skin. The inside is creamy like pudding, and very delicious. I learned that banyan trees are the same as strangler figs which can wrap around and kill the host tree.

A highlight of the tour was seeing and touching the giant fig trees filmed for Jurassic Park. Take a look at us standing among the roots!





“The meaning of life is to bring meaning to life.”

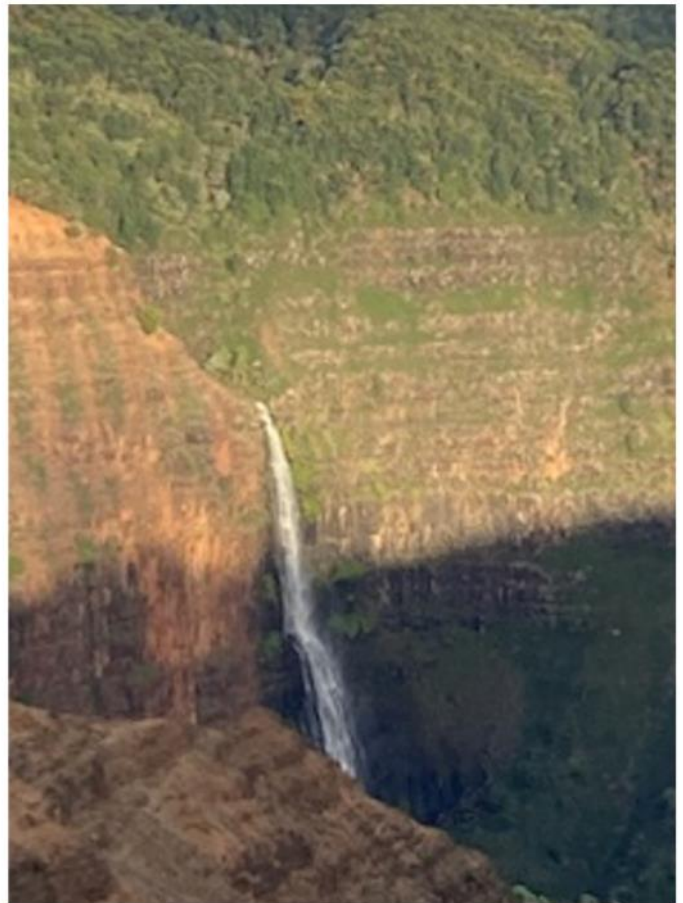
— Ari Mahler

The next day we drove up the mountain ridge along the Wiamea Canyon. The road is slow and torturous. The views from the lookout points are spectacular. Some rock is barren but most of the mountains and canyons are green. There is a waterfall on the other side and a river flowing from it. There are mature pines and it looks like northern Wisconsin.



The other side of the road has a valley not quite as deep and has some level enough land for a Boy Scouts camp, a museum, a navy radar station, an Air National Guard base, and hiking trails. Wild black-

tailed deer, feral pigs and goats, and even some escaped cows roam the area. There are hunting seasons and hunters go in on mules and then use the mules to carry out the meat. Millions of years ago this was an area of volcanoes and earthquakes. ☆



Do you have a Travel Tale to tell?

We would love to share it with our congregation.

**Send your story and photos to Adrian Richfield
at susu78@aol.com!**



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

January 5, 4:14 pm; January 12, 4:21 pm;
January 19, 4:30 pm; January 26, 4:39 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Tevet 20	2 Tevet 21	3 Tevet 22 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. CEEW Book Club: Adrian Richfield's house, 1:30 p.m.	4 Tevet 23	5 Tevet 24 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	6 Tevet 25 Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Shevat  Shemot
7 Tevet 26 Religious school, 9 a.m.	8 Tevet 27 Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	9 Tevet 28 Sisterhood Program: Beading at Eclectica, 1 p.m.	10 Tevet 29 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	11 Shevat 1 Rosh Chodesh Shevat	12 Shevat 2 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	13 Shevat 3  Vaera
14 Shevat 4 Religious school, 9 a.m.	15 Shevat 5	16 Shevat 6	17 Shevat 7 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. Chag HaBanot	18 Shevat 8	19 Shevat 9 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	20 Shevat 10  Bo
21 Shevat 11 Religious school, 9 a.m.	22 Shevat 12 DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY BULLETIN ARTICLES	23 Shevat 13	24 Shevat 14 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	25 Shevat 15 Tu B'Shevat	26 Shevat 16 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m. Asara B'Tevet	27 Shevat 17 Shabbat Shirah  Beshalach
28 Shevat 18 Religious school, 9 a.m. Adult Ed lunch and movie, 11:45 a.m.	29 Shevat 19	30 Shevat 20	31 Shevat 21 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.			

The content deadline for the February 2024 bulletin is **Monday, January 22.**

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