

April's Adult Education Program Features Carthage College Professor

By Adrian Richfield

Join our CEEW community for a special adult education program on Sunday, April 7th. It will be a “bring your own lunch” starting at 12:15 p.m. and then delicious home-made desserts at 12:45. We will have time to eat, mingle, and socialize among each other as we meet Dr. Eric Pullin. The program will start at 1 p.m. Come for lunch and/or dessert or just for the program!

Dr. Pullin, a professor at Carthage College, will speak on the topic of “Jews in India.” His talk on current events will include the closer relationship between India

and Israel in the last decade. While India persecutes its Muslim residents heavily with many more human rights crimes than Israel is accused of, that doesn't seem to get any news coverage. Pullin will also include some Jewish/India history as well.

Come for an educational and learning experience at CEEW. Friends and family members are welcome at this event. ☆



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Sisterhood: “An association, society or community of women linked by a common interest, religion or trade”

Sisterhood Shabbat

February 17 was a beautiful Saturday morning for a CEEW Shabbat service that was sponsored by the Sisterhood as an annual program event. With Cantor and members participating, all enjoyed this special Shabbat and lunch that was provided after the service.

Starting with a reading of “The Women of Sisterhood” with Denise Stodola and Debi Schmid, the service included readings, prayers, and a Torah service with Ann Meyers reading the Torah portion. Cantor Levson gave a D’Var Torah from this week’s Terumah portion where the people of Israel are called upon to contribute materials to construct this dwelling.

Thanks to Cantor Levson, the Sisterhood, the people who helped with the Saturday morning service and to those who helped prepare the lunch, especially Carol O’Neil, along with other volunteers.





"One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present."

— Golda Meir

CEEW News Briefs

Hadrachah Program Starts April 3

Are you interested in helping lead services but unsure about doing so? The URJ's Hadrachah (which means leadership) program teaches lay leaders a variety of skills to help them support communal worship, and lifecycle events.

This year's program launches April 3, 2024, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., with a six-session interactive and relational online learning experience. The sessions are aimed at providing resources, materials, and



support for lay leaders who lead Shabbat worship. This is not a "clergy training" program.

Instead, it is designed to enhance and strengthen the confidence and skills of leaders leading worship and spiritual experiences. Click [here](#) to sign up for this program.

Mitzvah Rides

There are times when many of us need help getting to and from medical appointments, the drug-store, or even temple. With that in mind, we are launching a new mitzvah program to aid those in need of a ride.

If you are willing to provide a ride, please let Phil Schuman know. Phil may be contacted by email at philschuman@prodigy.net or by phone at 262-367-6719. Once we have a list of volunteers, you may call Phil at least three days before your appointment to request a ride.

We cannot guarantee assistance, but Phil will do what he can to accommodate your request. Contact CEEW President Laurie Schwartz at president@waukeshatemple.org with any questions about the program.

Input Sought on Bulletin

CEEW has published a monthly bulletin for years. In our crazy, fast paced, electronic world are people taking the time to read it? Is the information from our weekly 'blasts' sufficient?

Many congregations have either reduced the number of publications per year or discontinued this type of publication all together. The CEEW board is looking for your input. Should it be discontinued? Is it time to do this? Should it be published quarterly or bimonthly? What do you think? We need some input from our members as we consider changes for our bulletin's monthly publication.

Please contact either President Laurie Schwartz at president@waukeshatemple.org or Vice President Mark Levy at markallanlevy@yahoo.com with your thoughts and ideas about the bulletin sometime in the next few weeks. Your input is needed and appreciated. ★

2024 First Quarter
CEEW Tzedakah Spotlight:

Ha'achalat Re'evim
Feeding the Hungry

For the benefit of the
Waukesha Food Pantry

All tzedakah donations for January, February, and March of 2024 will be given to the Waukesha Food Pantry.

"When you are asked in the world to come, 'What was your work?' and you answer, 'I fed the hungry,' you will be told, 'This is the gate of Adonai, enter into it, you who have fed the hungry.'" — Midrash Palmi 118:17

The FOOD Pantry



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

Jewish Superheroes: Assemble!

At first glance, spandex-clad, cape-wearing crime fighters may seem to have little to do with Judaism, but upon a closer look there are some interesting things to consider.

An overwhelming number of the “classic” American superheroes were created by Jews! Superman (Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster), Captain America (Joe Simon and Jack “King” Kirby), The Fantastic Four, The Hulk, and The X-Men (Stan Lee and Jack Kirby) were all originally written and illustrated by Jews, the children of Eastern European immigrants.

Cantor’s Column

By Cantor Martin Levson, CEEW Sole/Soul Spiritual Leader



The character of Spiderman/Peter Parker, created by Lee and Steve Ditko (who was not Jewish, but was of Eastern European immigrant descent) was very much the stereotype of the “Woody Allen” nebbish Jew of the 1960s: A brilliant but socially inept high school kid living in Forest Hills, Queens with his overprotective aunt, who decided to become a crime fighter out of... guilt!

While the authors weren’t intentionally trying to write “Jewish characters,” many of these classic American superheroes display a variety of Jewish values and ideals in their never-ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way.

In this spirit CEEW will celebrate a superhero-themed Purim this year. The *shpiel* will be a loving tribute to the classic superhero stories of the 1960s, as the valiant “Captain Mordechai” and brave “Bet-Woman” attempt to save the Jews of Shushanopolis from the dastardly designs of... “Doctor Haman”!

Rehearsals for the *shpiel* will be immediately following religious school on Sunday March 10 and 17 at 11:30 a.m. So channel your own inner superhero (or super-villain), wear a cape and a mask (spandex optional), dress up as a classic superhero or make up your own super-person, and join us on Sunday morning, March 24, as we celebrate Super Purim!

“Up, up, and Oy Vey!” ✨





"To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens."
— Rabbi Menachem Mendel

Building a Communi-Tree

For Tu B'shevat our parents brought in food items from the seven species: dates, figs, nuts, wheat crackers, etc. The seder taught our students about the traditions of Tu B'shevat while incorporating healthy spiritual and mental health habits.

We extended the lessons learned during our seder into Morah Marie Loeffler's class

Communi-tree project, where our 4th grade students created trees to build a congressional communi-tree forest. Each leaf of the tree represents a person, place, or thing that makes an individual student's community. The combined leaves create a full, vibrant, and healthy tree. The trees are on dis-

School News

By Marie Loeffler



CEEW families gather for a Tu B'Shevat seder.

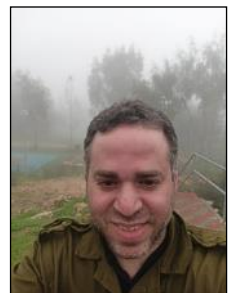
play as an ongoing project where we hope to build an entire communi-tree forest made up of more student, parent, and member trees! This way we get to see all of the facets of our own lives that make up our big community! Morah Rachel's class joined in the fun tree making project as well.



Our newest family poses after the most recent (at press time) snowstorm.



Another school project was to write support cards for Deb Hacker's son-in-law, Dudi, who is in active duty on the border of Lebanon in northern Israel. He has been called to military service since the beginning of the war in Israel. ✨





CEEW's Purim celebration, "Super Purim," will take place on Sunday, March 24. Channel your inner superhero!

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha Community Seder

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.
at Chenequa Country Club

Menu:

Seder foods, including Hard Boiled Egg; Gefilte Fish
Matzo Ball Soup

Chicken, Potatoes, and Vegetables

Pot Luck Dessert Table** Coffee and Tea

Cost: \$55 for adults; \$30 for children ages 12 and under (Temple members)

\$60 for adults; \$35 for children ages 12 and under (non-members of Temple)

**Please bring a Kosher-for-Passover dessert to share.

In lieu of a dessert, a donation of \$15 to cover
the cost of matzo and wine can be substituted.

Your check is your reservation. No reservations will be accepted without payment.

Reservation deadline is April 9, 2024

The reservation price remains the same as for last year's seder; therefore, we are able to maintain a break-even price for the meal. As always, we don't want affordability to prevent members from attending; please contact President Laurie Schwartz for more information. We ask those who can make contributions to the Mensch fund to please do so, and thank our members for their continuing generosity.



Return this form with your payment.



2024 Community Seder Reservation Form

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 9. Make checks payable to CEEW. Write "SEDER" in memo line.

Name: _____ Total number attending: _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Adult meals (member): _____ @ \$55 each = \$ _____

Children's meals (member): _____ @ \$30 each = \$ _____

Adult meals (non-member): _____ @ \$60 each = \$ _____

Children's meals (non-member): _____ @ \$35 each = \$ _____

Donations For Matzo/Wine in lieu of dessert \$15.00 \$ _____

Mensch donation (optional) \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Deadline for reservations is April 9. Your check is your reservation. Payment is non-refundable.

Send reservations to the temple, 830 W. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha WI 53188, attention Laurie

Schwartz. Questions? Contact Laurie Schwartz at 303-888-5137 or president@waukeshatemple.org



“The soul wants to awaken.”

— Alan Lew

CEEW Board Meeting: February 2024

By Pati Allen Brickman



D’var Torah and Spiritual Leader’s Report by Cantor Levson: Cantor is grateful for vaccines and is recovering nicely. He thanked all who brought him food and offered to run errands for him. He was thrilled to hear of the two rescued hostages but less than thrilled with the media coverage. Tomorrow is Mardi Gras and the following day is Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day. Mardi Gras is a springtime festival followed by Lent, a 40-day period involving deep reflection concluding with Easter, the most important Christian holiday. Purim is also a springtime revel like Mardi Gras and is also followed by a period of intense preparation for our most important holiday, Pesach. Since 5784 is a leap year, Purim will occur in Adar II, March 23 and 24th. This year we will celebrate Purim with a superhero comic book theme called ‘Super Purim’ and it will be very silly and fun. But there is more to this Purim than just silliness. There is a strong connection between the superhero genre and Judaism since the authors and creators were mostly Jews. March 3rd Cantor will be giving a lecture on why so many Jews were involved in comics and superhero stories. Start choosing your cape and mask and consider creating your very own superhero persona!

Education Director Report by Carrie Barbakoff: In January we celebrated Tu BiShvat with The Blue Dove Foundation including a seder where they thought about the foods we eat and mindful eating focusing on the 7 species of the land of Israel. We conducted a parent survey asking why they bring their child to religious school, what is one thing that they hope their children will learn about being Jewish, and what is one thing you want to learn more

about regarding raising a Jewish child. The parents’ answers were reassuring that our school is doing the right thing for our students and families. Students wrote cards for Israeli soldiers and sent them to Deb Hacker who gave them to her son-in-law who has returned to active duty with the IDF. February 25 is salute to Jewish Educators, and we will be honoring Andi Patz and Deb Hacker. A Band’n All Hope will be playing. Jonah Sulman’s Bar Mitzvah is on March 2 and his project will provide therapy toys for children undergoing trauma who are receiving services at the Waukesha Family services. Use [this link](#) if you would like to purchase something. Julia Christian’s Bat Mitzvah is on March 16, and she is making a singing telegram recording with her playing the piano for those who donate. Proceeds are going to Magen David Adom. Please attend and support our B’Mitzvot!

President’s Report by Laurie Schwartz:

Personnel report: We are up to about \$9,000 so far for the Spiritual Leader Fund. March 1 is the deadline to contribute and now we get a 2 for 1 match. So, if you are able, make your contribution soon.

Passover: We will meet on April 23 for the second Seder at Chenequa. The price will be the same as last year, Carol O’Neil is taking reservations. We will need help rearranging the chairs.

Scrip: We made \$426.00 from 4 families.

Treasurer/Financial Report by Alan Meyers: We are 58% through the year and we are close to budget. We are focusing on security, the Spiritual Leader Fund, repairs and



The Book Smugglers author David Fishman will speak at Jewish Museum Milwaukee on Thursday, March 28. Click [here](#) for more information.

CEEW February Board Meeting, continued

maintenance, and getting a good return on the cash we have on hand. For a full report, contact Alan Meyers.

Sisterhood Report by Denise Stodola: Barb Zacher will send donation tax letters to members who made donations of \$250 or more in 2023. The Sisterhood monthly board meeting scheduled for April 2 will likely move to April 9. May 19 is the annual meeting we are still looking for a restaurant with a good meeting room. March 5 the UWM Center for Jewish Studies is hosting a lecture on Tuesday March 5 at 7pm called “The Many Mrs. Maisels – The History of Jewish Female Stand-up Comedians” given by Grace Kessler Overbeke. The Sisterhood and guests are invited to view the program on Zoom at 7:00 at the Temple. Please email Cindy Levy at ceew_sisterhood@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending. Snacks will be served. March’s board meeting will be a ‘bring your own dinner’ meeting at 6:00 prior to the program. March 10 we will have an Area Day program at 10:30 at the Jewish Museum to see their current exhibit, “The Book Smugglers.” Contact Ann Meyers at annsmeyers@gmail.com if you would like to attend. The Beading program will be on Tuesday April 2 from 1:00-3:00 at Eclectica Beads in New Berlin. The cost will depend on your choice of project, \$15-60. Members and guests are welcome. RSVP to Barb Zacher at zacherhc@dww.rr.com by March 27; snacks will be served.

Committee Reports

Facilities and Security by Bernie Sandler.

Completed: We fixed the cold classroom, researched adjustments to the elevator to fix the glitches, and met with suppliers regarding replacing/upgrading our 20-year-old HVAC system.

In progress: We are considering training sessions for our new security system. GFL is still missing some pick-

ups and a new supplier will be considered. Two shutoff water valves were found to be frozen open and will be replaced. The south rooftop lightbulb needs replacing.

Needing attention and decisions: We need a one-day membership effort to complete site improvement with weed pulling, buying and spreading mulch. We need to address the dead tree adjacent to the parking lot either with several members or a professional service (est. cost \$1000.00). The stump from the large bush we had cut down needs to be removed. The HVAC air flow control fix in the cantor’s office is delayed due to cost.

New Business - Laurie Schwartz:

Monthly Bulletin: We are considering decreasing the frequency of the Bulletin and thinking about how we might communicate our news to those who are not computer savvy. We will be discussing this further in the weeks to come.

Annual Meeting/nominating committee: Several terms are up so we will be looking for candidates for filling the following positions: President, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and two trustee positions.

Old Business

Archives by Sharon Levy: A budget request for \$150 has been submitted to cover boxes and materials for a storage system for our archives. The motion to grant this request passed unanimously.

Railing for the bema by Ann Meyers: We now have a detailed drawing of how the rail will fit. We will discuss this further in the temple facilities committee.

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



Yiddish of the month: *Chapp ah drimmel* meaning “take a nap.”

— contributed by Marsha Fensin

Jewish Living: Proud and Loud

President's Letter

The February WRJ newsletter contained a blog from Becky Markowitz, the WRJ Chai society Co-Chair. She asked the question, “Are we living Jewishly?” She noted that many of us “live ‘Jewish’ quietly” and exhorted us “to speak up and fight antisemitism, speak up for the hostages and stand against terrorism.” I felt relieved to read this article online, so far from our small city of Waukesha which has always seemed to be such a welcoming place for Jews. We are such a minority. I am grateful that the WRJ has taken a firm stand against the terrorism and speak for Jewish women.

Being in Israel since December, I can see that no one here lives a “quiet” Jewish life here now even in the center of the country. War has affected everyone profoundly. There is a general traumatization I have experienced and confirmed by a recent study noting the increase of PTSD.

However, being an Israeli is living a “proud and loud” Jewish life. Life centers around the Jewish calendar and worship. Shabbat is a real day of rest and respite. It's time to be with

Sisterhood News

By Co-President Deb Hacker



family...unless you are on active duty, that is. I met a young doctor who returned from three months in Gaza. He had some harrowing stories to tell.

I met a young mother with 3 small children whose husband is in Gaza and when she can't handle it, she has volunteers who cook for her. I have met parents whose children are serving in Gaza or the North. Some are angry, some bitter, all are worried.

Our son-in-law was recalled to active duty and is serving along the Green line southeast of Jerusalem on the border with Shomron/Samaria. So many young families are often without fathers, and sometimes mothers, for months at a time. Fortunately, I am able to help our daughter and grandson during this time. I consider it an honor to be here and live a “proud and loud” Jewish life.

One way of living Jewishly is to send your child or grandchild to a

Jewish summer camp. Sisterhood is once again offering scholarships of up to \$500 to the children or grandchildren of people who have been Sisterhood members as of December 31, 2023. Jewish camping is a proven way of ensuring our Jewish future. This program has been instrumental on providing Jewish community, learning, fun and friendship to all three of my children and several of my grandchildren. Applications are available from Ann Meyers or Carol O'Neil and are due March 31, 2024. Children who are awarded scholarships are asked to write a brief essay explaining in what ways their camping experience was important to the development of their Jewish identity.

In the meantime, the women of CEEW Sisterhood have so many activities planned for the long Wisconsin winter months. My thanks go out to our Board over the miles as they



**"No [one] can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books."
— Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

Sisterhood News

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planned and held the Sisterhood Shabbat and Kiddush on February 17th. The Zoom program on March 5th "The Many Mrs. Maisels" to be held at the temple should prove to provide much needed laughter. The WRJ Heartland Event at the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee should be an educational and fun way to meet other women from the district. Although the snow and cold prevented the Beading program at Eclectica in Brookfield from happening in January, it's been rescheduled for April 2. (I am happy about this because now I will be back to attend this fun afternoon.)

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th which will be our Annual Sisterhood meeting. It will be held at a local restaurant. We are seeking women who would wish to serve on the Board. Each job is a volunteer sized job- and can be tailored to your time available. For more information on positions available contact Ann Meyers.

Live Jewishly and be a part of the Sisterhood.

The Many Mrs. Maisels: Jewish Female Comedians

Come join us for a fun evening on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.! UWM Center for Jewish Studies is presenting a program on the History of Jewish Female Stand-Up Comedians and it is being made available on Zoom. We thought it would be fun to get the Sisterhood together and present the program at the Synagogue so everyone doesn't have to go all the way down to UWM. Snacks will be provided. Let us know if you plan to come.

WRJ Area Day – A Trip to the Jewish Museum Milwaukee

Please join the Wisconsin Area Heartland District women in a fun outing to the Jewish Museum Milwaukee. This is a great opportunity to see this exhibit on how Jews saved books and to gather with other Jewish women from our district. The outing is planned for March 10 at 10:30 at the JMM and includes lunch. Carpooling is being coordinated by Ann Meyers. Sisterhood members received a registration link for this event, but if you need to reserve let Cindy Levy or Ann Meyers know.

Beading with Irina Program

Due to a little snow, the beading program had to be re-scheduled. We now have a new date! Join us on April 2 at Eclectica Beads, 21420 W Greenfield Ave, New Berlin, WI 53146.

Kits for bracelets, necklaces and other projects will be available from \$15-\$60. We will provide snacks and beverages during the event. If you are interested in learning about the program, please contact Barb Zacher at zacherhc@wi.rr.com or text her at 414-331-6825.

Sisterhood Annual Meeting

Sisterhood's Annual Meeting and luncheon will be held at a local restaurant on Sunday, May 19. The exact location and time will be announced soon. As always, elections for officers will be held as well as requests for participation in important short-term and longer-term initiatives for the upcoming year.

New members are welcome to attend this event! There is always some way for everyone to take part, whether you have a little time or a lot; whether you drive or prefer to ride. Be engaged!



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

Sisterhood News

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Tikkun Olam: Thank you!

I want to thank all congregants of CEEW who made our January- February food drive a smashing success. With your help we presented MORE THAN 270 POUNDS OF FOOD of food to the Food Pantry of Waukesha county!

This was the first time (to my knowledge) that we have conducted a food drive in the middle of winter. You know many people want to share the joy of the holiday season and donations increase. But for some reason, it's easy to forget our food insecure neighbors. Donations go down. The food pantry depends on donations and you all stepped up to the plate and you are practicing Tikkun; you are helping to mend the world.

The Tikkun Olam Committee; a Sisterhood program, thanks you so very much for your generosity!

Thanks as well to Sandy Villa and Mark Levy for their help with this endeavor!

— Nancy Cummins



IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to
Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

In Memory of...

➤ **Max Berger**

Donation from Debi Schwid

➤ **Peggy Goodman**

Donation from Kelly and Sheila Goodman

➤ **Stanley, Emmanuel, and Harriet Jacobs**

Donation from Howard Jacobs

➤ **Dr. Richard Reinherz**

Donation from Barbara Mulhern

Miscellaneous

➤ *Donations from Philip Schuman and Adam and Gretchen Segal*

Prayer Books

➤ *Donation from Debi Schwid*

Spiritual Leader Fund

➤ *Donations from Susan and Stephen Blonsky, Alan and Ann Meyers, Adrian Richfield, Marcia Romashko, Philip Schuman, Laurie Schwartz, Debi Schwid, and Adam and Gretchen Segal*



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 **I Adar / II Adar (March)**



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.

Barry Brickman: March 23
Husband of Pari Allen Brickman

Jerome Cohen: March 7, I Adar 27
Father of Ed Cohen (Carol Vandenberg)

Howard Friedman: March 19
Father of Nicole (Jonathan) Ogden

Abraham Gottlieb: March 12
Father of Nancy (Mike) Cummins

Lee Gottlieb: March 31
Mother of Nancy (Mike) Cummins

Arlene Gruenberg: March 14
Sister of Marvin (Sandra) Small; Aunt of Sxdni Small

Jacquie Hurwitz: March 17
Aunt of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Jeanette Jacobs: March 14
Mother of Howard Jacobs

Abraham Kotkin: March 16, II Adar 6
Father of Mike (Peggy) Kotkin

Lillian Kupperman: March 12, II Adar 2
Mother of Gerard (Laurel) Kupperman

David Rex Lamb: March 1
Uncle of Elizabeth Lamb

Josephine Lawton: March 5
Friend of Pati Allen Brickman

Candace Levson: March 5
Mother of Cantor Martin (Sheri) Levson

Andria Loeffler: March 17
Sister of Marie Loeffler

Aaron Lorber: March 10
Observed by the Congregation

Beatrice Moore: March 18
Mother of Alice Lambie

Michelle Moreman: March 27
Aunt of Jennifer Ecker

Donald Musickant: March 25
Uncle of Barbara (Gregory) Zacher

Joseph Richfield: March 31
Father of Adrian Richfield

Richard Louis Rocamora: March 19
Father of Rick (Joan) Rocamora

Dr. Ruth Neufeld Shelley: March 3
Mother of Peter (Arlene) Shelley

Solomon Starr: March 3
Grandfather of Mari-Claire (Bill) Zimmerman

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





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

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).

Jewish Spring

By Yermiyahu Ahron Taub

Winter birds brush our faces in farewell.
Our step quickens as thaw gains force and
marches into inevitability.
Flowers, bold in their delicacy,
viewed since time's beginning,
are seen anew, interpreted afresh.
Everyone sees flowers in a different way, Rinah
once said.
Trees spread cover thickly
between the chemical groves below and
above,
insisting on their leafy say.
Hands pool the earth, laying the foundation for
renewal.
Already we envision stalks bent with bounty.
We breathe these many fragrances, humbled,
awed.

But like the gazelle on the savannah,
our eyes are always shielded toward the hori-
zon.
We peruse the headlines and the top stories;
we assess the pitch of the chatter.
Who knows how long this generosity,
how deep this permissibility.
Dogwood blossoms etch our prayer in grace.

About the Poet



Yermiyahu Ahron Taub is an English and Yiddish poet. His previous collections include *What Stillness Illuminated* (Parlor Press, 2008) and *The Insatiable Psalm* (Wind River Press, 2005). In addition to the Forward, his work has been published in *The Adirondack Review* and *Prairie Schooner*, among other places.



BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Cummens celebrates her birthday on March 7.

Ellyn Lem celebrates her birthday on March 17.

Briar Rahmes celebrates her birthday on March 26.

Joanne Wagner celebrates her birthday on March 27.



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



Shabbat Shalom!



MARCH 1	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
MARCH 8	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
MARCH 15	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
MARCH 22	7 p.m.	Member-led service
MARCH 29	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service

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

CEEW TEMPLE LEADERSHIP

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CEEW's Community Passover Seder will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 5 pm.
See page 6 for your reservation form, which is due before April 9.

Travel Tales from CEEW To Israel with Deb Hacker



A two-day trip to Jerusalem was a pleasant, yet chilly time away from Kfar Yonah (north east of Netanya) where I am staying with my daughter, grandson, and son in law (when he was home from active duty). In order to maximize my time and enhance my experience, I utilized a professional guide, Simon Oster, a British Israeli. Here are some of the high points of the trip and my recommendations.

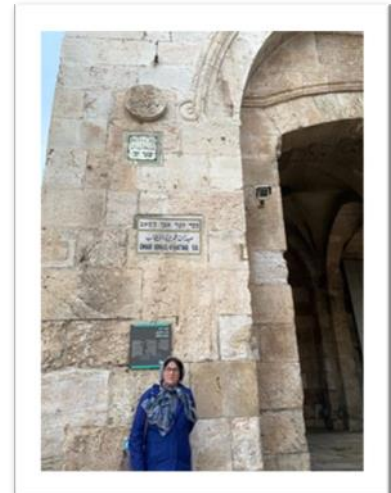
The **Tower of David Museum** at the entrance to the Jaffa Gate has been recently renovated and reopened. Originally built in the 2nd century BCE, it has been destroyed and rebuilt many times. King Herod was the first to develop the area, desiring a magnificent entrance into Jerusalem from the West. It was mistakenly associated with King David. The conquering Muslims redesigned the complex in 1099 C.E.

and then the citadel was repurposed by the Mamelukes, the Ottomans and the Jordanians until 1967. The iconic walls are part of a 500 year old Turkish citadel.

It's really two museums in one: the

magnificent structure itself, a citadel with a multitude of layers of history, and the updated museum within showcasing the 4,000 years of the history of the city of Jerusalem. It offers a stunning viewpoint of the city, one that also included a metaphoric rainbow at the moment we climbed the to the rooftop vantage point. Ten new galleries filled with artifacts within the citadel offered an immersive sound, light, and video experience using the historic walls of the building as a backdrop.

The last video experience included the seasons of the year within the Abrahamic faiths, with voices and images that brought tears to my eyes. Touchscreens allowed each person to explore the history of the city and its founding as well as its importance to the three monotheistic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In the evening, the museum hosts two sound and light shows that highlight its unique architecture and history. This must-see museum should be the first stop on anyone's trip to Jerusalem.





"May your Purim be full of love and life."

— greeting from parade.com

The Israel museum-Jerusalem. Most well known for the Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scroll exhibition), art, archeology and Jewish life, this museum offers the visitor hours of pleasure and learning. The museum also boasts an excellent shop and two restaurants. While I have visited there at least ten times, I now seek out their temporary exhibits to experience something special. On a day when the museum was crowded with young soldiers, I gazed at a painting by Kibbutz Beeri artist Ziva Jelen that was painted prior to the October 7th attack and massacre. The painting was filled with shrapnel of brutal Hamas weapons. Ms. Jelen chose to paint her kibbutz landscapes in red, a color that did not express danger, but rather love and passion of the land. While her canvas is intact in the gallery of the museum today, it is filled with the metallic horror of that day. Sadly, 85 of her kibbutz members did not survive the attack.

Eerily, at the Israel museum was an special exhibition of burial shrouds of different times and ethnicities of the Jewish people. This exhibit began prior to October



7th and took on special meaning to me. Beautiful needlepoint adorned bonnets and gowns. From early times, Jews have been buried in often simple white or natural cotton or linen garments after. White is a color that symbolizes



repentance and purity. Multipurpose burial shrouds or parts of the sets were worn at birth, on Yom Kippur and as wedding garments.

The FOZ (Friends of Zion) Museum. This new museum requires a prior reservation. Guests can spend 1.5 hours there on a guided tour only. Using movies, holograms, weird cubic sculptures, and touchscreen technology, the museum attempts to demonstrate the love and passion Evangelical Christians have for the idea of a Jewish State and portrayed those Christians helping promote and protect the state and its Jews.

Most surprisingly, I learned that a distant ancestor of our Presidents Bush, a ordained minister and Professor (also called) George Bush, published a book in 1844 called *The Valley of Vision* that called for restoring the Jewish homeland. The museum might have some appeal, but covered the personalities briefly, despite the kitschy movies and technology. Frustratingly, we were moved quickly through the halls, unable to see all the displays despite being the only group there.

Next month: Part 2!





SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

Mar. 1, 5:24 pm; Mar. 8, 5:33 pm; Mar. 15, 6:41 pm;
Mar. 22, 6:50 pm; Mar. 29, 6:58 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 I Adar 21 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	2 I Adar 22 Jonah Sulman Bar Mitzvah, 10 a.m. 
3 I Adar 23 Religious school, 9 a.m. Talk: Jews and Super-heros, 10:30 a.m.	4 I Adar 24	5 I Adar 25 UWM Women of Valor Lecture: The Many Mrs. Maisels, 7 p.m.	6 I Adar 26 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	7 I Adar 27	8 I Adar 28 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	9 I Adar 29 Shabbat Shekalim Mevarchim Chodesh Adar II  Vayakhel
10 I Adar 30 Daylight Saving Time begins Religious school, 9 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Adar II	11 II Adar 1 Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	12 II Adar 2	13 II Adar 3 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	14 II Adar 4	15 II Adar 5 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	16 II Adar 6 Julia Christian Bat Mitzvah, 9:30 a.m. 
17 II Adar 7 Religious school, 10 a.m.	18 II Adar 8 DEADLINE FOR APRIL BULLETIN ARTICLES	19 II Adar 9	20 II Adar 10 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	21 II Adar 11 Fast of Esther	22 II Adar 12 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	23 II Adar 13 Shabbat Zachor Erev Purim  Vayikra
24 II Adar 14 Purim Religious school, 10 a.m.	25 II Adar 15	26 II Adar 16	27 II Adar 17 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. "The Chosen" at Milwaukee Rep, 1:30 p.m.	28 II Adar 18	29 II Adar 19 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	30 II Adar 20 Shabbat Parah  Tzav
31 II Adar 21 No religious school						
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