

May is Special Shabbat Month!

By Adrian Richfield

Mark your calendars for two “Special Shabbat” services this month! Each Shabbat begins with a shortened Cantor Levson service beginning at 7 p.m., Oneg at 8 p.m., and a short program from 8:15-8:45 p.m.

On Friday, May 1, CEEW members Cindy and Mark Levy will present a travelogue of their fall river cruise and trip, which was part of a Jewish heritage tour.



On Friday, May 31, we will close out the month by meeting Milwaukee’s Community Shlichah Noa Gerrassi, along with her family. Noa was born in Tiberias and spent most of her childhood in Ofra, a small Orthodox-Zionist community in northern Jerusalem.

Noa and her husband Liran came to Milwaukee with their two daughters, Rona and Lihi, and their dog Chika. She will talk about her experiences here in Milwaukee and would like to answer any questions the congregation may have for her. Come join us for these special nights, and bring a friend! ✨



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Save the date! Community Shlichah Noa Gerassi will be at CEEW for a Special Shabbat presentation after services on Friday, May 31.

2024 CEEW COMMUNITY SEDER



Seder photos contributed by Adrian Richfield.



Oops! We lost the afikomen. Can you find it in this issue?

CEEW News Briefs

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.

A Successful Fundraiser = New Contract!

A huge shout out goes to everyone who contributed to the Spiritual Leader Fund. The total raised was over \$47,000, including the matching gift of \$30,000. As a result of this fundraiser, we have been able to negotiate a new contract with Cantor Levson. I am happy to announce that we have signed a 5-year contract enabling him to remain at CEEW until 2029. A huge thanks to our anonymous donor for making this all possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

— CEEW President Laurie Schwartz

The Bulletin is Ending

Thank you to all those who voiced their opinion about the continuation of the Bulletin. We had hoped to be able to continue perhaps on a quarterly basis but our trusty, hard-working volunteers have decided it is time to retire. Many faith and non-profit organizations have also faced the same dilemma so we are not alone. Until the last issue this June we will be working diligently to ascertain how we can disseminate the same information to our members on a

timely basis. The weekly email blast will continue, most likely in an expanded form.

The Bulletin has been a treasured staple for many, many years but times change; whether we are ready or not, we must also change with the times. I want to thank all those who have worked so hard over the years to produce the bulletin. There were many members (past and present) who helped with the writing of articles, editing, and publishing of the monthly CEEW Bulletin over the years and we thank and appreciate all of them.

— CEEW President Laurie Schwartz

Adult Education with Dr. Pullin

Our April 7 program that discussed the politics of India and India's relationship with Israel was a bit hit. Our speaker, Dr. Eric Pullin of Carthage College, was entertaining, insightful, and educational. We hope he'll return for a future program!

Trivia Night is Back on June 8!

Get ready... Jewish Trivia Night is returning to CEEW for a third round on Saturday, June 8. For

more details see page 5 in this issue, which describes the Shavuot-centered menu and lists some practice trivia questions.



You must RSVP to Adrian Richfield by May 31. The registration cost is \$10 per person; you can mail your check to Adrian at 1334 Bluebird Terrace, Waukesha WI 53188, or give your check to either Adrian or Elaine Goldberg at the temple. ☆



Save the date! Rylan Ecker's bar mitzvah is June 1.

CEEW Board Notes: April 2024

By Pati Allen Brickman

D'var Torah and Spiritual Leader's Report by Cantor

Levson: There was a program with the 7th graders about the Jewish perspective on the solar eclipse including two relevant blessings. Cantor expressed thanks to the participants of the Purim Spiel, especially the board members who attended. Cantor and Ann Meyers took Hamantaschen to the Fox River Church across the street to welcome them. Passover is our central story that defines us, and we are looking forward to our Seder at Chenequa Country Club. The school has a wonderful new Haggadah with stories of ancient and modern heroes. There will be a Seder at the school next Sunday.

Education Director Report by Carrie Barbakoff: Both teachers will be returning next year. There will be a Yom HaShoah program on May 5 at 10:30 am and Dr Bronner will speak to the congregation and the students in 5th grade through post b'mitzvah. May 12 we will celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut and May 19 will be the last day of school.

President's Report by Laurie Schwartz: Requests for reports from the committees for the annual meeting have been sent out.

Treasurer/Financial Report by Alan Meyers: Although we are estimating a \$18,000 deficit for this fiscal year, it is better than what was projected. We need budget numbers from the committees. Brigitte's contract is coming up for renewal. We will need to decide whether to increase teacher salaries and this will be discussed with Carrie Barbakoff. Alan will build next year's budget based on this year's numbers if people do not submit their requests.

Sisterhood Report by Denise

Stodola and Ann Meyers: Sisterhood donated \$500 to assist with Cantor's trip to Israel. We sent a get-well card and encouraged people to visit Marsha Fensin. We decided to hold the annual meeting on June 2nd at the temple. We are putting together a nominating committee for the new officers for the coming year. We will be working with Carrie Barbakoff on some kind of activity during the Israel Independence Day celebrations.

Committee Reports

Facilities by Bernie Sandler: Everything is running smoothly and there is nothing of importance to report at this time.

Security by Mark Levy: We continue to work on the video, alarm, and key systems. We are still waiting for some members to return their old door keys.

Old Business - Laurie Schwartz:

Bulletin: June will be the last monthly bulletin. We continue to explore alternatives to communicate with the membership. Mark will continue to generate the weekly newsletter and we will update the website as needed.

Ethics Policy by Ann Meyers: A proposed ethics policy was presented for consideration, but it was tabled until the May meeting when the grievance policy can be presented and discussed at the same time. ✨



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, May 13, at 6:30 p.m.



"If God wanted us to fly, He would have given us tickets."

— Mel Brooks

3rd Annual Jewish Trivia Night at CEEW

Date: Saturday, June 8th

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person by Friday, May 31st

Back by popular demand, we are having a 3rd Jewish Trivia Night at CEEW. With Cindy and Mark Levy as our Trivia hosts, we will also learn about the upcoming holiday of Shavuot from Cantor Levson as well as partake in the tradition of eating dairy foods that go with this holiday!

Shavuot 2024 / שבועות 5784

Teams of 4-5 contestants for playing Jewish Trivia will be randomly selected and there will be prizes for the winning team. Mark and Cindy assure us that the Trivia Questions will be easier this year! If you have never been to Jewish Trivia Night, this is the year and if you've been before you know it is fun! If you're undecided, come and bring a bottle of wine and enjoy!

MENU

Hors d'oeuvres
Blintzes
Quiche
Cheesecakes
Beverages
BYOB



Practice Jewish Trivia Questions:

What is the main ingredient of falafel?

a. humus b. fava beans c. sesame seeds d. couscous

Which of the following comic book characters was NOT created by a Jew?

a. Superman b. Spider-man c. Krazy Kat d. Batman

The movie "Gentleman's Agreement" is about:

a. The State of Israel b. Anti-Semitism c. Peace Treaties d. The Holocaust

Edwin Land invented the Polaroid instant camera which went on sale in:

a. 1948 b. 1955 c. 1960 d. 1958

Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 31st

RSVP to Adrian Richfield (262-547-1904 or susu78@aol.com)

Send a check to Adrian at 1334 Bluebird Terrace, Waukesha WI 53188



Save the date! Ava Koszarek's bat mitzvah is June 15.

Many thanks!

From the Desk of President
Deb Hacker

Firmly back on US soil after my many months in my beloved Israel, I was heartened by so many who inquired how my Israeli family was managing. Thank G-d they are safe and doing well. However, now I'm enjoying being with my US family and my five energetic grandchildren here. Visits with my 3-year-old Israel grandson, daughter, and son-in-law are now only on the "What's App" video chats.

As I end my second term as CEEW Sisterhood president (and do not seek another term), I wish to wholeheartedly thank a number of women on the Board (past or current) that made a difference in Sisterhood over the last four years. I list them in no particular order.

Carol O'Neil called me during COVID and talked up the president's position. She performed faithfully as a recording secretary and assisted with so many programs and meetings, especially those that included food. Currently, she almost single-handedly manages our yearly fundraiser, the Chanukah card. **Cindy Levy** brought me up to speed when I became President. She lent her computer expertise

Sisterhood News

By Co-President Deb Hacker



and managed our publicity. Her knowledge of many community and WRJ contacts enriched our organization so many times through programming and meetings. She also held a regional WRJ position.

Barb Dailey's years of work as our treasurer were invaluable to us and filled us with confidence. She assisted with the transition to our administrator, Brigitte managing bookkeeping. **Barb Zacher** has taken on the liaison to the administrator the last few months at our Board meetings and reports on finances. She has assisted Sisterhood with many craft-filled and creative programs as well.

Sandy Villa's assistance with Tik-kun Olam, community giving and organizing food drives has been invaluable. **Nancy Cummens** cheerfully communicates with Sandy to continue our mission of community service projects. **Marsha Fensin** (z'l) offered Jewish wisdom and prayers of hope and love to open our meetings, as well as providing the D'var Torah at annual meetings.

Beth Ann Waite continues the tradition of offering Jewish prayers, poems, and inspiration at our meetings. Her words of encouragement always support me. **Ann Meyers** has been on the Board for two years now. Her knowledge of *Robert's Rules* leading meetings is so helpful. She shares her wisdom and her calm demeanor, always making the meetings a pleasant experience. Her ability to text others during meetings to provide instantaneous answers has been much appreciated. She has assisted with programming and organized and ran this year's Sisterhood Shabbat Service. She also led meetings in my absence.

Denise Stodola served as liaison to the temple board as well as assisting with many projects. She is always on the ready to volunteer with the Sunday School. **Mari-Claire Zimmerman** was a faithful Board member who assisted with programming. She planned and executed the Sisterhood service at Frame Park in 2022.

We are looking for women who wish to continue the tradition of giv-



“Be among the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving people and bringing them closer to the Torah.”
— Pirkei Avot 1:12

Sisterhood News

CONTINUED

ing of their time, ideas, and energy to Sisterhood. We hope you answer the call when our Board calls and offers you a position.

Our Annual Sisterhood meeting and luncheon will be held on Sunday, June 2 at the Temple. Please watch your email for details soon. At the meeting we will be taking a collection of menstrual and incontinence items to donate to the Waukesha Women's Center. We hope to see you there and continue the Sisterhood way of supporting our temple, local community, and WRJ world.

Spring Tikkun Olam Project From Nancy Cummins, Tikkun Olam Chair

There are certain products that many of us don't consider to be burdens on our budgets. When we need them we buy them, and we usually don't think of them as being particularly expensive. But for some, they may be a luxury.

The Tikkun Olam Committee will be conducting a collection of period and incontinence products during our annual meeting and lunch. We would appreciate it if all Sisterhood members

will help fill our baskets with these products at the luncheon on Sunday, June 2, when we will donate them to the Women's Center.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Sisterhood Supports the Religious School's Israel Programming From Ann Meyers, Sisterhood Vice President

Sisterhood members will be helping students celebrate Israel Independence Day (Yom HaAtzmaut) at CEEW on May 12. At press time the project had not been selected, but the goal is to offer a meaningful and enjoyable experience for the students while providing an opportunity to reinforce information about, and love of, *Eretz Yisrael*. Sisterhood is committed to the enhancement and promotion of Jewish education in our own community as well as providing scholarships for Jewish camping and other educational programs through the Women of Reform Judaism, of which CEEW Sisterhood is an affiliate.

Mark Your Calendars for Sisterhood's Annual Meeting From Ann Meyers, Sisterhood Vice President

Sisterhood will hold its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on June 2, 2024 at the temple. This is a change from the original date in May. Members will enjoy a catered lunch at no cost. The Sisterhood Board is planning a delicious meal with a lovely spring theme. Entertainment will also be provided.

Members are asked to bring donations of menstrual and incontinence products to donate to the Waukesha Women's Center as our final Tikkun Olam project of the year. Please contact Ann Meyers by May 26 to indicate your attendance at the luncheon so we can anticipate an appropriate food order. If you have dietary requests please let Ann know so we can accommodate you. Ann's email is annmeyers@gmail.com. ☆



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

Eighteen More Words

Our dear friend Marsha Fensin (z''l) was passionate about so many things, including music, Mah-Jongg, and Yiddish. Several months ago she sent me a list of Yiddish words and phrases and their definitions for me to print in the Bulletin, one at a time.



Would you believe that this list was exactly 36 words long? The first Yiddish phrase on the list, *a giteh voch*, a good week, ran in the November 2022 issue of the Bulletin. This month we run Yiddish word #18, and it could not be a more appropriate one.

Marsha was devastated when her husband Lee passed away in January 2021. In his absence, I apprenticed with Jan Lowell to learn the tips and tricks of the Bulletin layout and eventually became the Bulletin's editor. Marsha became my biggest fan, emailing me supportive messages when each new issue was published. She could have been distressed or upset when I made changes to the Bulletin that took it in a different direction from what Lee did. But I could always count on her support.

Not only did she support my work, she also began to contribute photos to the Bulletin. This included a picture taken of me while I chanted Torah at the Adult B'nei Mitzvah service in August 2021.

I am forever grateful for Marsha's friendship and her hugs, and I shall miss her ethereal voice floating high above the melody when our congregation comes together in song. I'm so glad that I met her.

The eighteenth word on her list was perfect for her: *mentsch*, a good, honorable person. I'll share the next 18 words on her list in the June, and final, issue of the Bulletin.

— Elizabeth Lamb, Bulletin editor



ANNIVERSARY

Jeff and Judy Shabman celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 26.

BIRTHDAYS

David and Gabe Merkow celebrate their birthday on May 5.

Rick Steinberg celebrates his birthday on May 8.

Carol O'Neil celebrates her birthday on May 10.

Pati Allen Brickman celebrates her birthday on May 13.

Sandy Small celebrates her birthday on May 17.

Jonathan Ogden celebrates his birthday on May 18.

Rylan Ecker, son of Jennifer and Wes Ecker, celebrates his birthday on May 21.

Macy Bornstein celebrates her birthday on May 28.



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

IN APPRECIATION

of generous contributions to
Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

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

In Honor of...

➤ **Julia Christian's Bat Mitzvah**

Donation from Fern and Christopher Hamlin

In Memory of...

➤ **Rose Elvey**

Donation from Raymond and Jayne Elvey

➤ **Jacquie Hurwitz**

Donation from Jack and Elaine Goldberg

➤ **Mary Schuman**

Donation from Philip Schuman

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➤ *Donations from Marcy and James Hotz, Bernard and Marie Sandler, and Philip Schuman*

Security Guard Grant

➤ *Donations from Milwaukee Jewish Federation*

Spiritual Leader Fund

➤ *Donations from Marcy and James Hotz, Steve and Ann Merkow, Alan and Ann Meyers, and an anonymous donor*



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

YAHREZEITEN **Nisan / Iyyar (May)**



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 /

John Burris: May 19, Iyyar 11
Father of Becky Burris

Charlotte Cohen: May 2, Nisan 24
Mother of Ed Cohen

Sara Hafner: May 15
Mother of Sandra (Marvin) Small; grandmother of Sxdni Small

Sybelle Heilbrunn: May 1
Grandmother of Carrie (Brett) Barbakoff

Sidney Kalstein: May 30
Father of Elaine (Jack) Goldberg

Nathan Kraines: May 13, Iyyar 5
Husband of Elly Kraines

Lev Krasnik: May 1, Nisan 23
Uncle of Irene (Robert) Elkin

Lida Merkow: May 10, Iyyar 2
Grandmother of Steve (Ann) Merkow

David Parr: May 25, Iyyar 17
Observed by the Congregation

Todd Patz: May 5
Brother of Tabb (Andi) Patz

Robert (Bob) Henry Ullman: May 26
Father of Jennifer Ullman

George Weisensel: May 31
Father of Natalie (Noah) Bledstein

Mildred "Millie" Wolfson: May 26
Mother of Sheri (Cantor Martin) Levson

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





"King Solomon says: Life and death are in the hands of the tongue."

— Proverbs 18:21

Poetry Corner

Before

By Ron Corlyn

What was it like in the city before
It was a city, before man-made mountains
And downtowns with clogged arteries were there;
Before there even was a "core,"
Before they "beautified" the place with fountains,
When the air was fresh and the land was bare.

True, conveniences were few in number,
But perhaps the need for them was slight,
And who or whatever lived there then,
Must have had a life much humbler
Than we. Our hectic pace, our urban blight,
Our electric lives: Get up, work, sleep, arise again.

Who, or whatever occupied the place –
When the city was open land, before the bricks –
Might have been able to see for great distance:
A grand view, one of wide, wide space.
Rolling hills, grassy plains, trickling creeks,
A picture of serenity perhaps was in evidence.

What was it like to be standing here, prior to now,
When the tallest standing things were trees.
What was it like to be here prior to the plow
When the most majestic things around were trees.

About the Poet

My mother's cousin, Ron Corlyn, is around 90 now and has recently moved into a memory care home. In his day he was a prolific artist, writer and poet. Some of his prose is deep, some very light, and some a tad erotic. He is my last living relative of the generations that preceded me. I would like to share a few of his poems as he gave me permission to share them with the CEEW bulletin. — Marcy Hotz

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).

Moods

By Ron Corlyn

Summer's sun sets in a breathless blaze,
Lining clouds with exploding rainbows,
But all too soon has gone to sleep,
Not to wake 'til next morn's dawn.

Winter's sunset breathes thru a haze,
And sooner than its sister goes.
The winter's night is long and deep,
Seeming endless dark encroaches long.

I miss the ethereal warmer days;
Wind's soft breath lingers ... blows,
Says to oncoming winter's creep:
"Stay. Let us savor softness' song."



The Victorian House

By Ron Corlyn

A wall of flowers stands to guard
This relic of a quieter year
A stand of trees walls the yard
Where quiet homebodies learned to revere
The serenity of that past backyard scene.
That could cause one to reminisce
About times that once were shared between
The stand of friends, also gone,
Whom we dearly miss.



Save the date! Sxdni Small's b'mitzvah is June 22.

The May Read: *One Hundred Saturdays* by Michael Frank

Rhodes is a famous Greek Island that was the home of Stella Levi during WWII. It was a thriving Jewish community for a millennium until, of course, the Germans rounded everyone up and deported them to Auschwitz. A chance meeting of author Michael Frank and Stella Levi occurred in her Greenwich Village apartment and quickly became one hundred Saturdays and a six-year endeavor to tell her story. The book is a probing and courageous story about a life that vanished and a friendship that became powerful.

The book also features beautiful color illustrations based on Stella's family photos by artist Maira Kalman. The vibrant world of Jewish Rhodes forms the basics for this story of public, personal, factual and deeply personal experiences.

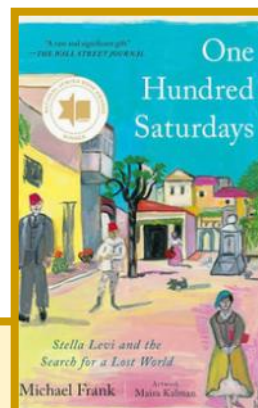
Book Club News

By Adrian Richfield



Michael Frank is the author of *What Is Missing*, a novel, and *The Mighty Franks*, a memoir. His essays, articles and short stories have appeared in the New York Times, the LA Times, The Atlantic, Slate, and The Yale Review, among others. He lives with his family in New York City and Camogli, Italy.

One Hundred Saturdays was named one of Wall Street Journal's Ten Best Books of 2022, winner of the National Jewish Book Awards for Holocaust Memoir, recipient of the Jewish Book Council's Natan Notable Book Award, and winner of the Sophie Brody Medal. ★



CEEW Book Club

When: Wednesday, May 8

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Karen Levy's house

To participate, contact
Debi Schwid at
deb.schwid@gmail.com

...from *Publisher's Weekly*:

"Incandescent...Frank's narrative shines with an ebullience, thanks to the unusually rich, textured, and evolving life of his utterly enchanting muse. The result provides an essential, humanist look into a dark chapter of 20th century history."



The deadline for articles for the June 2024 Bulletin will be **Monday, May 20**. Please send materials to Adrian Richfield at susu78@aol.com.



Shabbat Shalom!



MAY 3	7 p.m.	Cantor-led Special Shabbat service
MAY 10	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service
MAY 17	7 p.m.	Member-led service
MAY 24	7 p.m.	Cantor-led service (Zoom only)
MAY 31	7 p.m.	Cantor-led Special Shabbat 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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The Sisterhood Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 2.
Watch your email for more information.

Travel Tales from CEEW

My Trip to Costa Rica by Mari-Claire Zimmerman



In March my husband and I went to Costa Rica. I had visions of trekking through a jungle, but in reality, our visit was much tamer than that. A friend of mine owns a duplex condo unit which she rents out when she is not there using it. This is at Hermosa Heights, at Playa Hermosa.

We flew from Chicago with one plane change in Houston to Liberia, where there is a small airport. Liberia and Hermosa are on the Pacific side of Costa Rica. Our condo was within walking distance to the beach, to some restaurants, and to a small grocery store that had a lot of familiar products.



At the beach there were a lot of shade trees, so we relaxed in comfort on beach chairs. I had a great massage and bought a beautiful vase, a moonstone necklace, and a coconut filled with coconut milk and rum. Another day, we took a day cruise in a bay of the Pacific and snorkeled in the clear water. We went to an island where white-faced monkeys hang out in the trees. Our boat captain held up pieces of fresh pineapple which the monkeys came down to grab and eat.

The condo complex included a warm swimming pool, a fish store of local fish for eating, a wine store, and a movie theater. The condo was comfortable with all the comforts of home, except that at times the water pressure was low to non-existent.

Our concierge at the condos picked-us up from the airport, arranged the boat trip, took us to some delicious restaurants, and arranged for a professional private tour for other days. He also drove us to a clinic when Bill had abdominal pain. The doctors spoke excellent English, as did most of the people we encountered.

We spent time in a nearby city called Playa Coco where there are restaurants from many nationalities including Mexican, Italian, Chinese, India, and more. We met a Jewish shopkeeper there and he and I sang



Friday, May 3, will be a Special Shabbat — as will Friday, May 31!

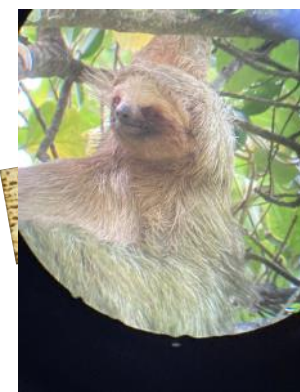
Hava N'gila and Heveinu Shalom Aleichem.

The private tours were to a couple of waterfalls where we could swim in the pools at the bottom, to visit a hot springs and hot mud outdoor spa, to some national forests, to another boat tour on a river and to a portion of the rain forest. We saw the boiling mud pools and sulfur water pools near an active volcano.

Our guide also took us to delicious lunches at restaurants in the areas of our tours. In the rain forest we saw a poison dart frog, a sloth, and more monkeys. Earlier in the day he also took us to a wild animal refuge for animals that should be wild but can no longer be released into the wild due to earlier abuse by people, being too comfortable with humans, injuries, or being orphaned. Owning wild animals as pets is illegal in Costa Rica, and this includes parrots.

Some interesting things about Costa Rica: The popular greeting and answer to “how are you?” is “Pura Vida.” This means “pure life.” You should not flush toilet paper in Costa Rica as the plumbing pipes are not wide enough to tolerate much of it. Every toilet has a garbage can nearby.

We drove down Highway 1, which is the Costa Rican section of the Pan-American highway that goes from Alaska to the southern tip of



Chile and Argentina. In the U.S. this is California’s Highway 101.

March is summer in Costa Rica; their rainy season is from June through November. There are a lot of dry trees in March and they look like our trees do when they lose their leaves in winter. Others are full of leaves and flowers. In March the temperature is in the mid-80’s to mid-90’s, so we wore hats and sunscreen and had plenty to drink.

The restaurants have outdoor seating, some under canopies or roofs without walls. Cats and dogs wander around and seem comfortable hanging out at the establishments. The restaurants have signs “please don’t feed the animals.”





On the roads, the signs to warn of animals crossing the highways don’t show deer, but show monkeys, long tailed raccoons, iguanas, and other animals that we don’t see here. During a financial transaction you can use dollars, Costa Rican colones, or (frequently) charge cards. Tips are included on the bill at restaurants as “service” and are always 10%, but leaving a small amount in addition to this is acceptable.

Our visit was fun, relaxing, and very informational. ☆



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

April 5, 7:06 pm; April 12, 7:14 pm;
April 19, 7:22 pm; April 26, 7:30 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Nisan 23 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	2 Nisan 24	3 Nisan 25 Cantor-led Special Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	4 Nisan 26 Mevarchim Chodesh Iyyar  Achrei Mot
5 Nisan 27 Religious school, 9 a.m. Yom HaShoah observance with guest Simon Bronner, 10:30 a.m.	6 Nisan 29 Yom HaShoah	7 Nisan 29	8 Nisan 30 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Karen Levy's house Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	9 Iyyar 1	10 Iyyar 2 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	11 Iyyar 3  Kedoshim
12 Iyyar 4 Religious school, 9 a.m.	13 Iyyar 5 Yom HaZikaron Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	14 Iyyar 6 Yom HaAtzma'ut	15 Iyyar 7 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	16 Iyyar 8	17 Iyyar 9 Member-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	18 Iyyar 10 Shabbat HaGadol  Emor
19 Iyyar 11 Religious school, 9 a.m.	20 Iyyar 12 DEADLINE FOR JUNE BULLETIN ARTICLES	21 Iyyar 13	22 Iyyar 14 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m. Pesach Shenit	23 Iyyar 15	24 Iyyar 16 Cantor-led Shabbat service, 7 p.m. (Zoom only)	25 Iyyar 17  Behar
26 Iyyar 18 Lag BaOmer Religious school, 9 a.m.	27 Iyyar 19	28 Iyyar 20	29 Iyyar 21 Midrash class, 10:30 a.m.	30 Iyyar 22	31 Iyyar 23 Cantor-led Special Shabbat service, 7 p.m.	
The content deadline for the June 2024 bulletin is Monday, May 20.						

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