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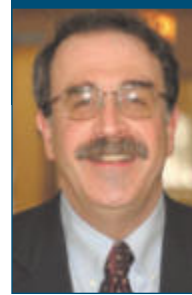
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Please honor Cantor Barash with a personal message from you, your family, or your business in our Tribute Book. Tribute ads and listings range from \$1,000 to \$18 or less. These are now available for purchase online, or by submitting your text and payment to CEEBJ. The deadline for Sponsorship and for Tribute Book Ads and Listings is now August 10.

Event tickets are on sale now. For more information, see CEEBJ.org/Salute or call CEEBJ at (414) 228-7545. (See the back cover for more details.)



From Rabbi
Marc Berkson

I write these words as we conclude the book of Numbers—and each time we complete a book of Torah we say aloud the words *“hazak, hazak, v'nit-hazek.”* The words translate as, “let us be strong, let us be strong and let us strengthen one another.” *Hazak* is repeated twice, perhaps once for the individual, perhaps a second time for the whole community. One cannot do it alone. But it is the third word—*nithazek*—which comes through loud and clear. In the reflexive, *nithazek* indicates the reality of our strength giving strength to the other and building from there. In reality, we Jews do not do much of anything alone. While we can offer our individual prayers and blessings, our prayer service is a communal one, needing a minyan of ten. Beyond that, our language of prayer is always in the first person plural - *anachnu*, never *ani* - we and never I. And we surely do not study alone. For us, a *beit midrash*, a *bes medresh*, a study hall, is not a place to go as we did in high school when we are being punished and are kept in strict silence. A *beit midrash* is somewhat noisy with a buzz of voices as people study in *hevruta*, in pairs, across from one another and bringing other Jewish commentators, from Rashi to Maimonides, into the conversation. Jews are not into climbing to an isolated spot atop a mountain to meditate on the meaning of life; Jews do not go into monastic orders where we take vows of silence.

As for *gemilut hasadim*, as for acts of loving kindness which we must perform each and every day, we could never do them if it were not for other human beings - our brothers and sisters for whom we must care and shelter and feed and protect. We are obligated to visit the sick and to protect the powerless and to bury the dead and comfort those who mourn. We depend on the larger community just as the larger community depends upon us.

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From Our Cantor

A Note from the Cantor Thanks for Boyhood to Bima!

Special thanks to Audrie Berman for orchestrating this lovely event in the middle of June, and to Andrea Konz, Rich Masters, Debra Gorra Barash, Andrew Appel and Bob Brazner for all their planning and behind the scenes technical work.

I am extremely blessed to work with our amazing YOTC steering committee! Thank you to Andrea and Rich Konz, Andrew Appel and Sandy Stern.

Much appreciation to Scott Finch for assembling and editing many of the videos, and to Bob Brazner for creating the opening video.

Thanks to our many participants: to Rabbi Berkson and to Andrew Appel for MCing, to my family – Mom, Dad, Jon, Josh and Daniel, and my Aunt Eve, to Rabbi Simcha Prombaum and Cantor Perry Fine, to Jimmy Rosenbloom, to Scott Finch and Dan Dance, and to Nigel Savage.

And thanks to many of you for watching this program. I am truly blessed to be at this warm and loving congregation.

Hope that many of you will be able to “attend” our online Salute to Song & Spirit concert featuring Six13 on Sunday, September 13!

Cantor David Barash

Rabbi Berkson, continued from page 1

Now contrast that with the expression so many Americans seem to fall back on of “pulling oneself up by one’s own bootstraps,” the notion that each and every one of us is so strong that, by ourselves, we can and should do most anything without help from others. According to etymologist Barry Popik and writer Ben Zimmer, the earliest published reference to lifting oneself up by one’s bootstraps goes back to 1834 in the *Mobile Advertiser*. Picking up a story from a month earlier in a Nashville paper that someone named Nimrod Murphree (the name Nimrod should have been a giveaway) had discovered perpetual motion, the *Advertiser* responded, “Probably Mr. Murphree has succeeded in

August Worship

All services are online, streaming on our website, on Facebook Live, and through Zoom

Saturday, August 1
Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am
Torah Portion: Va’ethanan,
Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 40:1-26
Shabbat Nahamu
Havdalah Together 7:30 pm

Friday, August 7
Totpalooza 5:30-6:00 pm
Zoom from your dinner table so we can sing Shabbat songs, create a Shabbat craft, and share the Shabbat blessings together. You can even come in your pajamas - just make sure you also have a space to dance.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service/ Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm



Saturday, August 8
Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am
Torah Portion: Ekev, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Friday, August 14
Kabbalat Shabbat Service/ Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm

Saturday, August 15
Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am
Torah Portion: Re’eh,
Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Friday, August 21
Kabbalat Shabbat Service/ Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm

Saturday, August 22
Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am
Torah Portion: Shofetim,
Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Friday, August 28
Kabbalat Shabbat Service/ Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm

Saturday, August 29
Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am
Torah Portion: Kee Tetzei,
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 54:1-10

Friday, September 4
Kabbalat Shabbat Service/ Early Shabbat Worship 6:15 pm
Birthday blessings for those celebrating birthdays in July, August, and September

Saturday, September 5
Shabbat Morning Study Minyan 9:00 am
Torah Portion: Kee Tavo,
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 60:1-22

handing himself over the Cumberland River, or a barn yard fence, by the straps of his boots.” Added Zimmer, “Bootstraps were a typical feature of boots that you could pull on in the act of putting your boots on, but of course bootstraps wouldn’t actually help you pull yourself over anything.” In her investigation of the expression in the *Huff Post*, Caroline Bologna made the point that the original meaning of the phrase was to try to do something completely absurd. She points out that Zimmer thinks that the expression dates back to the fictional Baron Munchausen who, in one of his tales, is able to lift himself out of a swamp by pulling on his own hair. Absolutely absurd.

Which reflects how we, as Americans, have responded to the coronavirus. For lack of

any serious leadership on a national level to a virus which cares not for boundaries or borders, we have left it for each state and each county and each municipality to decide for itself how to respond. In short, we have left it to each and every one of us to decide what each and every one of us should do. Such is absolutely absurd—and impossible. In the words of my colleague, Rabbi Toba Spitzer, which I shared a couple of months ago, “The freedom gained in the Exodus has as its end the creation of a society founded on a web of mutual obligation and care, in which the communal good enhances my personal well-being. To care for others is to care for myself.”

Hazak, hazak, v’nithazek - Let us be strong, let us be strong, and let us strengthen one another.



From Our President

Shalom, congregants and friends.

'Strange times,' 'crazy times,' 'unprecedented' – these are now the almost laughable clichés of our day. But when we are at such a loss to put words to how we are feeling, the choices we are facing, and the unanswerable questions on all of our minds, what else is there to say?

Maybe one thing we can say, or rather ask, is "how are you doing?" But this time, really mean it. Find a way to let the person you are asking sense that you aren't going to walk away or change the subject if a quick, trite answer is not provided. You do have time for a story, some important news, a fresh reflection or revelation that they might otherwise hesitate to share.

Even the strongest of us is impacted by this pandemic and its consequences. All of us are shaken. We all need to be felt and heard. Think for a moment of those among us who are not so strong, and how vulnerable we are. So please, reach out to those you know, and maybe those you don't know so well in our community, and see how they are really doing. The simple act of caring can be a balm. And if you discover that someone needs more help than you can provide, perhaps there is something a member of our clergy, staff, lay leadership or volunteer core can do. If so, please let us know.

There is something else we can do for each other. We can be tolerant of each others' views on how and when to reopen our synagogue for in-person worship and other activities. And we can be patient with the task forces which are diligently working through the details of these questions.

A recent URJ survey in which many of us participated, revealed that there is a wide range of strongly felt views regarding how and under what circumstances we should resume normal use of our facility. This means that for whatever course we take, there will be many who feel that the wrong conclusion has been reached.

Our membership represents a diversity of age, family circumstance, health, financial stability and political sensibilities.

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Director of Lifelong Learning

"The truth – that Love is the ultimate and highest goal to which humans can aspire.

Then I grasped the meaning of the greatest secret that human poetry and human thought and belief have to impart: The salvation of humans is through love and in love."

– Viktor E. Frankl

This August is all about love. We will celebrate romantic love; the love of learning and Torah; the love of God; our love for ourselves, and for our family, friends, and acquaintances; for teachers, the love of our students; and for some, the love of trivia on August 1 when we follow havdalah with trivia night.

Starting Tuesday night, August 4, we begin the lesser known one day holiday of Tu b'Av. Like Tu b'Shevat, the holiday is named for the fifteenth day of the month, in this case the month of Av. (In Judaism, we like the number fifteen in terms of months, as it usually is the full moon.) Originally, it was a day of great joy and matchmaking in the Second Temple period. In recent times, primarily in Israel, it has turned into a Jewish Day of Love. Our online learning page will have articles and activities to do regarding Tu b'Av. Who knows, we might even have a new CEEBJ Spotify playlist for the day. What songs would you pick? Send your suggestions to scosden@ceebj.org.

On Sunday, August 9, at 4:00 pm we will celebrate the love of learning and Torah when we attend CJL's Salute to Jewish Educators. We hope you will join us online to honor all the incredible teachers and staff of all the Jewish day schools,

From Our President, *continued*

Please be understanding and respectful of your fellow congregants' approach to this pandemic. Each of us is undoubtedly having their own very personal experience of it, and yet, it is our communal bonds, strengthened and intact, that will see us through this crisis.

Michael Grinker

preschools, and religious schools in Milwaukee. For information on this event and a list of those from our synagogue who are being presented awards, please see information on page 4.

Rosh Hodesh Elul, the new month of Elul, begins on Thursday night, August 20. As we enter this month of preparing for the High Holy Days, we are reminded that the rabbis viewed Elul as an acronym for "Ani L'Dodi, V'Dodi Li," "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine." They taught that this was about the Jewish people's relationship with God. Therefore, we spend this month doing *heshbon nefesh* (an inventory of our soul) to see how we can better our loving relationships with ourselves, our family, our friends, and our acquaintances so we can better our loving relationship with God. Be on the lookout for a variety of different learning opportunities during Elul to help you prepare for the *Yamim HaNoraim*, the Days of Awe.

Not only is this month about preparing for the High Holy Days, the teachers, madrichim, and staff of the religious school are preparing for the start of school on September 13. All month, the teachers and I will be studying, developing curricula, and designing the 5781 (2020-21) school year together. On August 30, the teachers, madrichim, and I will gather together on Zoom and celebrate our love of learning, Torah, Judaism, CEEBJ, and our students as we study together, build our community, and prepare for our students and this school year.

May August provide you many opportunities to celebrate and strengthen all your various loves.

L'shalom,
Susan Cosden, RJE

Lifelong Learning continued on page 4

Zoom Havdalah and Trivia Competition Saturday, August 1, 7:30 pm

Do you have what it takes to win the CEEBJ Zoom Trivia Competition? Bring your havdalah set and your knowledge of pop culture, history, Judaica, and obscure facts to find out!

Women's Torah Study Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00-11:30 am

Join us for an in-depth discussion of Torah from women's perspectives. Dr. Sherry Blumberg, a contributor to *The Torah: A Woman's Commentary*, will lead us through this text and the poetry, feminist readings and traditional commentary it holds. This course is perfect for anyone who identifies as female, whether new to Torah study or a more experienced scholar. Register online at ceebj.org or call (414) 228-7545.



Dr. Sherry Blumberg

Making Treats With Hebrew Monday, August 17, 5:00 pm

Join us for a (virtual) fun night of treat making with our very own kid chef Hayley (owner of Sconnie Cakes), Monday, August 17, at 5:00! All ages are welcome! Hayley will teach us how to make cake pops and Rachel Macagon will share corresponding Hebrew words. Please contact Becca O'Connor at becca-kavalar@gmail.com by Friday, August 14, to RSVP, get suggested ingredients / materials, and Zoom link. Open to the community! Bring a friend! Hope to see you there! Hosted by the Youth Learning Committee.

Rosh Hodesh Thursday, August 20, 7:00 pm

Please join Susan Cosden, WE, and Lifelong Learning as we welcome in the new moon and the new month of Elul. All who identify as female and are at least 18 years old are invited to attend. This event is free, but please register to let us know you are coming. Together we will sing, schmooze, bless the moon, and bless each other. Our theme for the evening will be "Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li (I am my Beloved's and My Beloved is Mine): Loving Ourselves, Loving Others, Loving God."



Salute to Jewish Educators Sunday, August 9, 4:00 pm

Join us for the rescheduled 2020 Virtual Salute to Jewish Educators. This virtual event will celebrate all of our teachers and especially our award recipients. Mazel tov again to GIFT Award recipients: **Sherry Miller** and **Tamara Miller**; to Teacher Impact Award recipients: **Lisa Vondra** and **Jennifer Saber**; School Support Award recipient: **M'Johno Foster**; Binah Graduate: **Beth Rapaport**; and Chai Award recipients: **Rachel Macagon** and **Sandy Ruesink**. Thank you again to all of our CEEBJ religious school teachers, staff, and madrichim.

We invite the entire community to honor local Jewish educators for their commitment to providing our youth with a quality Jewish education.

RSVP required for Zoom access:
<https://app.mobilecause.com/f/267f/n?vid=47cu5>

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■ Watch it on YouTube
[youtube.com/c/CoalitionForJewishLearning](https://www.youtube.com/c/CoalitionForJewishLearning)



Nicole Bakes... French Macarons Sunday, August 23, 11:00 am

Please join Nicole Masters and Susan Cosden on Sunday, August 23, at 11:00 am for Nicole Bakes... French Macarons.

The second of Nicole's summer baking demonstrations!

You may know Nicole Masters as a member of the CEEBJ Adult Choir, but she is also an award-winning baker and Pastry Arts Student at MATC. Nicole loves the challenge of French Pastry and one of her favorite things to bake is French macarons! She can't wait to show you how much fun French Pastry can be.

Susan Cosden, our Director of Lifelong Learning, will add a dash of Jewish learning to the mix. This program is sponsored by the Adult Lifelong Learning Committee and is open to all adults and youth ages 10 and above. Unless the youth is very experienced at baking, we recommend the youth be accompanied by an adult. More details will be shared in Emanu-Emails.

Story-Telling and Pizza, Monday, July 13



The Voice of Our Youth

Declan Winterfield is one of our incoming eighth graders and celebrated becoming Bar Mitzvah through Zoom on May 16. On Wednesday, July 8, Susan Cosden interviewed Declan about his experience of becoming Bar Mitzvah online.

Susan: Declan, please tell us something about yourself?

Declan: "I am 13 years old. I have a dog named Tonka and a sister named Rowan who is 10 years old. I like to play sports; I like playing games with my sister; and I like hanging out with my family."

S: How was it to celebrate becoming Bar Mitzvah online?

Declan: "It was a weird experience that others could not say they had. It was so nice to see my community there. I mean on Zoom I saw members of the synagogue watching. It was weird and nice. It was weird to have a Torah in our house and my mom was so nervous when anyone got near it or touched it, and everything worked out fine. It was so nice having Dr. Levin (Michael) coming to our house and Benji coming and just holding up his phone recording his dad and me. It was so weird to see all the signs outside made by my friends and my parents' friends, a good weird. I didn't see them putting them up. One moment there were three and then when we stepped out there to see Dr. Levin there were seven signs. In the morning my mom's friend put up a tarp they had decorated and tied to the two trees and I was surprised as I only saw it a few minutes before the ceremony on the Zoom call through the window."

S: Tell us about your Mitzvah Projects.

Declan: "My first project is collecting clothing and shoes for recycling. Hopefully when everyone can return to CEEBJ we will be able to start collecting. I don't remember all the numbers we learned about how much clothing goes to landfills but it was shocking. My second project we created only a few weeks before my service. We asked people to donate food and now have already done the donation of food to Feeding America. We received lots of donations as people were very kind with their money. We collected 1,762 pounds of food. Just part of the food we collected was the background behind me for the service. It was not a virtual screen but actual tall stacks of food. It was wild to see how much people cared."

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Women of Emanu-El

From Our President

When I was growing up, my dad had a lively sense of humor and was

always cracking jokes. I knew that being funny brought joy and fun to life. Going to many a rodeo as a kid and laughing at the clowns in the barrels escaping the bulls or seeing live theater in Detroit at the Fisher Theater had a big impact on me. When I worked as an operating room nurse, jokes, when appropriate, kept the atmosphere light. My husband's family always had great jokes through the years and my mother-in-law was great at telling them.

Today we may think "what could possibly be funny about a global pandemic that has altered the very fabric of our existence, in one fell swoop shutting down everything we hold dear, from sports to movies to music and to the very notion of human interaction?" (Chris Murphy, *Vulture*). How could anyone possibly write jokes at a time like this? Many think that it is not a time for it. But in times of crisis, when we are frightened and don't know what is going on, we've historically turned to comedy. There are many comedians still writing and producing humor. Send me some examples of humor you liked.

Even though we are socially isolated from our friends at this time, remember we can stay connected using technology and safe distancing, using a mask in public and, of course, hand washing.

Voice of Our Youth, *Continued*

S: What would you like to share with the congregation about either you becoming Bar Mitzvah or others in the future online?
Declan: It is a different experience and the only way to get it is to experience it because everyone is different. I have a friend who had his service outside his congregation with his parents and the rabbi. We did it a different way and no matter what you did it is your Bar Mitzvah and it is how you are going to celebrate it. Make sure you are comfortable that is the way to do it. If I went back and had the option to redo it, I wouldn't go back and change anything and my friend's ceremony also went great."

There are many online opportunities at CEEBJ. The Women of Emanu-El (WE) had their third virtual meeting in July. It worked out very well. I believe when we are face-to-face again, we will still offer the opportunity to join in virtually as an option for increased participation.

We will be moving ahead with the Shana Tova Card fundraiser. Tobi Kahn has agreed to let us use a photograph of his artwork for the card. We are very excited to share this with each congregant. Look for opportunities to support the Women of Emanu-El by participating in this fundraiser.

Honey and Rosh Hashanna go hand in hand when it comes to the fall. The local company "Kallas Honey" is once again supporting WE. Look for more information to come your way about this fundraiser or sign up online at CEEBJ.

The Bayside Gardens yearlong fundraiser is very important to us. By purchasing gift cards from them you are supporting WE. They can be used for anything they sell and we get a small percentage when you purchase them. Contact Jean Lauterbach at (414) 587-0874 or email her at jlauterbach84@gmail.com. You can purchase them online through CEEBJ shulcloud or speak to her and she can charge or take a check.

Not a member? We want to invite you to join us at meetings, events, and anything else your heart desires. The membership information will be coming to you soon. "WE" are the "Sisterhood of Friends," come and give us a try!

Ruth Treisman
treisra@gmail.com

S: Now that you have become Bar Mitzvah, has it changed how you look at Judaism at all?
Declan: "I have a deeper understanding of the culture and what the Torah is actually saying because of studying the Torah portion and giving a d'var Torah. I learned that the Torah portion I read can help you today. I like that because there is much in the Torah that relates to today but sometimes you have to search more for the message. I like how things we did thousands of years ago relate to things we do today. It's fascinating."

S: Anyone you want to thank?
Declan: "I would like to thank my parents, my sister definitely, my dad's parents, Mrs. Malmon and all my teachers I have ever had. Everyone has been so kind to me."



Brotherhood

From Our President

I recently returned from a three-week road trip to Austin, TX by train, then to Los Angeles by car, and finally, back to Milwaukee by train. I have seen that businesses throughout my trip are doing everything they can to keep us safe and healthy despite some of the public not using masks or keeping socially distant. This includes the train, gas stations, coffee shops and grocery stores. I have to applaud the congregation for making the tough decision not to open the synagogue for High Holy Days to keep us all safe and healthy for our loved ones.

The Brotherhood had its first virtual dinner and meeting July 9 of our new fiscal year 2020-2021. It was a very good meeting. We discussed programs and events we could do this second half of the year. These are some of the programs we will be exploring until the synagogue reopens: Deli Dinner pick up & delivery; a virtual Veteran's Shabbat; Lox Box pick up & delivery; virtual Sport's Night with a guest speaker as a fundraiser for food bank or shelter home. Watch for these program dates in future *Ha-Ko'l's*. Also, we discussed focusing some of our energy to helping our community.

We have recently sent out notices by email to all our adult male congregants of the new fiscal Brotherhood membership dues for 2020-2021. Please consider becoming or continuing to be a member of our Brotherhood and help us to continue supporting our congregation and community.

Since our Brotherhood monthly meetings are virtual, I am putting the Zoom link for our meetings in the Emanuel Email, so members of the Brotherhood can listen to our meetings. Also, please continue to patronize the stores advertised in the Brotherhood Directory. And be safe and healthy!

Robert Jacobs

Social Action

OUR CONGREGATIONAL GOAL:
100% congregant participation voting in the elections on August 11 and November 3. We have engaged a number of congregants to reach out to their families and the CEEBJ family to assist with registration and requesting absentee ballots.

Are you registered to vote? If not, you can register in person at your Municipal Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm on August 7, or on election day at your polling place. Proof of residence is required.

If you missed the opportunity to assure your registration for the August election you may do so online after August 11. If registering online, your name, date of birth, WI Driver License or State ID number and address must match with the Wisconsin DMV. Online registration for the August 11 election closed on July 22 but will reopen following the election.

Have you requested an absentee ballot? Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is August 6. The US Postal Service recommends that ballots should be mailed one week prior to election day.

Early voting is also available in a number of municipalities at least two weeks prior to August 11. Check with your municipality as to specific dates and times.

There are a number of resources to help with registration and requesting absentee ballots. I have found www.myvote.wi.gov is the easiest to use. Common Ground has also initiated a voter registration campaign and throughout July has been active in finding folks who need to register. Information can be found at

www.commonground.votewisconsin.com. And the Religious Action Center Civic Engagement Campaign has a robust website to learn more about how to engage with voters. www.RAC.org/CEC

We have received a request from The League of Progressive Seniors and Souls to the Polls to set up voter assistance tables at senior sites August through November 3. This is a two hour commitment once a week. Training will be provided. If you are interested contact Karen Royster at kroysterice@gmail.com.

On the racial justice front, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (www.jewish-publicaffairs.org) has provided a number of interesting learning opportunities (webinars) on topics including Ending Racism in America, Unpacking the Discourse on Policing and Public Safety, and Black Lives Matter: A Conversation on Being Black and Jewish at this Moment. Recordings can be found by clicking on JCPA's Advocacy on Equity and Civil Rights.

Lastly, as a congregational member of Tikkun Ha-Ir, there are a number of opportunities to assist, volunteer, and learn about community activities. To sign up for these emails go to www.thi-milwaukee.org and click the Join Our Newsletter button.

Please plan to join us for our next meeting on August 11 at 7:00 pm. Zoom info will be provided in the Emanu-El weekly email.

Reenie Kavalari
rkavalari@gmail.com
(414) 659-9662

All in the Family

Congratulations to...

Betsy and Mike Green

on the birth of their great-grandson, Aidan Henry Grossman, on Wednesday, June 17. Aidan weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and his parents, Lindsey and Gabe Grossman, are thrilled! His grandparents are Deena (Koppelman) and Michael Baker.



Susan and Allan Cameol and Debbie and Ben Fendrich

on the birth of their granddaughter and niece respectively, Eliza Sophia Lemer. Eliza was born on June 24 in the Twin Cities weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Eliza is the daughter of Haley and Oliver Lemer.



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August 18
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August 26
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August 27
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August 29
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August 30
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August 31
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Anniversaries

August 1
 Tom & Dale Schneider

August 3
 Allan & Judy Strauss

August 4
 Mitch & Nancy Sandler
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August 5
 Marty & Leslie Brooks
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August 7
 Julian & Susan Dobran
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August 8
 Todd & Elizabeth Goodman

Werner & Carol Richheimer

August 9
 Fred & Barbara Dichter

August 10
 Rick & Lynn Conn
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August 11
 Laura & Mustafa Emir

August 12
 Audrie Berman &
 Mark Mendelsohn
 Alan & Betsy Kimmel
 Fred & Zelma Schloss

August 13
 Richard & Nina Edelman
 Ray & Patty Fedderly
 Brian & Ellen Schupper

August 14
 George & Bea Strick

August 15
 Joel & Shari Berman

August 16
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August 17
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August 18
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August 21
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August 22
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August 23
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August 27
 Mark & Barbara Glazer
 Martin & Gail Komisar

August 28
 Michael & Sylvia Winter

August 29
 Andy & Alla Franklin
 Leonard & Tsippi Lewensohn

August 30
 Ron & Fran Meyers
 Michael & Julie Roubik

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64 Years
 Fred & Zelma Schloss

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Husband of Ann Weinstein
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Grandfather of Charlotte Weinstein
Brother-in-law of Sandra Weinstein, Libby (David Bailey) Howie, and Lala (Will) Gittoes
Preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Lillian Weinstein; brother, Daniel Weinstein; and brother-in-law, Seymour Gimbel

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Cousin of Michelle (Andrew) Schara
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Preceded in death by his brother, Harold Chemin

Beatrice Shirley Pearlman

Mother of Cindy Benjamin, Melvyn Pearlman and Gary Pearlman
Grandmother of Lisa Pearlman, Allan Pearlman, Leslie (Pearlman) Rutberg, Jonathan Pearlman, Ariel Benjamin, and Nadav Benjamin
Great-grandmother of Oliver, Elliot, Oscar and Benjamin.
Preceded in death by her sister, Fannie (Rosker) Freedman, and her brothers, Samuel and Benjamin Rosker

David Kushner

Father of Beth Kushner (Marc Rasansky), John Kushner and Lane Therell
Brother of Libby Herson and Cicely Nathan
Preceded in death by his wife, Patricia

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Husband of Sarah Feiss
Father of Dr. Leonard Feiss, Shelah (Mark Likoff, Esq.) Feiss, Esq. and Honorable David (Patricia Hanz, Esq.) Feiss
Grandfather of Daniel Likoff, Dr. Robyn (fiancé Alex Recker) Feiss and Molly Feiss

May God, the Source of Peace, grant peace to all who mourn and comfort the bereaved among us. Amen.

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August 14

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*We apologize for this accidental omission:
May 1, Gene Mayer*

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Every time I speak to a friend or relative on the phone, I ask the same foolish question: "What's new?" As if their answer had miraculously changed since the last time we talked. Thankfully, the response is almost always "nothing," which translates these days into, "we're healthy – so far."

That's the answer I hope and expect to hear. And yet I know that we are experiencing stress, fear and uncertainty in a sustained way that can become unendurable. Not being able to socialize with our friends, feel the loving hugs of family and meet in community in our synagogue takes its toll.

One of the questions people often ask me, after they ask what's new, is, "What are you reading?"

Right now I am immersed in Erik Larson's *The Splendid and the Vile*, an account of Winston Churchill's first year as England's Prime Minister (1940-1941). Drawing from original documents, memoirs, diaries

and formerly secret intelligence reports, we get a picture of Churchill as statesman, father, friend and man of courage. And we see England suffer under the fury of the German blitz that killed over 45,000 Britons. The book is skillfully written and tells a remarkable story.

Next I plan to read *Find Me* by Andre Aciman, one of my favorite authors. I was thrilled to meet him last winter at a book signing in Milwaukee. *Find Me* is the sequel to *Call Me by Your Name*, a touching story about a young man's love affair with an older man. An Academy Award-winning film was made from the novel. One of my favorite Aciman books, the first one I read, is *Out of Egypt: A Memoir* – the story of his eccentric Jewish family's escape from Egypt after the Suez crisis in 1956.

I have been dipping into *Have I Got a Story for You: More Than a Century of Fiction from the Forward*, edited by Ezra Glinter. The Yiddish newspaper, *The*





Forward, founded in 1897, published some of the most acclaimed Yiddish fiction writers of all time: Isaac Bashevis Singer, Abraham Cahan, Sholem Asch, Israel Joshua Singer – to name a few. You can pick this book up and start anywhere. It is a compendium of history, humor, anguish and art skillfully translated by talented Yiddish translators.

So – in the interest of full disclosure, on my nightstand is a copy of *The Other End of The Leash: Why We Do What We Do Around Dogs* by Patricia B. McConnell. Don't ask

If you would like to contact me about what you've been reading during the quarantine, I'd love to hear from you. It would be fun to share your titles in next month's *Ha-Kol*. Please email me at librarian@ceebj.org.

I am thinking of all of you and wishing you good health.

Paula Fine, Librarian

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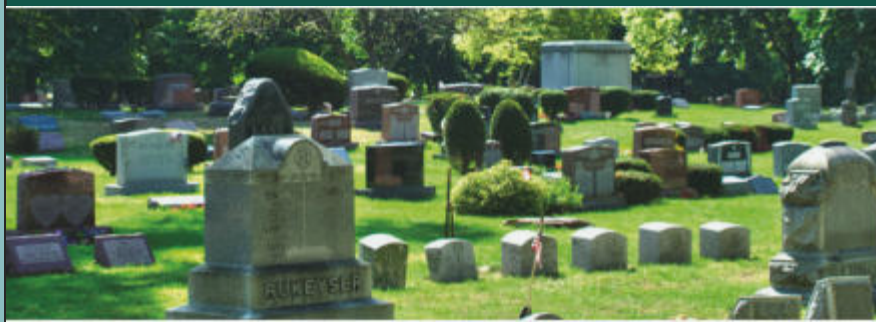
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