



Agudas Achim Congregation

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First flowers. Photo courtesy of Myra Clark



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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz

Wow, friends, what a month of simchas we have had in the congregation! Our services have been rich with many voices blended in song and our bellies full from many festive meals. I can't be biased, of course, but Charlotte's Catering has been amazing. (I've never seen a caterer display a vegetable hummus platter in such rainbow-colored glory). Whether it is a young person's B-Mitzvah, an adult's Re-B-Mitzvah, a significant birthday or our Membership Service, celebrating in community is a balm to the soul. My children enjoying dancing to Hava Nagilah played by a Klezmer band for one of our celebrations. Of course, this band featured our own John Wertz on the bass.

It might be tempting to take such simchas for granted. We Jews do them well and often, of course, but each one remains special and potent. 'Ivdu et Adonai b'simcha', the Psalmist wrote, 'serve the Eternal with joy.' (Psalm 100:2) lives at the core of a meaningful Jewish life.

As Pesach approaches, we look forward to the season. Our home seders often bring us joy too. The gathering of friends, family and loved ones. Our favorite dishes. Fresh flowers on the table and if we get lucky, a soft spring breeze and birdsong wafting through the windows. (If we get unlucky, an ice blizzard, because this is Iowa after all).

The question that many of us may sit with is, how do we deepen our joy at such difficult times? I don't think there are easy answers, but the Jewish

tradition does give us strategies for joyful living at difficult times.

First of all, engaging in shared community festivity has adds to our joy. Seeing the room filled with friendly faces, old and new. Human connection. Knowing you're not alone.

Second of all, reorienting yourself to what is bigger and deeper in our lives, through Shabbat, through learning and questioning, through reflection. Knowing that while following the news is important, so is stepping away from it. Finding a moment to breathe, contemplate, pray, walk in nature. Did you know we have a blessing for trees in bloom? Challenge yourself to learn it and say it.

Third of all, showing up for others. Jewish joy is a joy rooted in solidarity, not indulgence. We continue to be civic partners, we lift up those more vulnerable to us and center their stories. We draw on our history and our master stories to fight for rights for all. There is a joy in snatching hope from the jaws of despair through meaningful acts of kindness and empowerment. Check in on your immigrant neighbors, donate to the food bank or the shelter. Volunteer, call your representatives, and lift your eyes to a horizon where we hold onto a belief that the world can be better tomorrow than it was yesterday. That long vision may feel hard right now, and articulating might be obvious. But living in community is about reminding each other that our values matter and that we matter.

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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz (cont.)

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As we sit at our Seders, I wish you so much joy. Not an unalloyed joy, but a deep joy. A joy of knowing that whatever is thrown our way, our ancestors have confronted it before and have accrued collective wisdom across centuries. Joy at knowing that we are the stewards and guardians of our values, we are the architects of kindness in the world. Joy at knowing that when things seem dark, we get to dwell in our dwellings of light, just as the Book of Exodus records during the Plague of Darkness. Savor each hug, sample each morsel; know that the Divine Presence rests upon the finger tips of those who move through the world with love.

Like Nachson ben Aminadav, the person who first entered the Sea of Reeds and with that boldness, urged it to split, we do not know what is next. We may feel that the water is at our lips. We may be trembling with each step. But even Nachson knew that he had a whole tribe at his back.

We are each other's tribe. And with every dance, every simcha, every freshly-baked bagel (thank you, Charles Packard!), every smile, we tell each other when we need to hear it most: we have each other's back.

Chag Pesach kasher v'sameach!

Wishing you a zissen Pesach!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Lubaroff

I am taking a break from writing on subjects that relate to Judaism, holidays, or the synagogue. Rather, I am taking the liberty of writing about a very personal event that will have taken place by the time the April bulletin is published. I am referring to the celebration of my wife Martha Lubaroff's 85th birthday. The true date of Martha's birthday is not until April 7 but, for the convenience of our out-of-town family, we moved the celebration to March 28 and 29. I had begun planning a celebration of her 80th birthday in 2020, but a few weeks beforehand the COVID 19 pandemic shut down the country and everyone was quarantined to their homes. We all remember these horrendous days, weeks, months, and years, from which we are still recovering.

Martha and I met on March 15, 1959, at a B'nai Brith Youth dance. We both discovered our love of jazz music and had inadvertently attended a jazz concert weeks before, each with our separate friends. We spent hours that evening talking about

the subject. Dating began shortly thereafter, and we were married on June 25, 1961 at her parents' synagogue. We were young, me 23 and she 21, and very much in love. That love for each other has grown over the years so much so that neither one of us can understand that, when someday comes and one of us is gone, how the other will survive alone. For this reason and many others, I want to shout to the world that Martha is a beautiful, kind, generous, caring, intelligent, and accomplished person. Having friends and family come together to celebrate her will be a dream come true.

The celebratory weekend will begin on Friday, the 28th by sharing our happiness with our Agudas Achim friends. Our family will be in Iowa City, including our three sons, most of our grandchildren, grandchildren by marriage, our new great-grandchild, Martha's sister and brother-in-law, nieces, and nephews, plus our dear friends and former Agudas Achim members, Jon and Susan

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Lubaroff (cont.)

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Simon and Doris Krain, where they will attend a Shabbat dinner. Afterwards they, as well as any congregants wishing to attend, will celebrate the beginning of Shabbat at the service lead by Rabbi Hugenholtz, followed by cake and other goodies at our sponsored Oneg Shabbat.

Much has been written about love in marriage. For instance, it is often viewed as a cornerstone of a healthy and fulfilling relationship, providing a foundation of trust, intimacy, and emotional support, which can help couples navigate life's challenges together. It may also include sacrificing personal needs and desires for the sake of the relationship and the spouse's happiness, accepting them for who they are, flaws and all, and supporting them through both good and difficult times. In our over 63 years of marriage, we have experienced virtually all these characteristics, navigating the losses of parents, sisters, and a nephew, plus a panoply of health challenges. These experiences made our marriage and love for each other stronger. Each of us have changed, correcting inappropriate behavior that strengthened our marriage.

We have been blessed with many, many happy occasions that include the marriages of our

children, births of grandchildren and a great-granddaughter as well as weddings of two grandchildren. We attended hundreds of music and dance performances of our intelligent and talented family, from junior high, high school, college, and continuing in some cases to the present. One of the highlights of our marriage was being married a second time on our 50th anniversary, officiated by Rabbi Portman, with the participation of family and friends.

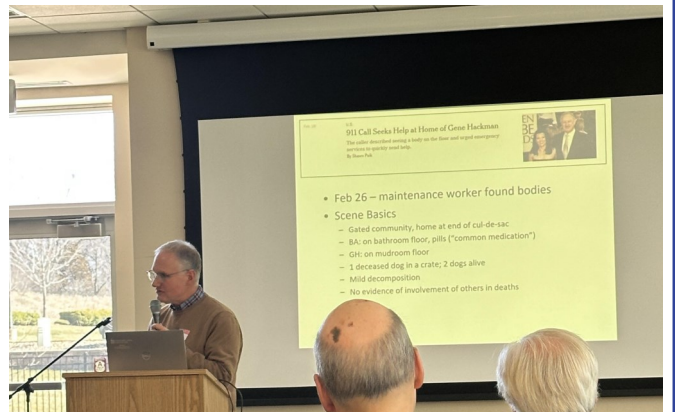
The Jewish tradition emphasizes the importance of marital harmony, known as *shalom bayis*, which is considered a cornerstone of a good and fulfilling Jewish life. The concept of two individuals becoming "one flesh" (Genesis 2:24) is central to Jewish marriage, signifying a deep and intimate connection. I believe that Martha and I have succeeded in developing and living marital harmony and, through the years have essentially become one person, or one flesh. We think alike and anticipate thoughts and actions of one another.

Planning and experiencing the celebration of Martha's 85th birthday is only one way that I can show my tons of love for her. I hope that many of you were able to attend the events.

Love to all,
David

MARCH SENIORS GROUP

Thank you to Dr. Marcus Nashelsky for sharing his insight on "A Day in the Life of a Medical Examiner" with the Synagogue Seniors, and taking us through an interesting public case study.



SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear

I am still riding high after our Purim spiel! The Kosher Hams, our intrepid troupe of Purim spielers, put on a *wicked* parody of, well, *Wicked*. Good was vindicated, evil was foiled, and some very high notes were hit. I am so proud of the kids and the teachers. This was truly an all-school production from the younger kids, who made the sets, to the older kids who acted in the spiel. Special thanks to Moreh Hersh, who revised the script, directed the play, and hid behind the scenery to act as prompter!

The spiel required a lot of sustained effort from elementary school students. Working hard at something challenging and succeeding is one of the best feelings in the world. I'm sure the spielers went home with the glow of success and with tummies full of Hamantaschen! I also hope that they deepened their trust in each other. A big

project like this builds community and teaches cooperation, which is as important as learning the story of Purim.

One challenge was not enough for the older kids! They also set up a Purim bake sale outside Yotopia in downtown Iowa City. As far as I know, this is the first time that students at Agudas Achim have held a public sale. It was a great success. They earned more than \$400.00 to fund their new Youth Group. Now, they need to plan their first activities. I'm sure they will do something fun with the money. But they have also expressed an interest in a *tikkun olam* project. I'm sure it will be something great.

As I write this, we are still on spring break. When we come back, we will be completely immersed in learning about Passover. We can look forward to chanting the order of the seder, defining *chametz*, and other fun activities.



MAHJONG

Join us for Mahjongg at 1:00 p.m. in the synagogue on the dates below. Bring a Mahjongg card if you have one. It is helpful to know by the Friday before the Sunday game who is planning to play so please email the host if you plan to play. Beginners and walk- ins are always welcome.

[RSVP to Karen](#) [RSVP to Jayne](#) [RSVP to Corvin](#)

Upcoming Dates

April 6— hosted by Karen	April 20— hosted by Jayne	April 27- hosted by Jayne
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APRIL YHRZEITS

Amy Barnum	Henry Gilford Picard	Mauricio Lasansky
Ansel Chapman	Herman Robin	Mildred Brenner
Celia Balch	Hollis DeVoe	Milton Reece
Chaim Berman	Hy Schumeister	Morris Friedman
Corrine "Corky" Miller	Hyman Fingert	Paul Mutnick
David Braverman	Ida Kleinman	Phyllis Eisenberg
Donald Dorfman	Irene Shomberg	Rachel Abrons
Donna Farber	James Brodsky	Rae Lieberman
Dorothy Donner	John Sawyer	Raizel Levin
Ellie Breggin	Joseph Rubenstein	Rebecca Ziskind
Erna Luwisch	Lena Landweber	Rosetta Standig
Esther Sandler	Leona Herman	Roslyn Klein
Evelyn Madison	Louis Elliot Price	Ruth Berman
Fannie Pearl Shedle	Mae Landweber	Sara Middleman
Freda Feinberg	Mark Armstrong	Sol Crandell
Friedrich Westheimer	Mark D Armstrong	Stanley Weinberg
George Richter	Mary Frances Russell	Warren Stroh
Gladys Lax Marcus	Mary Gantz	
Gunter Nashelsky	Masha Braverman Kunik	

APRIL DONATIONS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Linda Kerber: in honor of Martha Lubaroff
Leonard Sandler and Lucy David: in memory of Gertrude Sandler
Barry London and Linda M. Cadaret: in memory of Edith London
Barry London and Linda M. Cadaret: in memory of Benjamin London
Ray and Lindy Buch: in memory of Elizabeth Buch
Ray and Lindy Buch: in memory of Allen Buch
Sue and Ken Blackwell: in memory of Mark Rothstein

BUILDING FUND

David and Martha Lubaroff: in memory of Albert Lubaroff
Leonard Sandler and Lucy David: in memory of Sam Sandler

CEMETERY FUND

Katherine and Dwight Keller: in memory of Corinne Chapman
Becky Sale: in memory of Arny & Brenna Davidson
Sam and Marj Kuperman: in memory of Donia Kuperman
Michael and Joanne Margolin: in memory of Benjamin Hertz

GENERAL FUND

Meg Rose: in honor of Jayne Sandler
Anna Nett: in honor of Martha Lubaroff
Gary and Cathy Cohn: in memory of Donald Cohn
Bernard Miller and Sonja Hauter: in memory of Esther Margaret

LOUIS GINSBERG YOUTH FUND

Mark and Vickie Ginsberg: in memory of Rose Lee Pomerantz

RABBI PORTMAN PROGRAM FUND

Richard Levine: in memory of Bernice & Mortimer Levine

SIM & SARA STRAUSS MEMORIAL FUND

Richard Strauss and Ellen Herman: in memory of Sara Strauss & William Herman
Stephen Strauss: in memory of Sara Strauss, Dina Markovitz, & Anna Markovitz

SAFETY FUND

Richard Levine: in memory of Bernice & Mortimer Levine
Chuck and Karen Friedman
Elliot and Jeanne Abrons: in honor of Jayne Sandler
Nancy Goldsmith: In honor of Jayne Sandler

TIKUN OLAM FUND

Loretta Fingert: in honor of Martha Lubaroff
Nathan Eugene Savin and Susan Enzle: in honor of Martha Lubaroff
Loretta Fingert: in memory of Dora Anixt Corn

TORAH FUND

Brian and Jennifer Richman

COVID COMMENTS

Bob Wallace, Barcey Levy, Jane Zukin

COVID-19: Fortunately, national rates of COVID-19 infections have been declining by most measures. Some **non**-public health government agency officials have suggested that: “the pandemic is over.” That phrase may be intended to divert your attention from the fact that the infection is still in the community and is still causing health problems. According to CDC, for the two week period ending on March 22, 2025, about 0.8 percent of all US deaths were due to COVID-19. That may not sound like a lot, but on average that amounts to several hundred deaths per year. Please follow CDC recommendations with regard to the need for updating immunizations. Particularly, this is important for that population over 65 years of age. For this population, CDC is still recommending a second dose of COVID vaccine if a dose has not been received since the fall of 2024. As always, please check with a doctor or other health professionals if there are questions or concerns.

To your health!

EARLY KEYBOARD SOCIETY CONCERT

An Early Keyboard Society concert featuring Aya Hamada, harpsichord, will be held at Agudas Achim on Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m.

Aya Hamada will perform *Les Beautés de la Nature*, a program featuring the works of Jean-Henri d'Anglebert, François Couperin, Karen Tanaka, Bernard de Bury, Michel Corrette, Louis-Claude Daquin, and François d'Agincourt.

Praised for her “graceful” (The New York Times) performance, harpsichordist Aya Hamada is an active recitalist, concerto soloist and continuo player. She has given recitals in major venues throughout Japan as well as in the US, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, England, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland.



WARM UP AMERICA

Therese Guedon, Jeanne Cadoret, & Jeanne Abrons

Warm Up America will meet on Sundays April 6th & 27th, and May 18th, from 10:30a.m. - noon, in the social hall. We welcome schmoozers. No skills necessary. Each of our afghans is treated to spa time, a bath and line drying in the fresh air before it is donated to a local charitable group. Here are some of our recent WUA "graduates."



ADULT EDUCATION

Lisa Heineman

Collaborations with City Jews, our Public Space Judaism initiative, are going strong!

Peace and Justice Seder. Please join us on April 6 at the Senior Center! You can find details on the poster elsewhere in this mailing.

Non-congregants are heartily invited to the Public Space Judaism event ... so bring along a non-congregant friend, Jewish or not, who might enjoy the experience!

We could use more volunteers for set-up and clean-up! Please email AdultEd@agudasachimic.org if you're able to volunteer.

Torah for our Time. We'll have 3 April meetings at Public Space One (538 S. Gilbert St) from 6-7:30 on Wednesday evenings. Please see the poster elsewhere in this bulletin – and help us to spread the word via your social media accounts or by telling your friends! Torah for our Time is for everyone: Jewish, Jew-ish, Jew Curious, or Just Plain Human.

April 2: Reproductive Justice: Life & Personhood

April 16: Climate & Environment: Healing the World

April 30: Israel & Palestine: All in the Image of God

Shavuot. Our Tikkun Leil Shavuot downtown overnighter will be the night of May 31 – and we're starting to make plans. *Would you like to facilitate a learning session?* Think text study, crafts, song, body movement ... the format is open. If you're interested in offering a session or would like to learn more, contact Lisa at AdultEd@agudasachimic.org.

Other Upcoming Events

April 5: Sarah Bond, History professor at UI, will share an Oneg presentation on "Ancient Diasporas: Rome, Alexandria, Ostia." We'll learn about an amazing new archaeological discovery: the oldest known mikveh in Europe!

May 3: Renee Pessin, former congregational president, will offer a special Yom HaShoah Oneg presentation on her parents' Holocaust experience.



Torah for our Time

SYNAGOGUE SENIORS

Jane Zukin

Synagogue Seniors will not meet in April 2025 due to Passover.

GIFT SHOP

Joanne Margolin

When you're at the synagogue for Sunday School, Shabbat services, or any other reason, stop and take a look at the Gift Shop!

Passover is approaching, and right now we still have four lovely seder plates, two beautiful matza/afikomen bags, a couple of wash cups, and a variety of haggadahs. And remember, ALL cards are 10 cents each! There is also plenty of time for me to order something else for you in time for the holiday.

Happy Spring and Happy Pesach!

Joanne Margolin

irmargolin@gmail.com or 319-351-2181

MEMBERSHIP SHABBAT

Mazel Tov to all the Honorees! Thank you to following volunteers who made/brought food or helped with welcoming and set up to make our membership Shabbat luncheon a success: Charles Packard, Shawna Levy, Nate Mullin, Maddie Daily, Karen Charney, Jane Zukin, Chuck Friedman, Karen Lipman, Beverly Jones, Nina Weinstein, Phyllis Petchers, Lori McMann, Jayne Sandler, Joan Nashelsky, Jeanne Cadoret, Meg Rose, Sonja Spear, Mindy Russell, Andrea Chase, Lisa Heinman, Doug Jones and Phyllis Petchers.

WALKING GROUP

Jeanne Abrons

Too wet? Too windy? Too hot? Too cold?

Agudas Achim welcomes members who want to walk indoors on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m., when the office is open.

Meet your friends.

Walk on a softer surface than the mall.

Have a place to rest between laps.

If you have time, ask if the office would like help with envelope stuffing or one of the other time-takers.

Sarah Bond

Ancient Diasporas: Rome, Alexandria, Ostia



Saturday, April 5
Following services

Join Sarah Bond, History professor at UI, as she
presents on

“Ancient Diasporas: Rome, Alexandria, Ostia.”

We’ll learn about an amazing new archaeological
discovery: the oldest known mikveh in Europe!

Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Linda Kerber

**AGUDAS ACHIM & IOWA CITY JEWS
INVITE YOU TO OUR**

PEACE & JUSTICE SEDER

April 6, 6:30 - 9 pm, Senior Center

At a time of vulnerability, the liberatory message of Passover inspires us. Join us as we grapple with the challenges of justice, democracy, and peace at home and abroad. Help us to celebrate community and our common strivings for a better world.

**This event is for you if you are Jewish, Jew-ish,
Jew-Curious, or Just Plain Human.**

Doors open 6:15 pm, Seder: 6:30 pm

Festive potluck meal: 7:30 pm (time approx)

Please bring a vegetarian dish (no flour or pasta products) to share. Dishes should be suitable for serving at room temperature.

**Seating is limited. Please RSVP by April 3 -
rsvp@agudasachimic.org**

Free will donations welcome
for local community groups



**The Senior Center, 28 S Linn Street, Iowa City (enter on Iowa Ave).
Instagram: @iowacityjews Facebook: Agudas Achim Congregation**

Youngish Jewish Group

A group for 20 somethings to late 30s

Join us at Big Grove !

April 7

6-7 p.m.

1225 S. Gilbert St

First drink on the synagogue

Table reservation under Ezra Hendelkin



Seder Swap & Recipe Rollout

Tuesday, April 8
6 p.m. at Agudas Achim

Do you want a refresher on how the Seder works or do you want to share your family's or friends' longstanding Seder traditions?

Looking to be inspired with new recipes or share your own?

Want to show off your favorite Haggadah?

Come to this Seder Swap/Recipe Rollout at the synagogue with Rabbi Esther.

We will do a little learning on the Seder and how it works and share our best, most fun and enduring Passover practices.

All levels of learning and experience welcome.

City Jews & Agudas Achim Synagogue present

Torah for our Time

How does the Jewish tradition of questioning, exploring, and revising ancient wisdom address urgent questions of our day? Torah for our Time is for everyone - Jewish, Jew-ish, Jew Curious, or Just Plain Human.

- Feb 5 Democracy: Disagreement for the Sake of Heaven*
- Feb 19 Immigration: Welcoming the Stranger*
- Mar 5 Racial Justice: Moses's 'Dark' Wife*
- Apr 2 Reproductive Justice: Life & Personhood*
- Apr 16 Climate & Environment: Healing the World*
- Apr 30 Israel & Palestine: All in the Image of God*
- May 7 Gender Identity: Androgynous Adam*
- May 21 Economic Inequality: Opening our Hands*



For more info:
adulted@agudasachimic.org

Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm
Public Space One
538 S. Gilbert St.

Attend the whole series -
or drop in and out as you like!

City Jews:
***Building community, fostering Jewish culture & learning,
and deepening spiritual connection in downtown Iowa City***

The Second Seder

AT AGUDAS ACHIM

Sunday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

SEDER LED BY RABBI HUGENHOLTZ

ADULT MEMBER: \$50
ADULT NON-MEMBER: \$60
CHILD UNDER 13: \$15

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU'D BE WILLING TO DONATE TOWARDS MEALS FOR OTHERS. IF PAYMENT IS AN ISSUE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY CASH, CHECK, CREDIT CARD, VENMO OR PAYPAL.

RSVPS DUE BY MARCH 27TH

Catered by:
Charles Packard

MENU

Matzo ball soup (Vegetarian, GF available)

Smoked brisket (GF)
Quinoa with vegetables (GF, Vegan)

Assorted vegetable sides (GF, Vegetarian/Vegan)

Flourless chocolate cake & fruit (GF, Vegetarian)

The poster features a central illustration of a person in a yoga pose, surrounded by decorative elements like a sun, stars, and leaves. The background is a light beige color with a dark green leaf-like shape in the top right corner.

Nissan Yoga: Breaking Free

Everyone is welcome. No previous Yoga
experience necessary!

Date: 2:00p.m. Sunday April 27

Location: Agudas Achim Congregation
401 E Oakdale Blvd. Coralville

Optional, but nice to have: Yoga mat,
large towel, or blanket

For more information: Leslea-
collins@outlook.com

Social Justice TableTalk and Potluck

Sunday, April 27, 2025 12:00-1:30 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

123 E Market Street, Iowa City, IA

ethnic / cultural dishes suggested

Immigration and Refugee Concerns and Responses

A Panel Discussion with guest panelists:



Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz

Rabbi Esther and her family immigrated to the United States in 2017 to serve the Agudas Achim Congregation in Coralville.



Erin Good

Erin will discuss current services and strategies to respond to ICE .



Deb Dunkhase

Deb will speak of the Iowa City immigrant chaos.

Agudas Achim

WE'RE BACK!

YOUNGISH JEWISH GROUP



Youngish Jewish is a social group intended for
20 somethings to late 30s.

Meetings planned for
April 7, July 14, November 10 & January 12
(Subject to change)

Questions? Looking to join us?
Contact office@agudasachimic.org

AGUDAS ACHIM

QUEER GROUP



OUR QUEER GROUP IS BACK!

**MEETINGS PLANNED FOR
MAY 12, AUGUST 11, DECEMBER & FEBRUARY 9
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**QUEER GROUP IS FOR ANYONE LGBTQ+
OR HOWEVER YOU DEFINE QUEER**

**QUESTIONS? LOOKING TO JOIN US?
CONTACT OFFICE@AGUDASACHIMIC.ORG**

NEW AGUDAS ACHIM INITIATIVE – INTERFAITH FAMILIES

Agudas Achim is planning a new initiative designed to encourage member families of interfaith/blended marriages to participate in synagogue events. We are well aware that some non-Jewish spouses/partners are hesitant to join in activities offered by Agudas Achim. We want to address this issue so that all members feel comfortable at our offerings. We want to hear from members wishing to attend a gathering to discuss the needs and wants from leadership. Interested in participating in an initial meeting? Send an email to president@agudasachimic.org.

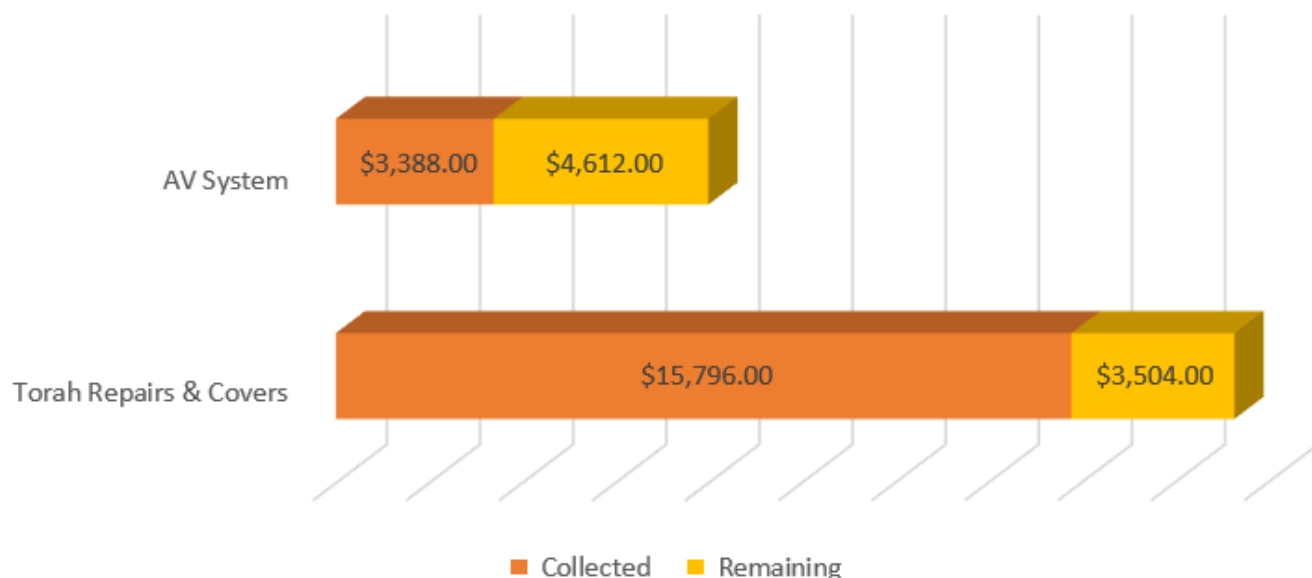
CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS FUNDRAISER

This space is dedicated to our congregation's smaller projects, and for people that may have a special passion in these areas of need to help us.

Our Torahs were repaired recently by a Sofer, but one of our torahs now has a tear in the parchment that tore through the Hebrew writing, making the Torah not Kosher and therefore unusable for the time being. Further funds will be needed to repair this.

Additionally, our AV System has been installed and we are still needing donations to complete this fundraising project. We now are able to successfully ZOOM our services regularly straight from the Bimah.

Fundraising Efforts



RENEE PESSIN TALK

Save the date: on May 3, Renee Pessin, former congregational president, will offer a special Yom HaShoah Oneg presentation on her parents' Holocaust experience.

PASSOVER GOODS

The first seder this year is April 12. Passover foods will again be available at the First Avenue Hyvee store starting the first week in March. Last year was very successful due to the support of our congregation. Let's do it again!

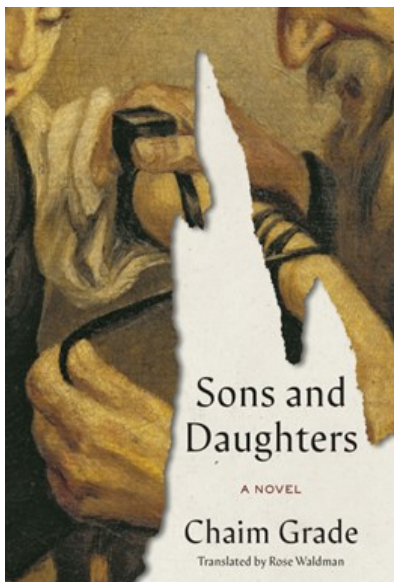
LIBRARY NEWS

Teresa Weiner

Looking for chametz
and dust bunnies this month?
Be on the lookout for books
that you forgot to return!

Sweep them back to the library and then check out more books. From fiction to nonfiction, from tots to seniors, from newly published to oldies-but-goodies... our library has books that inform, delight, challenge, and soothe. Just put date, name, and email on the checkout card in the back of the book, put the card in a checkout card box, and enjoy. Suggested return date is when you've finished reading it or within six months.

Coming to our collection this month:



[Reviews](#)

MARCH ONEG HOSTS

Thank you to March's oneg hosts:

**Ruth & Doug Nathanson, Marcus & Joan
Nashelsky, Jayne & Mark Sandler, David &
Martha Lubaroff**

[Sign up to host an oneg at this link.](#)

BOARD MINUTES

March board meeting
minutes can be found [here](#).

BUDDY SYSTEM

Interested in having a buddy or
being a buddy?

Information can be found [here](#).

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR 2025

The schedule for 2025 can be found [here](#).

**Trying to reach the office or someone
else at the congregation?**

Hannah: office@agudasachimic.org

John: administrator@agudasachimic.org

Rabbi Hugenholtz: rabbi@agudasachimic.org

Sonja: principal@agudasachimic.org

RECURRING GROUPS WITH FIXED TIMES/DATES- [CALENDAR ON WEBSITE](#)

<p>Yiddish Study Group</p> <p>Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.</p>	<p>Book group</p> <p>Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Talmud Study Group</p> <p>Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.</p>	<p>Seniors Group</p> <p>Third Thursday of every month at 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Intro to Judaism Class</p> <p>Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.</p>
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APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

Sarah Bond Talk	Synagogue	4/5	after services
Early Keyboard Society Concert	Synagogue	4/6	3:00 p.m.
Peace & Justice Seder	Senior Center	4/6	6:30 p.m.
Youngish Jewish Group Meeting	Big Grove	4/7	6:00 p.m.
Seder Swap & Recipe Rollout	Synagogue	4/8	6:00 p.m.
Communal Second Seder	Synagogue	4/13	6:30 p.m.
Immigration Potluck feat. Rabbi Hugenholtz	Gloria Dei	4/27	12:00 p.m.
Nissan Yoga	Synagogue	4/27	2:00 p.m.

See Mahjong / Warm Up America / Torah for our Time dates elsewhere in bulletin.

SHABBAT & FESTIVAL SERVICES

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Vayikra	Friday, April 4	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem (Conservative)
<i>(Leviticus 1:1-5:26)</i>	Saturday, April 5	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
Tzav	Friday, April 11	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
<i>(Leviticus 6:1-8:36)</i>	Saturday, April 12	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Festival Service	Sunday, April 13	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Festival Service	Monday, April 14	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Shabbat & Festival Service	Friday, April 18	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem
Shabbat & Festival Service	Saturday, April 19	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Festival Service	Sunday, April 20	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Shemini	Friday, April 25	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem
<i>(Leviticus 9:1-11:47)</i>	Saturday, April 26	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah

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