



Agudas Achim Congregation

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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz

In my memory, there always seemed to be an inevitable drizzle, with overcast skies. I am sure that wasn't accurate, but that is how my memory has painted the picture in my mind. I remember standing straight and silent, clasping my father's hand. I was maybe 6, 7 or 8 years old and exhorted to hold silent for two minutes. Those minutes seemed unfathomably long as a child. I remember standing among the adults, my small feet planted on the grey pavement, my body pressed between rows and rows of light coats. It was the Dutch 'Memorial Day' for the victims and fallen of World War Two, set on the fourth of May. This experience of ritualized remembering impacted me so deeply that I can still viscerally feel, smell and sense it, even four decades later.

The fifth of May, however, is Dutch 'Liberation Day', to celebrate the liberation from the Nazis and the end of the War. The whole country would break out in vivid blues, whites, reds and orange. Banners and streamers everywhere. Speeches and concerts. Outdoor markets and celebratory activities. It was a day of lightness and joy. That unique pairing of solemnity and joy proved formative to me and a pattern that weaves itself through Jewish memorial culture as well. As President David Lubaroff has written so eloquently in his piece on the 'Yom's', we see that commingling of solemnity and celebration there too.

Judaism invites us to hold polarities and paradoxes. We saw that at the Pesach Seder, where each symbolic food represents both our oppression and our redemption, and we see that in Yom ha'Shoah,

Yom ha'Zikeron and Yom ha'Atzma'ut as well. Jewish wisdom acknowledges that life is complicated and that relationships and power differentials we grapple with makes life even more complicated. Many times, we Jews have been powerless, and sometimes we have power. There is no way to sidestep that complexity; instead, our tradition equips us to face that complexity head-on, through the sacred values of study (limmud), disagreement (makhloket) and an iron-cast commitment to human dignity (k'vod ha'briyot). These are exactly the skills we need to navigate our current moment.

I am proud at how our congregation has been doing exactly that. We frequently have lively discussions during and after our Shabbat services. Our Adult Education offerings give us many avenues for learning and growth. We have a wonderful Mussar facilitator and bridge-builder in Lea Haravon-Collins who works hard to keep our hearts tender and to water the seeds of our soul. Our Introduction to Judaism class engages in complex thinking from the get-go, and my 'Torah for Our Times' downtown series has seen us grapple with ancient texts and modern issues, where we face the issues of our day unafraid, whether that is climate change, racism, the dignity of all in Israel and Palestine or economic justice.

The Haggadah told us that we go from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom, from humiliation to praise. We walk that path with each other, and we bring along those who wish to join us in that vision. It is an inclusive rather than an exclusive vision. The

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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz (cont.)

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Yom's in many ways represent the play of shadow and light in Jewish history; our own trajectories – sometimes forwards, sometimes backwards, because life is complicated that way. We mourn those we have lost, we honor those who have made sacrifices, we lift up those who stand for justice and we celebrate those who work for our freedom. These are both inner and outer conditions: 'Atzma'ut' comes from the word 'etzem', 'inner' or 'bone'. To have 'atzma'ut', often translated as 'independence', can also be translated to have inner strength; dignity, resolve, conviction. It takes all of those things to be a Jew in such complex and harrowing times, be it in the Diaspora or in the Land of Israel. Yet, we hold true to our values and our sense of self. We remember the pain of our own

people and we remember the pain of other peoples and know that what makes us unique does not negate that our fates are interconnected. We work towards self-actualization as a community and we work towards peace with our neighbors. We remain committed to that vision.

What I have learned from those days of standing in the May drizzle is to meet solemnity with dignity, resolve, compassion and pride. As I type this, I am seated at Bread Garden for my Wednesday coffee meetings, kippah perched on my head. A gentleman came up to me and asked shyly: 'are you Jewish?' When I answered in the affirmative, with a broad and welcoming smile. After we talked, he left feeling more connected and more proud. Small actions can have great effects: it is how we answer history and meet our future.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Lubaroff

Dear Congregants –

We are all aware of our major Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, Purim, Passover, and Shavuot. There are additional holidays that should be noted, particularly three that occurred this year in the same week. Thursday, April 24 was Yom haShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day; Wednesday, April 30 was Yom haZikaron or Israel's Memorial Day; and May 1 was Yom haAtzmaut or Israel Independence Day. Let us look into each of these holidays, their meanings, how they are celebrated, and what they mean to us in today's world.

Yom HaShoah is observed as a day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust by Nazi Germany and its allies. In Israel, it is a national memorial day. The first official commemorations took place in 1951, and the observance of the day was anchored in a law passed by the Knesset in 1959. It is held on

the 27th of Nisan (which falls in April or May), unless the 27th would be adjacent to Shabbat, in which case the date is shifted by a day. The first Holocaust Remembrance Day in Israel took place on December 28, 1949, marked by the burial in a Jerusalem cemetery of ashes and bones of thousands of Jews brought from the Flossenbürg concentration camp and religious ceremonies held in honor of the victims. The following year, in December 1950, memorial ceremonies were held around the country; mostly involved funerals, in which objects such as desecrated Torah scrolls, and the bones and ashes of the dead brought from Europe were buried. The date is set in accordance with the Hebrew calendar, on 27 Nisan, so that it varies in regard to the Gregorian calendar. It is hard for me to identify when I became aware of the Holocaust, but it was most likely during the year of my Bar Mitzvah in 1951. Three events that were responsible for my depth of knowledge of the unspeakable and systematic

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Lubaroff (cont.)

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slaughter of Jews during World War II were the movie *"Schindler's List,"* my visit to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and my visit to Yad Vashem in Israel. There are no words to describe my reactions to each of those experiences.

Yom haZikaron is Israel's official remembrance day, or memorial day and was enacted into law in 1963. Yom HaZikaron has been traditionally dedicated to fallen soldiers, initially honoring men and women that fought for Israel's independence. Of late, its commemoration has also been extended to civilian victims of terrorism. In 1949 and 1950, the first two years after the declaration of the State of Israel, memorial services for soldiers who fell in the war of independence were held on independence day. Subsequently memorial day was moved to the day before. The day opens with a siren the preceding evening at 8:00 pm, heard all over the country and lasts for one minute, during which Israelis stop everything, including driving on highways, and stand in silence, commemorating the fallen and showing respect. By law, all places of entertainment are closed on the eve of Yom HaZikaron, and broadcasting and educational bodies note the solemnity of the day. Regular television programs cease for the day, and the names and ranks of every soldier who died for Israel are displayed in a 24-hour television broadcast. A two-minute siren is sounded at 11:00 am the following morning, which marks the opening of the official memorial ceremonies and private remembrance gatherings at each cemetery where soldiers are buried.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is Israel's national day, commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948. It is marked by a variety of official and unofficial ceremonies and observances. The Jews in the previously named country of Palestine were dancing because they were about to realize what was one of the most remarkable and inspiring achievements in human history: A people which had been exiled from its

homeland two thousand years before, which had endured countless pogroms, expulsions, and persecutions, but which had refused to relinquish its identity—which had, on the contrary, substantially strengthened that identity; a people which only a few years before had been the victim of mankind's largest single act of mass murder, killing a third of the world's Jews, that people was returning home as sovereign citizens in their own independent state.

The events of October 7th with the attacks by Hamas, the slaughter of almost 1200 Israeli Jews and the taking of over 200 hostages, have altered how many Jews, particularly in the diaspora, think of these three holidays. The subsequent war in Gaza and to some extent in the West Bank and Lebanon, have split Jews throughout the world into groups that abhor the killing of civilians and those that staunchly support the large military response by Israel as well as those that are in the middle. They support the State of Israel but mourn the loss of innocent people in the conflict zones. Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, takes on a new, deeply emotional significance. It's a day to remember and mourn the loss of those who fell in the October 7th attacks and the subsequent war with Hamas, as well as all those who have fallen in defense of Israel and as victims of terrorism. The day serves as a transition from mourning to celebrating Israel's independence, a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made to protect the nation.

I am well aware that our diverse membership in Agudas Achim fall into each of the three categories listed above and I respect each. Overall, each of us can express our opinions respectfully and that, my friends, is our strength. The key word here is respect. If we have respect for one another, we can accommodate our differences. Let us all remember the holocaust, honor those who fought for Israel's independence, and thank God we have an independent Jewish State.

Regards,
David

SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear

The Passover rains have brought May flowers! The tulips and the daffodils remind us that we are counting the *omer* on our way to Shavuoth. Mt. Sinai is supposed to have been covered with flowers when Moses received the Torah. I don't know if the desert blooms this time of year, but Iowa certainly does.

The kids will make paper flowers to celebrate the last day of school, Friday, May 16. They will sing *Lekha Dodi* as they scatter flowers to greet Shabbat. Since May 16th is also (nearly) Lag Ba'omer, we will light a fire in the fire pit, roast hotdogs, and hold a fun, musical service on the patio. Everyone is invited!

All of the kids have been learning to lead *Lekha Dodi* along with other prayers. The younger kids have the chorus, but the older kids have the verses as well.

To prepare for Shavuoth, we have been talking about the Ten Commandments. Hannah's class

combined with Avery's class for the day. They came up with their own commandments. These included "be kind" and "limit screen time." (Parents, take note!) It is possible that unlimited access to chocolate also came up. Hersh's class practiced writing "Shabbat" in Hebrew and discussed the advantage of resting. Mal's class worked on reading and singing *Lekha Dodi*, which is complicated enough to keep them busy.

Next week we will re-enact Israel's wandering in the desert. I'm sure the kids will be good at (pretending?) to complain until we reach Mt. Sinai.

As a quick reminder, May 4 is our last Sunday meeting. (We do not meet on May 11th because it's Mother's Day.) Our **last day is Friday evening, May 16** at 6:00. We will gather outside for a congregational dinner (hot dogs and all the trimmings) followed at 7:00 by a camp-style service partly led by the kids. After the service, we will enjoy a dessert *oneg*. Everyone is invited!

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

May 4- Corvin	May 18- Jayne
May 11- Karen	May 25- Corvin



APRIL DONATIONS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sue and Ken Blackwell: in memory of Ethel Rothstein, Justin Denman, and Rose Baskin Tear

David Skorton and Robin Davisson: in memory of Sam Skorton and Bess Millstein

David and Martha Lubaroff: in memory of Sara Middleman

Alan Mutnick and Rachel Albrecht: in memory of Paul Mutnick

Ruth and Douglas Nathanson

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Irwin and Patricia Levin: in honor of Martha Lubaroff & Jayne Sandler

Jody and Janie Braverman: in memory of David Braverman, Ellie Breggin, Corky Miller, and Moshe Dovid Richman

Mark and Jayne Sandler: in honor of Peter Rubenstein & Martha Lubaroff

Mark and Jayne Sandler: Seder Sponsorship

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Mark Graber and Hetty Hall: in memory of Grandma Rose

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SAFETY FUND

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Peter and Linda Rubenstein: in honor of Jayne Sandler

Mark and Jayne Sandler

TALMUD TORAH FUND

Richard Braverman: in memory of David Braverman

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Loretta Fingert: in memory of Fannie Pearl Shedle

Richard Braverman: in memory of Corinne "Corky" Miller

Peter and Linda Rubenstein: in honor of Martha Lubaroff

Jonathan and Susan Simon: in honor of Martha Lubaroff

TORAH FUND

Nancy Sprince: in memory of Sari Sprince

ADULT EDUCATION

Lisa Heineman

Thanks to all who came out for our **Peace and Justice Seder**, a collaboration with Iowa City Jews! The discussion was lively and the food delicious.

Our two concluding meetings of **Torah for our Time** will be May 7 (Gender Identity) and May 21 (Economic Inequality). You can find details elsewhere in this Bulletin.

We have two Kiddush lunch talks coming up:

- **Renee Pessin** on her parents' Holocaust history, for Yom HaShoah, May 3
- **Sarah Bond** on **Ancient Diasporas: Rome, Alexandria, Ostia** May 24

Our big May event is **Tikkun Leil Shavuot**, an overnight learning session (May 31-June 1) to celebrate the Israelites' acceptance of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Our schedule will differ a bit from previous years because we'll meet at [Sacred Collective](#) on 213 Linn Street. Here's how it'll work:

6-8 pm: Northside Concert Series presents [The Swampland Jewels](#) in the pedestrian zone right outside Sacred Collective. Join in for some music & dancing – and grab some dinner from one of the local restaurants!

8:15 pm: Outdoor musical Havdalah service

8:30 pm: Programming begins – and continues through the night

6:00 am: Outdoor musical morning (shacharit) service

Sacred Collective does not have separate rooms for naps. It *does* have a full kitchen, so we'll have snacks (including dairy-based sweets!) throughout the night. Participants are welcome to drop in and out – no obligation to stay all night.

We're seeking volunteers to facilitate learning sessions! These might be text study, a short lecture-type presentation, crafting, movement or meditation ... the only limit is your imagination (and our ability to fit you into the schedule). If you'd like to discuss an idea, please contact AdultEd@AgudasAchimIC.org.

WARM UP AMERICA

Therese Guedon, Jeanne Cadoret, & Jeanne Abrons

Warm Up America will meet on May 18, June 8, and June 22, 10:30a.m. to noon, in the social hall. We welcome people of all ages who are interested in helping us provide afghans for community service organizations. No experience or skills are necessary.

P.S.: We also benefit from donations of all-synthetic yarn discovered during spring cleaning.



SENIOR BRAINSTORMING GROUP

On September 12, 2024, Agudas Achim organized a lunch meeting of senior members, the goal being to find what programs would be of interest to our members over 60 years of age. From this meeting the group generated a "wish list" of topics. A subcommittee of the group we are calling the Senior Brainstorming Group aka SBG was formed which met to identify two top priority projects on which to start – (1) Transportation to and from Agudas Achim for elderly and disabled, and (2) Short courses of topics of interest to seniors. To find out what portion of our membership may need transportation and are interested short courses, an email was sent with a link to the survey. The responses identified specific areas of interest that the SBG committee are lining up to begin in the very near future. We now wish to expand the group to guarantee continuation of offerings for senior members. This means identifying individuals who will volunteer to make the SBG self-sufficient and independent of synagogue leadership.

You are invited to a social and organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 7 at 3:30 pm in the social hall of the synagogue.

Hope to see many of you there.

LAY LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP

Lay Leadership "Boot Camp" Meeting, Monday May 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Becker Room of Agudas Achim

Have you ever wondered how Agudas Achim is governed, what are the roles of the executive committee, the board of trustees, appointed and *ad hoc* committees? All these activities are dependent upon volunteer lay leaders from our congregation. Our synagogue's amazing array of activities would be impossible if not for the efforts of volunteers and you could be a part of it.

Please join us for an informational meeting from 7:00-8:30 pm, on Monday May 19th! You will learn more about the roles and responsibilities of synagogue committees and how your talents and efforts could fit in to make them successful! Likewise, you can learn more about the role of the executive committee and the board of trustees, the synagogue's governing bodies. Light refreshments will be provided. Please direct any questions to President David Lubaroff at president@agudasachimic.org or President-Elect Lori McMann, lmcmann@umich.edu.

WALKING GROUP

Jeanne Abrons

Walk-In Walkin'

The synagogue is available for people who want to walk in a safe, indoor space. Hours are 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m., Tuesday and Thursday when the office is open.

SBG MINI-COURSES: TRAVEL

Senior Brainstorming Group (SBG) Mini-Course on Travel

The SBG has developed the first mini-course, this one on Travel. Agudas Achim congregants will present their experiences gained from world travels, their perspective and how we can benefit from similar travel experiences.

We begin with the first three lectures and, depending on the level of interest, will add others from your friends and colleagues. All classes will take place at 2:00 pm in the social hall of the synagogue; refreshments will be available.

May 21	Jayne Sandler	Russia – St. Petersburg, Moscow
June 4	Frank Salomon	Ecuador & Peru
June 18	Peter Rubenstein	Japan

MAY YAHREZITS

Ana Cotler	Helene Colen	Paul Theodoor Hugenholtz
Anna Brenner	Hy Dicker	Reaves Holbrook
Anna Roston	Irene Weinberg	Richard Simon
Bernard M. Levy	Irving Warren	Rose Baskin Tear
Bernice Hertz	Israel Standig	Ruth Maxine Berg Waldman
Bessie Josselson	Jimmy Price Bryant	Sally Broad
Beverly Klein	Justin Denman	Samuel Kanef
Carlton Roger Sherman	Karen Nathanson	Samuel Osdoba
Charles Retish	Lee Green	Sarah Hall
Edith Meyer	Lev Gudkov	Sarah Rebecca Milavetz
Emma Braverman	Louis Solganick	Sarah Retish
Emmylou Wetlaufer	Louise Allweiss	Sarah Stone Haendel
Ethel Rothstein	Marilyn Kubby	Steven Frankel
Florence Glick	Maurice E. Lipman	Susan Schuler
Frances Green	Michael Smith	Susan Sorokin
Freda Schumeister	Micki Soldofsky	Yetta Standig
Grace Bernstein	Morton Brenner	
Harry Herbert Dreyfuss	Morton Fingert	

Sarah Bond

Ancient Diasporas: Rome, Alexandria, Ostia



Saturday, May 24
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

Join Us!

Agudas Achim Synagogue Seniors

THURSDAY May 15
11am to 1 pm in the
SOCIAL HALL

*Please join us for Synagogue Seniors in May when David Lubaroff, Lori McMann, and Teresa Weiner answer your questions about synagogue governance, the annual meeting, the library, the Becker Room, and more. **PLEASE RSVP by Monday, May 13** so we can plan appropriately for brunch. Reserve your spot by emailing: janezukin@gmail.com*

Coffee, Conversation, and a Nosh

- However you define "seniors" is up to you
- Bring a friend
- Make a new friend
- Group meets the third Thursday of the month
- To reserve your spot email: janezukin@gmail.com

Karen Lipman & Jane Zukin





Queer Jewish Meet Up

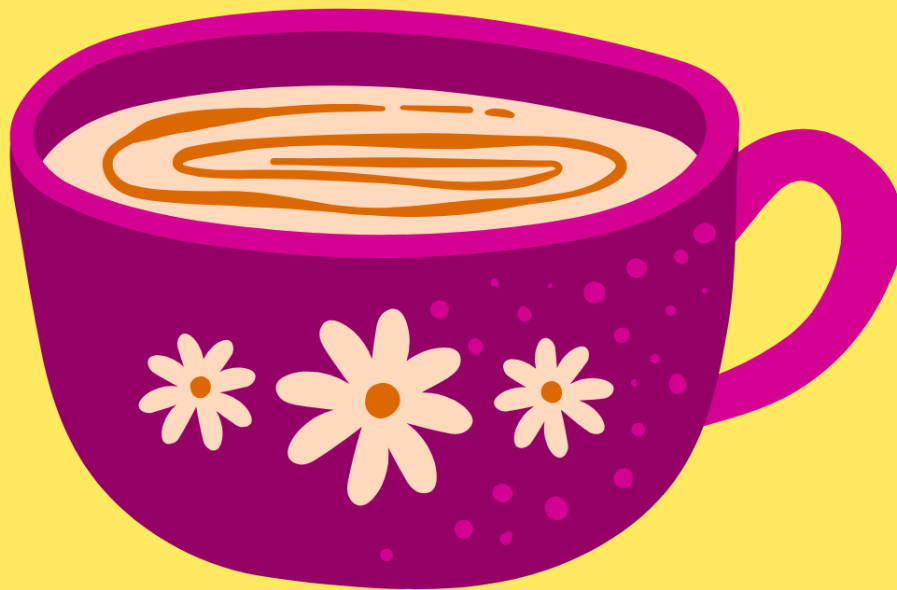
MONDAY, MAY 12, 6 TO 7 PM

Java House Coffee Roasters

211 E. Washington St

**Anyone who identifies within the Jewish
and LGBT+ communities is welcome!**

Your first drink is free!



This event is associated with the Agudas Achim Congregation of Iowa City and Coralville.

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***



LAG B'OMER BBQ & DESSERT ONEG

Friday, May 16

The Sunday School kids invite
you to join them for dinner and
a camp-style service

Fire pit and hot
dogs with all the
trimmings: 6:00

Service: 7:00

Dessert oneg after
the service

*Vegetarian option
provided

**We are collecting financial donations
for the Coralville Food Pantry**



TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Sacred Collective
213 Linn St.

May 31-
June 1

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NEW AGUDAS ACHIM INITIATIVE – INTERFAITH FAMILIES

What: Meet-up & Discussion for Interfaith Families

When: Sunday, May 18, 12:00-2:00 p.m., a bagel brunch will be provided

Where: Agudas Achim Social Hall & Patio

Who: Interfaith couples, families, relatives and friends, led by President David Lubaroff & President-Elect Lori McMann

Details: We hope this event will continue the interactions of those that attended the April meeting but additionally will attract other families. We plan for an opening social *get-to-know-you* activities, structured discussion and brainstorming about what programs or activities would interest Interfaith folks. Childcare will be provided to allow parents to focus on meeting with other adults.

Please RSVP to president@agudasachimic.org or lmcmann@umich.edu with number and ages of children.

CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS FUNDRAISER

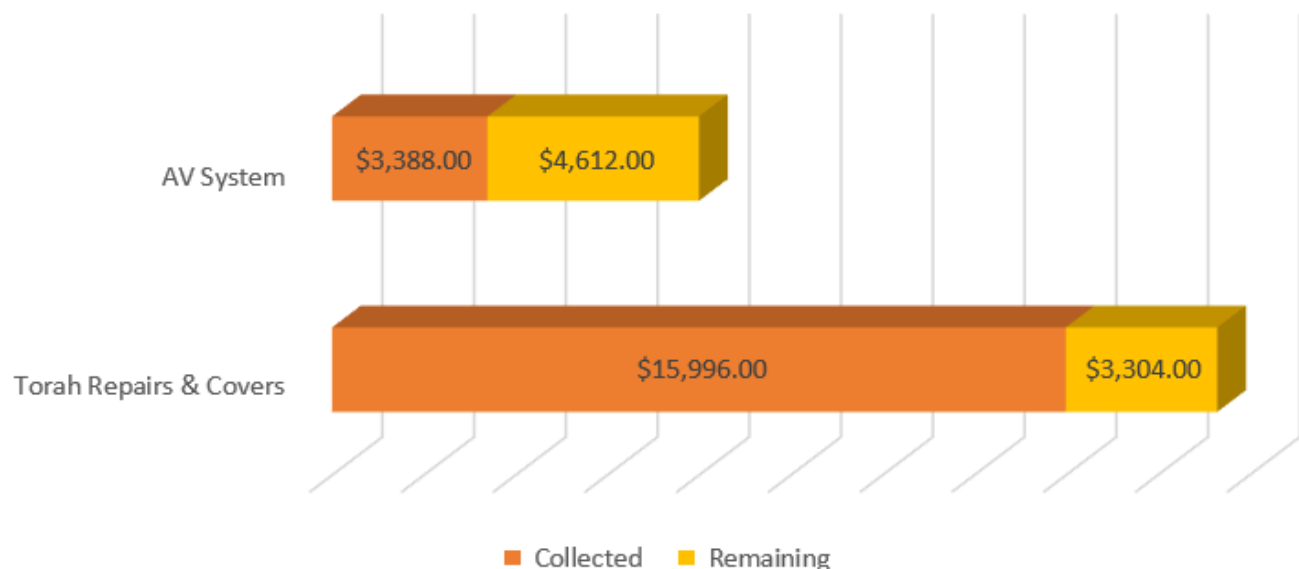
This space is dedicated to our congregation's smaller projects, and for people that may have a special passion in these areas of need to help us.

Our Torahs were repaired 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.

Check out our progress! Please consider donating to these important projects!

Fundraising Efforts





SHAVUOT YOGA

JOIN US AS WE WELCOME THE JEWISH
HOLIDAY OF SHAVUOT, THE GIVING OF THE
TORAH!

WE WILL COME AWAY FROM THIS
GATHERING WITH A SIMPLE MOVEMENT
PRACTICE THAT WE CAN ADD TO OUR
DAILY ROUTINE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
NO PREVIOUS YOGA EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY!

SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2:00–3:00 P.M.

OPTIONAL, BUT NICE TO HAVE:
YOGA MAT, LARGE TOWEL, OR
BLANKET

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [LESLEA-
COLLINS@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:LESLEA-COLLINS@OUTLOOK.COM)



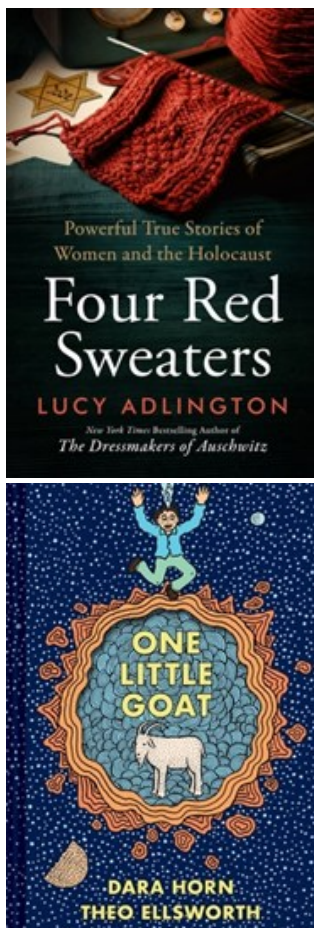
PASSOVER GOODS

Thank you to all who supported our effort and purchased their Passover foods at the 1st Avenue Hyvee this year. There are still some products left and with the exception of matzo, everything will be sold for \$1 each. Matzo will now be found in the cracker aisle year round, for those who enjoy matzo year round, at regular price. Please check out the tables in the alcove at the front of the store to see whatever else you can use.

LIBRARY NEWS

Teresa Weiner

Attention all knitters! Graphic novel fans!
All readers interested in new twists on familiar Jewish themes!



NEW in our library – check one out today!

APRIL ONEG HOSTS

Thank you to April's oneg hosts:
Sue Weinberg & Robert Armstrong;
Beverly & Doug Jones
[Sign up to host an oneg at this link.](#)

BOARD MINUTES

April 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](#)

Yiddish Study Group

Mondays and
Fridays at 10:30
a.m. via Zoom.

Book group

Fourth
Wednesday of
every month at
1:00 p.m.

Talmud Study Group

Sundays at 9:00
a.m. on Zoom.

Seniors Group

Third Thursday
of every month
at 11:00 a.m.

Intro to Judaism Class

Tuesdays at 7:00
p.m.

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

Renee Pessin Talk	Synagogue	5/3	after services
Senior Brainstorming Group Meeting	Synagogue	5/7	3:30 p.m.
Queer Jewish Meet-up	Java House	5/12	6:00 p.m.
Lag B'Omer BBQ	Synagogue	5/16	6:00 p.m.
Interfaith Families Meetup	Synagogue	5/18	noon
Lay Leadership Boot Camp	Synagogue	5/19	7:00 p.m.
Sarah Bond Talk	Synagogue	5/24	after services
Shavuot Retreat	Sacred Collective	5/31-6/1	See pg. 6

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

SHABBAT SERVICES

[Streaming link for Zoom services](#)

Tazria-Metzora <i>(Leviticus 12:1-15:33)</i>	Friday, May 2	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
	Saturday, May 3	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem (Conservative)
Achare-Kedoshim <i>(Leviticus 16:1-20:27)</i>	Friday, May 9	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem
	Saturday, May 10	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah
Emor <i>(Leviticus 21:1-24:23)</i>	Friday, May 16	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
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	Saturday, May 24	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah
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	Saturday, May 31	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem

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