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Pictures courtesy of Myra Clark. Agudas Achim Congregation expresses a heartfelt "Thank You" to the following individuals that donated bulbs, plants, flowers and yellow roses to beautify our synagogue grounds: Nancy Goldsmith & Larry, Jeanne Abrons, Linda Shay, Mary Ellen Hein and Myra & Michael J. Clark. Additional bulbs and plants will be donated in the fall.

FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz

As I am scrambling to finish last tasks and clear out the ever-elusive email inbox just before my summer leave, I am reflecting on what this past year has brought. The High Holidays should have a warning: 'this object is closer than it appears in the rearview mirror' and for us Jewish professionals, we are already thinking of Elul in Sivan!

As you can read in my D'var Torah for the Annual General Meeting, the High Holiday theme this year will be set as 'Growth'. What does it mean to 'grow'? Spiritually, morally or numerically? As an individual or as a congregation? Growth can be both painful and productive, an essential evolution for us as human beings that we still might want to avoid. Growth can be by choice or circumstance. Growth can happen in the face of hardship as well as opportunity. This High Holiday season, we will explore what it means to be stretched; to lay down new habits of mind, to test and develop our resilience, to navigate difference and diversity in communal life, to think deeply of the moral questions the Jewish people are grappling with, and tend to the needs of our local community: including doing more outreach to interfaith and young families, grow our membership and continue putting our congregation positively on the map of Iowa City and Coralville. Ultimately we hope to craft an expansive vision of where we can go this High Holiday season: both writ large as a people, or in our local community here.

This summer, I hope to do some growing of my own: allowing myself to rest, as well as explore on a short vacation; read good books and take time to reflect on what has been a difficult number of years. I encourage you to do the same! It is often during these quiet, fallow times that the deepest insights finally have the momentum to emerge.

With deep gratitude to our professionals and lay leaders for all the richness they brought to Agudas Achim this year, and with excitement for what comes next.

Wishing you all a wonderful, restful summer!

Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz

Big Ideas in Jewish Books Reading List

Do you need summer reads for inspiration? For the past year+, we have had our 'Big Ideas in Jewish Books' club at the Iowa City Public Library and we've devoured some great, provocative and interesting tomes. We are reproducing past and future titles here for your enjoyment while the Big Ideas Book Club continues throughout July, August and September.

Past reads:

- *The Necessity of Exile*, Shaul Magid (Judaism's relationship to Zionism and its critics)
- *People Love Dead Jews*, Dara Horn (examining the objectification of dead Jews by non-Jews)
- *Wounds Into Wisdom*, Tirzah Firestone (healing intergenerational Jewish trauma)
- *Loving Our Own Bones*, Julia Watts Belser (disability Torah)
- *The Amen Effect*, Sharon Brous (repairing the world and the self through sacred community)
- *Judaism Is About Love*, Shai Held (Jewish views on God and love)
- *The Place Of All Possibility*, Adina Allen (Jewish creativity)
- *Beyond Chrismukkah*, Samira Mehtam Agudas Achim Scholar-in-Residence (the experience of interfaith families)
- *Judaism Without Tribalism*, Rami Shapiro (how to see Judaism as universal wisdom to transform self and the world)

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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz (cont.)

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Upcoming reads:

- *A Short History of the Jews*, Michael Brenner (an overview of Jewish history)
- For Such a Time as This, Elliot Cosgrove (on being a Liberal Zionist in a post-October 7th world)
- *Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza*, Peter Beinart (on the moral implications of the Gaza War, post-October 7th)
- *On Repentance and Repair*, Danya Ruttenberg (how t'shuvah – repentance – can heal our society and self)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lori McMann

The only way to begin this Bulletin piece is to thank David Lubaroff as the outgoing president. I thank each and every member of the outgoing Board of Trustees for the collegial and effective group we formed. I appreciate those who have come before us in these and other roles. You devoted your time, energy, and resources to Agudas Achim, and you made possible what we have today. Finally, I am grateful to each person who was willing to accept a nomination for the incoming Board. I am confident they will bring a wide variety of perspectives and life experiences to making the work of the Board successful.

I write to you as the new president at a time when we may be thinking about a lot of things we do *not* have. Chief among these is *certainty* about what's going on in the world. The institutions we took for granted are being dismantled. A focus on the long term is being disregarded. Structures and organizations to protect the least fortunate in our world are being discarded. Decisions are being made which open the world to risks we did not heretofore contemplate. The relative calm of the pre-October 7th world has slipped beyond everyone's grasp.

But what I want to focus our minds on is *what we do have*.

What do we have? First, and most importantly, we have the words and wisdom of Torah. We have a wise tradition that taps into our deep history and helps us guide the way. Honestly, to that, I say, "*Dayenu*." In Hebrew, "That *would be* enough." But we have so much more.

We have the tremendous dedication of the people that work toward fulfilling our purposes as a community. This cannot be underestimated. The end of our vision statement says, "*As a synagogue community, we celebrate sacred time (Shabbat and holidays), commit to righteous action (compassionate engagement and social justice) and forge meaningful connections (mutual support and friendship)*." This begins with the myriad activities to which so many of you devote your time and effort. This list is so very long; from chanting Torah to baking challah and bagels, tending to the cemetery and the building, organizing meals of condolence, marching in social action, making afghans for those in need or lunch for Iowa City's Free Lunch program.

We have the structures, both concrete *and* intangible, which allow us to thrive. We have a spacious, lovely, and solid building. (It is kept comfortable, I might add, thanks to one replaced HVAC system, a partially-replaced roof, and fully

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lori McMann (cont.)

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functional plumbing!). It allows us to meet to hear Adult Education talks and bring our kids to Sunday school. We listen to the words of Torah and inspiring thoughts from Rabbi Esther while gazing at its beautiful carved wood ark. We have a group of volunteers who stand ready to provide Meal Trains and give enlightening talks at the monthly Senior Brunch. Tremendous planning goes into so many programs, both to organize them when they are new and to execute them once they are established. I am so grateful for all the contributions of people who make these activities happen.

There is one more thing that I think we should not underestimate: we have a "big tent" and that is, in my opinion, our greatest strength. The last three words of our Mission statement are about each person's "journey in Judaism," and that takes an endless variety of forms. The people who play Mah Jongg may not be the same people who participate in the Big Ideas in Jewish Books book discussions or meet up at Big Grove for a drink, and they might not be the same people who chant Torah or bring their kids to Sunday School. On the other hand, they might do all these things! The point is, there is a niche for everyone, and we are all on a "journey in Judaism." I hope that as president, I will support every person in finding their own way on their journey. I may never have been where they are, but I can respect it, and be a kind, fair, deeply reflective, and compassionate fellow traveler.

How will we use what we have to grow, in both *tangible* and *intangible* ways? While we have so much to be grateful for, there is still room to *grow*! We can reach out to those who have only dipped a toe into our community...maybe they have come to one High Holiday service or a Tot Shabbat dinner. Or maybe, like me, you can announce to an acquaintance who calls himself a "Culinary Jew" that you are "going to be the synagogue president,

and maybe he wants to come someday...?"! (Yes, this is a true story.)

We can grow *spiritually*, which is just as important. There are only so many places in our world where we can go for spiritual renewal and fulfillment. I very much hope that Agudas Achim is one of those places for you. A "Learner's Service", as Rabbi Esther did recently, will further your understanding of the prayers and rhythm of the service. It is an eye-opening step on that path. Mussar and yoga offered by Lea Collins are other soul-satisfying--or should I say soul-*stretching*? -- paths to reflection. (Yes, pun intended.)

Sometimes, we will disagree on what is right for the community as a whole. This, my fellow congregants, is utterly inevitable. As the leader of the new Board, I will hear all viewpoints, consider all arguments carefully, and listen with respect and an open mind. I hope that each of you, as members of this community, will do the same. I fully realize that this will often *not* be easy. But then, most things worth undertaking are *not* easy.

So, what do I ask of you? To help us all keep this "big tent" standing strong. Every time you come to Friday or Saturday services, take part in the Shavuot retreat, or come to the end-of-Sunday school barbecue, you are holding up the tent. When you speak what is in your heart and on your mind with respect and kindness, as well as *gevurah*, *strength* in Hebrew, you are holding up the tent. When you just strike up a conversation with someone who's new, or whom you just haven't met here yet, you are holding up the tent.

I thank you for the trust you have placed in me and our incoming Board and I look forward to the next two years.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear

Sunday School is out for the summer! I guess this article could be only one sentence long. The kids are gone. The teachers are enjoying the summer. The building is quiet.

Summer is for dreaming and planning. We are experimenting with a Hebrew intensive program for kids, August 18-21, called Spring into Hebrew. This program is intended for kids ages 10 and up, who are preparing for B-Mitzvah. We will work on decoding Hebrew, learn vocabulary, dig a little into Midrash and spend some time on trope.

My challenge is to make it fun! Well, sort of fun. At least not the worst summer event ever.

Working on decoding Hebrew is never going to be as much fun as, say, going to the State Fair. But I think most kids find working one-on-one with a kind adult rewarding in a more low-key way. Teachers of foreign languages have created many active, fun ways to learn vocabulary. I intend to ask or steal inspiration from everyone! There are so many

games, I hope to get the kids up, laughing and learning. Of course, we will also have plenty of time for serious discussion and for learning Jewish culture(s).

I discovered back in May that none of my students knew what a blintz was! That got me thinking about Jewish foods of all kinds. We have to feed the kids lunch, anyway. They might as well get a little Jewish culture on a plate. I am open to recommendations, especially foods that are available in the frozen or snack section of the store. Any Trader Joe's mavens out there? Let me know what's available!

I'll barely catch my breath after Spring into Hebrew before Sunday School starts. The calendar for next year is available on the synagogue website. You can register there as well. If your child is 10 or older, there is still space in Spring into Hebrew.

Have a wonderful summer! I look forward to hearing about all the kids' summer adventures in the fall.

SYNAGOGUE SENIORS

Save the Date! The Synagogue Seniors event on Thursday, July 17 will feature a program about "Love and Music" presented by Karen Charney and Ben Coelho. More information coming soon.

MAHJONG

Join us for Mahjong at 1:00 p.m. in the synagogue on the dates below. Bring a Mahjong 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

July 6 - Corvin
July 13 - Karen
July 20 - Jayne
July 27 - Corvin



ADULT EDUCATION

Lisa Heineman

Thanks to all those who came out for our *third* annual Urban Shavuot Retreat! This time we gathered at Sacred Collective to learn about everything from Medieval Jewish moneylending to how to make sock dolls (with a cute kippah). We greeted the sunrise with a lovely shacharit service on Linn Street.

Adult Ed will go (almost) on hiatus for the month of July. But if you'd like a crash course in Jewish history, we have something for you!

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at ICPL: Big Ideas in Jewish Books will discuss Michael Brenner's *A Short History of the Jews*. House historian and outgoing Adult Ed chair Lisa Heineman will facilitate. Prairie Lights will have copies of the book.

Speaking of outgoing Adult Ed chair ... we have an Incoming chair as well! We're lucky to have Barney Sherman taking over as Adult Ed chair for 2025-27. Look forward to lots of great programming!

AGUDAS ACHIM PARENTS TEXT THREAD

Synagogue members who are parents of young kids have re-started a casual text thread for coordinating meet-ups around town (playgrounds, children's museum, kid focused events, indoor play/ outdoor play at the synagogue). We hope to coordinate more meet-ups in future.

If you are a parent of young kids, and you would like to opt in to the text thread, please email Sam at samantha.brotman@gmail.com with your name, text number and child's age(s).

WARM UP AMERICA

Therese Guedon, Jeanne Cadoret, & Jeanne Abrons

Be cool this summer with Warm Up America.
July 6 & 20. August 10 & 24.
10:30 a.m. - noon. Social hall.

Help us set up afghans for winter.
Prior experience optional.
Curiosity, crochet hook, knitting needles,
and/or large-eye needle a plus.



SUMMER STORY TIME AT AGUDAS ACHIM

Join us with your child for a preschool story time on Sunday July 13 at 9:30 a.m. with Agudas Achim's own Lindy Buch. Lindy's career path has taken her from preschool teacher to director of early childhood education for the state of Michigan.

Please RSVP by Friday July 11 here with the attending parent's, guardian's or the grandparent's name, and your child's name and age to kklipman@aol.com

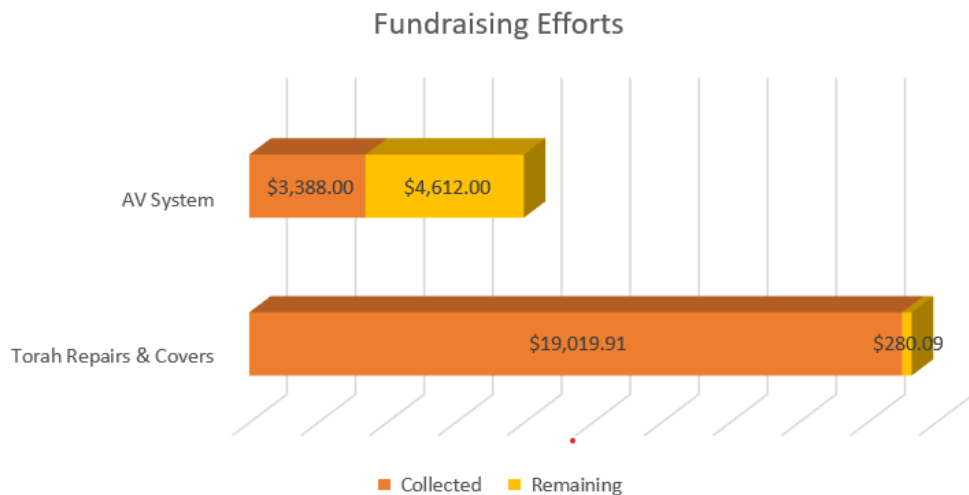
CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS FUNDRAISER

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!



ZOOM SERVICE STREAMING TRIAL

Now that July has arrived, we have come to the end of our two-month trial period for the new Zoom format -- this is the same format used for the High Holidays. If you would like to provide feedback regarding this change, [please complete this Google Form](#) (also available in the weekly email). While we recognize this removes the interactive component for online viewers, it is a more cost and labor effective format for our synagogue. Please keep this in mind as you provide comments. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Yoga:

Join Lea as we entwine Yogic practices with Jewish wisdom to explore Tammuz' themes of challenge and inner strength. We will come away from each gathering with a simple movement practice that we can add to our daily routine. Everyone is welcome.

No previous Yoga experience necessary!

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Congregation
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Sunday July 6 &
Sunday July 20
2:00 p.m.

Bring: Yoga mat, large towel, or blanket
(optional, but nice to have)

For more information: leslea-collins@outlook.com

Youngish Jewish Group

A group for 20 somethings to late 30s

Join us at Big Grove !

Monday, July 14

7:00 p.m.

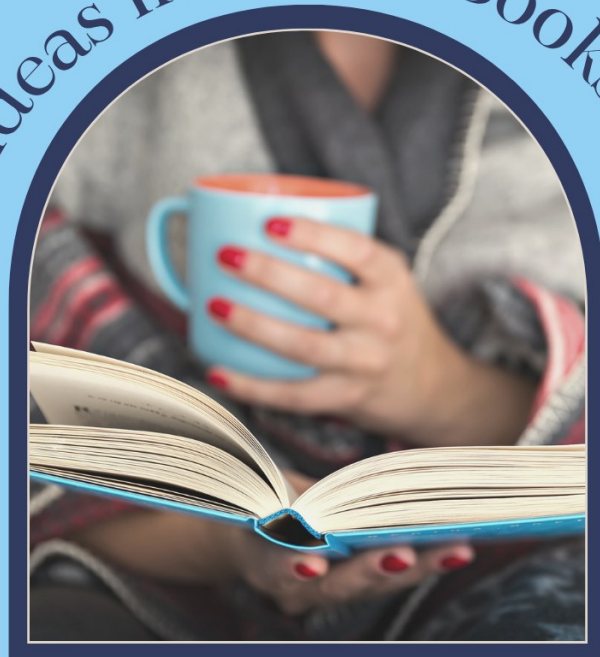
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First drink on the synagogue

Table reservation under Ezra Hendelkin



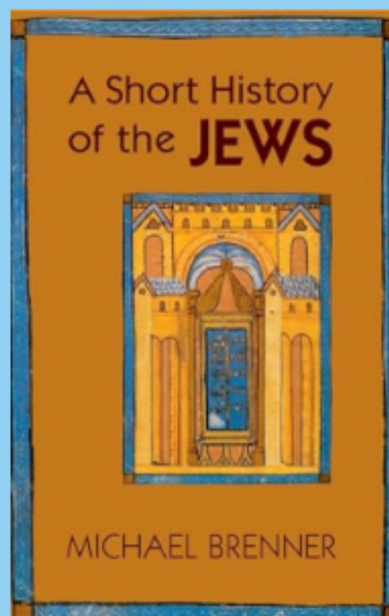
Big Ideas In Jewish Books Club



ICPL, July 23
6:30-8 pm

Come explore important Jewish ideas
at the Iowa City Public Library

Michael Brenner 'A Short History of the Jews'



More info? Contact
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June 24

'Judaism Without Tribalism' by Rabbi Rami Shapiro

July 23

'A Short History of the Jews' by Michael Brenner

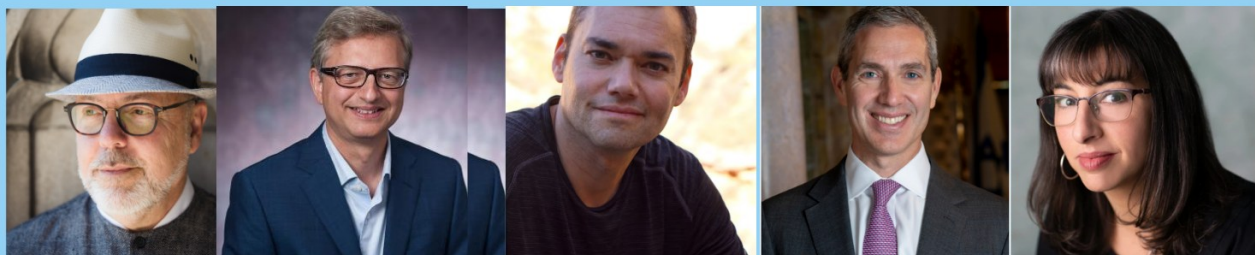
August 20

'Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza' by Peter Beinart
&

'For a Time Such as This' by Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

September 7

'On Repentance and Repair' by Danya Ruttenberg



BOARD MINUTES

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

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW to our Nonfiction collection!

***"Melting Point: Family, Memory, and the Search
for a Promised Land"***

Rachel Cockerell

"At the heart of her tale lies an early-twentieth-century initiative that was undertaken with absolute earnestness at the time but seems almost farcical today: a multi-country effort to redirect America's enormous influx of Jewish immigrants from Ellis Island to Galveston, Texas."
-*The New Yorker*

See also other reviews in: [The New York Times](#)
and [The Washington Post](#)

***"Inside Voices: A Prison Choir,
My Mother, and Me"***

Amy Kolen

A moving memoir written by a past member of Agudas Achim in which Rabbi Emeritus Jeff Portman figures as well.

YAHREZEIT MINYAN

Please join Doug Jones on Monday July 7 at 8:00 a.m. at Agudas Achim for a minyan honoring his late father.

JUNE ONEG HOSTS

Thank you to June's oneg hosts:

Beverly & Doug Jones

Karen & Richard Lipman

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

WALK-IN-WALKIN'

Want to walk, but it's too hot outdoors?
Want to meet friends, but where's convenient?
Agudas Achim welcomes walkers and just-talkers who'd like to meet here, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. when the office is open.

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.

SHABBAT SERVICES

[Streaming link for Zoom services](#)

Chukkat <i>(Numbers 19:1-22:1)</i>	Friday, July 4	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem (Conservative)
	Saturday, July 5	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
Balak <i>(Numbers 22:2-25:9)</i>	Friday, July 11	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, July 12	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Pinchas <i>(Numbers 25:10-30:1)</i>	Friday, July 18	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem
	Saturday, July 19	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah
Matot-Masei <i>(Numbers 30:2-36:13)</i>	Friday, July 25	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, July 26	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem

JULY YAHREZITS

Estelle Altschul	Morris Isadore Kaufman	Sebastien Isaac Picard
Jelena Laneeva Bardach	Max Kerber	David Pitzele
David Owen Berg	Jack Klein	Rose Portman
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Ruth Jacobs	Anne Nathanson	Arthur Wallace
Phyllis Jadryev	Joe Pava	Frances Wieseneck
Daniel Joseph	Annie Addison Picard	Ted Willner

JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

Yahrzeit Minyan for Doug Jones' Father	Agudas Achim	7/7	8:00 a.m.
Youngish Jewish Group	Big Grove	7/14	7:00 p.m.
Yoga with Lea	Agudas Achim	7/20	2:00 p.m.
Big Ideas Book Club	ICPL	7/23	6:30 p.m.

See Mahjong / Warm Up America dates elsewhere in bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ELUL

Date	Event	Leader	Notes
Tuesday August 19	Open Session Intro Class on High Holidays, part 1	Rabbi Esther	Synagogue, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday August 20	Big Ideas in Jewish Book Club: 'For Such a Time as This' and 'Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza'	Rabbi Esther	ICPL, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday August 26	Open Session Intro Class on High Holidays, part 2	Rabbi Esther	Synagogue, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday August 27	Entering the Siddur, part 1 - prayer book basics for the High Holidays	Rabbi Esther	Synagogue, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday August 31	Pathways III Mussar Week 1: Welcome & Orientation	Lea Haravon Collins	Synagogue, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday September 3	Entering the Machzor, part 2 - prayer book basics for the High Holidays	Rabbi Esther	Synagogue, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday September 7	Pathways III Mussar Week 2: Middah 1 Gratitude Va'ad	Lea Haravon Collins	Synagogue, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday September 14	Dreaming in Jewish: An all-day retreat on radical reimagining Judaism for our time	Lisa Heineman	Synagogue, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday September 17	Big Ideas in Jewish Book Club on High Holidays: 'On Repentance & Repair', by R' Danya Ruttenberg	Rabbi Esther	ICPL, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

PRIDE SERMONETTE SH'LACH LECHA 2025

Esther Hugenholtz

The story of the Ten Spies versus Joshua and Caleb has become paradigmatic for Jewish self-understanding. To recap briefly: Moses and the Israelites have been wandering through the wilderness and have arrived at the edge of the Promised Land. Moses sends (which is why the portion is called 'Sh'lach Lecha') twelve men to explore the land that lies before them and bring back reports. Ten of the twelve emissaries bring back negative, catastrophizing reports: the land, though abundant, is filled with dangers and giants.

We often focus on these ten individuals. The Torah is already deeply disappointed in them and the consequences that follow are swift: the entire people become demoralized and the project of exploration collapses.

But how about the two who held true? Joshua and Caleb? We know, of course, what happens to Joshua ultimately. He becomes the successor to Moses, helping the Israelites enter the land after Moses' death. So his career progress is assured. However, I am less interested in his career and more in his qualities, and what we can learn from these qualities when we think about queer liberation (with your permission, I am using queer as shorthand for the LGBTQ+ experience). A short sermonette is not enough time to delve into the fullness of Joshua's and Caleb's characters, but I want to extract a few particular points from the narrative:

1. They saw things clear-eyed: both the opportunities (Huge grapes! Milk and honey!) and the threats (Giants! Warriors!). They did not obfuscate the threats but neither did they catastrophize them. As we see real threats to our own queer family emerge in America today, it is important to see them clear-eyed. Huge progress has been made. A culture shift has happened in this society across the last decade since Marriage Equality passed. And, at the same time, we are also facing real rollbacks. How do we balance both opportunities and threats in a way that is productive rather than paralyzing?

2. They had an abundance mindset: often, social change and personal transformation is stymied by a scarcity mindset, or the false dichotomy that we only have bandwidth for one thing and not many. The lush description of the Land given in the Portion is less about riches and more about abundance. There is enough for everyone; we can be in solidarity with each other. Our rights and our liberation is not a pie. The 'Promised Land' – however we apply that metaphor – is not a pie. Holding on to an abundance mindset allowed Joshua and Caleb to see new possibilities and welcome new patterns of thought. Queering our own experience, even for people who don't necessarily identify as queer can be a way to expand an abundant way of thinking that is transformative.

3. They had 'ometz lev': they were, as some translations have, 'of strength and good courage.' Today, we could translate that as 'Pride'. They had inner resolve, dignity, strength and resilience. I am always reminded of the word 'kommemiyot' – a hapax legomenon, otherwise known as 'a word that only appears once' (in this case, in the Biblical text). We see that word also in our liturgy, right before the Sh'ma. What does it mean for us to be 'kommemiyot l'artzeinu' – to be 'upright' as we are brought to our Promised Land? Joshua and Caleb embodied those qualities and so can we. We cannot control how others react to us. For that, we need collective action and social wisdom, and most of all, support and solidarity. But Joshua and Caleb can unlock inner qualities that may make our presence in the world a bit more solid, a bit more proud and a bit more resilient. We need those inner resources more than ever.

In short, Sh'lach Lecha encourages us to root ourselves in our strength, in our vision and in our abundance. These are lessons for the ages; and I pray that the wisdom of the past will bless a liberatory future for us all. Chazak v'amatz, dear ones!

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