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Please keep an eye out for a special Passover mini-bulletin
that we'll be putting out the week of March 5.

Brief overview of Passover events:

March 30: No Shabbat evening service.

March 31, 9:30 a.m.: Shabbat & Festival Service.

March 31, 6:15 p.m.: Second seder. Will take
RSVPs. More information to follow.

April 1: 9:30 a.m. festival service.

No Sunday School.

April 5, 7:30 p.m.: Erev Pesach service.

April 6, 9:30 a.m.: Pesach shacharit service.

April 6, 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat and festival service.

April 7, 9:30 a.m.: Shabbat and festival service.

April 7, 8:00 p.m.: Post-Pesach pizza night

FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz

The Age of Heroes

I have a rabbinic theory about the Jewish calendar which I may have hinted at in previous writings and sermons. The calendar, which we can think of as a wheel, is not just a Jewish way to designate time, honor Creation and commemorate history, but also a pathway to personal transformation. In this conception of the calendar, we can imagine the wheel as a cycle that takes us through key moments and ideas in our personal and spiritual lives, from the individual to the collective, from the particularist to the universal. It is possible to look at the wheel of the year and divide it up in sections or quadrants, taking Chanukkah as your starting point: the world is immersed in darkness and we crave a 'nekudah', a point of light from which all flows. Chanukkah is our most particularist festival where Jewish survival and continuity takes center stage,

where we fight for the right of our identity. In a sense, Tu Bishvat (our 'Zionist' festival that celebrates our innate and holy connection to the Land of Israel), Purim and Pesach can be seen as part of this thematic quadrant. Issues around who we are and how we thrive as a People in conditions of oppression, assimilation and dispersal are at the heart of these festivals.

Then, around Pesach, the festival of our Exodus and Liberation, the focus starts shifting as we move into the next quadrant. We escape the house of bondage in more ways than one: collectively and individually. What are we enslaved to and how can we set ourselves free? What does our 'escape' signify and how can we come into the fullness of our own being and our own Torah as we march to Mount Sinai? What does it mean to our sense of

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FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz (cont.)

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Peoplehood to be free and what responsibilities come with that? Seven weeks on, we receive Torah at Mount Sinai for Shavu'ot and we find ourselves transitioning yet again, from the particularist to universalist. We examine the ethos of a God Who gives the Torah in the unbounded wilderness, where all stand at Sinai to accept the covenant upon themselves – at that moment, and in the future, the born-Jew and the Jew-by-Choice. This idea is of course solidified through the Book of Ruth, where we find that boundaries become permeable, where identity is renegotiated and expressed in terms of values, belonging, compassion and sharing. This growth curve comes to full fruition in the fourth quadrant: the High Holiday season. During Rosh haShanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, we flirt with Redemption. Not just the kind of historical redemption that the Jewish People experienced from Egypt, but the universal Redemption of the Prophets, the bold visions of Isaiah and Micah, where we dream of a unified, peaceful world, a worldview that our liturgy, such as the Aleinu prayer, speaks to.

One can see the project of Jewish living as a constant oscillation or dialectic between these two poles. This allows us to both explore who we are as individuals and communities as well as reach out beyond our immediate and parochial concerns and articulate a vision of who we – and our world – aspire to be. But it also charges us to read ourselves into the rhythms of the Jewish calendar and asks us what Jewish living means to us. In this case, while we are inhabiting this first quadrant of the individualized, particularist Jewish experience, we look to concrete and identifiable heroes as our moral templates: Judah the Maccabee for

Chanukkah, Queen Esther and Mordechai for Purim and Moses, Aaron and Miriam for Pesach. All these heroes fought our corner and secured our survival: whether in our homeland, out of bondage or in the Diaspora when facing off against a genocidal foe. What is it about these characters' characteristics that made them unique, enduring and effective and how can we, in the smallest of ways perhaps, emulate them in our own lives?

We have to live in an Age of Heroes and lay full claim to and take responsibility for what that means. In the timeframe of the #MeToo generation, what does it mean for us to stand up

for female empowerment like Vashti and Esther did? In a society of increased polarization, what does it mean to have the skill and tact like Mordechai to build bridges; to assert our own identity while still participating fully in civic life? When it comes to our obligation to repair the world, what does it mean to be a

Moses and look at the other through the eyes of empathy and concern rather than distance and disdain?

The power of the Jewish calendar is that it reminds us that Judaism is a sacred path that embodies and embraces time: we shape it, interpret it, sanctify it. We do not shun it or look past it, we root ourselves in it. Right now, the time has come, or as the Megillah (the Book of Esther) would state it: 'mi yodea, l'et kazot' – 'and who knows, [you have been appointed] for a time such as this.' The Midrash (Tehillim Rabba) states that Queen Esther illuminated the Jewish People like the dawn. May we shine love and light in a world that needs it and may we rise to the occasion – in our lives, in our families, in our communities – as needed so that we can say 'for such a time like this' so that we may merit Redemption for our entire world.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kathy Jacobs

There's so much going on at the Synagogue these days. It's exciting! As I write this we have just enjoyed the Sunday School's Purim Carnival. It was a wonderful event and everyone had a great time. I was glad to see so many of the kids in costume. I must send special thanks to Doug Jones who followed the success of the Wheel of Fortune game he built last year with Michael Sellz by constructing an amazing skittles game. Hadassah Wolcott collaborated with me to run a kids raffle where the winner took away a Trader Joe's shopping bag full of kosher sweets and a Purim costume. Proceeds

went to the *Make a Wish Foundation* benefiting kids with life-threatening illnesses. Rumor has it that she's planning a kid's auction for next year. Way to go Hadassah!

Partnering with David Weltman and Hillel has been fun. Many of us enjoyed this year's Tu B'Shevat Seder at Brix with Hillel and last Saturday Beverly Jones and I attended the Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvahs at Hillel. Bev presented gifts from Sisterhood and I provided small gifts from the Synagogue. I'll attend the adult Purim party and Megillah reading at Hillel tonight and hope to see many of you there.

I missed the Torah service led by Steven Green last Shabbat to be able to attend the Hillel B'nei Mitzvah ceremonies at Hillel. I always try to attend services where Steven reads Torah. Congratulations to those who were able to hear him read the week's parasha and chant the Haftarah.

We are back on track to start small group meetings with the rabbi, beginning with the meeting for *Musical Jews* on Sunday 3/11 after Sunday School. Meetings are also set for *Jews Seeking a Spiritual Connection to Judaism* and *Foodie Jews*. If you are a

spiritual seeker or enjoy cooking, fine dining, Kashrut or just like to dine with friends, please check the bulletin or Synagogue calendar for the dates of these meetings. We are currently planning to hold meetings early on Sunday afternoons and are no longer limiting meeting size. I am updating the survey with more meeting categories based on feedback. Our office will send it via email to our membership. Please remember every adult family member, including non-Jewish spouses, may use the link provided to respond to the survey. We hope there will be interest in such a group.

We have two very special guests who will honor our celebration: Rabbi Steven Wernick, CEO of the USCJ, and Rabbi Dr. Jackie Tabick, the first female Rabbi in the U.K. and convener of the centralized Reform Bet Din for all of Britain.

The rabbi and I are working with a small number of members to learn and discuss disability inclusion and proactively improve inclusivity here. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me or the office.

There are many other programs in development including Red Cross training in resuscitation techniques. This training is fully funded by gifts

in memory of our late friend and member Dr. Richard Kerber. Please contact the office if you are interested. Also, watch for news of a new Adult Education series by Dr. Cargill.

I'm currently very involved with the plans for the Rabbi's installation. We have two very special guests who will honor our celebration: Rabbi Steven Wernick, CEO of the USCJ, and Rabbi Dr. Jackie Tabick, the first female Rabbi in the U.K. and convener of the centralized Reform Bet Din for all of Britain. The celebration will begin the evening of Thursday, April 19 when we will enjoy an Israeli meal for members and local Israeli friends to celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut. There will be special Friday and Saturday services, including a Mincha/

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kathy Jacobs (cont.)

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Installation service Saturday 4/21 followed by Havdallah and a public reception. We will end the Installation weekend with the annual *Concert of Commemoration* on Sunday 4/22. Those interested in helping plan these festivities may contact me at kathymjacobs@icloud.com.

You may be aware of the recent race-baiting fliers distributed by the National Alliance, a neo-nazi organization, to a racially diverse neighborhood of Iowa City. You may not be aware of the hurtful anti-Semitic campaign conducted by this organization in the quad cities, or plans by other neo-nazi groups to incite anti-Semitism and racism on university campuses across America. Recently our office received three racially offensive threatening phone calls, possibly related to such activity or to the

national incivility that is currently giving voice to such hate speech. These actions strengthen our resolve to implement increased video surveillance inside and outside our building. We did not budget for this contingency this year, but we are proceeding to take this step. A group of our members has decided to assist in raising funds for this initiative and is planning an auction in June for this purpose. We are seeking items for a silent auction, as well as big-ticket items for a live auction. If you have items you wish to donate to the auction, please email me at the email address I provided.

I had planned to write something inspirational this month about the Jewish value of *listening*, but I have already written too much. If you see me, feel free to ask me about my value for and struggle with mindful listening.

MARCH YAHREZEITS

Celia Balch	Harriet Blakeslee Hall	Andrew Marks	Jay Sandler
Asher Bar-Lev	Schuyler Schenck Haskell	William Melton	Reuben Savin
Pearl Berman	William Herman	Amanda Miller	Leo Schapira
Eleanor Blauner	Benjamin B. Hertz	Bess Millstein	Harry Schlesinger
David Braverman	Elizabeth Ifland	Rabbi Elijah "Zeke"	Hy Schumeister
Ellie Breggin	Dora Joseph	Palnick	Jessica Schwartz
James Brodsky	George Kalnitsky	William Henry Picard	Ed Singer
Joan Clements Bryant	Ida Kleinman	Dorothy Pliner	Sara Strauss
Corinne Chapman	Dorothy W. Krain	Rose Lee Pomerantz	Warren Stroh
Sol Crandell	Donia Kuperman	Lucile Potter	Bernard Vernon
Morris Dicker	Joseph Landweber	Louis Elliot Price	Eileen Wallace
Mike Donner	Mae Landweber	Herman Robin	Stanley Weinberg
Hyman Dubin	Jean Liberman Lenett	Louis Rosenbaum	Nancy McGinnis
Edith Davidson Estin	Rae Lieberman	Mark Rosenthal	Whitehead
Donna Farber	Edith London	Sanford G. Rossen	Dale Wilhelm
Sadie Friedman	Erna Luwisch	Marcia Williams Roston	Ralph Wingo
Mary Gantz	Evelyn Madison	Mark Rothstein	Rebecca Ziskind
Samuel Goldman	Anna Markovitz	Joseph Rubenstein	
Arthur Gross	Dinah Leah Markovitz	Esther Sandler	

PIZZA & ROOT BEER FLOATS

PIZZA AND ROOT BEER FLOATS!

FOURTH-SEVENTH GRADERS, TELL US
WHAT YOU THINK! HELP US PLAN FUN
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH
12:00-1:30

AGUDAS ACHIM



LIFE MILESTONES

The congregation extends its condolences to **Benjamin Coelho, Karen Charney** and family on the death of Benjamin's mother, Nilda Fonseca Coelho de Almeida.

Congratulations to **Mark and Vickie Ginsberg** on the engagement of their daughter, Emily, and on the birth of their granddaughter Mila.

Congratulations to **Karen and Tom Brady** on the birth of their grandson, Sebastian to Nicholas and Kristen Brady.

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Torah Portion	Date	Service Time	Service
Ki Tissa <i>(Exodus 30:11—34:35)</i>	Friday, March 2	7:30 p.m.	Sim Shalom (Conservative)
	Saturday, March 3	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform) Children's Service
Vayakhel–Pekudei <i>(Exodus 35:1—40:38; Numbers 19:1—22)</i>	Friday, March 9	7:30 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, March 10	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom
Vayikra <i>(Leviticus 1:1—5:26; Numbers 28:9—15; Exodus 12:1—20)</i>	Friday, March 16	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Family Chavurah Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, March 17	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom
Tzav <i>(Leviticus 6:1—8:36)</i>	Friday, March 23	7:30 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, March 24	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom
Pesach I	Friday, March 30	NO SERVICE; PESACH 1	NO SERVICE; PESACH 1
	Saturday, March 31	9:30 a.m.	Shabbat & Festival Service

WARM UP AMERICA *Constance Berman*

Warm up America will meet on Sundays March 11 and 25. We are looking forward to a special guest on the 11th and to some communal sewing and detailing. Spring is coming, so maybe we'll also discuss our favorite spring colors. Connie and Fred George.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear

February is always a difficult month. Winter has lost its charm, but it still has plenty of snow and ice to throw at us. People pass their colds back and forth. All month it seemed like at least a quarter of the kids and a third of the teachers were out sick on any given day. By the end of the month, I was feeling a little under the weather myself. I've never needed Purim more!

Purim is about the joy of what is repressed rising to the surface, like the first stirrings of life under the ice and snow. Esther hid her identity in the palace of Ahashuerus, but she revealed herself to save her people. We hide (or reveal?) our identities by putting on costumes and celebrating reversals of fortune.

The anarchic elements of the holiday definitely appeal to children. In Sunday School the kids created little Purim spiels. The **Second Grade** got particularly excited about the role of Haman's horse in the story. They made groggers out of paper cups and masks out of paper plates. (Emoji masks were big this year.) The kids were very excited for the Purim Carnival. But, as it turned out, our most Purim-like day was actually the Sunday before the carnival.

On that day three teachers were out sick. I was zonked out on cold medicine and trying to cover for the missing teachers. I was half way through my lesson and starting to lose my voice when the power went out. The fire alarm started to beep in distress and could not be shut off. The anarchic spirit of Purim had definitely come early! Authority (that would be me) ceded power to the people (the kids), who promptly organized themselves to decorate the Social Hall for Purim with the longest paper chain *ever*.

It is amazing how much a simple thing like a paper chain can transform a space. For the carnival we hung the windows in chains of pink, blue, red, green and yellow. (When I say "we," I actually mean my athletic and tall husband, Steve Wolcott.) Kathy

Jacobs donated beautiful cloth from India to the carnival. Naomi Greyser brought an artist's touch to draping the cloth along the back wall. She also painted the kids' faces with rainbows and puppy mouths. The fearless Nora Patterson revved up the cotton candy machine and worked hard behind the scenes to keep the carnival running.

As always, our homemade games added both grace and charm to the event. Doug Jones' and Michael Selz's Wheel of Fortune, beautifully decorated, was there to spin. Kids won prizes if they landed on Esther or did a trick if they landed on Haman! This year Doug added a game of Skittles, which Michael will paint for next year. The Sisterhood, especially Beverly Jones, donated Hamentashen.

The kids brought so much enthusiasm to spinning the Wheel of Fortune, tossing rings, and throwing balls. I have never seen so many young wonderworkers and superheroes in one place! I counted the Flash, Batman, Harry Potter, a brace of dragons, and a female Captain America. It takes all kinds of superheroes to make Purim happen. I am grateful to all of them.

In the spirit of Purim, the **Fourth Grade** raised money for *tzedakah*. They selected the Make a



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SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear (cont.)

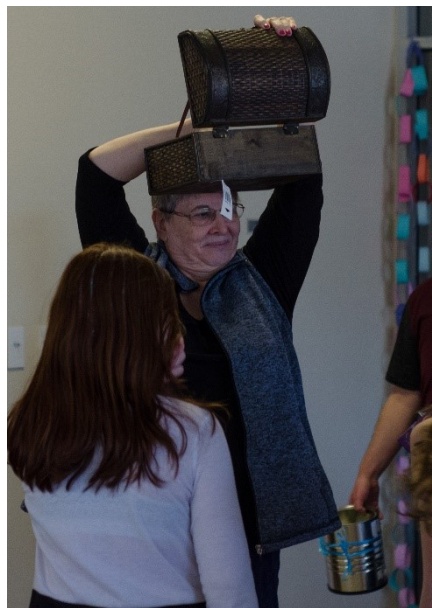
Wish Foundation, which supports children with life-threatening medical conditions. Kathy Jacobs donated a basket of goodies, and the kids organized a raffle. They also created three “guessing jars” full of candies, and sold tickets to guess. Each winner took a jar home. (I apologize to the parents of the winners for the large capacity of the jars!) The kids raised more than \$62.00. They will still take donations until we send the check out at the end of the week.

In the **Hebrew School**, meanwhile, we spent February getting ready for the Musical Shabbat. The **Second Year** used these prayers as the basis of reading and writing exercises. The **Third Year**, meanwhile, finished up their work on Shabbat morning prayers. The **Beginning Class** is still nailing down the difference between *vavs* that sounds like

“oh” and the one that sounds like “ooh.” Otherwise, they have mastered the alphabet. This class has recently lost its teacher, but I expect a new teacher to take over in March. The **B’nei Mitzvah** are mostly working one-on-one with me or the rabbi.



At the Musical Shabbat, Rabbi Hugenholtz led the kids in a rousing version of Lekha Dodi, Mi Kamokha, and Hashikvenu along with other prayers. She gave the kids tambourines so that they could recreate Miriam’s dance at the Red Sea. Once you have a



tambourine in your hand, you just have to shake it! A lot. The kids were not quite together or on the beat in the days that led up to the Musical Shabbat. Fortunately, they rose to the occasion on the day itself, with the

assistance of their parents who clapped along.

The kids designed T-shirts for their Shabbat performance and voted for their favorite, a picture by the inimitable Naomi Greiner. To quote the leading design: Hebrew School is fun! Also, more donkeys. Or something like that.

The days that lead up to Purim can be a little strange. But from Purim games to Musical Shabbats, the community always comes together to make wonderful things happen.

There will be no Sunday School on
March 11 or 18.

There will be no Hebrew school on
March 12 or 14.

MUSICAL JEWS

Small Group Meeting Musical Jews

Sunday, March 11
12:00 p.m.

Are you a musical Jew? Do you play, sing or enjoy listening to music?
If so, consider joining our first small group meeting with our new
rabbi for members like you.

To keep the size small, the meeting is limited to 12 participants plus the
Rabbi and a facilitator. First come, first served.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office.

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

See our own Serena Collins play Margot Frank!



SHELTER HOUSE BOOK SALE

Check it Out! Our annual Shelter House Book Sale will be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Bldg. C. We'll have gently used books plus CDs, DVDs, vinyl, art, and vintage tees for sale. The Shelter Coffeehouse featuring Starbucks coffee and pastries will be back.

Book donation drop-off begins February 25 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Bldg. B from 1pm-3pm. Donation drop-off will continue every

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10am-2pm and Sundays from 1pm-3pm through the week of the sale!

Questions? Contact barb@shelterhouseiowa.org.

Agudas Achim will be collecting books through March 22 to donate to this book sale!

Look for the large box in the synagogue lobby labeled "book donations".

Check It Out!
March 24, 10:30am - 4pm
March 25, 12pm - 4pm
Questions? barb@shelterhouseiowa.org

used books +
CDs, DVDs, vinyl
art and vintage tees!
drop off your donations
starting Feb. 25



CHALLAH FOR HUNGER

David Weltman

Challah for Hunger is back! Hillel students will be baking challot to help in the fight against hunger. Each challah costs \$5, and \$3.50 per challah sold will go to an organization fighting against hunger. Baking will take place on Thursday, March 22nd. If you'd like to order a freshly baked challah, we would appreciate your orders in by noon that day. There's a link for signing up here:

<https://iowahillel.wufoo.com/forms/s1dz192y0f17ktf/>

Also, if you cannot pick up between 11-2 PM on Friday, let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate!



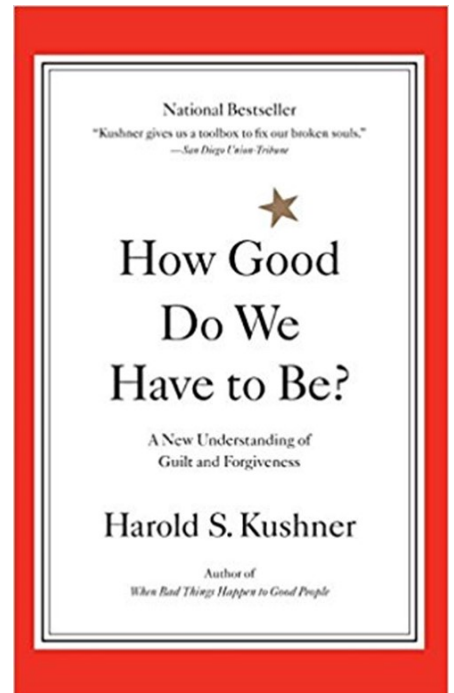
FROM THE STACKS

Michael Sellz

Rabbi Kushner writes, *"Human life is infinitely more complicated than animal life because we are alert to the moral dimensions of the choices we make, and the more authentically human we are, the more complicated our lives become."* The book interprets the story of Adam and Eve cast from the Garden of Eden. Rather than the original sin of disobeying God and expulsion from paradise, it is the blossoming of conscience, the ability to love unconditionally—Paradise Outgrown rather than Paradise Lost. The Biblical stories of Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau and Joseph and his brothers among others, are interpreted in a light of God's love and forgiveness, not guilt and shame. This is so relevant to us! For such a serious topic, the book is easy to read, like a sit-down chat with Rabbi Kushner. Rather the espousing all the benefits to be found here, they are best expressed in the book's final paragraph:

"But at the end, if we are brave enough to love, if we are strong enough to forgive, if we are generous enough to rejoice in another's happiness, and if we are wise enough to know that there is enough love to go around for us all, then we can achieve a fulfillment that no other living creature will ever know. We can reenter Paradise."

Find this book in the Braverman Library at 296.7/Kus



GIFT SHOP NEWS

Joanne Margolin

Passover is now in the Gift Shop, so come on over and get your seder plates, haggadot, kiddish cups, matza covers, and anything else you need! If you see something online that you'd like, please let me know at irmargolin@gmail.com and I'll see if I can get it for you at a better price from one of my vendors.

Happy
spring,
everyone!



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Beverly Jones

Winter Tea



We extend our sincere thanks to Rabbi Hugenholtz for hosting our Winter Tea on February 18. We all enjoyed a most elegant traditional English Tea with a variety of teas, finger sandwiches, scones, and meringues. Rabbi Hugenholtz also entertained us with the history of tea cultivation, the characteristics of different types of teas, and how to brew tea to get the perfect cup.

Upcoming Events

Sisterhood is honored to have been asked to host Rabbi Hugenholtz's Installation Reception on Saturday, April 21.

Watch for information about our annual Mitzvah Fund Brunch which we're planning for June.

Gift Shop

New to the Gift Shop are two one-of-a-kind items. Synagogue member, Susan Ausman, has generously donated a necklace which she made. It is made from green and white Czech glass with a sterling silver clasp.



The other item is a travel Shabbat candleholder designed by Israeli artist, Adi Sidler. It is blue anodized aluminum approximately 3 by 2.5 inches, in a stylized Star of David shape, and holds two tea candles.



Please contact Joanne Margolin for pricing at jrmargolin@gmail.com

TIKKUN OLAM

Martha Lubaroff

Have you completed a Health Care Directive? Do your loved ones know your end of life wishes? Do you have a health care agent? If the answer to these questions is NO, consider attending a presentation on April 15, 2018 at 10:30 am. We will be presenting a program that will go through a Health Care Directive document. At the end of the presentation you will have the information you need to complete the document. Once it is witnessed or notarized this will be a document that can be entered into your medical records or distributed to your loved ones.

Questions: Call Martha Lubaroff at 319-321-5218.

CPR INITIATIVE

The Richard E Kerber Memorial CPR Initiative

LEARN THE LIVE-SAVING SKILLS OF CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)
FROM RED CROSS INSTRUCTORS AT AGUDAS ACHIM



CPR

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm at Agudas Achim

Certified Red Cross personnel will instruct us in skills for giving immediate care to a person *whose heart has stopped* until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. The session demonstrates how to recognize the signals of a breathing emergency, how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). It also teaches measures to save children in an emergency, which are different from adult help.

Agudas Achim offers this session in honor of the late Dr. Richard E Kerber, our member for 45 years. He was a cardiologist whose pioneering research did much to improve strategies of resuscitation and a national voice for expanding bystander CPR.

We thank the generous donors who have made this training possible.

The session is limited to 24 people. PLEASE RSVP by contacting the office at 319-337-3813 or secretary@agudasachimic.org.

Note to University of Iowa students: The campus offers similar instruction free for enrolled students at several sessions each semester. Sign up at <https://studenthealth.uiowa.edu/wellness>.

High School students in the State of Iowa are required learn CPR before they graduate. Iowa was the first of 40 states to establish this rule.

DONATIONS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Jody & Janie Braverman

Richard & Ellen Caplan

Michael & Joanne Margolin: In memory of
Arthur Margolin

David Skorton & Robin Davisson: In memory of
Sam Skorton

CEMETERY FUND

Lorraine Dorfman: In memory of Sara Dorfman

Jack Snider: In memory of Betty Snider

FINE ARTS FUND

Stanley & Jane Zukin and family: In memory of
Lama Shetzer

GARDEN & LANDSCAPING FUND

Jody & Janie Braverman

Sue Weinberg & Robert Armstrong: In memory
of Ruth Jones

GENERAL FUND

Jeff & Sara Braverman: In memory of
David Braverman

Jody & Janie Braverman: In memory of
Arnie Breggin

Jody & Janie Braverman: In memory of
Laverne Siebuhr

HIGH HOLIDAY/CANTOR FUND

Richard & Ellen Caplan: In memory of
Nilda Fonseca Coelho de Almeida

LIBRARY FUND

Jody & Janie Braverman

Arthur & Miriam Canter: In memory of
Louis Rosenbaum

LOUIS GINSBERG YOUTH FUND

Richard & Ellen Caplan: In honor of Mark and
Vickie Ginsberg's new granddaughter

PORTMAN PROGRAM FUND

Sue Weinberg & Robert Armstrong: In honor of all
who supported Sue during her recent surgery and
recovery

SIM & SARA STRAUSS MEMORIAL FUND

Stephen & Susan Strauss: In memory of
Samuel Markovitz

SISTERHOOD MITZVAH & MEMORIAL FUND

Richard & Ellen Caplan: To thank the
Hugenholtz-Middleton family for hosting the
fabulous Winter Tea

TIKUN OLAM FUND

Kathleen Jacobs: for the Free Lunch program

Doug & Beverly Jones: In memory of
Goldie Solganick

Mel & Diane Sunshine: In honor of David Lubaroff's
80th birthday

PJ LIBRARY

Richard & Ellen Caplan: In honor of Tal Sarit Savitt

ONEG FUND

Richard & Ellen Caplan: In memory of Ruth Jones

TALMUD STUDY GROUP

The Talmud study group meets at **9:00 a.m. on Sundays!** Everyone is invited.

No Hebrew language skill is required. Materials will be provided.

For more information contact Rabbi Portman at jrportman@gmail.com.

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 10:00am - 12:00pm Sunday School 10:00am - 12:00pm Warm Up America 11:00am - 12:30pm Purim Carnival 8:00pm - 10:00pm Introduction to Judaism	26 4:15pm - 6:15pm Hebrew School	27 7:30pm - 8:30pm Jewish	28 11:30am - 1:00pm Free Lunch 4:15pm NO Hebrew School 6:30pm - 8:30pm Cross- Communal Purim 7:00pm - 8:00pm Megillah Reading	1 9:00am - 10:00am Megillah Reading	2 Hillel Challah for Hunger Sale Office Closed 7:30pm - 8:30pm Shabbat Evening Services	3 9:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Services 11:00am - 12:00pm Children's service
4 9:00am - 10:00am Talmud Study Group 10:00am - 12:00pm Sunday School 12:00pm - 1:30pm 4th-7th grade pizza lunch 8:00pm - 10:00pm Introduction to Judaism	5 4:15pm - 6:15pm Hebrew School 7:00pm - 8:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	6 7:30pm - 8:30pm Jewish	7 4:15pm - 6:15pm Hebrew School 7:00pm - 8:00pm Calendar Meeting	8	9 Office Closed 7:30pm - 8:30pm Shabbat Evening Services	10 9:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Services
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Don't forget: Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 11.

SPIRITUAL JEWS

Small Group Meeting:

Jews Seeking a Spiritual Connection to Judaism

Sunday, March 25, 12:00 p.m.

Contact the office at secretary@agudasachimic.org or (319) 337-3813 to RSVP.

**“As tiny scales join to form a strong coat of
armor, so little donations combine to form a large total of good”**

From the Talmud

Should you desire to make a contribution, may we suggest any of the following synagogue funds:

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