



Agudas Achim Congregation

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FROM THE RABBI *Esther Hugenholtz*

Dear Members and Friends of Agudas Achim,

This last week has been marked and marred by the worst anti-Semitic attack in the history of the United States. Eleven Jews at prayer were martyred in the Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh. The massacre has sent shockwaves through the American Jewish community and world Jewry. Now that our brothers and sisters are accompanied to their final resting place, we can start sitting collective 'Shivah' (period of mourning) and process the enormity of our emotions and the social fallout of this heinous crime.

Many of us will be angry, scared, grieving. Some of us may feel re-traumatized on account of our personal or familial experiences of anti-Semitism or other forms of violence. Many of us will struggle to find answers or even articulate the questions on how this could happen. Many of us may contemplate how this act of terror - and other acts

of violence and terror targeted against other groups, such as the African-American shoppers murdered in Louisville in the same week - will impact our communities and this country. What are the security implications? Will we close our doors? Have we lost our innocence?

At the same time, we are heartened and feel carried by the outpouring of solidarity and support: from Christians, Muslims, and people of all faiths and no faiths, from houses of worship and civic institutions to kind-hearted individuals. While our pain is raw, the love we encounter is real. Over 400 people attended the interfaith Vigil at the IMU last Tuesday and we saw the Iowa City/Coralville community at its finest.

This early in our grieving process, it is hard to say what direction we will take. But we can know this:

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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz (Cont.)

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we need not close our doors; we will keep all sides of our tent open. We will think wisely, strategically, calmly about how to keep our community safe. And we will bring our passion and love for Judaism and our commitment to welcome the stranger to the question of keeping our community inclusive and accessible.

Agudas Achim will join the national Shabbat Solidarity movement called **#ShowUpForShabbat**. Please come to services - and bring a friend. Jews and non-Jews, members and non-members alike are welcome. Please (re-)engage with our community. Let's wrap the metaphorical tallit (prayer shawl) of Judaism tighter around us and find succor in it. Take on a new mitzvah. Learn something about the Jewish tradition. Perform an act of kindness. Resolve to drink deeply from the cup of joyous Jewish living. Seek to repair the world, one small, transformative act at a time—and we will lift up the sacred memories of those we've lost. We will demonstrate that no amount of hatred can snuff out love; no amount of darkness can extinguish the light of our Torah.

If you are in need of pastoral support, family resources or other coping strategies, please be in touch. I'm here for you.

B'shalom,
Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz

Rabbi Hugenholtz's Comments at Our Vigil for Louisville and Pittsburgh

Shir la'amot – A song of ascents.

Essa einai el he'harim – I lift my eyes to the mountains

Me'ayin yavo ezri – from where will my help come?

Dear brothers and sisters,

I'm an immigrant. Unlike many American children, I did not grow up watching "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" as a child. I was blessed to discover Mr. Rogers' television ministry of humanitarian kindness as an adult and it has given me succor during turbulent times.

Mr. Rogers' mythical television neighborhood – a place of hope and love - was set in Squirrel Hill, the Neighborhood where the *Etz Chaim* – Tree of Life – Synagogue stands.

There is a now-famous story that Mr. Rogers would share the comfort his own mother gave him. He said:

"Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world."

We, the Jewish People, together with our African-American brothers and sisters, and our brothers and sisters of all backgrounds and faiths, are looking for help.

Me'ayin yavo ezreinu – from where will our help come?

We have come here today to mourn. Eleven Jews were martyred at prayer. Eleven Jews who had probably just put on their *kippot* and wrapped themselves in their prayer shawls, like the one I am wearing now. Who had in all likelihood just chanted the morning liturgy, which affirms our pride and joy and sense of obligation...

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'Olam she'asani betzalmo.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has made us in Your Divine image.

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Bullets tore through that Divine Image and desecrated it.

*Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'Olam
she'asani b'nei chorin.*

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has made us free human beings.

The freedom to worship, enshrined in this great country's constitution, shredded by a semi-automatic rifle.

*Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'Olam
she'asani Yisrael.*

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has given us the great privilege of being Jewish.

We Jews, old and young, devout and secular, Jews-of-Color, Jews-by-birth and Jews-by-choice—are all one family and when one of us is hurt, we are all in pain. We are dying because we came together on our holy day, the Sabbath, in our holy place, a sanctuary, to worship God and sanctify God's Name through the values of our tradition: kindness, compassion, loving the stranger, protecting the vulnerable, serving all humanity.

When people marched in Charlottesville that fateful August, the bigots called out 'Jews will not replace us.' The Pittsburgh terrorist tried to make good on that promise.

Me'ayin yavo ezreinu – from where will our help come?

When the Louisville terrorist who killed two innocent African-Americans, a brother and sister of our soul, after failing to enter First Baptist Church—an African-American church—he tried to make good on that hateful promise.

No, we will not let them fulfil that promise.

Against the vows of hatred, we pledge our eternal values, the values that were sung and prayed on a peaceful Shabbat morning in a quiet sanctuary. The values of Malachi that plead the unshakable truth: 'Do we not have One Divine Parent? Has not One God made us?' The values of Leviticus that instruct: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself', the calling of Micah: 'To do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

Me'ayin yavo ezreinu – from where will our help come?

Where does our help, our strength, our solace, our hope come from now that we mourn our dead? Now that we nurse our anger, sit with our pain and feel the burn of unanswerable questions on our lips? When the '*tza'akah gedolah*', the 'great outcry' of our hearts is 'why?'

Our help comes from helpers – from all of us here dedicated to the memory of Louisville and Squirrel Hill. We will build our own neighborhood. Our help comes from all of us here – people of conscience, of kindness, of good will, of moral fortitude. And we are so grateful that we in the midst of our pain can come together and link our arms, hearts and destinies.

'Ezri me'im Adonai, Oseh shamayim v'arets' – 'my help comes from Adonai, the Creator of Heaven and Earth.'

Elohei Yisrael, Shomer Yisrael, God of Israel, Guardian of Israel, God of all humanity, of all of us, have mercy on us.

Shelter us under Your wing as we remind ourselves of our great mission: to be a light unto the nations, to be unflinching advocates for radical empathy, to stand strong in solidarity with all the human family, especially those that are vulnerable to being targeted by bigotry. To speak truth and Torah to power. May You offer us healing and give us courage in the days, weeks, years ahead to rally our

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moral center. To meet hatred with love, just as You love us all with a great love.

Be with us, Adonai our God, be with the African-American community, the Muslim community, with those who have disabilities, with those who are vulnerable. Be with the LGBTQ community, the immigrant community. Be, as You promised in

Psalms 146, the One Who loves the stranger, protects the widow and orphan, Who feeds the hungry, opens the eyes of the blind and raises the downtrodden. To You, O Merciful One, we look for hope. We know we will hear the answer in the hearts and hands of our fellow human beings. This is where our Redemption lies.

Ken yehi ratzon, may this be God's will.

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL LETTER AFTER PITTSBURGH ATTACK

*Saturday 28th of October 2018,
18th of Cheshvan 5779*

Dear members and friends of Agudas Achim,

It is with great sadness that I write this message. As many of you may have heard, there has been a devastating anti-Semitic attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania this morning.

Our first priority as the leadership of the synagogue is to guarantee the safety of our community. We have immediately started implementing additional security measures to keep our community safe and will, on very short notice, seek additional expertise for a medium- and long-term security strategy.

Our next priority is to be pastorally available to you. If you would like rabbinic guidance or support during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Rabbi. Likewise, the lay leadership of our congregation offers you their support.

As we are monitoring ongoing developments, we will continue to inform the community. Meanwhile, we have received many messages of support, both in person and through email, from our Christian and

Muslim brothers and sisters in the Iowa City/ Coralville area who mourn alongside us and stand with us. In Parashat Vayera, the Torah portion that we read in the synagogue today, we learn that Abraham ran out from the entrance to greet his guests.

This is exactly the approach we will take: we will evaluate the safety risks; we will be vigilant and we will continue living out our mission as Jews in the world: to share loving-kindness, hospitable, welcoming and work towards *tikkun olam* (repair of the world).

As we mourn with our brothers and sisters in Pittsburgh, we will hold them in our prayers and embrace the goodwill shown us by other faith communities. We will stand shoulder-to-shoulder as we defy hatred with our eternal values of love.

B'shalom,
Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kathy Jacobs

This is the fourth time I have scrapped this message and started over.

Many of you may not know that we already have security protocols in place that we review each year. In 2015 we worked with the local police, Homeland Security, and others to create them. But now, with the advice of these agencies, and common sense, we are reassessing our plan, receiving information from security experts, and considering ways to improve building security. You will hear more from us as we make short-term adjustments and plan improvements. Our administrator Karen and I took part in a collaborative webinar by URJ, USCJ about safety and security. The Anti-defamation League (ADL), FBI and Homeland Security covered risk assessment, safety and security measures and resources for our members. These include communication resources for parents who may want the best practices for communicating with children. Contact me if I can help you access them.

If you were not able to attend the Sunday meeting, where we heard from many of you, we will provide other opportunities for you to provide your input. Please feel free to contact the office, or reach out to me personally. If you feel vulnerable, or need

consolation from the rabbi, call the office to make an appointment.

Although we are locking our doors, we want to keep our open and welcoming spirit. I have been so touched to receive hugs from my friends here, and I find giving hugs benefits me as much as this may provide to those I embrace. Let me know if you want a hug. What a beautiful and loving community this is!

The vigil at the IMU for the victims of Squirrel Hill and the African Americans shot in Kentucky taught us that we have many friends in the broader community who have shown us their support in this uncertain time. Pastor Sam Massey, of the First Presbyterian Church, immediately left his workout at the gym upon seeing the news, to comfort the rabbi and offer material support from himself and his membership. Area clergy from local Christian and Muslim communities contacted us to provide us with their support as well.

I hope you will attend services this weekend to share in the support we can give each other. Our synagogue remains a warm and welcoming space. Let's enjoy the spirit of loving kindness we create there.

**STRANGER
TOGETHER**

#ShowUpForShabbat

November 2-3, 2018

COMMUNITY EVENT
Co-sponsored by Agudas Achim

Sponsored by the University of Iowa's Departments of Classics and Religious Studies,
Agudas Achim Congregation, and the Biblical Archaeology Society

MODERN ARCHAEOLOGY:

New Methods and Discoveries that Help Us
Better Understand the Biblical World

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:00pm in 100 Phillips Hall

ODED LIPSCHITS
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

In this lecture, Professor Oded Lipschits, Director, Sonia & Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology & Professor of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University in Israel will discuss the latest archaeological methods & technologies he uses at the excavation he directs, the Lautenschläger Azekah Expedition, that assist in shedding greater light on the biblical world.



Department of
Classics

Visit clas.uiowa.edu/classics for more details.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact the Classics Department in advance at 319-335-2323.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Beverly Jones

Thank You

We wish to thank Sue Weinberg for the donation of kitchen supplies, and especially Passover supplies from B'nai Jacob Synagogue in Ottumwa.

Winter Tea

Our next social event will be our Winter Tea, in either January or February. If anyone would like to volunteer to host this event in her home, please contact sisterhood@agudasachimic.org. In addition, we're always eager to hear your programming ideas.

Book Recommendations

In the October Bulletin, we listed the books that were recommended by our members at the Sisterhood Fall Welcome Event on September 23. This month, we're listing recommendations that came to us after the Fall Welcome.

Because of the number of recommendations that we've received, we'll be listing the books in three parts: nonfiction books this month, then fiction books split over the following two months.

Nonfiction recommendations:

- 10% Human. Alanna Collen. [2015] eBook.
- 1947: Where Now Begins. Elizabeth Asbrink. [2017] 280p.
- A Bag of Marbles. Joseph Joffo. [1974, 2000] 292p., 318p.
- An Invisible Thread: The True Story of An 11-year-old Panhandler, A Busy Sales Executive and An Unlikely Meeting With Destiny. Laura Schrof, Alex Tresniowski. [2011] 238p.
- Canoeing with the Cree. Eric Sevareid. [1935, 1968, 2004] 206p.
- Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania. Erik Larson. [2015] 430p.
- Educated: A Memoir. Tara Westover. [2018] 334p.

- Girl Who Smiled Beads, The: A Story of War and What Comes After. Clemantine Wamariya, Elizabeth Weil. [2018] 265p.
- Ghost Boy: The Miraculous Escape of a Misdiagnosed Boy Trapped Inside His Own Body. Martin Pistorious. [2013] 276p.
- I Was Told To Come Alone. Souad Mckhennet. [2017]
- Minneapolis Madams: The Lost History of Prostitution on the Riverfront. Penny A. Peterson. [2013] 228p.
- Make Your Bed: Little Things that Could Change Your Life...and Maybe the World. Admiral William H. McRaven, U. S. Nave Retired. [2017] 125p.
- Play Like A Girl: How A Soccer School in Kenya's Slums Started a Revolution. Ellie Roscher. [2017] 206p.
- Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-Changing Friendship. Michelle Kuo. [2017] 288p.
- Senator Next Door, The: A Memoir from the Heartland. Amy Klobuchar. [2015] 355p.
- Warmth of Other Suns, The: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration. Isabel Wilkerson [2010] 622p.
- When Breath Becomes Air. Paul Kalanithi. [2016] 228p.
- Year of Yes. Shonda Rhimes. [2015] 311p.

Dues

If you have yet to pay your membership dues, please send your check for \$36.00 to our Sisterhood Treasurer, Joni Caplan, at 520 Brookland Park Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. Contact Joni at jocaplan@aol.com if you have questions. You can also contact Synagogue Administrator, Karen Brady at 319-337-3813 if you would like to pay by credit card. Your dues help us support synagogue projects throughout the year. It would help us if we could receive your dues before December 31.

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

The congregation extends its condolences to
Linda Levey and family on the death of **Andrea Levey**.

The congregation extends its condolences to
Miriam Canter and family on the death of **Arthur Canter**.

TIKUN OLAM *Martha Lubaroff*



Tikkun Olam reminds everyone to

VOTE

on or before Tuesday, November 6.

GIFT SHOP NEWS *Joanne Margolin*

Chanukah is finding its way into the Gift Shop, and we're ready for you to come and shop! The first night will be on Sunday, December 2, so there's plenty of time to get your necessities taken care of without conflicting with the Thanksgiving crunch this year.

In addition to the general Chanukah basics, don't overlook the many gift items that we have, especially the jewelry. Whenever I'm at the Gift Shop there are always children who come over and tell me what things they see there that they'd like to have! Janelle Jaskolka's Chanukah themed table runners, placemats, gift bags, and other fabric items will be available again this year, too.

I will be out of town on November 4, but plan to be at the Gift Shop on Sunday, November 11, and 18,

and December 2, from 10:00-12:00, to help you shop. And don't forget that the Gift Shop is open during the week when someone is at the synagogue. That's usually on Mondays through Thursdays, from 9-5. Happy shopping!



SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear

I started out to write a very different piece for the bulletin. It would have featured the news that the **Kindergarten** class is making their own Kiddush cups and learning to say the blessing and that the **Sixth Grade** is investigating the history of Jews in Iowa. But in light of the terrorist attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, I feel a need to look up from the details of Sunday School and talk about the larger community.

I was at services when we received the news of a massacre in Pittsburgh. I have received news of many tragedies over the years, and, like many of us, I have mourned for them alone, sitting with the newspaper or over my computer. This was the first time that I received such news while in a community at prayer. I saw tears in the eyes of people I have prayed with for years, and I felt tears in my own eyes. Together we said *Yizkor*, the memorial service, for those who have died *l'kiddush ha-Shem*, to sanctify God's Name. It was a sad and strange moment, but I was not alone.

The next day I met in a café with a small group to plan a vigil to commemorate the dead. As we hashed out the details, several people came up to us to ask if there was going to be a vigil, where and when. One man sounded almost angry. I shared our tentative plan, but as he waked away, I had a moment of panic. Who was this man? Why had I trusted him?

"Wait! Who are you?" I shouted to his retreating back. Better rude than sorry, I figured. He came back and introduced himself. He was Jewish and angry. Angry about the shooting. Angry that the University seemed to him to be indifferent to its Jewish faculty. He was looking for a community of mourners and hoping for the vigil to offer it.

Most of us pass in and out of Jewish communities, sometimes standing at the center, sometimes barely in contact with the fringes. I know that my students will also move away and (I hope) back into Jewish community over time. My task as a Jewish

educator is to help my students "speak Jewish," to fill them with the words and knowledge that will allow them to move easily into any Jewish community. At least, I used to think that was what I was doing. Now, as I think about the Shabbat regulars I pray with, and the Shabbat regulars murdered in Pittsburgh, I am starting to hope for more from my students. I hope that they will commit to being the Jewish community that each of them will need one day. When we feel pain or joy as Jews, it is very cold on the fringes.

So here is what we have been doing in SUNDAY SCHOOL. The **Kindergarten** has decorated Kiddush cups and practiced saying the blessing. The **Second and Third Grade** talked about the concept of a *mitzvah*, as a commandment and good deed. The **Sixth Grade** is trying to piece together the history of Jews in Iowa based on what they can learn online and from material displayed in the synagogue. They are creating posters with dates and facts, which we will use as a jumping off point for larger questions about the history of Jewish immigration and migration.

The entire school learned the phrase "derekh erez" (the way of the world), which means decent, respectful behavior. Always a useful phrase!

In HEBREW SCHOOL, the **Beginning** class has been working on *Barchu* and *Shma*. They stressed the words *shma* (hear), *'echad* (one) and *Adonai*. They have also been working on the letters and vowels of the alphabet. The **Intermediate** class has learned some parts of the *rosh*, including *einayim* (eyes) and *'af* (nose) as well as *yad* (hand). They have these words written on the wall, and they have been touching the word and then the relevant body part. In addition, they are learning to chant *V'ahavta* with gestures. For instance, they make a heart shape with their hands for *levavta* (your heart). The **Advanced** class has been learning *Lecha Dodi*. They have drawn pictures of the key words, including *calah* (bride), which they use to practice vocabulary.

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Torah Portion	Date	Service Time	Service
Chaye Sarah (Genesis 23:1 – 25:18)	Friday, November 2	7:30 p.m.	Sim Shalom (Conservative)
	Saturday, November 3	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
Toledot (Genesis 25:19 – 28:9)	Friday, November 9	7:30 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, November 10	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom
Vayetze (Genesis 28:10 – 32:3)	Friday, November 16	7:30 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, November 17	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom
Vayishlach (Genesis 32:4 – 36:43)	Friday, November 23	7:30 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, November 24	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom
Vayeshev (Genesis 37:1 – 40:23)	Friday, November 30	7:30 p.m.	Sim Shalom
	Saturday, December 1	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah

ARI ARIEL TALK *Adult Education*



Friday, November 9

Ari Ariel, lecturer and honors advisor for International Studies, will give an oneg Shabbat talk following the Shabbat service on the topic of

"Becoming Yemenite / Becoming Israel".

This talk will focus on the impact of Yemeni-Jewish migration to Palestine/Israel on Yemeni Jewish identity. We will look at culinary traditions, dance and music to examine how Yemeni Jews have maintained their connection with Yemen, resisted pressures to assimilate, and at the same time worked to integrate into Israeli society.

AGUDAS ACHIM HANUKKAH PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 5:30 p.m.

Come celebrate the 1st night of Hanukkah!

Bring your Menorah and candles for a group Menorah lighting.

Lots of Latkes with sour cream and applesauce for dinner.

Latkes made by Kineret Zabner and her team of dedicated volunteers.

Sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts) for dessert made by Sinaya Nadler.

Chocolate Hanukkah gelt for all.

RSVP to the synagogue office at
secretary@agudasachimic.org or
319-337-3813 by

Thursday, November 29.

Please send payment to the
office in advance. Additional
donations are welcome. If
payment is an issue, please
contact the office.

Member Cost:

Adults: \$12

Under age 3: free

Age 3 - 12: \$5

Age 13 - 18: \$9

Non-Member Cost:

Adults: \$15

Children: see above



COMMUNITY EVENT
Alan Weinstein



OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND

Sat. Nov. 17
Sun. Nov. 18
11am-5pm

*including works
from the 50 year
retrospective*

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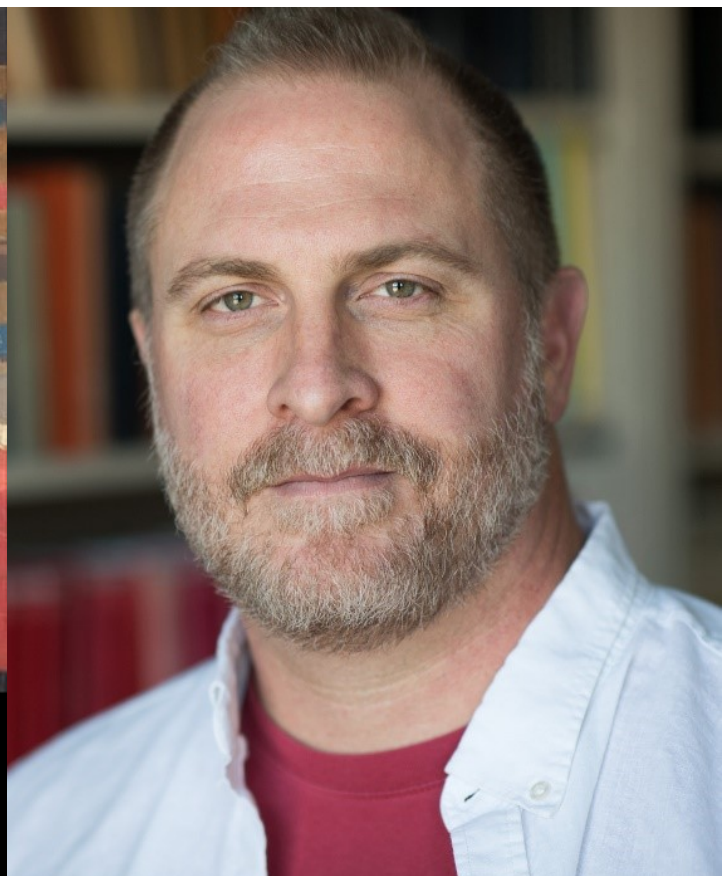
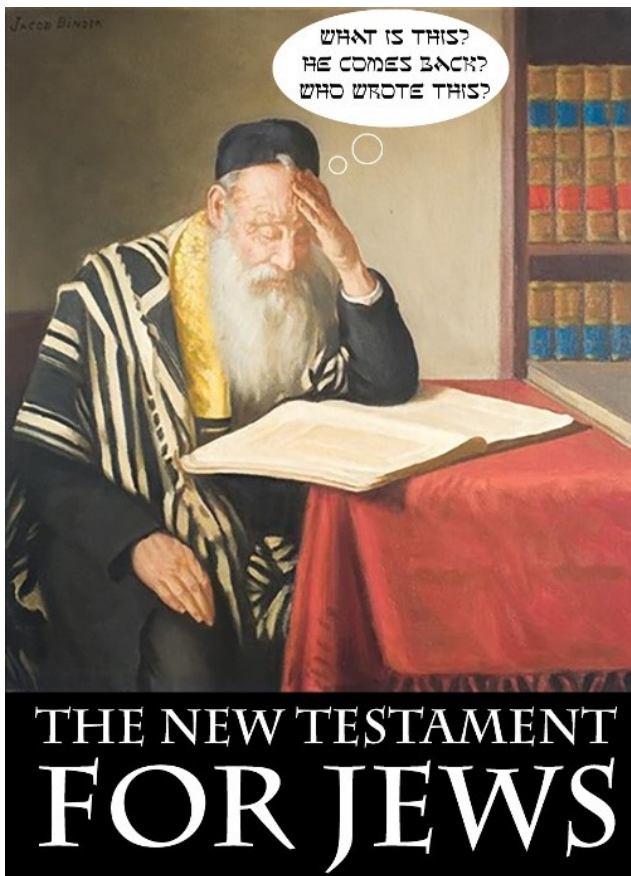
CARGILL SERIES

NEW TESTAMENT FOR JEWS A SERIES BY PROFESSOR **BOB CARGILL**

For millennia, Jews have studied the Hebrew Bible and debated its interpretation. However, the Christian New Testament has often been unregarded by the Jewish community, set aside as irrelevant or even hostile to the Jewish faith. A basic understanding of the New Testament not only opens a window of understanding into the Christian theological mindset, but also into the vast diversity of first-century Jewish sectarianism, and actually helps to inform Jews about the origins and practices of their own faith tradition.

Join Dr. Robert Cargill, Asst. Professor of Classics and Religious Studies at the University of Iowa, as he offers a six-lecture series titled “The New Testament for Jews,” and introduces the Christian scriptures in their Jewish context for a Jewish audience. All sessions begin at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 4	Lecture 3: The Letters of Paul
Sunday, November 25	Lecture 4: The Non-Pauline Letters
Sunday, December 2	Lecture 5: Revelation and Apocalyptic Literature
Sunday, December 16	Lecture 6: The Canonization of the New Testament



CHALLAH FOR HUNGER

Hillel

Hillel students will be baking challot to help in the fight against hunger. Each challah costs \$5, with \$3.50 per challah sold going to an organization fighting against hunger.

Baking will take place on **Friday, November 2**. If you'd like to order a freshly baked challah, we would appreciate having your orders in by noon that day. There's a link for signing up [here](#).

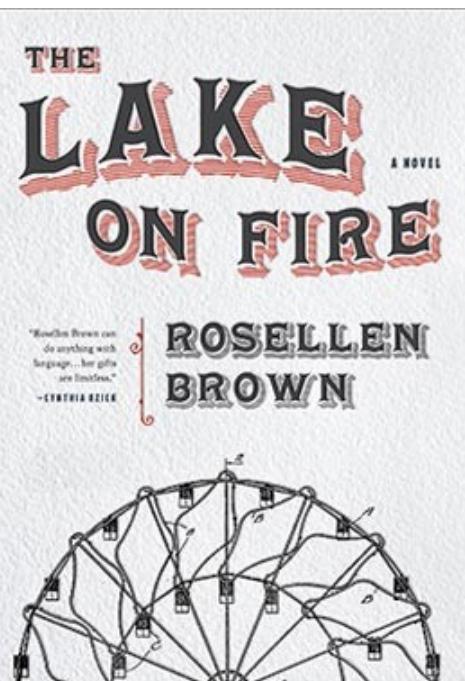
Also, if you cannot pick up between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Friday, let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate!

FROM THE STACKS

Linda Kerber and Ellen Caplan

The Lake On Fire by Rosellen Brown

Rosellen Brown read from her novel *The Lake on Fire* recently at Prairie Lights. Her epic narrative begins among 19th century Jewish immigrants on a failing Wisconsin farm. Dazzled by lore of the American dream, Chaya and her strange, brilliant, young brother Asher stow away to Chicago. What they discover there,



however, is a Gilded Age as empty a façade as the beautiful Columbian exposition luring thousands to Lake Michigan's shore.

The author was joined in conversation at Prairie Lights by UI Professor of History Emerita, Lecturer in Law, Linda Kerber. They discussed the historical context of the book and the cultural significance of the time, with a focus on the Jewish immigrant experience and women's history.

**Find *The Lake on Fire*, this month's feature,
on the New in the Library shelf in the Braverman Library.**

AN OPPORTUNITY

Are you sixty-plus years of age and interested in gathering with other members like yourself to plan and enjoy programs of interest to your age group, including music, games, lectures?

[Please click here to let us know you are interested.](#)

HEARTSAFE INITIATIVE

RICHARD KERBER MEMORIAL HEARTSAFE INITIATIVE

November 11, 1:30 pm - Agudas Achim Social Hall



WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE A CPR COURSE?

Every second counts in Cardiac Arrest. Did you know that irreparable brain damage can occur in as little as 3-4 minutes after cardiac arrest? Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) touches us all: Anyone of any age, race and gender can suffer SCA, most often with no warning.

It is the # 3 cause of death in the U.S, more than breast, lung, colon and prostate cancer combined.

- 1 life every 2 minutes is lost to SCA
- 12,500 children experience SCA each year
- Most people die within minutes if they don't receive treatment

For these very reasons the American Heart Association (AHA) recently stated that there needs to be more bystander or community involvement in times of an emergency.

What if it were him? Your father or your brother? What if it were her? Your mother, your daughter? Don't be that person who thinks someone else is going to help! It is time to get involved. Know what to do!

What can you do in those vital first minutes to save someone's precious life? Sign up for Johnson County Ambulance's certified AHA HeartSaver CPR w/ AED course.

Because every second counts....

Even though the signup deadline has passed, if you are interested, contact the office:
secretary@agudasachimic.org (319) 337-3813



TZITZIT CLASS

Saturday, November 24, 12:30

Monday, November 26, 7:00

**Part 1: Learn Halacha of Tzitzit
and study the source texts**

**Part 2: Tie your own Tzitzit!
(Please RSVP to request tzitzit
tying set)**

DONATIONS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Arthur Bonfield: In memory of Doris Bonfield

June Braverman: In memory of Ida Rotman & Rosalie Braverman

Mace & Kay Braverman: In memory of Rosalie Braverman

Michael & Jennifer Flatté: In memory of Stanley Flatté

Barry & Marjorie Ginsberg: In memory of Dorothy Kanef

Lea Haravon Collins & Steve Collins: In memory of Aristide Haravon

Jeanne Jaggard: In memory of Harold Jaffe

Linda Kerber: In memory of Dorothy Kaufman, Harry Kaufman, Sylvia Kaufman, Max Kerber, Pauline Kerber, Ruth Jones, Andrea Levey, and Bob Kieso

Alan Mutnick: in memory of Barbara Anne Mutnick

Bob & Donna Rodnitzky: In memory of Leo Pliner

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NOVEMBER 2018

				1 Calendar Meeting 7:15-8:15 pm	2 Office Closed Shabbat Evening Service 7:30-8:30 pm	3 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am-12 pm Children's Shabbat Club 10 am-12 pm
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends Talmud Study Group 9-10am Sunday School 10am-12pm Warm-up America 10 am-12 pm Cargill Talk: New Testament for Jews 11am-12pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30-9:30 pm	5 Hebrew School 4:15-6:15pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7-8 pm	6	7 Hebrew School 4:15-6:15pm Adult Ed Committee 6:30-7:30 pm	8 Inclusion Committee 7-8 pm	9 Office Closed Shabbat Evening Service 7:30-8:30 pm Adult Ed Oneg with Ari Ariel 8:30-10 pm	10 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am-12 pm Children's Shabbat Club 10 am-12 pm
11 Talmud Study Group 9-10am Sunday School 10am-12pm Warm-up America 10 am-12 pm CPR Training 1:30-5 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30-9:30 pm	12 Hebrew School 4:15-6:15pm	13	14 Hebrew School 4:15-6:15pm	15 Ritual Committee 7:15-8:15 pm	16 Office Closed Family Chavurah 6-7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service 7:30-8:30 pm	17 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am-12 pm Children's Shabbat Club 10 am-12 pm
18 Talmud Study Group 9-10am Introduction to Judaism 7:30-9:30 pm	19 Executive Committee 7-8 pm	20	21	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed Shabbat Evening Service 7:30-8:30 pm	24 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am-12 pm Children's Shabbat Club 10 am-12 pm
25 Talmud Study Group 9-10am Cargill Talk: New Testament for Jews 11am-12pm	26 Tikun Olam Committee 4-5 pm Hebrew School 4:15-6:15pm	27	28 Free Lunch 11:30 am-1 pm Hebrew School 4:15-6:15pm	29 Board Meeting 7-8 pm	30 Office Closed Shabbat Evening Service 7:30-8:30 pm	1 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am-12 pm Children's Shabbat Club 10 am-12 pm

INTERNATIONAL DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date: **Monday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.** for our annual **International Dinner and a Movie** (Formerly Chinese Dinner and a Movie)

Please bring a potluck Asian or Middle Eastern dish to share.

We'll be showing the Israeli movie, "The Band's Visit."

**“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

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