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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz

'Yotzer or u'vorey choshech, Oseh shalom, u'vorey et hakol' – 'Former of Light and Creator of Darkness, Maker of Peace, Creator of All'. This line, from the morning liturgy, never ceases to impress me every time we recite it. Originating from the Book of Isaiah (45:7), it is a bold charge to hold the paradoxical complexities of life in our hearts and hands. The Jewish tradition is very good at doing that: the 'lachma anya' of the Passover Seder is both the 'bread of affliction' and the center piece of our Feast of Freedom. During Chanukkah and Purim, we both commemorate our people's subjugation to possible genocide as well as our resilience in overcoming that evil. And the 'Yoms', as we call them – the period where we celebrate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Day), Yom haZikaron (Jewish Memorial Day) and Yom ha'Atzma'ut – are not just important to those of us with strong connections to Israel, but to all of us who embrace this blessed paradox of Jewish resilience and thriving. We connect to both the 'tzuris' (pain) and 'simcha' (joy) of being Jewish and find meaning therein.

I personally have been feeling this keenly myself this past week in the wake of the Poway Synagogue Shooting. As I prepared to take my family out for a well-deserved post-Pesach pizza dinner, I saw the news. As I wrote in my earlier letter to the congregation, it is very normal for so many of us to experience a range of feelings as we process this news over the coming period. We can take solace in the wisdom of the Jewish tradition and in the power of community: both our immediate Jewish community here in the area as well as the wider Iowa City community. I have been touched by the messages of support the synagogue has received from our Christian and Muslim friends. Meanwhile, we can rely on the connection and company of each other as we move deeper into Spring and Summer.

We can both look back on the blessings we've experienced over the last period as well as what is still to come. The Pesach period was a sweet time of beautiful weather and deep connection. I had the pleasure of teaching the under fives crowd at the

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Annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Party

Thursday May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored Dinner at Agudas Achim

Catered by Oasis Falafel

**יום עצמאות
שמח !**

FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz (cont.)

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Iowa City Public Library about Passover with songs and stories – a tradition I initiated last Chanukkah and that I hope to keep up. The Communal Seder, attended by over sixty, was a huge success. A big thank you to Nina and Alan Weinstein and their team for making this a lovely, festive and delicious event (with apologies to the vegetarians and vegans among us: that kosher brisket was melt-in-your-mouth good!) Hy-Vee, the Co-op and Trader Joe's supported our community with their Kosher for Passover products so that we could enjoy the flavors of the season in the American heartland. We also had the honor of hosting our Ninth Annual Concert of Commemoration: a big thank you to both Kineret Zabner and Mark Bernat for bringing their vision to fruition yet again, and of course, we are indebted to all the donors who made this wonderful cultural event possible. Music is truly a 'spa for the soul' and I particularly enjoyed the 'Abîme des Oiseaux' from the 'Quartet for the End of Time' by composer Olivier Messiaen where the clarinet mimicked the hopeful trills of birdsongs, even among the midnight of the century.

There have been other blessings too. Attending the Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, was professionally inspirational. Being in the presence of over 600 (!) Reform Rabbis is quite the experience (and they were all really nice and collegial too!) I also taught a guest lecture on Judaism at the College of Dentistry here in Iowa City, of all places, and continue to do my outreach work in the community which gives me deep joy. Closer to home, I've taught several Rabbi's Tishes ('Tables') for Adult Education including one on belief or disbelief in God and am looking to doing more over the coming period, as well as being the Keynote Speaker for our statewide 'Women of Reform Judaism' event this Sunday. The next Rabbi's Tish is slated to talk about LGBTQ Issues in Judaism, so please keep your eye on the calendar for that. Behind the scenes, we've been active in

taking a look at our Religion School, at synagogue safety and governance training as we look to empower our lay leadership to become more mission-driven. We are also planning an Antisemitism Discussion group for our members to help process our feelings on and experiences of antisemitism.

For those who have seen me in person in recent months, you may have noticed that my girth has widened. While it is not rabbinic practice to comment on my own physical appearance, it is undeniable that this has been happening for good reason: I am currently six months pregnant and God willing, my husband and I are very excited to welcome our third baby (and first American-born child!) in August. As we prepare for my maternity leave at the end of the summer, we've been looking at the High Holidays and other synagogue events in the interim. All is in good hands. I will also be launching a Service Leaders Course for the four Wednesday evenings in June: if you are interested in learning how to lead services (all levels welcome!) and want to deepen your connection to our liturgy, this course is for you. Relying on lay leadership is an unexpected blessing during my leave and it will be wonderful to empower people to experience the joy of the bimah and leading our community in worship and Torah.

All in all, these are all wonderful developments. As we continue to reflect on the challenges and difficult moments of our times, we can trust in the power of our community. Let us continue to teach and learn, build bridges and make cross-communal friendships, be open of heart and spirit and shine our light in the darkness. It is the only response imaginable – let us heed the clarion call of justice and take pride in who we are as Jews. This we will never relinquish. As we head into warmer days of beauty and calm, may we continue to be a blessing to each other. *Am Yisrael Chai* (the Jewish People live).

SEDER PICTURES

Many thanks to Alan and Nina Weinstein for planning, organizing and preparing the communal seder at Agudas Achim!



RABBINIC STATEMENT ON THE SAN DIEGO SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING

Esther Hugenholtz

As the week of Passover, our Feast of Freedom, drew to a close, many of us were shocked and horrified to learn of the Chabad Synagogue shooting on April 27th in Poway, California. Tragically, congregant Lori Gilbert Kaye lost her life while three others, including the congregational rabbi, sustained injuries.

Occurring exactly six months after the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting, it is difficult for us as a Jewish community to find the words to express our sorrow. In recent months, we have witnessed terrifying and deadly attacks on houses of worship, both nationally and internationally, including the synagogue in Pittsburgh, two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and several churches in Sri Lanka.

The desecration of human life when at prayer in holy community is unspeakable. While our wounds are still raw from these past cycles of violence, we are forced to confront yet again these evil acts in our midst. It is entirely appropriate for us to feel a range of emotions: anger, numbness, shock, fear, grief. The Torah tells us that when Aaron lost his sons Nadav and Avihu in a traumatic way, Aaron did not know how to respond and chose silence.

Our response over the next period will be informed by our sense of connection: to our loved ones, to our synagogue family and to the wider community. As the Rabbi of the congregation, I have been honored to receive several heartwarming messages of support and solidarity from our Muslim and Christian siblings here in the Iowa City and Coralville area.

Our response will be threefold: first, I make myself fully available to all members of the Agudas Achim

Congregation who need support in processing this immense shock. I am here for you. Please come talk, pray or just sit in sacred silence. Second of all, our Safety Committee, formed in the wake of the Pittsburgh attack, has been and will continue to work hard to make our community safer while not compromising on the openness and welcome we so treasure. Thirdly, we will continue to build alliances with all people of good will and across all (and no) faiths to make clear that only love can excise such hatred from our midst.

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keep talking. Listen to our own emotions, take care of ourselves and each other but most of all – to keep talking to our fellow human beings. Let us continue to build bridges between our hearts and to lift up the memories of those who have been lost.

Continuing to assert our Jewish values of 'tikkun olam', repairing the world, and 'gemilut chasadim', acts of loving-kindness, will be the way in

which we honor both the living and the fallen. *Zichronam kedushah livrachah* – may their sacred memories be a blessing.

B'shalom, in peace,

Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz

RABBI'S TISH

Rabbi's Tish: LGBTQ Issues and Judaism

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 a.m.

Two verses in the Book of Leviticus have shaped Jewish attitudes towards LGBTQ issues. But is this all there is?

If we want to affirm an LGBTQ-embracing Jewish religious ethic, we need to explore what this means: through the textual sources, through Jewish values which center the dignity of the individual and through the lived experience of LGBTQ Jews. Come learn and share how we can make our community fully LGBTQ inclusive.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Ava Otoadese, daughter of Claudia Corwin and Tony Otoadese, was mistakenly left out of the directory. We apologize for this error.

Due to some miscommunication, the Robert Cargill family was inadvertently included in the Member Directory. We greatly value Dr. Cargill's contributions to and involvement in our community, but he is not a member.

IARGUS 2019 CONCERT

IARGUS 2019 Russian Guitar Concert

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.

"Vikings in Odessa"

at Agudas Achim

ANTISEMITISM DISCUSSION GROUP

Antisemitism Discussion Group

Wednesday May 15

12:30-1:30 at Agudas Achim

This is the first gathering of a discussion group to allow Jewish and Jewish-adjacent members of the community a safe space to process our thoughts and feelings about increasing antisemitism. The discussions will use as a focal prompt the chapters of Deborah Lipstadt's new book *Antisemitism Here and Now*. Please join us!

ANTISEMITISM

HERE AND NOW

DEBORAH E. LIPSTADT



WARM UP AMERICA

Connie Berman

**Warm Up America will meet on
Sunday May 19 from 10:00 to noon.**

We have recently given out another twelve afghans and have requests for at least four more. Lots of good helpers are owed thanks for sewing, planning, photographing, and even reorganizing our storage space. Hurrah, we can find things!

JON & SUSAN SIMON LUNCHEON

Save the date: Farewell Luncheon for Susan and Jon Simon

Saturday, May 25
after services

at Agudas Achim

This free luncheon in honor of longstanding members Jon and Susan Simon will be catered by Oasis Falafel. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday, May 22.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Beverly Jones

Mitzvah Fund Brunch

Sisterhood's annual Mitzvah Fund Brunch will take place on **Sunday, June 23, 11:00 a.m.** at Vesta, 849 Quarry Road in the Iowa River Landing district of Coralville.



Please join us for good food and good company. As in past years, we'll be asking for a minimum donation of \$18.00 over the cost of the lunch, which will go to charity. More details about that, and about our speaker will be announced shortly. We look forward to seeing you at the Brunch. Guests are welcome.

Thank You

A big thank you to Jeanne Cadoret and Thérèse Guédon for their detailed and engrossing Vietnam travelogue; and for the delightful Vietnamese treats. And thanks to everyone who came to the Spring Tea, and who supported Sisterhood by participating in our very successful silent auction.

KCRG INTERVIEW

Rabbi Hugenholtz was recently featured on an interview with KCRG concerning the Poway incident.

[Click here to view the interview online.](#)



SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Torah Portion	Date	Service Time	Service
Achare <i>(Leviticus 16:1 – 18:30)</i>	Friday, May 3 Saturday, May 4	7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom (Conservative) Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
Kedoshim <i>(Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27)</i>	Friday, May 10 Saturday, May 11	7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah Sim Shalom
Emor <i>(Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23)</i>	Friday, May 17 Saturday, May 18	7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah Sim Shalom
Behar <i>(Leviticus 25:1 – 26:2)</i>	Friday, May 24 Saturday, May 25	7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah Sim Shalom
Bechukotai <i>(Leviticus 26:3 – 27:34)</i>	Friday, May 31 Saturday, June 1	7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom Mishkan T'filah

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kathy Jacobs

Once again Jews have been the victim of an attack while gathered in their sanctuary. I feel hurt, angry, and underneath these strong emotions I feel tired and depressed. I have heard from many of you about your anger, hurt and fears. Your feelings are just and I wish I had consolation and solutions for you. But some, at least, are in the works. The Safety committee is at work and by now you have received Dave Middleton's message about what is happening to make us safer, and know that meetings are planned to hear your concerns and discuss our options. Based on the information I have received from both the Reform and Conservative movements and the Secure Community Network we are right to take these steps, to be vigilant and seek advice from Homeland Security and local and area law

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enforcement, to make a plan, seek funding and harden our facility.

I am proud to be a Jew. I found a spiritual home here. I love our synagogue and the people who make up our community. I have always connected the notion of membership with memory and embodiment. Embodiment — like my limbs, trunk, heart, brain and soul make up me — so you all make my community a living thing. For me, memory is connected to membership through our ancient stories, and the stories of those murdered because of hate and fear, and the stories of those who survived and those who survive today. We are survivors; resilient survivors. Please remember and take hold of that timeless spirit that led us out of Egypt and refuse to let hatred lead us from our promise.

FROM JFNA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Andrew Feuerstein

Agudas Achim Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful Passover with your friends and families! My name is Andrew Feuerstein and I am a Network Regional Director for the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Based in New York City, I have the pleasure of working with smaller Jewish communities in Connecticut, Idaho, Louisiana, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Iowa to enhance Jewish life and fundraising efforts.

My background has been in the Jewish non-profit world, which I've found to be a very rewarding opportunity. I came to JFNA having most recently served as Regional Director for BBYO Big Apple Region, where I worked on programming and leadership development with Jewish teenagers in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. While there, I revamped the operational structure in the region and expanded BBYO's reach within the Brooklyn community. Previously, I worked for Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi), the Jewish Fraternity, where I connected with undergraduate and alumni communities throughout the United States. Starting in August, I will begin pursuing an MBA part-time from CUNY Baruch. I currently hold a BA in Organizational Communication from SUNY New Paltz.

The Jewish community in Iowa City will soon have the chance to learn about JFNA's Network of Independent Communities and how it can benefit from its offerings. From coast to coast, "the Network" endeavors to raise funds to care for those in need within their local communities as well as have a positive impact on Jews around the world. It

supports educational and cultural programs to strengthen Jewish life and, when possible, offers limited financial and counselling assistance to individuals and families in crisis. It also works collaboratively with local synagogues and organizations to enhance their programs and outreach efforts to the unaffiliated. Under the auspices of JFNA, it provides emergency assistance for natural disasters, develops partnerships with communities in Israel and Eastern Europe, organizes domestic and overseas missions, offers One Happy Camper incentive grants, accesses JFNA's Washington Office for legislative advocacy and policy planning, connects with Secure Community Network (SCN) which ensures the safety and security of Jewish institutions and communities, and collaborates with the Israel Action Network (IAN) to combat anti-Semitism and counter BDS.



The extraordinary impact of the 147 Jewish Federations and over 300 Network Communities across North America changes lives here at home, in Israel and in more than 70 countries worldwide. The Jewish Federation system identifies, supports and addresses the full range of social service

issues, provides lifesaving humanitarian relief, supports breakthrough programs for all ages, and sustains the Jewish community today and for future generations. Working closely with partner organizations including the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, we work towards making a difference

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FROM JFNA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Andrew Feuerstein (cont.)

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in each Federation and Network Community, and globally.

After meeting with Rabbi Hugenholtz, Kathy Jacobs and David Weltman earlier in the month, I left Iowa City eager to return to meet with you all. I am excited to do so at the end of May to learn even

more about your strong community and find ways in which we can all work together to strengthen an already strong Jewish community.

Sincerely,

Andrew

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MICHAEL LUICK-THRAMS TALK

Michael Luick-Thrams: Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

In the lifetimes of our parents or grandparents, Scattergood Refugee Hostel saved over 80 Jewish lives from Nazi genocide by giving them a safe place in West Branch, Iowa. And then the Hostel tried to serve Japanese-Americans expelled from western cities... but altruism doesn't always meet smooth waters. Dr. Luick-Thrams will speak about the Midwest's mixed response to the refugee crisis of the Holocaust era, and then

about projects in the Midwest to help integrate Jewish and other refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe. His work includes 40-plus interviews with refugees and other principals of the Scattergood Refuge.

Michael Luick-Thrams (Ph.D. 1997, Humboldt Universität in Berlin) divides his time between Germany and the American Heartland. He serves as executive director of a non-profit educational organization in each country—Spuren e.V. in German, and Traces here. He is the author of a recent genealogy-based Midwest social history, "Oceans of Darkness, Oceans of Light". Dr. Luick-Thrams' 2019 tour of midwestern institutions is supported by Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Center for Prairie Studies/Grinnell College, and the John K. and Luise V. Hanson Foundation and Vander Haag's Inc.



FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Sue Weinberg

Dear fellow members of Agudas Achim Congregation,

As your current President-Elect, I have spent a lot of time in recent months developing a slate of members for the next board for your consideration at the June Congregational Meeting that will take place on Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The formal process calls for me to work with a nominating committee, consisting of the executive board members, to develop a list of members in good standing for your approval. We have spent a great deal of effort putting together a slate that I feel represents the synagogue membership in terms of age, length of membership, gender, and religious observance and affiliation, among other things.

My proposed slate is as follows:

I have requested several members of the current board to remain on the board for an additional term, to provide some continuity. Any member of the congregation in good standing who doesn't wish to accept my full slate may obtain 10 signatures to propose an alternate candidate for any position. The congregation would then vote on that proposed alternate and my candidate at the June meeting, however, I hope you will approve my slate.

B'shalom,

Sue Weinberg
President-Elect

BOARD ROLE	NAME
President	Sue Weinberg**
Past President	Kathy Jacobs**
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Youth	Shellie Smith*
At Large	Elliott Abrons
At Large	Curtis Braverman

* Current Board member, continuing in same role

** Current Board member, new role

SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear

It seemed like Purim was hardly over before it was Passover, and Passover had hardly passed before the year was over. The last Sunday of the year is always a little bittersweet. When the kids come back the next year, I am always surprised by how much older they seem. But after a long Iowa winter, I'm always grateful for the summer!

We took advantage of the Passover season to try some experimental programs. I used the Four Questions (which most of the kids know by ear) to teach the words *matzah*, *hametz* (leavened bread), *lashevet* (to sit), *le'echol* (to eat), *yirakot* (green vegetables), and *marror* (bitter herbs) using a curriculum called Hebrew Through Movement. Hebrew Through Movement was developed at the Cleveland JCC to teach Hebrew vocabulary in supplementary schools. Basically, the teacher gives commands in Hebrew and students respond physically, for instance pointing at objects and sorting *hametz* from *matzah*. Students seem to enjoy Hebrew Through Movement because it gets them up on their feet and gets them thinking.

Even more important, from the teacher's point of view, is that this method makes teaching Jewish categories easy and natural. Judaism loves to sort things: some breads are *hametz* some are *matzah*; there is a different blessing for the fruit of trees than for vegetables that grow on the ground; some foods are kosher but others are *traif*; we use different ritual items for different holidays. As students interact with these objects in Hebrew Through Movements, they learn to

categorize them as a natural part of thinking and talking Jewish.

The **Fifth Grade** used the Haggadah to investigate the differences between Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Judaism. They compared Haggadot and sorted what is essential from what is particular to each denomination. (They boiled the differences down to their essence and put them on posters, which you can see in the Social Hall.)

Logan Jaskolka and Ari Collins designed an Escape from Egypt room for the **Fifth Grade**. They had to solve Passover riddles and trivia quizzes to find the Staff of Moses and release themselves from the classroom, candy in hand.

The **Third/Fourth Grade** rehearsed the names of the plagues in Hebrew, with particular emphasis on *hoshekh* (darkness), illustrated dramatically by turning out the lights. Their illustration of each plague (including some cross-eyed frogs) are hanging in the lobby.

After making a Passover puppet show, the **Kindergarten** completed their study of Shabbat with a series of pictures illustrating the days of creation.



TIKKUN OLAM

Martha Lubaroff; Landon Elkind

Bereavement Group

On May 15, we will have our first monthly Bereavement Support Group at the synagogue at 12:30 p.m. We hope some of you who have not attended one and yet have experienced a loss will take this opportunity to join us. For questions email me at mlubaroff@gmail.com.

Interfaith Build

Volunteer! Sunday, May 5th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Interfaith Builds, Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity

The *tikkun olam* committee is asking for volunteers for an Interfaith Build organized by [Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity](#). Twenty volunteers are sought to help build houses for two families in our community. See their stories: [Habtamu and Ebsitu](#) and [Hatim and Sayeda](#).

There will be a 30-minute lunch break. Bring sack lunches and/or food to share with each other! Small snacks (granola bars, water, maybe some other small things) are provided, but not a full meal.

We encourage anyone available to volunteer to [sign up at this link](#), or by e-mailing Landon Elkind at landon-elkind@uiowa.edu.

RABBI'S PESACH STORYTIME AT THE ICPL

Rabbi Hugenholtz did a Pesach storytime at the Iowa City Public Library. Photos courtesy of Dave Middleton.



FROM THE STACKS

Dick Caplan

The Haggada of Passover (Adapted from the Bird's-head Haggada)

Passover has just ended, so this report should have reached you last month—and not only that, but the book has been in our Agudas Achim library for about twenty years. This unusual item is worth a look anyway, whether you might be interested in haggadahs, or medieval Jewish history, or just in books as craftsmanship. An elegant boxed tome, adapted from a 1300's original in the Israel Museum, this book was published in 1997. It's called a birds'-head haggadah because all the Israelites are shown in the many illustrations with noses a la bird's beaks (stereotypes are old) and richly present the Pesach story. That curious nasal feature is further amplified because many scenes are illustrated in a fascinating manner via small cutouts pasted into position along one edge and meant to be lifted (for example, to reveal each plague) or moved slightly (for example, Moses whipping the Egyptian) or structured for an entire scene to jump up when a page is turned. You probably know that effect from its use in modern children's books, but this pop-up technique resembles a few medical textbooks, some of which also caught onto the idea in the 1400's. The story of The Exodus itself is told in Hebrew and English with appropriate fonts and placements. Have a look at it as the library's **THIS MONTH'S FEATURE** (near the **NEW IN THE LIBRARY** shelf)—it will need only a fraction of the time you spent at your seder, but may be more satisfying per minute, I suspect, than that was.



MAY YAHREZITS

Rachel Abrons
Louise Allweiss
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Herman Robin

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Kathleen Jacobs: Sponsorship of March 29
Shabbat Dinner

TALMUD TORAH FUND

Eloise McCuskey: In memory of Corrine Miller and
David Braverman

TIKUN OLAM FUND

Richard & Phyllis Braverman: In memory of
David Braverman and Corinne "Corky" Miller

MAY 2019

Wed	5/1	Calendar Meeting	6:00 PM	Thurs	5/16	Russian Guitar Concert	7:00 PM
		Safety Committee Meeting	7:45 PM			Ritual Committee	7:15 PM
Thurs	5/2	Michael Luick Thrums, Yom HaShoah Presentation	7:00 PM	Fri	5/17	Family Chavurah	6:00 PM
						Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 PM
Fri	5/3	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM	Sat	5/18	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sat	5/4	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM	Sun	5/19	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM
Sun	5/5	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM			Biblical Hebrew for Adults	7:00 PM
		Women of Reform Judaism Conference	10:00 AM	Mon	5/20	Executive Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
						Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM
		Biblical Hebrew for Adults	7:00 PM	Wed	5/22	Free Lunch	11:30 AM
		Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM	Fri	5/24	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM
Thurs	5/9	Yom Ha'azmaut Celebration	7:00 PM	Sat	5/25	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Fri	5/10	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM			Simon Farewell Luncheon	12:30 PM
Sat	5/11	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM	Sun	5/26	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM
Sun	5/12	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM			Biblical Hebrew for Adults	7:00 PM
		Biblical Hebrew for Adults	7:00 PM	Mon	5/27	Office Closed for Memorial Day	
Mon	5/13	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Thurs	5/30	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Mon	5/13	Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM	Fri	5/31	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM
Wed	5/15	Bereavement Group	12:30 PM	Sat	6/1	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
		Antisemitism Discussion Group	12:30 PM				
		Education Work Group	5:00 PM				

SAVE THE DATES

Save the dates:
Annual Congregational Meeting:
 Thursday, June 20, 7:00 p.m.
Sisterhood Mitzvah Fund Brunch:
 Sunday, June 23, 11:00 a.m.

TALMUD STUDY GROUP

The Talmud Study Group meets on
 Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
All are welcome!

LAY LEADER COURSE

Lay Leader Course: Every Wednesday in June, 7:00 p.m.

Are you interested in learning more about Jewish prayer, the prayer book and how to lead services? Then this course is for you!

In this four week class during the month of June, we will look at the history, meaning and structure of the liturgy as well as train motivated lay leaders to lead services in both English and Hebrew, at any level. All levels and abilities welcome - we look forward to your participation on the bimah!

**“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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