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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz

For Such a Time Like This

‘May you live in interesting times’ is an infamous Yiddish proverb that is starting to feel increasingly apt to the era we find ourselves in. The Iowa caucuses have come and gone but the news cycle hasn’t slowed down one bit. Many rabbis – myself included – are big fans of the idea of reading ourselves into Biblical narratives, meaning that we don’t (just) look at the stories as (potential) historical fact but also read them as roadmaps for our own lives and journeys. The social commentary of the Biblical narratives we encounter in this quarter of the Jewish year couldn’t be more fitting as a metaphorical analysis of our ‘interesting times’.

Hanukkah, Purim and Passover create master stories of oppression and survival, of xenophobia and solidarity, of power and resistance. The power of Torah is for these templates to speak to us and our worldview in deeply personal ways and to honor our natural diversity as a community as we read these stories through our own interpretative lenses.’ Shivim panim la’Torah’, the Rabbis of the Talmud remind us: there are ‘seventy faces to the Torah’. Seventy in antiquity symbolized multitudes and acknowledge, as Walt Whitman wrote so famously in his poem ‘Song of Myself’ – ‘I contain multitudes’.

The Torah has always uplifted the idea of personal transformation, accountability and solidarity. From

the moment ‘ordinary heroes’ like Judah Maccabee, Queen Esther and Moses staked their claim in history, the Torah has been unequivocal that our individual acts matter. In the words of cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead: ‘Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.’

Our interconnectedness and mutual concern matter. Mordechai exhorts Queen to challenge the injustices of her world, for she might very well have been placed in this position, ‘I’et kazot’, ‘for such a time like this’.

All of us are able to stake out that moral claim, ‘for such a time like this’ and then contribute to justice, kindness, goodness and mutuality while also acknowledging legitimate and life-giving differences between us. Our community has rallied and continues to rally around those who are ill or bereaved and some of the most beautiful, transformative moments that I’ve been honored to witness at Agudas Achim is when the community pulls together to support each other. Our fates are tied up in our mutual joys and pains, and in the concern that we can give our world. As we journey into a world that feels increasingly unknown and sometimes frightening, we need the calming, soothing, steady hand of our tradition that encourages us to take a deep breath and get to

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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz (cont.)

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work. We are strong, resilient, compassionate. The Safety Committee is continuing its mission to keep us safe, while the Caring Committee has faithfully supported those who need a little extra help. Our community life is thriving: a Petting Zoo at the Purim Carnival, a joint Hillel-Agudas Achim Megillah reading coming up short (the dress up theme is 'Iowa'), our Second Seder is in the works and we have some amazing Adult Education coming up too, including a talk about the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) by Dr. Stan Perlman. Our ancestors survived not just through Big Ideas but through

close connections. We cannot predict how the next coming months may play out, but we can cultivate and share qualities of grace, patience, love and equanimity to help us get through the day. Small communities are warm, safe, nimble places and prove their worth in times like these. Let's all keep an eye out for one another and keep our hearts open and our hands giving. Together, we will write our own story upon which our ancestors may one day reflect: that we did right and tipped the scales towards goodness with a myriad of quiet, unseen, life-changing acts, upon which the welfare of our world depends.

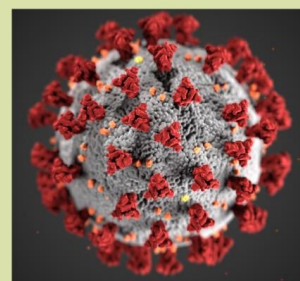
STANLEY PERLMAN TALK



A conversation with Stanley Perlman about COVID-19

Sunday, March 8,
10:30 a.m.
Agudas Achim

Stanley Perlman, MD, PhD is a professor in the Department of Microbiology at the University of Iowa. He studies Coronavirus pathogenesis.



SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear

Spring has finally come to the school, not that you would necessarily know that from the temperature outside. But inside, we turned our attention to Tu Bishvat and then to the delightful and raucous holiday of Purim.

We warmed ourselves up, despite the weather, by learning to dance the *Horah*. Many thanks to Karen Lipman for teaching us the steps!

With the ground still hard as rock and covered with snow at the beginning of February, we dreamed of spring, sang about planting, and discussed the ways we might make the synagogue greener. The **Kindergarten** drew an enormous tree on paper and wrote their names in Hebrew on the leaves.

The **Second/Third Grade** learned the principle of “*bal tashchit*,” (do not destroy), which warns us not to abuse natural resources. Their wonderful teacher Ryan Stoakes taught the whole school the song “Bal Tashchit: Do not tear down, do not make waste/ Remember the world is a sacred place.”

The **Fourth/Fifth Grade** planned a Tu Bishvat Seder for the whole school. They brought in a variety of fruits and taught the rest of the school the appropriate prayers. They learned to say *Boreh pri ha-’adamah* over the strawberries because they grow on the ground. (*Tut*, “strawberry” is everyone’s favorite Hebrew word.) They learned to say *Boreh pre ha’etz* over apples (*tapuchim*) because they grow on trees.

The **Sixth Grade** researched a number of Israeli nonprofits that deal with ecology or green

practices. Based on their research, they made a list of recommendations for improving the synagogue’s ecological practices. They will present their findings at the next Board meeting. I love seeing young people feel responsible and empowered to shape practices in the synagogue. (Future Board members in training?) I am looking forward to their presentation.

With Tu Bishvat behind us, it was time for Purim! The **Kindergarten** learned the Purim story and made groggers. The **Second/Third Grade** combined with the **Fourth/Fifth Grade**, whose teacher was sick, and made masks. The **Sixth Grade** wrote and illustrated the Purim story as a series of news reports. You may find their “Sushan’s Most Wanted: Haman” signs posted in odd spots in the building.

They also practiced for a “Latke v. Hamantashen Debate” to settle the age-old question, “which comestible has been of greatest benefit to the Jewish People?” We learned the answer on March 1, when the advocates of the latke challenged the advocates of the Hamantash and confounded each other in scholarly debate.

Following the debate, the whole school enjoyed some homemade fun at the Purim Carnival. We had face painting, a Wheel of Fortune, cotton candy, Hamantashen and goats. Meyer’s Petting Zoo brought their tame and cuddly animals.

WARM UP AMERICA

Connie Berman

Warm Up America will meet on March 8, March 22, April 19, and April 26. Obviously this is all dependent on no pandemic.

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Torah Portion	Date	Service Time	Service
Tetzaveh <i>(Exodus 27:20–30:10; Deuteronomy 25:17–19)</i>	Friday, March 6	7:30 p.m.	Sim Shalom (Conservative)
	Saturday, March 7	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
Ki Tissa <i>(Exodus 30:11–34:35; Numbers 19:1–22)</i>	Friday, March 13	7:30 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, March 14	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom
Vayakhel-Pekudei <i>(Exodus 35:1–40:38; Exodus 12:1–20)</i>	Friday, March 20	7:30 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, March 21	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom
Vayikra <i>(Leviticus 1:1–5:26)</i>	Friday, March 27	7:30 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
	Saturday, March 28	9:30 a.m.	Sim Shalom

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OUTGOING INTRO TO JUDAISM CLASS!



A photograph of the interior of Sidekick Coffee & Books. The space is bright and modern, with a high ceiling featuring exposed pipes and a grid of decorative light fixtures. On the left, there are bookshelves filled with books and a long wooden table with chairs. In the center, a counter separates the seating area from the coffee service area. On the right, a person is visible behind the counter, and various coffee-making equipment is on display. The overall atmosphere is cozy and inviting.

COFFEE, KIDS, BOOKS AND A RABBI!

MARCH 8, 1:00 P.M.
SIDEKICK COFFEE & BOOKS
1310 1/2 MELROSE AVE.
IOWA CITY

Join Rabbi Hugenholtz for a cozy, informal get-together over coffee (or tea) where we will talk about the blessings and challenges of parenthood and family life and find support and friendship with each other.

RSVPs are super helpful. Please RSVP before Thursday, March 5 with the office, but you can also come as you are. See you there!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sue Weinberg

Shalom! Spring is coming! That means that Purim and Passover can't be far away. We will be celebrating Purim in conjunction with Hillel. I am looking forward to collaborating with them. The ritual committee is busy planning the second Seder.

I want to welcome Bennett Brown to the Board of Directors. He and Daphne Lison have agreed to co-chair the Adult Ed committee. Frank Salomon and Linda Wertz will join the committee, along with exec board liaison Mindy Russell. There will be some great programming coming up, and if you have ideas or suggestions for programming please reach out to them.

A number of us have been working on policies for the synagogue. Please see the new weather cancellation policy elsewhere in this bulletin. Cancelling services is always a difficult decision, but we want everyone to remain safe. Should Friday night services need to be cancelled, information will be sent in an email by 6:00 p.m. Friday, and the Rabbi will broadcast an alternative musical service via Zoom.

We have clarified the policies for building use by non-synagogue groups. In collaboration with the Safety committee, the education committee is working on a policy for interaction with children. Please contact the office if you wish to review any of our policies.

We have a couple of security updates as well. The building entrance locks are in the process of being

re-keyed. This is a recommended standard practice every 5-6 years. Our new key policy limits distributing building access keys to staff, board members, and committee chairs, although keys will remain available to be checked out for specific events such as Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. A grant application for security improvements has been submitted to Homeland Security, although we do not know their timeline for deciding on the grants.

Mark your calendar for the annual congregational meeting, to be held Thursday evening April 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the synagogue. There is not an election of officers, but many of our committees will be reporting on their activities.

The Israel Trip committee, headed by Pete Rubenstein, has selected a tour company, dates, and an itinerary for our synagogue trip to Israel in December 2020, with an optional post-trip to Petra, Jordan. It looks like a fantastic trip, and Robert and I are looking forward to joining the tour. Robert Cargill will be in Israel at that time and will be sharing his expertise with us. A personal highlight of the trip will be a service at Eretz Yisrael, the egalitarian section of the Kotel, using a Torah that was donated by B'nai Jacob in Ottumwa. The website is <https://makorjourneys.com/journey/>, search for Agudas Achim.

Stay warm, stay safe, and stay hopeful for an early spring!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Martha Lubaroff

Due to scheduling difficulties, the Bereavement Support Group will meet in March on the 26th which is a Thursday. We hope to return to Wednesdays in April.

We encourage people who have experienced a loss to attend. We are a small, supportive group with individuals at different places in the grief process.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Beverly Jones

Spring Tea

Join us in welcoming the warm, sunny days of Spring. Sisterhood will be hosting its Spring Tea on Sunday, April 5, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Charney, 51 Eversull Lane, Iowa City.

Our guest speaker will be Ashley Carol-Fingerhut, the new Director of the University of Iowa Hillel.

Silent Auction: We recently discovered a box of items labeled "Sisterhood Auction" in the synagogue basement storeroom. Many of these items are Israeli-made/Judaica. We will have them available at our silent auction. We welcome additional donations of either new or gently-used items.

RSVPs are encouraged. Please contact sisterhood@agudasachimic.org to rsvp, if you have questions, need a ride, or if you have an item for the auction. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be provided by the Sisterhood Board.

Mitzvah Fund Brunch

We invite you to join us at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, June 14 at Vesta, 849 Quarry Road, Coralville for our annual Mitzvah Fund Brunch.

Program: Synagogue member, Elizabeth Miller, will speak about her experiences as a spelunker; the excitement and unexpected adventures of exploring caves all across the country.

Cost: \$18.00 minimum donation over the cost of lunch to support Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and Women of Reform Judaism. You may pay at the door; or preferably, send a check made out to Sisterhood to Sisterhood Treasurer, Joni Caplan, 520 Brookland Park Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246.

RSVP's are encouraged, Questions? Contact sisterhood@agudasachimic.org. Guests are welcome.

Women's League Region Conference

Expand Your Universe. That's the theme of our Women's League for Conservative Judaism regional Spring Conference which will take place in Houston from Saturday, April 18 to Tuesday, April 21, 2020. The Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel NASA/Clear Lake (southeast Houston on Galveston Bay). There will be a variety of programming, including discussions with local rabbis, a Middle East update by the Israeli Consul, an overview of Jewish women artists, fun activities such as Mahjongg, Tai Chi, and crafts, as well as time for worship. A tour of the NASA Johnson Space Center is also planned.

Women's League National Convention

Come to Convention 2020 in Schaumburg, Illinois! **Women's League National Convention** will be held from Sunday, July 12 to Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg. It's an opportunity to pray, talk, eat, and laugh with hundreds of Jewish women from across North America and Israel, and to enjoy informative sessions led by nationally known Jewish religious and lay leaders.

Please contact sisterhood@agudasachimic.org for information on registration fees, hotel rates, and related information for both of these events. Sisterhood will partially subsidize expenses for its members.

Dues

We continue to welcome new members to Sisterhood. Please send your dues check for \$36.00, made out to Sisterhood, to our treasurer, Joni Caplan, 520 Brookland Park Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246. You can also donate to Sisterhood through its Mitzvah and Memorial Fund in honor of, or in memory of, someone.

WEATHER POLICY FOR CANCELLATION OF SERVICES

- Friday cancellation decision will be made by 6:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon.
 - ◊ Notification of Friday evening cancellation will be made via email blast, through the website, and KCRG.
 - ◊ If services are canceled on Friday night, the email blast will include a Zoom link to a live-streamed alternative service conducted from the Rabbi's home.
 - ◊ NOTE: Friday cancellation does NOT affect Saturday morning services. If there is a cancellation on Friday night, the assumption is that services on Saturday will operate as normal unless notified through the website or KCRG by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, see below.
- Saturday cancellation decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
 - ◊ Notification of Saturday morning cancellation will be through the website and KCRG.
 - ◊ There will NOT be an email sent out for Saturday morning cancellations due to Sabbath concerns.
 - ◊ NOTE: Friday cancellation does NOT affect Saturday morning services. If there is a cancellation on Friday night, the assumption is that services on Saturday will operate as normal unless notified through the website or KCRG by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.
- Congregants are encouraged to check their email (Friday night only), the website, (Friday and Saturday) or KCRG (Friday and Saturday) when there is adverse weather.
- Congregants are advised to use their own discretion on making decisions about travel and attendance when there are adverse weather conditions but no cancellation. Stay safe!

We are looking into a text message system for notifications, the congregation will be advised and have the option to opt in if this is feasible.

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

The congregation extends its condolences to Bennett Brown and Maurine Neiman on the death of their son, J.J. Neiman-Brown.

The congregation extends its condolences to Debbie Singer on the death of her mother, Miriam Pava.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Beverly Jones

One should not feel a sense of trepidation when walking into a Kosher kitchen. As the new chair of the Kitchen Committee, I encourage all Agudas Achim members to have an orientation to the synagogue kitchen.

The kitchen committee will be happy to answer any questions about the kitchen, or about keeping Kosher in general. We will be happy to help anyone planning to do an Oneg, Kiddush Lunch, or other event. Please contact the office if you would like an orientation.

DONATIONS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gloria Gelman: In memory of Webster B. Gelman

Tom & Becky Gelman: In memory of
Webster B. Gelman

Leonard Sandler & Lucy David, Hannah Sandler: In
memory of Gertrude Sandler and Sam Sandler

David Skorton & Robin Davisson: In memory of
Sam Skorton

Jeffrey Whitebook: In memory of Moe Whitebook

BUILDING FUND

Jeff & Sara Braverman

CEMETERY FUND

Lorraine Dorfman: In memory of Sara Dorfman

Sarah Goldflam: In memory of Susan Strauss

Sam & Marj Kuperman: In memory of
Boris Kuperman and Donia Kuperman

Peter & Brenda Landweber: In memory of Louis &
Mae Landweber

Michael & Joanne Margolin: In memory of
Arthur Margolin

FINE ARTS FUND

Richard & Nancee Blum: In memory of David Blum

GARDEN FUND

Irwin & Patricia Levin: In memory of Harry Levin,
Sol Elster and Sari Goldstein

Stanley & Jane Zukin: In memory of Lama Shetzer

GENERAL FUND

David & Constance Berman: In memory of
Judith Goldfein

GENERAL FUND, CONT.

Jody & Janie Braverman: In memory of
Laverne Siebuhr, Arnold Breggin, and
Ralph Wingo

Miriam Canter: In memory of Louis Rosenbaum
Kathleen Jacobs

Marci Kanstoroom: In memory of
J.J. Neiman-Brown

LOUIS GINSBERG YOUTH FUND

Sam & Marj Kuperman: In memory of Ruth Jones

RABBI PORTMAN PROGRAM FUND

Gary & Cathy Cohn: In memory of Donald Cohn

Susan Groff-VanArendonk: In memory of
Wayne VanArendonk

Nancy Sprince: In memory of Benjamin Sprince

SCHOOL FUND

Sam & Marj Kuperman

SIM & SARA STRAUSS MEMORIAL FUND

Susan Erenberg: In memory of Susan Strauss

Steve & Janet Kreis: In memory of Susan Strauss

Judith Strauss: In memory of Susan Strauss

Richard Strauss & Ellen Herman: In memory of
Susan Strauss

Stephen Strauss: In memory of Samuel Markovitz &
Isaac Strauss

Scott & Janice Turner: In memory of Susan Strauss

SISTERHOOD MITZVAH & MEMORIAL FUND

Nancy Sprince: In memory of Belle Coster

GLOBAL COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Coralville Public Library

Agudas Achim has been offered the opportunity to participate in a Global Community Dinner (see [this link](#) for more information). We are being asked to provide a dish that is representative of our religion/culture. We have so many options, from hamantaschen to matzoh ball soup to kugels, and everything in between. We are asking for volunteers to serve as organizers (you'll get to choose what we make), and volunteers to help with food preparation, and participate at the Dinner. The Dinner is on a Friday, but don't worry; it will end before Shabbat services. Contact the office if you're interested in helping with this event.

The Second Seder

AT AGUDAS ACHIM

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

SEDER LED BY RABBI HUGENHOLTZ & CHUCK FRIEDMAN

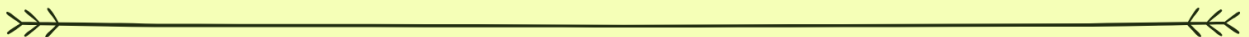


ADULT MEMBER: \$40

ADULT NON-MEMBER: \$50

CHILD UNDER 12: \$15

Please let the office know if you'd be willing to sponsor meals for others. If payment is an issue, please contact the office.



Menu:

Gefilte Fish (Vegan alternative: Beet Salad)
Fresh Green Salad with Lemon Vinaigrette Dressing
Brisket (Vegetarian alternative: Quinoa)
Baked Vegetable Mélange
Dessert: Fresh Fruit, Macaroons, and Chocolates
Wine



Please RSVP and send payment by April 5.
Seating is limited to 65, so get your reservations in early!
Return this form or contact the office at
(319) 337.3813 or secretary@agudasachimic.org.

**PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO RSVP TO THE SEDER.
PLEASE INDICATE BELOW IF YOU EXPECT A VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN MEAL.**

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ **CHILDREN UNDER 12:** _____

NUMBER OF VEGETARIAN MEALS: _____

NUMBER OF VEGAN MEALS: _____

I AM INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING IN PAYMENT: _____

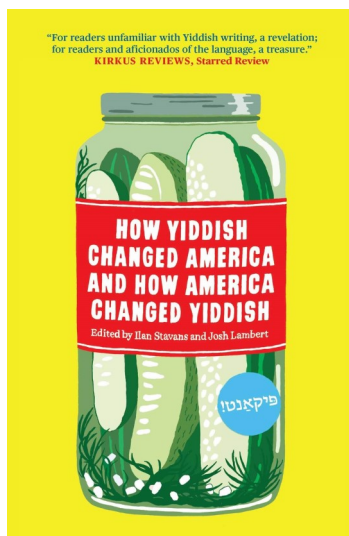
FROM THE STACKS

Adapted by Ellen Caplan

HOW YIDDISH CHANGED AMERICA AND HOW AMERICA CHANGED YIDDISH

edited by Ilan Stavans and Josh Lambert

Is it possible to think of the American diet without bagels? Or *Star Trek* without Mr. Spock? Are the creatures in Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* based on Holocaust survivors? And how has Yiddish, a language without a country, influenced Hollywood? These and other questions are explored in this anthology of the interplay of Yiddish and American culture.



It starts with the arrival of Ashkenazi immigrants to New York City's Lower East Side and follows Yiddish as it moves into Hollywood, Broadway, literature, politics, and resistance. The book includes a variety of genres: essays, memoirs, songs, poems, plays, recipes, cartoons, conversations and more by many authors, including Isaac Bashevis Singer, Grace Paley, Art Spiegelman, Cynthia Ozick, Chaim Grade, Michael Chabon, and Irving Howe.

A Yiddish saying states: *Der mentsh trakht un got lakht* (Man plans and God laughs). *How Yiddish Changed America and How America Changed Yiddish* illustrates how those plans are full of zest, dignity, and humanity. Most of all, the book shows us that Yiddish, far from being an endangered language, is more alive than ever. Find this book in the Becker Learning Center at 306.44/

JEWISH FEDERATION

Hello Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Jewish communities:

We are writing to gauge interest in a spring meeting with Andrew Feuerstein of the Jewish Federations of North America about the possibility of reviving the Iowa City Jewish Federation, in its newest incarnation perhaps renamed to "Jewish Federation of the Corridor" in order to include the Cedar Rapids Jewish community.

It would seem, intuitively, that our communities could be receptive to Jewish programming outside of a religious context. Andrew can contribute more information, as he has received this feedback from other communities and metro areas.

Locally, Jewish Federation has waxed and waned in a handful of iterations; this time Jewish Federations

of North America would be able to provide organizational support to us as one of their "networked communities" (unlike an established Jewish Federation like Des Moines and others). At a meeting sometime late this month or next month we can discuss lessons learned from the past, and possible next steps.

If you would like to be involved, we will create a scheduling poll to determine what dates and times will work best for a meeting. Let Jody or me know before next Wednesday March 11 if you would like to be added to the scheduling poll, and please provide your email address.

Thank you,

Karen Michaeli & Jody Braverman
(for contact information, please contact the office)

ISRAEL TRIP

Peter Rubenstein (Trip Committee Chair) & Esther Hugenholtz

Shalom Chaverim,

Agudas Achim Congregation is sponsoring a trip to Israel led by Rabbi Hugenholtz with the participation of Prof. Robert Cargill from the Department of Classics at the University of Iowa. Prof. Cargill has lectured to us many times on biblical archaeology, biblical history and the origins of Christianity. He helped plan our trip, and he and his family will be in Israel on sabbatical during our visit there, so he will be able to spend a good deal of time with us. Based on surveys sent out to congregants, major areas of interest were archaeology/ history and origins of Christianity, and our itinerary has these areas as foci.

For the trip, we are working with Makor Journeys who, with us, put together the itinerary and will manage the details. For the basic trip, we will leave the US on December 20, 2020 and arrive in Tel Aviv on the 21st. We have two options. The basic core trip will end the evening of December 31, and you will fly back either late that night or the next morning. We also have a two day extension to Eilat and to Petra, the Nabatean city in Jordan. For those who elect the extension, the return will be in the evening of January 2 or the morning of January 3. Details of the trip including itinerary and pricing as well as registration can be accessed at <https://makorjourneys.com/journey/agudas-achim/>. Alternatively, go on the web to Makor Educational Journeys. Enter Agudas Achim Congregation and then click on the green panel that appears. The basic trip, minus airfare, will be about \$3,900 per person based on double occupancy. There is a 30% surcharge for single occupancy, but we can work with you to find you a roommate to defray costs. Let us know. The extension is \$1,400 and again there is about a 30% single occupancy surcharge.

The best way to get there is to go to Chicago by car early in the morning of the 20th or go the 19th and stay overnight at a hotel. Park, sleep and fly packages are available. Round trip tickets from ORD to Tel Aviv, depending on how you go and with whom can range from \$1,300 to about \$3,000 per ticket. Leaving from Cedar Rapids will add about \$1,000 per ticket. Makor will provide a single bus to get us from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, so we are advising people to arrive in the afternoon. There are a number of flights that arrive at 3:00 p.m. or later. If you choose not to make this window, you can take a shuttle bus to Jerusalem for 4 euros/person or you can take a taxi or limo for about 70 euros. There is also a train which takes longer. We decided not to have a block flight at this time, because people have associations with different airlines, and there is no price break for a block flight.

The itinerary is designed for people of bar/bat mitzvah age or older. Anyone whether congregation member or not or Jewish or not is welcome to sign up, so if you have friends, bring them along. If you have questions after you visit the web site, please contact Pete at 319-337-3467 or via email at peter-rubenstein@uiowa.edu. We hope many of you will join us for this exciting adventure.



MARCH YAHRZEITS

Asher Bar-Lev
Max Berkowitz
Eleanor Blauner
Fannie Saltzman Braverman
Irene Brodsky
Joan Clements Bryant
Corinne Chapman
Sol Crandell
Morris Dicker
Mike Donner
Hyman Dubin
Stanley Edwards
Edith Davidson Estin
Sadie Friedman
Mary Gantz
Samuel Goldman
Harley William Goodman
Bertha Graber
Arthur Gross
Vera Gutierrez
Harriet Blakeslee Hall
Schuyler Schenck Haskell
William Herman
Benjamin B. Hertz
Dora Joseph
Betty Krantz

Donia Kuperman
Joseph Landweber
Mae Landweber
Jean Leiberman Lenett
Rae Lieberman
Helen Leah Lison
Benjamin London
Edith London
Albert Lubaroff
Anna Markovitz
Dinah Leah Markovitz
Andrew Marks
William Melton
Amanda Miller
Bess Millstein
Joann Sprinkman Picard
William Henry Picard
Dorothy Pliner
Rose Lee Pomerantz
Lucile Potter
Joseph Prager
Louis Elliot Price
Ruth Rogers
Joseph Rose
Louis Rosenbaum
Mark Rosenthal

Sanford G. Rossen
Marcia Williams Roston
Mark Rothstein
Joseph Rubenstein
Mary Saletta
Esther Sandler
Gertrude Sandler
Jay Sandler
Reuben Savin
Farel Schapira
Leo Schapira
Jessica Schwartz
Ed Singer
Sari Sprince
Sara Strauss
Warren Stroh
Pat Vunderink
Eileen Wallace
Stanley Weinberg
Nancy McGinnis Whitehead
Dale Wilhelm
Ralph Wingo
Daniel Wolf
Rebecca Ziskind

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Joanne Margolin

New, beautiful talleisim have arrived at the Gift Shop! Some are of a traditional design and others are more ornate, many of which come with a matching tallis bag and a kippah.

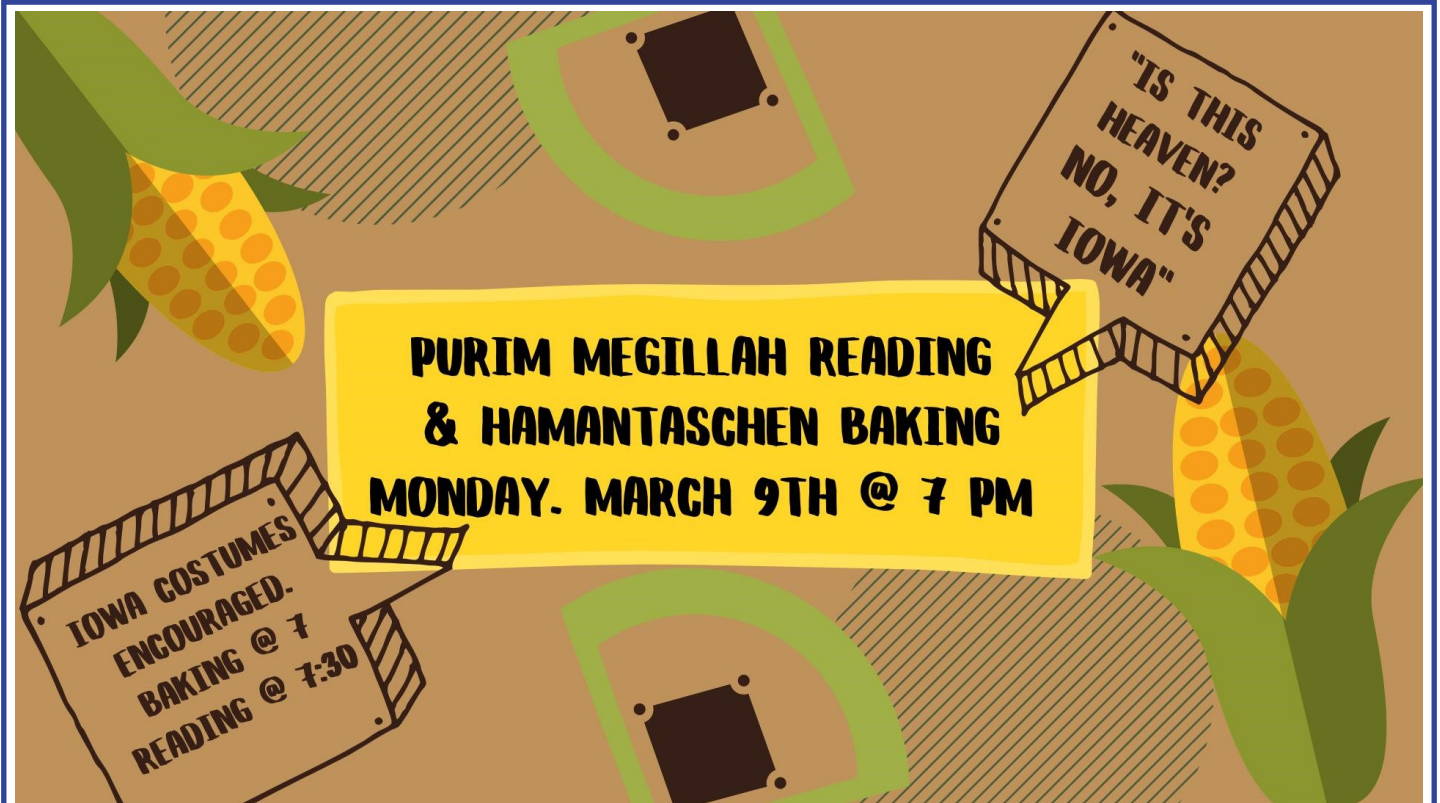
Gearing up for Passover, there are some new seder plates, and an Armenian matzo tray, wash cup, and bowls. I'll be letting you know about other new arrivals as they come.

Please let me know if there's anything you'd like to have that you may not see!

Joanne Margolin, jrmargolin@gmail.com or 351-2181



HILLEL PURIM EVENT



MARTHA LUBAROFF LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 4, 2020

**Shabbat morning service followed by a luncheon in honor of
Martha Lubaroff's Special Birthday.**

Please attend to help us celebrate with Martha.



MARCH 2020

Sun	1	Sunday School	10:00 AM	Sat	14	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
		Purim Carnival & Petting Zoo	11:00 AM	Sun	15	Dungeons & Dragons	2:30 PM
Mon	2	Membership Committee	7:00 PM	Mon	16	Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM
		Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Wed	18	Ritual Committee	7:30 PM
		Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM	Thurs	19	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed	4	Hebrew School	4:15 PM	Fri	20	Third Friday Shabbat	6:00 PM
Fri	6	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM			Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM
		Oneg sponsored by David & Martha Lubaroff	6:00 PM	Sat	21	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sat	7	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM	Sun	22	Warm-Up America	10:00 AM
Sun	8	Daylight Savings Time Begins		Mon	23	Hebrew School	4:15 PM
		Sunday School	10:00 AM			Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM
		Warm-Up America	10:00 AM	Wed	25	Free Lunch	11:30 AM
		Stanley Perlman Lecture on Coronavirus	10:30 AM			Book Group	1:00 PM
		Sidekick Books Coffee & Kids	1:00 PM			Hebrew School	4:15 PM
Mon	9	Hebrew School	4:15 PM	Thurs	26	Bereavement Group	12:30 PM
		Hillel Hamentaschen Making & Megillah Reading	7:00 PM	Fri	27	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM
Tues	10	PURIM		Sat	28	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Wed	11	Hebrew School	4:15 PM			Rabbi's Tish: Carried by the Community	12:30 PM
		Education Committee	6:00 PM	Sun	29	Sunday School	10:00 AM
Thurs	12	Executive Committee Meeting	5:30 PM			Dungeons & Dragons	2:30 PM
Fri	13	Shabbat Evening Services	7:30 PM	Mon	30	Hebrew School	4:15 PM
						Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Sun	4/5	Sisterhood Spring Tea	2:00 PM
Thurs	4/9	Second Seder Dinner	6:30 PM
Sun	4/19	Concert of Commemoration	3:00 PM

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

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

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| __ Building Fund | __ Prayer Book Fund |
| __ Cemetery Fund | __ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund |
| __ Fine Arts Fund | __ School Fund |
| __ General Fund | __ Sim & Sara Strauss Memorial Fund |
| __ Garden & Landscaping Fund | __ Sisterhood Mitzvah & Memorial Fund |
| __ High Holiday/Cantor Fund | __ Synagogue Assistance Fund |
| __ Lauren Reece Flaum Terrace Fund | __ Tikun Olam Fund |
| __ Library Fund | __ Torah Enhancement Fund |
| __ Louis Ginsberg Youth Fund | __ Kadima Fund |
| __ Marcus Scholarship Fund | |

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