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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz

Passover is often laced with a touch of danger. For those of us rigorous about koshering utensils and kitchens, there are hot ovens and boiling pots of water, copious amounts of tinfoil and many bottles of cleaning chemicals. Then there's the Seder itself.

Your Rabbi happened to stupidly qualify herself for the 'Darwin Award' through pig-headed bravado. 'I can eat this *whole* chunk of Maror (horse radish)' said she confidently, while streaming the communal Zoom Seder. A battle ensued, the Maror won.

The Rabbi apologizes to those of you who were privy to the spluttering but I hope it was for a good cause: I promised to eat the chunk in exchange for donations to the synagogue. While current donations are certainly welcome, I don't think I'll turn this into an annual fundraising strategy!

Pesach is oh-so-good at that wicked, wondrous combination of gravity and levity. We sit down to eat the bread of affliction, while reclining at the 21st century version of a luxurious banquet. We

commemorate terrible plagues and afflictions, while singing God's praises through Psalms. We laugh and joke, bond and share with friends and loved ones old and new through this brilliant free-form structured, kinesthetic pedagogical time-travel

experience that is known as the Seder. And given the Seder's popularity (70% of American Jews attend or host a Seder), the pedagogy is clearly working.

Passover is all about exploring those liminal spaces between bondage

and freedom and coming together in a spirit of resistance, resilience and good cheer. Exactly the ingredients one needs for venturing through a year-long pandemic. We too in our lives experience the liminal and narrow. Some of us have been vaccinated; some of us not yet. Some of us are regaining a small measure of freedom; some of us have reasons to still be cautious. Some of us are rejoining loved ones in-person; some of us are still

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FROM THE RABBI

Esther Hugenholtz (cont.)

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alone. All of us, however, can honor the trials behind us and still to come, but also catch a glimpse of the dawn. We stand here at the Sea of Reeds, with the horrors of Mitzrayim at our back and a trek through the wilderness still very much ahead of us. But we will come before that holy mountain and journey to the Promised Land.

I remember in some of my earliest Bulletin pieces – even before I moved Stateside! – I’d often refer to our congregation as ‘plucky and Midwestern’. Little did I know that the metaphor proved prophetic. It is true, we are plucky, as we navigate this unknown once-in-a-hundred-year pandemic territory. We have our great and awesome tradition with us; our deep Story about resilience and wisdom against the odds, our songs of freedom. And I am so grateful for that—grateful enough to chance imbibing an entire chunk of horseradish!

We will continue to find ourselves in that weird, liminal space as a community. The Reopening Committee is researching the if’s, when’s, how’s and but’s of reopening and will continue to inform the community of any next steps. Zoom services and learning events are still going strong, including with our newfound friends in Boise, Idaho, and the synagogue leadership is still building continuity... so if you would like to serve on the Board or in a Committee, we are looking and would very much like your help. As for my family, we are in the process of buying a house. I’m not going to reveal anything *yet* until we’ve signed away our lives on the dotted line, but purchasing a house during these testing times itself has been an act of faith and resilience (albeit a very privileged one). I am reminded of another Jew who found himself in existentially trying circumstances: the prophet Jeremiah. Even in moments of exile, crisis and darkness, he charged us to hope. *‘B’nu batim v’shevu, v’nit’u ganot v’ichlu et pيران’* - ‘Build

houses and live in them, plant gardens and eat their fruit...’ (Jer. 29:5)

We will continue to journey and endeavor to build. Slowly, the veil is being lifted and we are left to wonder and dream about the new world that will unfurl its wings. We will regroup as a Jewish community and I invite us all to explore these deeper questions of meaning and justice. As Pesach turns to Shavu’ot and Shavu’ot tilts towards the sacred time of the month Elul and the High Holiday season, this road of envisioning will serve us well. One day, we will be back together, in our familiar spaces, falling back into welcome and familiar rhythms and routines. At the same time, we cannot glance over our shoulder too long. How will we plant the seeds of a better world and a kinder, more equitable America? What are the raw, painful, transformative lessons that we take with us from this calamity? How will we mourn the dead and honor the living? What will our relationship be to science, governance and the common good? Our community provides us both with a microcosm and an incubator of those big questions, and the intimacy of our relationships allow us to create safe spaces for the asking of those very questions.

Pesach: liminal, narrow, liberating, expansive. During Hallel, the festive sets of Psalms that we sing during Jewish holidays, we sing *‘Min haMeitzar karati Yah, anani bemerchav Yah’* – ‘From the narrow place I called out to the Eternal, the Eternal answered me with expansiveness.’ (Ps. 118:5). We hold both experiences and realities in our heart: the narrowness and the expansion, waiting to exhale and yearning to breathe free. Better days are coming. We will hold on and hold steady until then, and to paraphrase Jeremiah one last time, ‘seek the welfare of the city, and pray in its behalf; for in its prosperity you shall prosper.’

Wishing you sweet joy (and safe matzah eating practices) during our *‘z’man cheruteinu’*, the Season of our Liberation. *Moadim l’simchah!*

ONLINE LECTURE SERIES

JEWES, RACE, and RELIGION

A Free Online Lecture Series

We are in the midst of what might be a major new chapter in the history of race relations in the United States, with untold numbers of protestors demanding that the country confront abiding race-based injustice. Among the consequences of this movement is a wider recognition of how race and racism are interwoven into all aspects of society, including government, education, health, and religion.

IN AN EFFORT to deepen public understanding of race, this series uses the prism of Jewish experience to examine intersections of race and religion, drawing lessons from the history of antisemitism, examining the role of Jews in the racialized culture of the United States, and exploring the role of race in Jewish identity. Leading scholars in Jewish Studies, Critical Race Studies, and Religious Studies will share insights and research that deepens the conversation about race, racism, and anti-racism in contemporary society, both American and Jewish.

Audiences are invited to attend individual talks or the entire series. All events will take place on Zoom, Thursdays, 1:30–2:30 pm ET. Register now!

A free online lecture series by the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies will focus on intersections of race and religion, drawing lessons from the history of antisemitism, examining the role of Jews in the racialized culture of the United States, and exploring the role of race in Jewish identity.

[See this link](#) for dates and times, details, and a registration link.

FROM THE REOPENING SUBCOMMITTEE

Jane Zukin & Bob Wallace

As you know, our building has been closed for the past year. Rabbi Hugenholtz along with Principal Sonja Spear, President Sue Weinberg, the Agudas Achim Board, and so many other staff and volunteers have worked hard to maintain virtual services, school classes and adult education, and many other activities to keep us all engaged while staying safely apart.

Recently, the Board appointed a sub-committee tasked with studying best practices for re-opening our building when the pandemic has waned enough to permit some activities to safely resume. Currently, we are studying ventilation needs in the

building along with cleaning and disinfecting protocols that need to be implemented. The Board has made it very clear that the safety of our members and staff is of the utmost importance and all decisions related to re-opening the building will be made with input from medical and legal experts, and the CDC. Bob Wallace and Jane Zukin are heading the sub-committee.

At the moment, the sub-committee and the Board are considering some potential outdoor activities as cases decrease. We will continue to provide you with updated information as the committee work continues. All comments welcome.

The Spirituality of Laughter

A Jewish Look at the Holiness of Humor
with Rabbi & Comedian Bob Alper

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Hardalah at 7:45 pm CDT

Program at 8 pm CDT

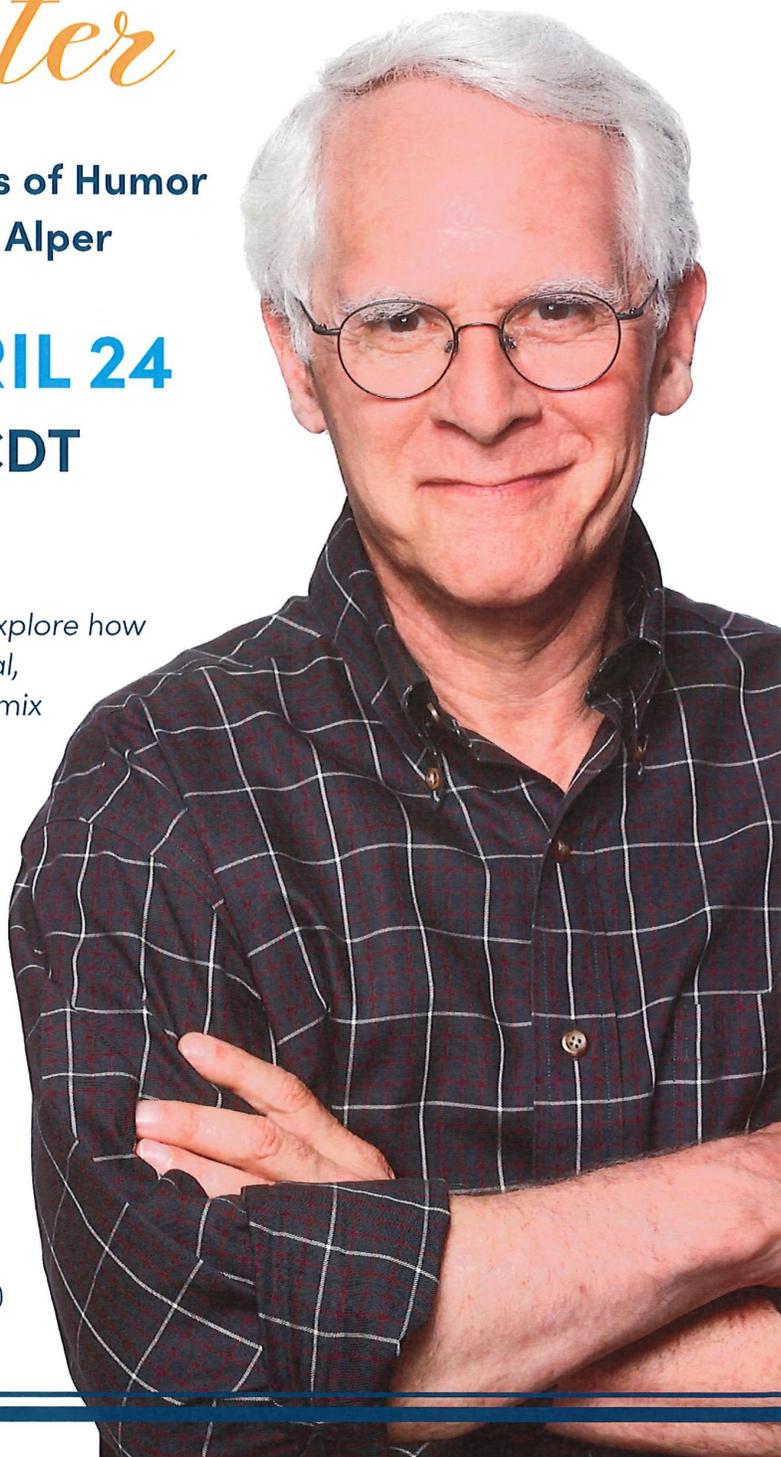
A Jewish look at the holiness of humor—explore how Judaism values the spiritual, psychological, and physiological benefits of laughter. A mix of great Jewish learning and pure knee-slapping comedy is guaranteed!

**Registration in
advance is required:**

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A Holocaust Memorial Day Walk on the Streets of the former Warsaw Ghetto: Remembrance, Reflection and Hope

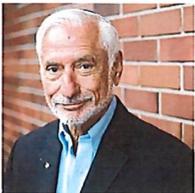


When: Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Time: USA 11:00am Central Time / Poland 6:00pm CET / Israel 7:00pm IDT

On ZOOM Free and open to the public

To register, go to: bit.ly/ajcevent

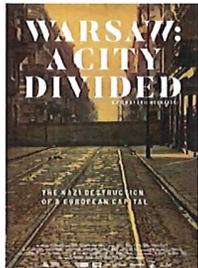


In commemoration of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), you are invited to join us on a live, online ZOOM walking tour in the space where the Warsaw Ghetto once existed and stops at three (3) special locations as narrated by attorney and Holocaust educator, *Michael H. Traison* (left). The Germans murdered over 400,000 Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto, including those who died of starvation, typhus and disease.

Following this live pilgrimage, the students from the Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities in Davenport, Iowa, will perform a Holocaust-themed dance.



Following the dance and from Chicago, world famous Cantor, *Alberto Mizrahi* (left), will chant *Kel Maleh Rachamim*, the Jewish prayer for the souls of the dead. The program will conclude from Israel with world renowned Cantor, *Israel Rand* (right), leading all of us around the globe in the singing of *Hatikvah*, the 19th century Jewish poem and National Anthem of Israel which tells of the 2,000 year hope of the Jewish people to return to their homeland, Israel.



****As a special bonus, you are all invited to view for free on Vimeo the outstanding, new documentary, "*Warsaw: A City Divided*" by Eric Bednarski from Sunday, April 4th starting at 6:00am Central Time to Wednesday, April 7th ending at 6:00am at:

VIMEO-<https://vimeo.com/469079287> Password: LOGTV FILMS

We wish to express our appreciation to the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Chicago for hosting this program as well as the following sponsors (so far):

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sue Weinberg

Chag sameach! As I write this we are celebrating our second pandemic Pesach. Thank you to Rabbi Hugenholtz for leading a beautiful zoom seder on the second night, with assistance from the Ritual committee. New Haggadot were also purchased for loan this year, and to hopefully be used at next year's seder at the synagogue. To paraphrase the Haggadah – Next year in PERSON!

Our committees have been very busy. The reopening committee has been researching best practices of reopening, and have some ideas for safely meeting outdoors as the weather improves. They will present some of their research at the congregational meeting in June.

The safety committee has continued to work on hardening our building. There were some federal regulatory hoops for using the Homeland Security grant that had not been obvious but they were successfully navigated and the window film is being installed this week.

Other committees have been busy as well. The Education/School committee is working on finalizing guidelines for B'nai Mitzvah students, the Membership committee hosted a zoom meet-and-greet for new members and is planning a new member Shabbat in April, Tikun Olam hosted a fascinating schmooze about Refugees and the Catholic Worker House which assists them locally, as well as continuing its food drive, and the Adult Education committee is continuing to plan and schedule interesting schmoozes and programs.

I want to highlight two upcoming Adult Ed programs that I am personally very excited about.

Many of you are familiar with Jay Holstein, one of the University's most popular lecturers. As an undergrad in the 70's, I took every course he offered, including Old Testament Survey and The Quest for Human Destiny. I had no real interest in religion but loved listening to his lectures. He is a dynamic speaker, as well as an ordained rabbi, and has agreed to speak to us on May 2 on the topic of The Binding of Isaac and the Justice of God. If you have heard him speak I'm sure you need no further urging to attend, if you have not, I HIGHLY recommend it!

The other program I want to highlight is a program with Bob Alper on the evening of Saturday April 24 at 8 pm CDT. It is being co-sponsored by the Des Moines Jewish Federation, Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Des Moines, and Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel in Boise Idaho, with whom we are exploring a sister-shul relationship. Bob Alper is a well-known rabbi and comedian, he will be presenting a program called The Spirituality of Laughter. I discovered him early in the pandemic, he started emailing a daily funny video clip or story, and I look forward to receiving them every morning. If you are not familiar with him, check out his website, he's very funny! <https://www.bobalper.com/>.

And finally, great news, vaccines will be open to all in early April! I urge everyone (assuming no medical contra-indications) to get vaccinated, the more members of our congregation who are vaccinated the safer our eventual reopening will be!

Happy Passover, and Happy Spring!
Sue

NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

New Member Shabbat is on Friday April 30. Schmooze at 6:30; Services at 7:00. Please join us as we welcome our new Agudas Achim members.

WARM UP AMERICA

Warm Up America will meet via Zoom on Sundays April 18 and 25 from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

JAY HOLSTEIN TALK

On Sunday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m., we will hold a shmooze with Jay Holstein [at this Zoom link](#).

The Binding of Isaac and the Justice of God

Dr. Holstein came to The University of Iowa in 1970. He holds the University of Iowa's J.J. Mallon Teaching Chair in Judaic Studies (1982, 2007). In October 2020, Dr. Holstein was honored for his 50 years of teaching at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Holstein's large courses are among the most popular in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, closing quickly in early registration; he typically teaches 1200-1500 students per year. Describing his course content in a recent interview with FYI he commented, "a liberal arts education is our best weapon against ignorance ... students are going to

go out and make decisions about life and love.

Everything in the human situation is rooted in variations on three themes: food, sex, and death.

Whether it's a decision to slaughter animals, to drink alcohol, to what we do in the bedroom, to what we are willing to die for—from the table to the bedroom to the grave, nothing in our modern, technological world has changed this. That's why ancient texts like the Hebrew Bible are still relevant."



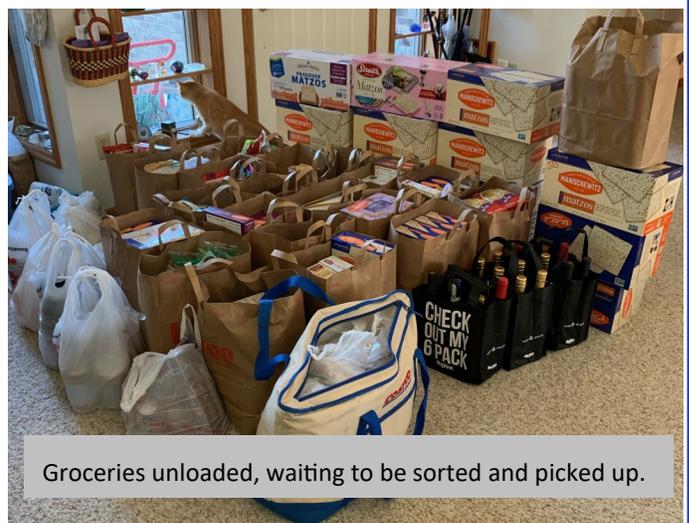
PESACH GROCERIES



Cartop carrier full of matzo



Passover groceries from Des Moines



Groceries unloaded, waiting to be sorted and picked up.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sonja Spear

Last month, many of us celebrated our second zoom-seder! I hope it will be our last. But spring has finally arrived, bringing with it a promise of renewal. We have been on Passover break, but we will reconvene on April 11th. We will hold our last day as a group assembly with songs on May 9th.

In the last days of this year, we will be moving away from the La Br'itut curriculum. It's emphasis on using values to move through traumatic times was welcome at the beginning of the year. But, thankfully, the kids are showing a great deal of resilience – and a certain amount of impatience!

In the last few days, the Sixth/Seventh Grade will return to the B'chol Lashon (In Every Language) curriculum, which emphasizes the diversity of Jewish communities throughout the world. This time, they will learn about the Jewish communities of India in tandem with a unit on Shavuot. They will also plan a Shavuot celebration of their own. Look for details soon!

In addition to learning about Shavuoth, students in the remaining grades will shift their focus to

communicating Jewish values to children of the future. We will ask them to create time capsules including things, pictures, Hebrew words, and Jewish ideas that they believe future children might need to understand how we got through the last year.

I can tell you what I would put in my time capsule – my voice saying, “can you hear me now” on a loop! During the last year, we have all acquired new computer skills and new zoom etiquette. To be honest, teaching over zoom has felt a little like trying to pick up small coins with gloves on: it's not impossible, but it's certainly awkward. I have renewed appreciation for the tactile, hands-on activities that are a normal part of our school. So I have spent the last few months thinking about ways to increase and improve the children's sense of belonging to a Jewish community. We can expect new activities and new curriculum in the fall.

I hope, by then, that we can meet in person. Until then, I hope you all stay well.

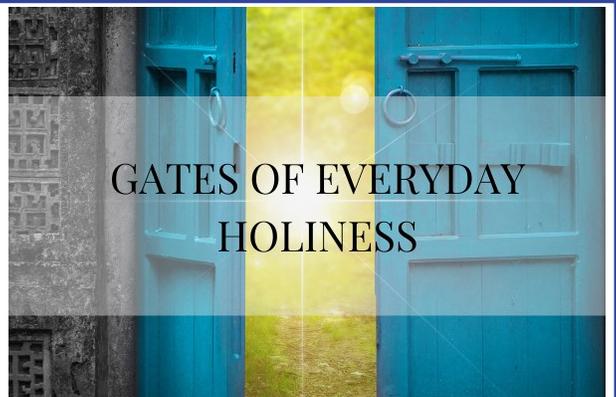
WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

The Wednesday book group will meet on Wednesday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

MUSSAR

On Sunday April 11 at 11:00 a.m., Kathy Jacobs will hold an Adult Ed Mussar Talk (open to all) about a New Mussar Course “Gates of Everyday Holiness”.

Additionally, Beginning April 18, The Agudas Achim Mussar Group will resume meeting Sunday afternoons from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. New members are welcome. This group meets for 14 weeks.



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YIDDISH STUDY GROUP

The Yiddish Study Group meets Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Contact the office for more information.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The bereavement group will meet on Wednesday, April 21 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. For more information, [contact Martha Lubaroff](#).

APRIL 2021

ALL SERVICES, MEETINGS, AND EVENTS WILL BE VIA ZOOM. EMAIL THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED DETAILS.

Fri	2	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM	Sun	18	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM
		Shabbat Schmooze	6:30 PM			Virtual Sunday School	10:30 AM
		Shabbat and Festival Evening Services	7:00 PM			Warm-Up America	11:00 AM
Sat	3	Shabbat and Festival Morning Services	9:30 AM	Mon	19	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
						Tea Time Check-In	4:00 PM
						Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM
Sun	4	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM	Wed	21	Bereavement Group	12:30 PM
		Virtual Sunday School	10:30 AM			Education Committee	6:00 PM
Mon	5	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM			Ritual Committee	7:30 PM
		Tea Time Check-In	4:00 PM	Fri	23	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
		Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM			Shabbat Schmooze	6:30 PM
Thurs	8	Executive Committee Meeting	5:30 PM			Shabbat Evening Services with CABI	7:00 PM
Fri	9	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM	Sat	24	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
		Shabbat Schmooze	6:30 PM			Pre-show Schmooze	7:30 PM
		Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 PM			Bob Alper Event	8:00 PM
Sat	10	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM	Sun	25	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM
Sun	11	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM			Virtual Sunday School	10:30 AM
		Adult Ed Mussar Talk	10:00 AM			Warm-Up America	11:00 AM
		Virtual Sunday School	10:30 AM	Mon	26	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
Mon	12	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM			Tea Time Check-In	4:00 PM
		Tea Time Check-In	4:00 PM			Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM
		Intro to Judaism	7:30 PM	Wed	28	Free Lunch	11:30 AM
Thurs	15	Board Meeting	7:00 PM			Book Group	1:00 PM
Fri	16	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM	Fri	30	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
		Shabbat Schmooze	6:30 PM			New Member Shabbat Schmooze	6:30 PM
		Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 PM			Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 PM
Sat	17	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM				

APRIL Yahrzeits

Rachel Abrons	Frances Green	Charles Retish
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SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE (ALL SERVICES VIA ZOOM)

Streaming links for Shabbat services on Zoom: [Friday Night \(7:00 p.m.\)](#);
[Saturday Morning \(9:30 a.m.\)](#) Evening services have a schmooze prior to the service at 6:30 p.m.

[Pesach]	Friday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem (Conservative)
	Saturday, April 3	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
Shemini <i>(Leviticus 9:1-11:47)</i>	Friday, April 9	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
	Saturday, April 10	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem (Conservative)
Tazria-Metzorah <i>(Leviticus 12:1-15:33)</i>	Friday, April 16	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
	Saturday, April 17	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem (Conservative)
Achare-Kedoshim <i>(Leviticus 16:1-20:27)</i>	Friday, April 23	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)
	Saturday, April 24	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem (Conservative)
Emor <i>(Leviticus 21:1-24:23)</i>	Friday, April 30	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem (Conservative)
	Saturday, May 1	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah (Reform)

TIKKUN OLAM NEWS

Jody Braverman

Catholic Worker House - Agudas Achim honored Refugee Shabbat on the weekend of March 5 -7. Rabbi Hugenholtz's sermon, A People Fearful and Vulnerable included these lines: "To be a refugee is to have no champion speak for you, no institution represent you, to be utterly and completely at the whim and will of others." We heard Prof. Emily Sinnwell of Catholic Worker House discuss local efforts to support refugees in Iowa. Agudas Achim's Tikun Olam will contribute funds to Catholic Worker House in furtherance of their efforts. Please join this effort in honor of Passover.

Iowa City Free Lunch Program - Agudas Achim has sponsored a meal a month at the Free Lunch Program for many years. David Caplan organized our efforts to help prepare and serve for several years but COVID-19 forced a temporary hold. Now it's time to consider our return. We need more volunteers. For more information, please contact David Caplan at capscomics@aol.com or

Jody Braverman at jtbraverman@yahoo.com.

Consultation of Religious Communities - Beverly Jones has been Agudas Achim's representative member of the Consultation of Religious Communities of Iowa City (CRC-IC) for several years. She would like to step down in the foreseeable future. Meetings are monthly from 10:00 to noon on the third Wednesday of the month.

"The Consultation of Religious Communities is a local network of faith communities, social service agencies, advocacy groups and others who believe in the dignity of all persons, and share a concern for the quality of life and well-being of individuals and families in Johnson Count. The CRC gathers on a regular basis for interfaith dialogue, to advocate for social and economic justice and to plan and sponsor programs and events that will help meet the basic needs of all."

Anyone who is interested, please contact Jody Braverman at jtbraverman@yahoo.com.

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