
Agudas Achim Congregation

Upcoming Adult Education Events



Eager to engage in Jewish learning and broaden your horizons at Agudas Achim? You can expect the following programming to be rolled out during the winter and spring of 2022. The order of sessions may not be chronological and exact dates are to be determined. More sessions will be advertised in the future.

Do you have something to teach or offer or a suggestion for programming? Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Rabbi or the synagogue office. Some sessions may be Zoom-only, hybrid or in-person only. Specifics to be determined at a later date.

Intro to the Intro Program

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 10:30 A.M.

Do you want to know more about the Rabbi's year-long Introduction to Judaism program before you fully commit? Whether you're Jewish or Jew-curious, a member of the congregation or not, come find out more about this amazing, empowering, meaningful learning journey to set you up for success in your Jewish life.

Emerging Judaism: Frank Salomon on the Abayudaya

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 10:00 A.M.

Congregant Frank Salomon is an emeritus professor of Anthropology and has recently completed a trip to Uganda where he visited the Abayudaya and connected with their spiritual leader, Rabbi Gershom Sizomu. Frank will share his experiences with the congregation in this Adult Education presentation.

Parents Circle

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 10:30 A.M.

Parents Circle is made up of bereaved families, both Israeli and Palestinian, who have lost someone to the conflict. Their conversation brings to life their commitment to seeing each others' humanity, that the tears are the same color, and by speaking to each other heart-to-heart, we can begin to open our own hearts to their stories and see a path away from revenge, toward peace and reconciliation. This event will feature Israeli and Palestinian speakers sharing their experiences in a webinar format on Zoom. A Q and A will be available for attendees of the event.

The Parents' Circle will be moderated by Anita Silvert of the Parents' Circle organization and she welcomes your questions and comments. You can contact her at anita@parentscirclefriends.org.

The opinions and views of the speakers and other participants in this event are not necessarily representative of opinions and views of Agudas Achim synagogue.

Lyz Lenz

DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

Lyz Lenz is an Iowa-based author and investigative journalist. Her book *God Land* was published in 2019. Her second book *Belabored*, was published in 2020.

*Lyz may be speaking on the Trial of the Charlottesville Far Right march.

Nina Weinstein and her new book

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 AT 10:00 A.M.

'Printmaker's Daughter, Painter's Wife' - a memoir by our former administrator Nina Weinstein (pen name: Nina Barragan). '[A] work of fusion moves beyond memoir to become a juggling act of reality and imagination. The narrative travels through melded panoramas of past and present...'

Ari Ariel and Lisa Heineman of the Obermann Center (Jewish Studies working group)

DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Ari Ariel and Lisa Heineman are spearheading an effort to expand Jewish Studies at the University of Iowa. Ari teaches courses on Global Jewish History and the Israel-Palestine Conflict. Lisa teaches courses on the Holocaust and on Jews, Judaism, and Social Justice. They co-direct the Jewish Studies Working Group at the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies and the Jewish Studies Network at International Programs.