

# **Agudas Achim Congregation**

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### FROM THE RABBI Esther Hugenholtz

The simplest of gestures can be the most profound. I found myself standing next to my fellow clergy in the afternoon heat at our Interfaith Blessings Booth. A pastor had hitched a bubble machine to the awning of our booth and iridescent bubbles danced on the breeze. When people were happy and willing, they would allow us to offer them blessings and prayers through an LGBTQ-affirming lens. I gently held their hands and did something we rabbis aren't really trained to do: I prayed with them extemporaneously. They would offer me their worries, hopes and concerns, a snippet of a life story here and there. 'Pray for my marriage. Bless me to have a better relationship with my family. I need strength for a health condition. I am transitioning and want to know that this is the right path and that God loves me.' I brought my words and the words of the tradition to them; but most of all, I brought my heart. Just as much as I blessed them; they blessed me.

Blessing in our tradition has a distinguished and ancient history, from the days of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs. Abraham is called to be a blessing to the families of the earth; Jacob blesses his sons and Joseph blessed Ephraim and Menashe. To this day, we bless our children at the Shabbat table. (My kids like arguing over who gets to go first!) In traditional synagogues, at certain junctures of the year, those of Priestly lineage – the Kohanim – get to bless the congregation. All of these are strangely beautiful and poignant rituals, hovering between the rational and the magical. Uttering blessings is a powerful thing. Holding the person in your heart who you wish to bless is utterly transformative.

'Count your blessings' is of course an oft-used admonition. We have to be grateful, right? For the blessings in our lives. Here is where it gets a little more complicated; both in affirming or rejecting a belief that there is such a thing as interventionist blessings (ie. God chooses who to favor; I do not believe that) and whether we can see the circumstances in our lives as blessings. Sometimes it is harder than other times. Certainly, these last three years I have not felt terribly blessed to live through a pandemic. On the other hand, I have also felt incredibly blessed to make it through with my family, with my health intact.

If we psychologize the notion of blessings a little (to make it more palpable to the rational, modern mind, perhaps), then perhaps the beauty of blessings lies in a mindset of abundance, rather than scarcity. What a powerful gift to believe that we can give to others generously—be it through words, deeds or in the meeting of other needs. Our hearts are full enough to give of ourselves to others. Love is a renewable resource. We can grow in so many ways.

As the summer rolls round, I am thinking of blessings and abundance. Nature in Iowa is resplendent right now and there is such an abundance in the unfolding of life in these warmer months. I am thinking about the blessings of rest

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and restoration. I will be on my annual vacation and look forward to decompressing with my family and enjoying the simple things in life. And also, I am thinking about how we can be blessings to each other as my heart starts to turn to the High Holidays.

May and June have been incredible months for our community between the Shavu'ot Retreat, new Taste of Judaism program, a well-attended and festive Bat Mitzvah and our Pride festivities. But August is shaping to be just as good. I have a few 'tricks' up my sleeve to make August/Elul meaningful and worthwhile. My year-long Introduction to Judaism program is launching August  $7^{th}$  (7 pm to 9 pm on Mondays) with a brand -new, fresh curriculum. We are also looking forward to creating some programming for young parents who would like to find more meaning in their Jewish parenting journeys. Check the calendar for two events mid-August at Sidekick Books and Big Grove Brewery for some inspired conversation. (And I highly recommend the Jewish parenting book 'Even God Had Bad Parenting Days' by Alicia Jo Rabins). I will also be launching High Holiday learning opportunities so that we can ease ourselves into the holy season with confidence and joy. And I'd also like to plan an outdoors Shabbat-in -the-Park service. Furthermore, we will have a Board retreat for our new Board and yes – High Holiday preparations are already under way!

Like in previous years, I choose a theme for the High Holidays and I'm just about ready to give you a sneak peek: the theme will be 'Ashreinu'—which we can translate as 'How happy/ fortunate are we?' I'm not going to say more about this at present (we need a little mystery in our lives) but consider this an invitation to opening up a consciousness of abundance and blessing in your own life.

Dear congregational family, I wish you all the happiest and most blessed of summers. I hope you get to rest, recharge and reconnect so that we can go into the (early!) High Holiday season with full and open hearts. That is my blessing for you; of simple joys and meaningful delights. Ashreinu indeed.

### **MEETING WITH RABBI HUGENHOLTZ**

<u>We've set up a Calendly link here</u> for setting up meetings automatically with Rabbi Hugenholtz. We are reserving Wednesday and Thursday from 4-6 for B-Mitzvah meetings specifically, but feel free to schedule a meeting with her if you'd like. Meetings can be via Zoom, via telephone, or in person.

### SYNAGOGUE VENMO

We Have Venmo! Our Venmo account: @AgudasIC. (There are other Agudas Achims out there, so be sure to choose the one with IC at the end.) Since we are a business account, we do have a 2-3% charge on each donation in case you'd like to add a bit more.

You can donate via Venmo at this link.

We also have Paypal here.

Dear members of the Agudas Achim family. I am honored that you have elected me as president of the synagogue. I will honor your trust in me to move forward in all aspects of our religious, social, and service activities of the shul. Many of you know me, some only recently and some for decades, but for those of you that know little or nothing about me please allow me to provide a summary of my life and my goals.

I was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and shared our home with my parents and two sisters. Primary and secondary public school education as well as my undergraduate degree occurred in Philly where I also met and married my best friend and love of my life Martha. We have three sons: Saul, Scott, and Matthew, and six grandchildren; we are so fortunate. Following graduate schools in Washington, DC and New Haven, CT., I returned to the City of Brotherly Love to do a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. I stayed at Penn as an Assistant Professor before moving to Iowa City and began a rewarding career in teaching and research, both in immunology and prostate cancer.

Our family have been members of Agudas Achim for 50 years, first with Rabbi Abramowitz then 41 years with Rabbi Portman, 1 year with Rabbi Diamond, and the recent 6 years with Rabbi Hugenholtz. I have served on many boards through the years and president for the first time from 1981 to 1983. To say that I have experienced much in 10 decades would be an understatement, but nothing comes close to the challenges we recently faced during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. All of you have experienced, either directly or indirectly, the physical and emotional effects of the disease since March 2020. It is our job to pull us back from the bad times to new and better good times.

I believe with all my heart that the officers and board members you have elected for the next 2 years can and will allow this to happen. It will be hard to replace Janice Weiner, particularly her dedication to this synagogue and its members. I have learned so much from working with her these past 2 years and hope I can continue the progress she began. I am confident that the new board will work diligently for the benefit of Agudas Achim. The people on the board represent the heterogeneity of our membership; young, old, new members, established members, conservative, and reform. They are talented and committed to working for you.

As to our new board and what we want to accomplish: the themes for this group of dedicated, talented people are mutual respect, collaboration, providing a strong Jewish education to both our children, grandchildren, and adults, providing activities for all groups, retaining our membership as well as adding new individuals and families – and – having fun.

We will address the following: complete and approve the Agudas Achim ethics code, work on the mutual review of the rabbi and congregation, initiate work on a strategic plan, and bring new ideas and activities for our members.

I will work in partnership with Rabbi Hugenholtz. We will be assisted by our president-elect Jeanne Cadoret so that, in 2 years, she can be in as strong a position to become president as I am now.

Thank you for your confidence in me and with the new board of directors.

David Lubaroff

### LIBRARY NOTES Teresa Weiner

Library maintenance continues during these quiet summer months. Have a look at the free books in the foyer that are available to be rehomed— both adult and children's books are there for you to adopt. And as some books move out, you can anticipate the arrival of new books! New reads will include authors Dara Horn, Elana Kurshan, Sarit Yishai Levi, Bradley W. Hart, Jane Sherron De Hart, Joshua Henkin, and David Kertzer. Jewish children's books continue to arrive regularly through Agudas Achim's years-long partnership with PJLibrary (www.pjlibrary.org). As always, please consider helping with the expense of refreshing our collection with new books. Your donations to the Library Fund and to the synagogue's PJLibrary budget line are enormously appreciated.

### JUNE ONEG HOSTS

### Thank you to June's oneg hosts!!!

### Janice Weiner, Andrea and Joseph Chase, Janelle Jaskolka, Mallory Hellman

If you'd like to sponsor an oneg, contact the office!

### **SENIORS GROUP**

The Synagogue Seniors hosted a conversation with two members at our last gathering on Thursday, June 15. State Senator Janice Weiner and state Representative Adam Zabner reflected on their first session as lowa legislators. Join us from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the third Thursday of the month for coffee, conversation, and a nosh (the next meeting is July 20). Sometimes we have a presentation and other times we simply share social time. Watch the Bulletin and weekly email for more information. However you define "seniors" is up to you.



### COVID COMMENTS Bob Wallace, Barcey Levy, & Jane Zukin

COVID-19 Infections have become increasingly infrequent in the Johnson County area as summer takes effect. There have been very few cases of persons hospitalized at University Hospitals and Clinics, but a few cases still are occurring in the community. Recommendations to be especially careful in crowded areas; there are situations where masks and social precautions may be helpful. Other COVID-19 related activities that may be of value to you:

-It has been widely recognized that people who contract the infection may lose their senses of smell and taste. A new report found that while many COVID-19 patients recover their abilities for these senses, about a quarter of them do not fully recover in the long term. If you are having this problem, you should consider consulting your physician about it; loss of taste and smell senses may have safety implications, such as losing your ability to detect environmental odors or spoiled foods. -Experts working with CDC and FDA have selected a new strain of COVID-19 virus for the new COVID-19 vaccine that will likely be available this fall. This vaccine would be recommended particularly for people over age 65 years and those with chronic illnesses, and might be available to be received along with this fall's influenza vaccine. These vaccines could also be important in the fall as people start to spend more time indoors. As always, it is important to talk with your healthcare professional about whether you should receive these vaccines.

Shalom

### **TAMMUZ YOGA**

### Announcing Tammuz Yoga: Balance and Endurance

In this four session drop-in class, we will join Yogic practices and Jewish wisdom to explore Tammuz' themes of challenge and inner strength. We will come away from each gathering with a simple movement practice that we can add to our daily routine.

Everyone is welcome. No previous Yoga experience necessary!

Join us for as many sessions as you like.

Dates: Sundays June 25- July 16 at 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Agudas Achim Congregation, 401 E Oakdale Blvd.

**Bring:** Yoga mat, large towel, or blanket (optional, but nice to have)

To register: <a href="mailto:rsvp@agudasachimic.org">rsvp@agudasachimic.org</a>

For more information: <a href="mailto:leslea-collins@outlook.com">leslea-collins@outlook.com</a>



### JULY SHABBAT SERVICES

#### Streaming link for Zoom services

Chukkat-Balak	Friday, June 30	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem
(Numbers 19:1-25:9)	Saturday, July 1	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah
Pinchas	Friday, July 7	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
(Numbers 25:10-30:01)	Saturday, July 8	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Matot-Masei	Friday, July 14	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
(Numbers 30:2-36:13)	Saturday, July 15	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Devarim	Friday, July 21	7:00 p.m.	Mishkan T'filah
(Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22)	Saturday, July 22	9:30 a.m.	Lev Shalem
Vaetchanan	Friday, July 28	7:00 p.m.	Lev Shalem
(Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11)	Saturday, July 29	9:30 a.m.	Mishkan T'filah

### **INTRO TO JUDAISM CLASS**

Our Intro to Judaism class will begin Monday, August 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The course will run for 36 sessions at the synagogue

<u>A full schedule can be found on the website.</u> Contact the office for more information.

### **JULY YAHRZEITS**

Jelena Laneeva Bardach	Gerald Engman	Lillian Levine	Marvin Pomerantz
David Owen Berg	Denise Guédon	Jared Levy	Rose Portman
David Bills	Richard Jacobs	Liza Zabner Lublin	Lauren Reece Flaum
Robert "Bob"	Ruth Jacobs	Jack Madison	Nina Sawyer
Braverman	Phyllis Jadryev	Norman Madison	Mildred Schapira
Regina Brecher	Daniel Joseph	Meir Markovitz	Katherine Schor
Morris L. Breggin	Morris Isadore	Frances Milavetz	Beulah Smith
Maurice Broad	Kaufman	David Nadler	Jules Ben Standig
Barbara Brodsky	Max Kerber	Anne Nathanson	Kalman "Sunny"
Sam Brodsky	Robert Kieso	Ida Paul	Sunshine
Elizabeth Potter Brown	Jack Klein	Joe Pava	Arthur Wallace
Esther DeVoe	Irwin Kline	Annie Addison Picard	Ted Willner
Charlotte Dobie	Miriam Kubby	Sebastien Isaac Picard	
Helen B. Dunn	Rose "Rae" Levin	David Pitzele	

### WARM UP AMERICA

Warm Up America will meet on July 9 and 23, in the social hall, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Our August dates are August 6 and 20.

We welcome anyone interested in helping us provide afghans for neighbors who might need a bit of added physical or emotional warmth, even in summer.

Knitters, crocheters, and people who can sew with a yarn-eye needle and yarn are especially welcome. We all are volunteers, working together to help the world, one afghan "patch" at a time.

For further information, contact the Synagogue office.



#### DONATIONS

#### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Ray & Lindy Buch: In memory of Maurice Broad Judy & Gary Galluzzo: In memory of Joe Bernstein Steven & Barcey Levy: In memory of Ana Cotler and Jessica Thurston

Jonathan & Pamela Sabin: In memory of Howard A. Sabin

Nancy Sprince: In memory of Dorothy Buddelof

#### **BRAVERMAN TALMUD TORAH FUND**

Jeff & Sara Braverman: In memory of Helen Dunn Mace & Kay Braverman: In memory of Bob Braverman

#### **CEMETERY FUND**

Sinaya Nadler: In memory of David Nadler

#### FUND RAISING

Deborah Adelman Alvin Edelstein Ariel Wind

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Jody & Janie Braverman: In memory of Sam Worton Mark Graber & Hetty Hall Linda Kerber: In memory of Max Kerber Paul & Linda Muhly

#### **REECE FLAUM TERRACE FUND**

**Steven & Barcey Levy**: In memory of Bernard M. Levy

### TIKUN OLAM FUND

Ruth & Douglas Nathanson: Shavuot fundraiser for food bank Sue Weinberg & Robert Armstrong: Shavuot

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### **YIDDISH STUDY GROUP**

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

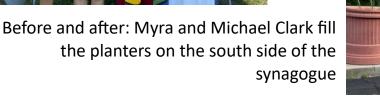
#### WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

The Wednesday book group will meet on July 26 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. <u>Contact the office</u> for information.

### SYNAGOGUE SUCCESSES



On a hot afternoon in North Liberty, Rabbi Esther and her interfaith clergy team gave our interfaith blessings at North Liberty's 'Let Love Fly' Pride event. It was a real privilege to partner with fellow clergy on making people feel loved, cherished and accepted and share words of prayer with them!



## Roses Blooming





Thanks to Sonja Hauter for identifying this mystery tree on the synagogue grounds as the 'Nannyberry' (Viburnum lentago)!



On June 17, we had a smashing Pride Shabbat! We kicked off the festivities with delicious Onegs and rainbow challah (courtesy of the rabbi) and enjoyed a beautiful service on Shabbat morning where we heard our



LGBTQ members share prayers and stories. The synagogue marched in the Parade with our biggest group thus far and then the rabbi offered affirming interfaith blessings at the Interfaith Blessings booth. Our community was proud and visible. Let's keep up the good work of LGBTQ affirmation both inside and beyond the walls of the synagogue. <u>More Photos</u> Dear Congregational Family,

We Jews love stories. It's part of our cultural DNA.

As I am about to enter my seventh year of service as your rabbi, I never imagined the stories I would be able to tell about all we have lived through.

It's not hard for my family to remember when we came here and we were greeted by a veritable welcoming committee at the Cedar Rapids airport. We as a community have lived through polarizing national and geopolitical moments, the rise in antisemitism and lethal attacks on synagogues and of course the once-in-a-century calamity of COVID. These are difficult, devastating stories. Many of us may not recognize this new world we are born into, and complicated, unresolved feelings about the world we've left behind are entirely natural. Throughout the courses of our multi-generational lifetimes, we have seen the world tilt on its axis and our Jewish world shift beyond what our ancestors would recognize. It's quite the story to tell and I don't think we are done 'processing' what we have gone through.

There are other stories to tell too. Stories of resilience and triumph, of mutual support and love, of innovation and invigoration of community, of wise and deep lessons learned. One of the privileges of being a rabbi is listening to the many stories people share, including love and loss, simchas and tzuris. Even glancing back at these past two tumultuous years that our Board of Trustees has worked under, there are many stories to tell. From having to pivot in the wake of the delta variant to the amazing Shavu'ot urban retreat just a few weeks ago and everything in between. We have started the process of re-envisioning our community; we are about to implement an ethics code and have already launched a new vision statement (more about that later), have taken a good look at the structural issues of governance, have shrunk our deficit, raised funds and grown our membership. We are rebuilding our worship services post-pandemic, are engaging with civic and justice causes, are reimagining education across the board and have had a year of incredibly successful programming and engagement, from the Rosh haShanah reception to a Hanukkah Bazaar to Senior Brunches and Oaknoll lunches.

We know that these stories couldn't be told without honoring our incredible lay and professional leadership. Our Board President, the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees have worked tirelessly, despite conflicting commitments and communal tensions, to lead us through some of the worst years in contemporary history. Janice has steered our ship with grit and grace and the Executive have been sources of steadiness, wisdom and compassion; my sources of ongoing sacred partnership. The Board convened during the worst of COVID, often on Zoom, where fostering relationships and creativity was more difficult than usual. Yet, they have continued bravely and competently stewarding our community.

Our office team have brought every effort to the table to keep the synagogue running smoothly when many an obstacle could have derailed us. Our Principal, after having had to teach in a tent (sometimes the Biblical metaphors become a little too real), has reimagined a post-COVID Sunday School which is nimble, boutique and truly welcoming. It is the place in Iowa City for young Jews to be wholly Jewish, on their terms.

When we look back on these past two years, there are two possible stories: one of loss and change; the other of opportunity and innovation. One story does not need to invalidate the other; we can hold both in our hearts. We can choose which story feeds our souls the most.

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The question then is; what is the story of us? Our mission statement is a simple answer. A mission statement can sound abstract, so I want to attempt to bring our mission and vision statement to life; to show the real human beings behind it.

#### Our Mission:

## Agudas Achim Congregation is a vibrant, egalitarian, inclusive Jewish community committed to supporting your joyful journey with Judaism.

I encourage all of us to sit with those key words: vibrant, egalitarian, inclusive, joyful. Many of us may have memories or experiences in Jewish spaces where these values may or may not have been lived. When we tell the Story of Us, think of the moments where we have felt this congregation's vibrancy, inclusivity and joy. Returning recently from a female rabbinic convention, I was reminded that many of us grew up in a reality where gender egalitarianism wasn't a given! Yet, here we are: sending off a strong signal, not only to ourselves but to other religious communities in our area, of who we are and what we value.

The past years have placed a premium on joy. Jewish joy. We can invite Jewish joy into our lives through the small victories of meaningful Jewish living, be it in community or at home at a Shabbat dinner. We had a Bat Mitzvah last week which was brimming with Jewish joy. When the student and I were facing the ark during prayers, I saw her crack a smile. What's the story we tell about our joy?

There is a lot in our vision statement and I will merely touch on some key concepts. If you would glance of our vision statement in thirty seconds, what are the words that would pop out at you? Perhaps it's 'education'— something we value in Iowa City. Education is not a siloed affair; it runs from the moment we sing blessings over our babies to the moment we comfort the frail in the hospital and assure them of Judaism's compassionate values. We are a community of learners; of questioners, seekers and dare I say, debaters. We are the stronger for it.

You might also see 'traditional and innovative tefilah, prayer'. What is the story we tell about our affiliations in a changing Jewish landscape? On the one hand, we are modeling the constancy of the past; on the other hand, we are exploring a post-denominational, pluralist future. I'd wager to say we are on the cutting edge. What is the story we tell about how our prayer experience uplifts, heals, comforts, inspires?

We quickly transition to values: both in the people we seek to serve and the causes we seek to represent. As 'the only gig in town', we have a particular duty to be a welcoming home for all. We are the only synagogue for miles, in a situation that cries out for moral guidance, spiritual renewal and social justice. We are a warm home to those who have been with us for decades and generations; who are growing and evolving with us. And we are a welcoming space to those who are younger, newer and diverse. There is a blessing in both; the story of an anchor and a sail; of rootedness and transformation. That is our story.

Other words that stick out are kavod—as expressed through our ethics code and how we treat each other. Consultation, transparency, listening posts, kindness, respect, support disagreement for the sake of Heaven; makhloket l'shem shamayim. The story of us is not a story of 'some of us'; it's a story of 'all of us.'

The last word that jumps out is 'mishpachah'. The ancient story of Judaism is that we are a 'mishpachah.' 'What are Jews?' non-Jews often ask me. We are an ethnoreligion, with boundaries open to all and an ancient heart of rootedness. We are a tribe; a family, a 'mishpachah.' That word alone contains worlds; hands held (Continued on page 11)

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during hospital visits, meal trains dropped off for new families, schmoozing at brunches, lunches and onegs, support during times of crisis and moral uplift during moments of change. We are covenanted to each other, like family always is, to 'bear the burden of each other' (full disclosure: that wise teaching is not mine), to love each other, to be a light in the world, to rejoice in our heritage and be fearless for the future. To find Divinity and spiritual nourishment, to feast on Jewish culture and do justice and kindness in the world. We are a family and we tell stories. Our synagogue; it's mission, our lives lived in it—this is all the story of us.

It's a damn fine story. I am grateful to be part of the telling.

Blessing for the New Board:

Holy One of Blessing, bestow Your blessing on these leaders, who have been elected to serve our congregation. Instill in them with insight and understanding, perseverance as well as patience. Inspire them to work together in pursuit of our community's greatest aspirations, even as they watch over its daily needs. O God, we are thankful for the dedication and giving spirit that bring these men and women before You, prepared to devote their energies to Your service and to the benefit of us all. Grant success to their endeavors, and help them to lead us in the pursuit of our sacred mission.

### **RAGBRAI DINNER**

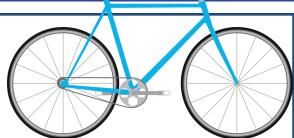
### **RAGBRAI** is coming to Coralville!

We are inviting RAGBRAI riders to a congregational potluck Shabbat Dinner on Friday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m., prior to services at 7:00 p.m. The synagogue will provide pizza (including gluten-free) and beverages, and the congregation is invited to provide dairy or parve sides and desserts.

We are also looking for volunteers to provide rides to and from the main campground (Morrison Park in Coralville).

RSVP are appreciated (<u>rsvp@agudasachimic.org</u>) both for the potluck and if you are available to provide a ride. If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Sue Weinberg <u>sueiniowa@gmail.com</u> or Ari Levin <u>arielmlevin@gmail.com</u>



### JULY 2023

Sat	1	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM	
Sun	2	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM	
		Tammuz Yoga	2:00 PM	
Mon	3	Yiddish Study Group 10:30 AM		
Tues	4	Office Closed: Independence		
		day		
Fri	7	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM	
		Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 PM	
Sat	8	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM	
Sun	9	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM	
		Warm-Up America	10:30 AM	
		Tammuz Yoga	2:00 PM	
Mon	10	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM	
Wed	12	Ritual Committee	7:30 PM	
Thur	13	Exec Committee	5:30 PM	
Fri	14	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM	
		Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 PM	
Sat	15	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM	
Sun	16	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM	
		Tammuz Yoga	2:00 PM	

Mon	17	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
Thur	20	Seniors Group	11:00 AM
Fri	21	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
		Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 PM
Sat	22	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sun	23	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM
		Warm-Up America	10:30 AM
Mon	24	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
Wed	26	Free Lunch	11:30 AM
		Book Group	1:00 PM
Thur	27	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri	28	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
		RAGBRAI Shabbat Dinner	6:00 PM
		Shabbat Evening Services	7:00 PM
Sat	29	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sun	30	Talmud Study Group	9:00 AM
Mon	31	Yiddish Study Group	10:30 AM
		SAVE THE DATES	
Mon	8/7	New Intro to Judaism Class	7:00 PM
		begins	

Staff			
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Principal	Sonja Spear		
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