



# Agudas Achim Congregation

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## January 2010

Friday night services at 7:45 pm  
Saturday morning services at 9:30 am

**15 Tevet Shabbat Vayechi** (Torah:Genesis 47:28-50:26/Haftarah 1 Kings 2:1-12)

**Friday, January 1** Services will be led by Linda Wertz

Oneg:

**Saturday, January 2** Services will be led by Rabbi Jennifer Flatte

Torah Study 9:30am/Services 10:30am

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**22 Tevet Shabbat Shemot** ( Torah: Exodus 1:1-6:1/Haftarah Isaiah 27:6-28:13)

**Friday January 8**

Oneg: Jonathan & Susan Simon

**Saturday January 9** Torah will be read by Jerry Sorokin and Rita Marcus. Haftarah will be chanted by Rita Marcus.

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**1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Shevat** ( Torah: Exodus 6:2-9:35/Haftarah Isaiah 66:1-24)

**Friday January 15** Services will be co-led by Karen Charney

Oneg: George & Teresa Weiner with Jody & Janie Braverman

**Saturday January 16**

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**8 Shevat Shabbat Bo** (Torah Exodus 10:1-13:16/Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13-28)

**Friday January 22**

Oneg: Ritual Committee

**Saturday January 23**

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**15 Shevat Shabbat Beshalach** ( Shabbat Shira) Tu Beshvat

(Torah Exodus 13:17-17:16/Haftara Judges 4:4-5:31)

**Friday January 29**

Oneg: Sue Weinburg & Robert Armstrong

**Saturday January 30** Service will be co-led by Karen Charney

**From the Principal** Kineret Zabner

**Sunday School Resumes Sunday, January 24th**  
**Hebrew School Resumes Monday, January 25th.**

**Attention**

**Religious School Calendar Correction**

**There will be Sunday School January 31**

**But not on February 7**

**Eagle Ridge Retreat**

Our fourth Agudas Achim Congregation  
Shabbat weekend at

**Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena with**  
**Rabbi Jay Holstein**  
**February 5 & 6, 2010**

To make reservations please call Eagle Ridge Resort at 1-800-240-1681

Inn rooms are part of the hotel and within walking distance of the meeting area. Villas are within driving distance of the meeting area. Inn rooms and villas vary in price, see enclosed form from Eagle Ridge.

Please ask the reservation officer for more information about your options and mention you are attending the Agudas Achim retreat.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per individual,  
\$ 180.00 per couple and \$220.00 per member family.

Non-members rates are \$120.00 per individual,  
\$220.00 per couple and \$ 300.00 family.

Check out their website at  
[www.eagleridgeresortonline.com](http://www.eagleridgeresortonline.com)

## Sisterhood News

### **Sisterhood Winter Party**

Join us for afternoon tea  
At the home of Rita Marcus  
2000 Forest Hill Circle  
Coralville

**On January 17, 2010**

**At 2:00pm**

All synagogue women invited

RSVP by Jan. 9th  
kim@agudasachimic.org

## Warm Up America

### Assembly Party

**Sunday, January 3**

**1:00 - 4:00**

**Agudas Achim Social Hall**

Like an old-fashioned quilting bee,  
we'll chat and assemble afghans from  
pre-sorted and pre-arranged blocks  
with breaks for noshing on treats!

No prior experience required-

## Congregational Trips

We are planning a congregation trip to Cuba in the fall of 2010 and one to Eastern Europe in the spring of 2011. If you are interested let us know. More details will be sent out.

**Donations:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Tikun Olam fund.

Sept-add'l \$50 to Joan Buxton School Children's Aid Fund

Oct-add'l \$20 to the Crisis Center

Oct -\$318 to Free Medical Clinic, Tikun Olam matched \$100, they received \$418

Nov-\$411 to Shelter House Overflow Project, Tikun Olam matched \$100, they received \$511

**Collections:** Dec collection was for the Ronald McDonald House, sponsored by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class. Thank you to all who donated.

**Mini-Mitzvah Projects:** Holiday with the Hounds collection and Christmas at Mercy were both very successful, thank you to Loraine Brenner and Jeanne Cadoret for organizing them and thank you to all who participated.

**UPCOMING:**

January Tikun Olam financial collection is for Mitzvah Day, which will be held April 25, 2010.

Next Mitzvah Day Committee Meeting is Jan 24 at 12:30 at the Synagogue. All are welcome.

Edible Extravaganza Mitzvah Day fundraising event is Jan 30 at 6:30, Havdallah services, a wine and cheese social, and silent and voice auction of food-related items. A lot of wonderful items have been donated, including gift baskets, gift certificates, crystal, fresh produce, dinners,... Reservations are \$9, contact the synagogue office. Everyone who makes a reservation by January 21 will be entered into a drawing for a bottle of fine wine.

Shalom,

Sue Weinberg

*Tikun Olam*

*Mission Statement – Tikun Olam, Repairing the World, is a primary mission of the Jewish People. It is a communal obligation. The Agudas Achim Tikun Olam committee supports local, Jewish, and Israeli charities with financial and physical donations and volunteerism, as well as responding to disasters and emergencies. "You are not required to complete the work, Yet you are not allowed to desist from it. – Pirkei Avot 2:21"*

**Consignment Shop donation information:** Please have our account numbers available when you consign items.

Houseworks	CONSIGNER # 1687	111 Stevens Dr, IC	338-4357
Kidworks	CONSIGNER # 1170	111 Stevens Dr, IC	337-3921
Stuff, Etc Iowa City	CONSIGNER # 30125	1027 Hwy 6 E	338-9909 must call to schedule drop
Stuff, Etc Coralville	CONSIGNER #26256	2818 Commerce Dr.	545-8408 must call to schedule

Please note that items taken to consignment shops are not considered charitable donations and may not be taken as a tax deduction.

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Interfaith Celebration & Service  
Sunday, January 17, 2010 7:00 pm  
Location: St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church,  
3000 12th Ave., Coralville, Iowa

## Social Committee Catherine Woodman

Happy (secular) New Year! Take heart, the days are getting longer (we'll gain about 40 more minutes of daylight per day from month's beginning to month's end), and we are about halfway through the worst of the cold weather.

It has been a busy winter season thus far--In December we had a wonderful Hanukkah party, and a big thanks goes out to Naftaly Stramer and Oasis for brilliantly catering the affair. Oasis doesn't routinely do latkes, and I am very grateful that they made an exception for us. Nancy Rosenthal, Susan Assouline, David Lubaroff, and Joseph and Kineret Zabner provided invaluable aid in setting up the party, Karlene and Eleni Katz decorated so that it all looked fabulous, and Kim Geerdes made the mess go away—without these folks, none of it could have happened, so thank you all from the bottom of my heart. We had a record-breaking attendance for the dinner, and the play that followed was top-notch. Warm congratulations to the actors, the director, the set designers, the choreographers, and the costumers. The write-up in the newspaper beforehand was great publicity (<http://www.presscitizen.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009912110314>) and the crowd adored the performance.

These past few weeks of winter I have spent a lot of time thinking about what I am thankful for and why it is meaningful to me. I even started a blog, it got so serious. 'Tis the season to be introspective. Here are a couple of thoughts about things that ring true for me. The first is that while being engaged with family is paramount, being engaged outside the home also matters. If we are not engaged in our community, we are missing the most accessible place to start our outside-the-home engagement. As the winter months march onward, for me it becomes progressively easier to just stay put, to be indoors and not venture out into the cold and potentially uninviting world. Thankfully, many aspects of my life (work, kids, volunteer obligations, teaching) make it almost impossible to give into these impulses. But it is a potential pitfall for me. So another thought is to volunteer for something that might ensure you get out. Mitzvah Day committees still have lots of openings, and the Tikkun Olam committee has a monthly project they do in conjunction with a Sunday School class. As you are mulling over resolutions that might be undertaken this month, consider making engagement in Agudas Achim's community one of them. Don't forget to participate in the Mitzvah Day Fund Raiser at the end of the month—donate items for auction, attend the event, bid early and often on items that appeal to you. It's all for a good cause. And more fun awaits us in February! Stay warm, get out, and be part of the congregation's community.

Peace, Catherine Woodman

Shelter House will be having a fund raising book sale at Hope United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010. You may donate books (no magazines, encyclopedias or textbooks); bring them to Agudas Achim and they will be taken over to Hope United before the sale. Individuals may help sponsor the sale: sponsorship is \$10 and patrons \$20. Donations may be sent to Kathrine Burford at Shelter House Administration, 114 East Prentiss St. IC

## Yahrzeits –January

### January 1-5

*William Chazanoff*  
*Sari Goldstein*  
*Lewis Goodsell*  
*Rebecca Markovitz Posner*  
*Gertrude Rosenbaum*  
*Ted Rowerdink*  
*William Simon*  
*Isadore Tepper*  
*Nathan David Zabner*

### January 6-10

*Jacob Haravon Collins*  
*Vera Kahn*  
*Louis Landzweber*  
*Nathan Rodnitzky*  
*David Silversteen*  
*Larry Tepper*

### January 11-15

*Anna Lea Dvoretzky*  
*Pauline A. Kerber*  
*Betty Mangers*  
*Meyer Markovitz*  
*Morris L. Ziskind*

### January 16-20

*Lillian Edwards*  
*Ruth Ginsberg*  
*Irving Gussin*  
*Doris Hoffman*  
*Salo Rauchman*  
*Rose Widiss*

### January 21-25

*George Elisha Hall*  
*Charles Hecht*  
*Betty Snider*  
*Benjamin Sprince*  
*Isaac Strauss*  
*Mike Wax*  
*Celia Wolf*

### January 26-31

*David Blum*  
*Webster Gelman*  
*Merrel Goldberg*  
*Rose Goldman*  
*Shmarya Kleinman*  
*Harry Levin*  
*James Robin*  
*Susan Schechter*

## Life Milestones

The Congregation expresses its condolences to Kathe & Gary Goldstein and family on the loss of Kathe's mother, Mrs. Sylvia Kalnitsky.

## Donations

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Jose & Susan Assouline: In memory of Emilia Barragan Lasansky.  
Jose & Susan Assouline: In memory of Lewis & Barbara Goodsell.  
Robert & Vida Brenner: In memory of William Brenner & Dr. M.D. Allweiss.  
Brenna Davidson: In memory of Maxine Greenblatt.  
Gloria Gelman: In memory of Webster Gelman.  
Tom & Becky Gelman: In memory of Webster Gelman.  
Dan & Jill Kahn: In memory of Arthur Sarnow.  
Michael & Joanne Margolin: In honor of Arthur Margolin's unveiling service.  
Irene Palnick: In memory of Doris Palnick, Emilia Barragan Lasansky & Aristide Haravon.  
Paul & Esther Retish.  
Raymond & Lorna Richards: In memory of Edythe Melhus-Wax.  
Bob & Donna Rodnitzky: In memory of Nathan Rodnitzky.  
Jonathan & Pamela Sabin: In memory of Michael Allen Sabin.  
Jonathan & Susan Simon: In memory of Irene Simon & Mendel & Liba Goldberg.  
David Skorton & Robin Davisson: In memory of Pauline Skorton.  
Janet Whitebook: In thanks to Rabbi Jeff for all he has done.

### **Ginsberg Fund**

June Braverman: In memory of Ida Rotman.

### **General Fund**

Aaron Caplan: In honor of David & Joni Caplan.  
Dan & Jill Kahn: In memory of Vera Kahn.  
Michael & Joanne Margolin: In memory of Lillian Margolin.  
Rachelle & Uriel Tsachor: In memory of Emilia Barragan Lasansky & Aristide Haravon.  
Craig Zwerling & Nancy Sprince: Donation towards defibrillator.

### **Fine Arts Fund**

Arthur & Miriam Canter: In memory of Gertrude Rosenbaum.

### **Biblical Garden Fund**

Richard & Ellen Caplan: In memory of Emilia Barragan Lasansky.  
Carrie Norton: In memory of Morris Ziskind.  
Stan & Jane Zukin: In memory of Emilia Barragan Lasansky.

### **High Holiday/Cantor Fund**

Jeanne Cadoret: In memory of Remi Cadoret.

### **Sisterhood Mitzvah & Memorial Fund**

Sam & Marj Kuperman: In honor of Warm Up America & Marj's friends.  
Richard & Karen Lipman: In memory of Emilia Barragan Lasansky.

### **Building Fund**

Michael Flaum & Lauren Reece: In memory of Emilia Barragan Lasansky.

### **Tikun Olam Fund**

Jeanne Cadoret.  
Richard & Ellen Caplan: In memory of Aristide Haravon.  
Kathy Ormond: In memory of Waverly C. Ormond.  
Andreas & Valerie Soemadi.

### **School Fund**

Richard & Ellen Caplan.

### **Talmud Torah Fund**

Kent Braverman: In memory Aaron Braverman.

### **Sim & Sara Strauss Memorial Fund**

David & Penny Strauss: In memory of Sim Strauss.  
Richard Strauss & Ellen Herman: In memory of Belle Strauss & Sim Strauss.  
Stephen & Susan Strauss: In memory of Sim Strauss & Belle Strauss.

### **Board Sponsored New Members' Dinner**

Tom & Becky Gelman.  
Sue Weinberg & Robert Armstrong.  
Craig Zwerling & Nancy Sprince.

“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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Braverman Talmud Torah<br><input type="checkbox"/> Kadima Endowment Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> General Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Library Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tikun Olam Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> School Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> High Holiday/Cantor Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Garden Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Marcus Scholarship Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Book Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Synagogue Assistance Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ginsberg Youth Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Torah Enhancement Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sisterhood Mitzvah & Memorial Fund<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sim & Sara Strauss Memorial Fund |
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Contribution in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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