

February 2018



10 of Judaism's Best Ideas with Rabbi Ariana Silverman

**Thursdays,
January 4 to March 8,
7:30—8:45pm**

This 10 week course will cover topics such as Shabbat and the holidays, lifecycle events, social justice, Hebrew, eating as a Jew - everything you wanted to know about Judaism but were afraid to ask! This class is intended for beginners, non-Jews, interfaith couples, or anyone who would love a refresher course on how cool Judaism really is. This is not a drop-in class and participants are encouraged to sign up for and attend the entire series by contacting Rabbi Silverman at rabbi@downtownsynagogue.org with questions or to register.

Hebrew Free Loan, Lunch, and Learn

**Saturday,
February 10,
12:30—2:00pm**

In *parshat Mishpatim*, we are taught about the mitzvah of showing sensitivity by lending money without charging interest. In our community, Hebrew Free Loan has provided thousands of interest-free loans to Jews across Michigan, and you may be surprised in the various types of loans that the agency gives everything from medical expenses (including IVF) to business loans to home remodeling. As we read and study *parashat Mishpatim*, come learn about the loan opportunities for you or someone you know.

JTot Detroit: Megillah for Munchkins

**Wednesday,
February 28,
5:30—7:00pm**

We invite our JTot Detroit families to join us at the synagogue (in costume, of course) for a special tot Purim celebration with activities, stories, treats, and pizza! To RSVP, please email Vicki at vsitron@downtownsynagogue.org.

Purim: The Whole Megillah!

**Wednesday,
February 28,
7:00—8:30pm**

Join the Downtown Synagogue at our annual community reading of the Megillah for the holiday of Purim to commemorate the defeat of Haman's (BOOOOO!) plot to get rid of the Jews, foiled by the heroic and dazzling Esther (YAAAAAY!). Come in costume, bring a box of kosher pasta to use as a grogger - all to be donated to Yad Ezra after Purim. Hamantashen and beverages will be provided..