

June 2017



**Monday,
June 12th
12-1 pm**

NEW RABBI SERIES: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Brent Gutmann

Join us as we welcome Rabbi Brent Gutmann from Temple Kol Ami to our penultimate Lunch & Learn from our New Rabbi Series. Rabbi Gutmann will speak over lunch about the quirky Jews of exotic New Zealand among whom he lived and served for three years. Learn a bit about Kiwi Jews' unique history and the journeys their great-grandparents took to find their way to the most significant South Pacific Island Nation, and discover ways Kiwi's Jewish observance resembles and is distinct from your own. Kosher, vegetarian lunch provided.

**Monday,
June 12th
7-8:30 pm**

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Immigration

...But Didn't Know Who/What to Ask. Join Ruby Robinson, supervising attorney of the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, to learn about how our immigration system operates and what has really changed since January 2017. Please bring your own questions for the open-discussion section of the program. Ruby Robinson is the supervising attorney of the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) where he focuses, primarily, on immigration relief for vulnerable persons (e.g. survivors of domestic violence), naturalization matters, and increasingly, all other areas of immigration law. Prior to MIRC, he worked for the Counsel and Advocacy Law Line providing general, civil legal services to low-income and elderly persons around the State of Michigan. He is active in the Jewish community as well, with regular involvement with and leadership positions at JCRC/AJC, the Downtown Synagogue, B'nai Israel Synagogue, and Limmud Michigan. Ruby is also a Wexner Heritage member for Detroit. This program is co-sponsored by the JCRC/AJC. Light refreshments will be served.

**Friday,
June 23rd
7-10 pm**

Friday Evening Services and Dinner with Guest Speaker, Julie Hurwitz

Please join us for our regular Friday evening services with dinner guest speaker, Julie Hurwitz. Julie will be speaking about the work she is doing regarding the water struggle both in Detroit (representing civil disobedience activists arrested in 2014 for blocking a driveway to prevent water shutoffs) and in Flint (part of the major class action legal team representing the community in a number of civil rights/common law lawsuits). Julie is in private practice in Detroit, Michigan, a partner in the firm of Goodman & Hurwitz, P.C., where she specializes in civil rights and government misconduct/§1983 litigation. She has been adjunct professor of law at the University of Detroit/Mercy School of Law, where she taught a class in Civil Rights Litigation, and was the founding Executive Director of the NLG/Maurice & Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice [Sugar Law Center] in Detroit, from 1990-1993 and 1998-2006.

**Sunday,
June 25th
1-3 pm**

Challah Baking Class with Emily Levine

Baking challah is a great way to make Shabbat feel extra special. Regardless of your experience level, please join us as we learn about the Jewish tradition of baking challah. In this class, you will learn how to make challah from start to finish and bring home your own fresh challah and dough for making more. There is nothing quite like the smell of freshly baked challah to impress your family and friends! The class will be taught by Emily Levine, a Downtown Synagogue member who loves to cook in her free time and makes bread often, including challah. Her infant son, Nadav will be on hand to answer all of your questions about playing peek-a-boo and to verify the high quality of Emily's home-made challah. Please RSVP to Vicki at vsitron@downtownsynagogue.org.

All events are held at the synagogue, free and open to the community. Donations welcome.