

# May 2017



**Monday,  
May 1st  
12-1pm**

## **Lunch & Learn with Rachel Klegon**

Rachel Klegon is the executive director of the Detroit-based nonprofit organization, Green Living Science (GLS). GLS provides recycling and environmental education in Detroit schools. Previously, Rachel worked for the Michigan Nonprofit Association, where she ran two state-wide AmeriCorps VISTA programs for Michigan Campus Compact and Volunteer Centers of Michigan. Rachel graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Telecommunications, Information Studies, and Media and received a graduate certificate in non-profit leadership from Grand Valley State University. Kosher, vegetarian lunch provided.

**Friday,  
May 5th  
7-10pm**

## **Friday Evening Services & Dinner with Guest Speaker, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed**

Join us for Friday night services and dinner, featuring guest speaker, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed. During dinner, Dr. El-Sayed will discuss the importance of interfaith outreach for public service and his work rebuilding the Detroit Health Department. Kindly RSVP to [vsitron@downtownsynagogue.org](mailto:vsitron@downtownsynagogue.org). Kosher, vegetarian dinner provided.

**Monday,  
May 8th  
12-1pm**

## **NEW RABBI SERIES: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Aura Ahuvia**

Whose Torah is it—Ours or God's? Join Rabbi Aura Ahuvia of Congregation Shir Tikvah as we explore our role in determining what Torah means, and how this is a way that God's voice enters into our daily lives. We will study the Talmudic story of the Oven of Akhnai and how we wrestle with it as we prepare for Shavuot.

**Sunday,  
May 14th  
6-9pm**

## **Lag b'Onfire—Lag b'Omer at Eden Gardens**

Join us to experience the happiest day of the Omer with the Downtown Synagogue and Eden Gardens Block Club for a celebratory bonfire, food (hot dogs and s'mores!), and community in the garden. Kids, adults, and families are welcome, rain or shine. Kindly RSVP to [vsitron@downtownsynagogue.org](mailto:vsitron@downtownsynagogue.org). Eden Gardens is located at 12273 Glenfield Ave in Detroit.

**Wednesday,  
May 17th  
8-10pm**

## **Hummus! The Movie at the Detroit Jewish Film Festival**

Secret recipes, a Guinness World Record and the power of Hummus to bring Muslims, Christians and Jews together... in the Middle East, America and around the world. Three Israelis from very different backgrounds are brought together by their love for a common dietary staple: hummus. As a co-sponsor of this film, we are giving away 30 tickets for free! Please email [vsitron@downtownsynagogue.org](mailto:vsitron@downtownsynagogue.org) to reserve yours today. The Berman Theater for the Performing Arts is located at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

**Tuesday,  
May 23rd  
7-8:30pm**

## **It's Cheese! Tasting with Cheesemonger, Zach Berg**

Join us for a guided cheese tasting with Zach Berg, owner of Berg's Provisions. This event is free and open to the community and participants will have the opportunity to sample various cheeses from across the country with an option to purchase your favorites to take home!

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