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We are as happy as schmear on a bagel that YOU are here!

Adventures in Judaism is an experiential religious school that fosters a lifestyle of learning in our Jewish Youth ages 0-17. Our Mission is to motivate, engage, teach, and inspire students to identify with the Jewish people through involvement and participation in Jewish life.

We are a diverse group of students, teachers and parents committed to a Jewish Journey that is rich with ideas, connected to community, and celebrates the full spectrum of Jewish belief and practice. Our pillars are Kindness, Action, and Connectedness. We are located in Ames, Iowa



Beit Sefer Shalom offers high-quality Jewish education for Pre-Kindergarten (ages 2+) through 12th grade that meets the diverse academic, social and emotional needs of our students and community. It is a safe and nurturing environment where students develop a strong Jewish

identity and families can engage in their own Jewish educational experience. Beit Sefer Shalom is located in Waukee, Iowa.

Families who wish to have their students engage in weekly Jewish Education can opt to utilize the shuttle from AJC in Ames to Caspe Terrace in Waukee on Sunday mornings.

The bus leaves at 8am, and returns at 12:50pm.

To begin, you will want to register for Beit Sefer Shalom on the [Federation's website here](#). Then please inform both Sophie & Sashya that you would like to use the AJC shuttle, and we will help you get started.

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Other Paths to Connect with the Ames Jewish Community

Holiday Explorers



Holiday Explorers is a journey through a year of Jewish Holidays, immersed in Synagogue life such as Havdalah Under the Stars, or a Children's Rosh Hashanah skit. Services are typically led by our Rabbi and Cantor, although are occasionally lay-led, and are typically once monthly.

Service information is available in "The Blast."

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Mitzvah Quest

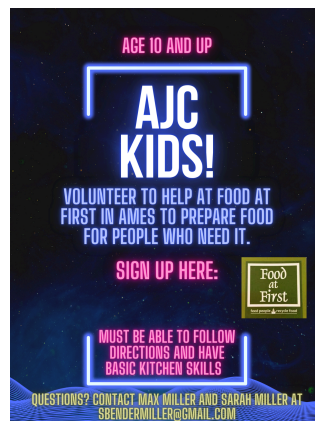


Mitzvah Quest meets monthly to do hands-on mitzvot, such as picking apples for Rosh Hashana, donating items and time at local charities, field trips to the Iowa Jewish History Museum, Caspe Terrace in Des Moines for the Purim Carnival or the Global Day of Jewish Learning, and other places of interest, hikes, sledding and more. We typically meet monthly, the days and times vary. Contact Sashya Clark for more information:

sashya.clark@gmail.com

Youth Mitzvah Club

In Partnership with the AJC Social Justice Committee



Youth Mitzvah Club is for Jewish Youth ages 10 and older. They are currently scheduled to prepare a meal several times annually at Food at First, helping people who are experiencing food insecurity in the Ames area. More information is available in "The Blast."

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Hebrew Discovery



Hebrew Discovery offers three levels based on the abilities of each student. Level 1 students learn Hebrew via Hebrew through Movement, Conversational Hebrew, and Letter Recognition activities. Level 2 students spend a semester or two learning to sight-read Hebrew. Level 3 students continue to sight-read Hebrew from modern sources, such as books and media, as well as from the Torah. They continue to build on their Modern Hebrew vocabulary and learn the grammar of Hebrew.

For more information contact Ludmila Rizhsky: ludmilar@gmail.com

More Options

AJC Book Club, meets monthly on Sunday afternoons, children are welcome with their caregivers (local, monthly)

AJC Friday Night Shabbat Potluck in the Park (local, monthly)

Jewish Values Class through the URJ (schedule varies, online)

Young Adult leadership opportunities are also available, Post B'nei Mitzvah (varies)

New to Ames?

If you are new to the Ames area, Welcome! Please reach out to Sashya Clark by email so we can discuss your student's needs and help you meet other families in the area by email at adventuresinjudaism.ajc@gmail.com