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# FAITH, LOVE AND PURPOSE, NOT UNITY, ARE THE FOUNDATION STONES OF JEWISH DESTINY: THOUGHTS OF ISRAEL AT 70

The AIPAC Policy conference brings together a veritable who's who of Israel's political and thought leaders. There was one conversation that has stayed with me and has given more hope and comfort regarding Israel than any other. Natan Sharansky, a Jewish hero and the face of the Soviet Jewry Movement was interviewed by his daughter. Rachel Sharansky Danziger expressed concern about the divisions within her generation in regard to Israel.

She spoke longingly about the unity that existed amongst the Jewish people during the time of his struggle. Natan Sharansky laughed and said, "Well, I'm sorry to disappoint you, my daughter, but I don't think that our struggle was that type of unity that our neighbor, you, or people are dreaming about. Well, of course, it was one great victory and the responsibility for the victory, the credit for this victory, to take all the Jews in the world: Israel, American Jewry, and we Jewish activists in Moscow.

"But, on a day-to-day base from inside, it was permanent competition of different Jewish organizations, of students' struggle for Soviet Jewry and conference of Soviet Jewry, and coalition for Soviet Jewry, and union of counsel for Soviet Jewry, and many other organizations who suspected one another, who didn't trust one another, who accused one another in betraying our mutual cause. So, it was [a] very, very Jewish type of unity."

The essence of Natan Sharansky's message to his daughter is one that we would do well to take to heart. Amidst the disunity of the Jewish people great things happened, the Iron Curtain lifted for the Jewish people. Throughout the history of our people there has always been turmoil, but we succeeded because we were unified in faith and purpose:

- We received the Torah in spite of the golden calf!
- Our people entered the land of Israel even after rebelling against God and Moses!

All of this gives me hope about our own age. As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the modern State of Israel the Jewish people are divided. There are serious differences when it comes to:

- A One State or Two State Solution
- The Palestinians
- Religious rights for non-Orthodox Jews
- The plight of the Eritreans and Sudanese
- The Haredi influence in government

The list goes on and on. Yet, the love that Jews feel for the State of Israel remains unshaken. According to a recent Gallup Poll: Fully 74 percent of American adults have a favorable view of Israel, while 23% have an unfavorable view. That's the best showing for Israel in 27 years. Here is a present-day example of what Natan Sharansky called a: very Jewish type of unity.

Here at Anshe Emet we will be commemorating Israel's 70th through debate, conversation and celebration.

- The larger community will gather at Anshe Emet for a Sensational at 70 celebration of Israel on Thursday, April 19. Replete with a camel ride, we will join together to eat Israeli food, sing the songs of Israel and rejoice at a modern-day wonder.
- Over the Shabbat of April 28, Rabbi Chaya Baker will be visiting Anshe Emet. As a woman Rabbi leading a congregation in Jerusalem, she is well placed to lead us in a conversation about the challenges for non-Orthodox Jews in Israel.
- On Sunday, April 29 we will have the honor of hosting a citywide session of the Israel Policy Forum. This organization seeks to responsibly advance the goal of two states, ensure Israel's security, and strengthen US-Israel relations. Some of Israel's

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#### **CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS**





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#### **Purim at Anshe Emet**

Families enjoy the Carnival and all the festivities on Sunday, February 25.





#### MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAH



Brit Myles Rothstein April 28, 2018 Son of Shelly and Ron Rothstein

#### SPRINGSTEEN OR SPRINGSTEIN: WHAT A DIFFERENCE A VOWEL MAKES

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove of the Park Avenue Synagogue, Rabbi Michael Siegel and I share two passions. Our love of Torah is definitely one. Our love of Springsteen is the other. We have agreed to restrict our public communications referencing Springsteen to one per year ... without such restriction, we would most assuredly lose control.

I sense that Elliot and Michael, like I, wish that Bruce, like Einstein and Koufax, was Jewish. Bruce, raised Catholic within the shadows of his church in Freehold NJ, knows his share of Torah. This knowledge was on display when I had the privilege of attending Springsteen on Broadway, an autobiographical journey through Springsteen's life, in song and spoken word.

Exodus ... a theme throughout American history ... a theme throughout Bruce's work. We know the story of the freeing of the Israelites from slavery, the splitting of the sea, the wandering through the wilderness, and the ultimate deliverance to the promised land. America has seen Puritans escaping religious persecution and crossing a dangerous ocean to find a new land of opportunity. The same was true for the American Revolution, the end of slavery, and the civil rights movement. To be sure, my grandparents, like many of yours, escaped persecution in Europe to cross an ocean, pass through Ellis Island and resettle to rebuild their lives.

Bruce's story is no different. He told the audience, "You may think that New Jersey is somewhere. In 1970, New Jersey was nowhere! All of my early work including 'Born to Run', 'Thunder Road' and 'Racing in the Street', dealt with our determination to escape from there." To be sure, as the Israelites wandered the desert, Bruce wandered through the southwestern US desert between 1976-78, emerging with a different sense of self, seemingly infinite creativity and a perspective of the human condition. 'Darkness on the Edge of Town,' often regarded critically as his masterwork, revealed a keen understanding of and empathy for the people's plight.

In 'The Ghost of Tom Joad,' Springsteen recounts the Steinbeck character of the Depression who stands for social justice. What could be more Jewish than someone who says, "Mom, wherever there's a cop beatin' a quy, wherever a hungry newborn baby

cries, where there's a fight

against blood and hatred in the air, look for me Mom, I'll be there. Wherever somebody's

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fightin' for a place to stand, or a decent job or a helpin' hand, wherever somebody's strugglin' to be free, look in their eyes Ma, you'll see me." Could any words be truer to the spirit, the passion and the duty of lewish social responsibility?

But perhaps the most passionate influence in Springsteen's life is his mother, a true 'ballabusta,' the emotional foundation of her home, the guiding light of her family. She was the rock. Just like my mother was the rock of our home, just like so many of your mothers were rocks of your homes, so was Adele Springsteen. While she worked as a full time legal secretary, Bruce recounts that she was never tired. No matter what difficulty was at hand, no matter if Bruce's father was afflicted with depression, his Mom was there with a smile. No matter how many family members told Bruce to get a 'real job,' it was Bruce's mother who bought him his first guitar and allowed him to live his dream. In fact, Bruce attested that this stint on Broadway was the first 5 day per week job that he had ever had. To be sure, 'Dancin' in the Dark' was a tribute to his mother's brightness and will despite many obstacles.

Exodus. Social justice. Mom. What could be more Jewish? Elliot, Michael, he may not be Jewish, but I wish he was. Springsteen or Springstein: What a difference a vowel makes.

# Menschen of Month

#### Jessica Bearak and Julie Star

Jessica Bearak is the chairperson of the AES Baby Meals Committee. She works tirelessly to ensure that every AES family who has a new baby is provided with warm meals and kind support as they enter this new special phase of their lives. Her personal touch and behind the scenes efforts make a tremendous difference in the lives of our families!

Julie Star is a member of the AES Youth Commission who served as this year's Purim Silent Auction Chairman. Julie worked for months to solicit donations and to organize the incredible offerings which enabled our auction to raise more funds than ever before. These funds provide support for our youth programs, scholarships, and tzedakah which our teenagers donate through USY.

On behalf of a grateful community, you have our heartfelt appreciation for your vital work!

#### The Mitzvah Corps Wants You:

Are you a mentsch with a wrench, an expert at schlepping, a wonder at picking out groceries? The Caring Committee announces our newest service: The Mitzvah Corps.

Headed by the marvelous Michael Cohen, we need volunteers to be called upon as needed for small but necessary tasks on a one-time or short term basis, due to a congregant's illness or disability.

To learn more, email caring@ansheemet.org and Michael will contact you. You may also want to check out our website at https://www.ansheemet.org/ chesed to learn more about volunteer opportunities with our committee.













# VISIONARIES of ANSHE EMET

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018** 

4:30 PM at THE CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER GAR HALL & ROTUNDA



The Inaugural Rabbi Michael S. Siegel Visionary Award

#### **JUDY & HOWARD TULLMAN**

The Anshe Emet Synagogue Visionary of the Arts Award

The Young Leadership Award of Light

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#### **GRIFFEN SAUL**

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\$2,500 includes 4 tickets, valet parking, VIP seating and honorary mention in publicity

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\$180 per person \$118 per person for YAD members

#### Register at tinyurl.com/visionaries2018 • Visit www.ansheemet.org for more details

#### **EVENT CO-CHAIRS**

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#### THANKS TO THESE PEOPLE FOR HONORING THEIR MINYAN COMMITMENT

The morning minyan meets Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.; Sundays and national holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, etc.), at 8:30 a.m. We need your participation to ensure the vitality of this project. We thank these people for honoring their commitment to our morning minyan program during February.

Manya Abrams; Ben Abrams; Fran Abramson; Chuck & Sara Aron; Elizabeth Atwater; Barry Balik; David Bardach; Hanna Barg; Terry Behrman; Michael Bellows; Yehoshua Ben-Avraham; Cantor David Berger; Barbara Binik; Nitzanit Breitenstein; Rickey Briskman; Janet Cohen; Julia & Frances Colpoys; Adam Cooper; Felicia Danisor; Steve Durchslag; Norm Eckstein; Jonathan Efron; Adam Engle; Terry Fadem; Chuck Finkelstein; Simon, Jamie, Maddie, Ben Fleischmann; Gail and Dan Golden; Barbara Gressel; Eve Guth; Jacob Handelman; Stacey Hartman; Richard Herman; Daniel Hernandez; Sarah Hirsen; Janice Honigberg; Joy Horwich; Arnie Horwich; Alex Jakubowski; Bruce Kaminsky; Lee Katz; Neal Katz; Penny & Brett Keeshin; Sharon Krohn; Jay Lazar; Michal & Elan Lerner; Ronit Lever; Jeff Levin; Irene Levinson; Annie Levinson; Debby Lewis; Jay Lewkowitz; Ally Lichterman; Jane Lippow; Gil Matar; Gary Miller; Mike Miller; Alan Mintz; Laura Neiman-Rifkin; Chris Norton; Shelly Parker; Rebecca Patterson; Gary & Fraeda Porton; Dan Pulik; John Ragir; Drew, Sharon, Barry Rosenberg; Ann & David Rosenberg; Esther Rosenbloom; Ricky Roth; Anna Rubin; Rebecca Russo; Ed Salomon; Jerry Salzman; Stephen & Shala Schmookler; Neil Schwartz; Barry & Elaine Seeskin; Ken Shapiro; Steve Shapiro; Howard Shuman; Ricca Sloane; Elias Solano; Yedida Soloff; Chantae Spinelli; Sam Stankowicz; Jason Star; Rob Stepen; Phil Stern; Gabor Tarjan; Maya Tkachak; Abe Trieger; Helen Ullman; Jimmy Wiener; Stew Witkov; Lee & Jerry Zoldan.

#### TORAH READING HONOR ROLL

We would like to thank the following congregants who have honored us by chanting Torah for our community during the month of February (this does not include our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students).

Sanctuary and Minyan: Lauren Benoist, Adam Engel, Ben Fleischmann, Dalia Hoffman, Dan Karp, Debby Lewis, Alan Mintz, Gary Porton, Ricky Roth, Lynne Schatz, Barry Seeskin, Benli Shechter, Matthew Shmookler, Stephen Shmookler.

Rose Crown Minyan: Ronit Avitan, Yehoshua Ben-Avraham, Natalie Feldman, David Kaplinsky, Eitan Katz, Ariel Katz, Liz Lippow, Alan Mintz, Robin Mordfin, Marsha Nagorsky, Sy Nagorsky, Brian Nagorsky, Rafi Nagorsky, Chris Norton, Nina Rau, Yedida Soloff, Aviva Tilles, Brooks Weinberger.

Youth Readers: Asher Berman, Nissa Berman, Lev Choplin-Pogrund, Zack Choplin-Pogrund, Jocelyn Friedman, Shayna Friedman, Gus Griffin, Phoebe Kleinman, Maya Lessem-Elnecave, Laila Norton, Gus Peransky, Shayna Rosenstein, Nava Schwartz, Dalia Schwartz, Perla Seidner, Talia Seidner, Damian Solano.

# AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF PREPARATION, ANSHE EMET WELCOMES ROHINGYA BURMESE REFUGEES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH REFUGEEONE

Our tradition teaches us, "Love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" [Devarim 10:19]. In February, Anshe Emet welcomed five Rohingya Burmese refugees to Chicago, including a family of four and a 27-year old gentleman. Thanks to the incredible generosity and dedication of members of our congregation over the past year, the refugees arrived to a warm reception to their new home.

UN statistics show that more than 65 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide due to war and persecution, the highest in the seven decades that refugee statistics have been tracked. More than half of refugees are children. Now more than ever, help is needed for refugees around the world, and the Anshe Emet community responded.

The family of four are Rohingya Muslims who fled persecution in Burma in 2002 and have been living as urban refugees in Malaysia. In Malaysia, the family had no rights. They were harassed and extorted by the police. The children were not allowed to attend school, the parents were forbidden from working legally, and they had no health care. The single gentleman is a Rohingya Muslim who fled Burma in 2007 for Malaysia. He then attempted to leave Malaysia in 2013 for Australia but was detained offshore at a detention facility on the island of Nauru. In the last six months, more than 650,000 Rohingya Muslims have been displaced, fleeing persecution by the Myanmar military - which the international community has deemed a genocide.

The Na'aseh Social Action Committee and Anshe Emet's new Refugee Resettlement Committee began preparing to welcome refugees in late 2016. Since then, the congregation provided an extraordinary response to help this effort. As Samantha DeKoven, Na'aseh President and co-coordinator of the Refugee Resettlement Committee, described, "We received more offers of furniture donations than we could take; community members provided dishes and pots and pans, glasses, baking items - ordering from the Target list we created. And the community quickly donated the needed funds - more than \$8,000."

In early February, Anshe Emet received word from RefugeeOne that the refugees would arrive soon. With only one week to prepare, volunteers immediately responded to prepare the apartment, move furniture and household goods into the apartment, stock the pantry with familiar foods, and cook the family's first meal. In addition, volunteers are now serving as tutors and mentors for the refugees to teach them English and help them build their new life in Chicago.

A group of Anshe Emet members, including Rabbi Siegel and Rabbi Russo, gathered to welcome the refugees for their arrival at the airport. The refugee family was all smiles, as Rabbi Siegel offered them words of welcome and Anshe Emet members presented both the parents and children with winter coats, hats and boots. Melissa Sterne, co-coordinator of the Refugee Resettlement Committee, recalled her experience welcoming the family. "I was struck by how much people give up, leave behind, and operate on faith and hope in order to survive. It is truly humbling to see the amount of effort our community has put forth to ease their transition."

Anshe Emet member Adam Rubenfire described greeting the single gentleman at the airport. "I was so honored to welcome this man to America. RefugeeOne brought his uncle, a refugee who arrived last year, to the airport – to see them embrace for the first time in three years was incredibly gratifying. We're ushering in an entirely new lifestyle for him, hopefully free of persecution and hardship."

The year did include some ups and downs, such as when the

State Department closed the refugee resettlement program of Anshe Emet's original partner, HIAS Chicago. Nonetheless, Anshe Emet is proud to have formed a partnership with RefugeeOne and to now be sponsoring the refugees. In addition, Anshe Emet is continuing the partnership with HIAS Chicago by providing volunteer support to two Russian families who were resettled to Chicago in the last few years.

These refugees continue to need our support to help them adjust to life in a new country. Funds from the State Department and previous fundraising support the refugees' living expenses for a limited amount of time. You can now contribute to the new Anshe Emet Refugee Resettlement Fund by visiting www. ansheemet.org/donate. Donations will go toward the refugees' basic needs. Funds will also go toward supporting refugees and immigrants Anshe Emet is sponsoring through our partnerships with No One Left Behind and HIAS Chicago.

Thank you to the amazing Anshe Emet community for the tremendous welcome you have provided to these refugees in their time of need!

Zach Seeskin







#### RABBI SIEGEL ... FROM PAGE 1

greatest experts will be discussing the challenges facing Israel and the possibilities of a two-state solution.

Our community may not stand in agreement on the issues facing Israel but we will be unified in our love and commitment to Medinat Yisrael. What a joy to live at a time when the words of Hatikvah have been fulfilled:

Ode lo avdah tikvatenu Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim

L'hiyot am chofshi b'artzenu Eretz Tziion v'Yerushalayim

Then our hope—the two-thousand-year-old hope will not be lost To be a free people in our land The land of Zion and Jerusalem

#### Follow Rabbi Siegel on Facebook!



Want to know what the clergy is up to? Now you can follow Rabbi Siegel on Facebook at at http://www.facebook.com/Rabbi.Michael.Siegel



# Yom Ha'Atzmaut @ Anshe Emet Celebrating 70 Years of Israel

# Thursday, April 19 • 6:00 PM • Anshe Emet

#### Taste the best Israel has to offer...

Shwarma • Falafel • Honey • Homemade Hummus Olive Oils • Olive Bar • Spices • Teas & Wines

# **Enjoy:**

Israeli Dancing and more!

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Real Camel Rides! • Kibbutz Yeladim • Gaga Pit • Arts & Crafts











Cost: \$15/Adults; \$5/Children 5+ (4 & under are free) Sign-up at <u>TINYURL.COM/SENSATIONALATSEVENTY</u>

**Visit Ansheemet.org to learn more!** 

# Also, you will be able to participate in a LifeSource Blood Drive! Learn how to sign-up at ansheemet.org

Yom Ha'Atzmaut at Anshe Emet is generously sponsored by Lee & Jerry Zoldan through their charitable foundation;

Mariano's, Jewel-Osco, Galilee Green Inc., Fruit of The Land, Inc. and Shlomo Danieli Inc.

#### JBC CORNER: THOUGHTS ON THE SHOAH

Every year the JBC students take a field trip to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. If you have not gone, I highly recommend it and if possible take a docent-led tour. Many docents are the children of survivors, and interweave their family's story of survival into their tour. This year, we had the opportunity to interact with a holographic image of a survivor through the Abe & Ida Cooper Survivor Stories Experience in the Take a Stand Center. After a brief film about the survivor, the hologram answers questions from the audience. It is truly remarkable, and a powerful legacy.

For the JBC students and their partners (when applicable) there is a written assignment to help reflect on the experience. Among other questions, I ask one that we all can ask ourselves, no matter if we are a Jew by birth or by choice: As a member of the Jewish community, how does the memory of the Shoah affect your life and values? Here are some of the thoughts shared by the participants: "I have always passively cared about human rights issues and respecting other communities, but to me becoming Jewish makes me feel a need to take a more active role in helping causes that work to solve genocide and slave trade issues. I want to be able to protect my children from Anti-Semitism while raising them to be accepting, welcoming, and active against hatred." Another student writes, "It makes me more cognizant of what I can do to help counter the hatred and prejudice that groups of people still face in the world today, whether it's by donating to causes I believe in, through my vote, or directly participating in activities helping refugees."

Do you find the memory of the Shoah affects your actions and values? How does it play into your choices and world-view, consciously or unconsciously? One way to help keep the stories alive is to join us as we commemorate Yom HaShoah on April 11, at 6:30 p.m. with Paulette Freed, whose family was saved from the Holocaust by Artistides de Sousa Mendes of Portugal.

Cantor Elizabeth Berke; eberke@ansheemet.org

#### YAD NOTES



Anshe Emet's Young Adult Division (YAD) provides

young Jewish adults with opportunities to meet, pray, play, learn and give back in a community setting. If you are in your 20s or 30s, coupled or single, consider being part of our community.

**NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS** 

No First Friday YAD Shabbat Dinner In March or April due to Purim and Passover! See you on May the Fourth (be with you)!

Matzah Pizza Making Night on Tuesday April 3, 6:30 p.m. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/YADMatzahpizza2018. \$5 in advance online, \$10 at the door

Save the date! YAD First Friday is back May 4 at 7:15 p.m. May the Fourth be with you!

Questions about YAD events? Contact Sam Isenstein at sisenstein@ ansheemet.org. Interested in joining YAD? Contact Amy Karp at akarp@ ansheemet.org. THE 16TH ANNUAL DR. ARNOLD H. KAPLAN CONCERT

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SUNDAY, MAY 6 | 4:30 PM | ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE

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# Tickets: \$36 in advance; \$54 at the door. Register at tinyurl.com/divasonthebima

Дорогие друзья,

Концерт Каплан состоится 6 Мая 2018 года в 16:30 в Синагоге Аншэ Эмет.

Прозвучат замечательные композиции в исполнении кантора нашей синагоги Альберто Мизрахи и еще четырех прекрасных канторов -женщин.

Специальная цена билета -\$10 для наших русскоязычных друзей.

Если вы бы хотели воспользоваться этим предложением, звоните Мими Вейсберг (Mimi Weisberg) (773) 868-5123 или напишите записку с именами и вместе с чеком занесите в офис нашей синагоги.

Будем рады видеть всех вас!

#### JOSEPH AND BELLE BRAUN ANSHE EMET RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



LAURIE GOLDBERG ORENSTEIN Interim Principal, Joseph and Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School lorenstein@ansheemet.org

Hard to believe that Spring Break and Passover are upon us. Everyone enjoyed the festivities of Purim and together as a community we fulfilled all four Mitzvot of the holiday. Each student participated in the Mizvot of Purim. Together we 1) participated in the Reading Megillat Esther; 2) Made and delivered mishloah manot (gift baskets of treats) to our fellow students; 3) Gave matanot l'evyonim (tzedakah for the poor);

and 4) Enjoyed a *seudat mitzvah* (festive meal) at our festive carnival. It was a wonderful celebration and a perfect depiction of what our community is all about!

In the coming weeks we will continue to learn and grow we are looking forward to finishing out our learning goals and preparing for the year to come. Keep a look out for the registration for the 2018-19 school year which will be available in May. If you are aware of any families that are thinking of joining the Religious School in the coming year please send them my way!

Below are a important dates for the month of April:

April 8: 5th Grade Parent Brunch and Learn 8th Grade Parent visit- Learning opportunity

April 12: [Religious School] Yom HaShoah

April 19: (Religious school) Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration starting at 6:00 p.m. (see page 6)

April 22: JK and SK Anshe Emet takes Family learning on the go!

April 27: 3rd Grade Shabbat Service and Dinner

April 29: 8th Grade Ta'am Story sharing

In closing if I can be helpful in any way please feel free to contact me at the synagogue.

Laurie Orenstein

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ANSHE EMET YOUTH?



SAMANTHA ISENSTEIN Youth and Young Adult Director sisenstein@ansheemet.org

**SHACHAR [SK - 2ND GRADES] April 15:** Shachar Israel Birthday Party, 12:00 p.m. Sign up at tinyurl.com/ ShacharsIsraelBirthdayParty

**KADIMA (GRADES 6-8) April 22**, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

#### SHMUSY (GRADES 9-12)

- **April 10:** Lounge Night 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- April 13-15: CHUSY Kinnus, more info at CHUSY.org
- April 24: Lounge Night 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Save the date for SHMUSY Elections

May 1: Candidate/Parent meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 8: SHMUSY Elections, 6:00 p.m.

For more information on what is going on at our lounge nights, check out our Facebook group! Or add yourself to our Remind Group text by entering the 81010 and put in the message @ shmusy to be texted reminders about upcoming events!

# RAYMOND ARBETMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION



For details and registration information visit our website at https://www.ansheemet.org/adulted.

#### LUNCH 'N LEARN ZOOM SESSIONS WITH OUR RABBIS

Anshe Emet's Rabbis will be teaching a four part Melton course called "We Are What We Remember, a curriculum on Jewish memory."

# Thursdays, April 12 - May 3, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Registration through the BJE. For more information please contact Rolly Cohen: rolly@bjechicago. org, 847-291-7788 x1304.



CANTOR ELIZABETH BERKE

Director of Continuing Education eberke@ansheemet.org

The virtual classroom is reachable through your: desktop/laptop/tablet and even your phone via the Zoom app.

The course opens with the Torah's directive to remember the attempted Jewish national genocide perpetrated by Amalek and then the lessons continue with an exploration of significant historical periods and the memories formed around them:

- The Spanish expulsion
- Poland just before and following the Shoah
- The State of Israel as envisioned by its founders and as experienced by its citizens today.

Suggested donation: \$40

This subsidized rate is made possible through the generosity of Beatrice Mayer.

Contact Elizabeth Berke eberke@ansheemet.org for more information

# HaZaK PROGRAM FOR RETIRED ADULTS

#### HOKHMAH (WISDOM) • ZIKNAH (MATURITY) • KADIMAH (LOOKING AHEAD) •

HaZaK is an Anshe Emet daytime program for mature adults with active minds. We offer discussions on a variety of Jewish-related topics with Rabbi Siegel, Hazzan Mizrahi, Cantor Liz Berke, Rabbi Russo, Rabbi Chankin-Gould, Elie Berkman, and others.

HaZaK meets at Anshe Emet Synagogue every Monday, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Here's a look at the upcoming schedule:

April 2: Hazak joins with CJE Senior Life for a Passover Sing-along at Anshe Emet

April 9: Hazzan Steven Berke

April 16: Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould

April 23: TBD

**April 30: Rabbi David Russo** 

Anshe Emet Programming is generously supported by The Arthur and Perle Malkin Center for Jewish Life



#### ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES APRIL HAPPENINGS



**HANDELMAN** Director of Family Life & Learning mhandelman@ansheemet.org

Anshe Emet has lots happening for families with children 8 years old and younger!

SHALOM SHABBAT/SHACHAR Shalom Shabbat, the well-loved service for children 4 and under and their parents, meets every Shabbat of the month at 10:00 a.m. Shachar, for children aged K to 2nd grade, meets every

Shabbat at 11:00 a.m. If your child is interested in reading a Torah excerpt in Hebrew or English at the Shachar service, please contact Max Handelman at mhandelman@ansheemet.org.

FRIDAY NIGHT KABBALAT SHABBAT DAVENING AND DINNER Anshe Emet Family First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Davening and Dinner returns May 4! Watch the list serv or the website to sign up.

**PASSOVER YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES** Sunday April 1 (2nd day of Passover) and Friday April 6 (7th day of Passover) at 11:15 a.m.

Families with young children are invited to celebrate Pesach with song and stories (and guitar) with Rabbi Donni Aaron

in the Rose Crown room. Older kids are invited to participate in a little bit of tefilla and a good deal of playing with the Passover story and Torah readings with Max Handelman in the youth lounge.

#### CONNECTING THE EXPECTING

The next cohort of Connecting the Expecting starts April 10. If you know anyone expecting their first baby, encourage them to sign up now, to gain vital, relevant info and most importantly, new friends going through the same life change! Tell them they can sign up at JUF.org/connectingtheexpecting.

#### SENSATIONAL @ 70 Thursday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.

Anshe Emet is celebrating Israel's 70th birthday (and Max's birthday) in grand fashion, with fun for all ages. Sensational @ 70 is Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. This is a party you don't want to miss! Visit www.ansheemet.org for details.

#### **DON'T MISS ANYTHING!**

Join our list serv by e-mailing AEYF-subscribe@yahoogroups. com to get the latest word on what's happening for your family.

Join our Facebook group, so you can stay in the loop on all the events happening (and who knows what else) https://www. facebook.com/groups/AESYF/!

# **Purim Thanks!**

#### Special thanks to Purim Carnival Volunteers

Thank you to all the USY'ers, Madrichim and Religious School teachers. Thank you to all of our community volunteers; we could not have had such a successful Purim Carnival without you:

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#### Know someone new to the neighborhood?

If you know someone new to the Chicago Jewish community, who you believe would be interested in finding out about Anshe Emet Synagogue, please contact Amy Karp at 773-868-5139, so we can speak to them about all of the wonderful religious, spiritual, educational and communal opportunities the synagogue has to offer.

# **APTIL 2018**

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21 NISAN 12	22 NISAN 13	23 NISAN	14	
Yom HaShoah 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:00 a.m. Post Minyan Learning 4:15 p.m. Religious School 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 6:45 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 7:00 p.m. Shireinu 7:30 p.m. AI Anon	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi Siegel 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Lakeview Minyan Service and Potluck	9:00 a.m. JBC 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Ari Latimer becomes a Bar Mitzvah Torah: Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47 (Shmini) Haftarah: Il Samuel 6:1 - 7:17 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan 10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat	10:00 a.m. Youth Choir practice 11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Cong. 11:00 a.m. Shachar 12:00 p.m. Kiddush 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha	
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#### ANSHE EMET SISTERHOOD



#### SISTERHOOD NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Anshe Emet Sisterhood is seeking nominations to the Sisterhood Board. Nominations are being taken for officers and board members. Please contact Lynne Schatz, Nomination Committee Chair to self nominate or nominate someone for the positions of president, treasurer, secretary, membership vice president, programming vice president or general board member. Lynne can be reached at LynneSchatz@gmail.com.

#### **PROGRAMS**

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Help Anshe Emet keep in touch with your student while away at school. We mail meaningful, interesting and fun reminders of Jewish traditions several times per academic year. Send your name, your student's name, full college mailing address and email to aecollegeconnection@gmail.com. It's never too late to sign up a student for the next package. We compile a new list each school year so previous participants need to resubmit their contact information.

#### BOOK CLUB

The Bridge Sisterhood scheduled three sessions for the first half of 2018. We have slightly altered our starting time to avoid the congestion in the parking lot. The new times are from 6:45-8:45 p.m. Rachel Jacobsohn continues to be our facilitator. We welcome new members.

Thursday, April 12: A Horse Walked into a Bar, David Grossman. The award-winning and internationally acclaimed author of the To the End of the Land now gives us a searing short novel about the life of a stand-up comic, as revealed in the course of one evening's performance. In the dance between comic and audience, with barbs flying back and forth, a deeper story begins to take shape—one that will alter the lives of many of those in attendance

**Thursday, June 7:** *The Leavers: A Novel,* **Lisa Ko.** On one hand, *The Leavers*, by Lisa Ko is a very specific story, or rather stories.

#### Sisterhood Book Discussion Group: Winter/Spring 2018

	I am a 2017-2018 Sisterhood member and plan to participate in the three discussions. I have enclosed a check made payable to Anshe Emet Sisterhood for \$75.
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Please bring this form and check made out to Anshe Emet Sisterhood to the next meeting, April 12, 2018.

There are two narrators, Polly Guo, who, pregnant, leaves her province in China to try to make a new life in the United States, and Deming Guo, her son. It is the story of trying to make a living as an undocumented worker and the story of growing up in the United States. It is the story of hope and a particular immigrant family whose members do the best they can to make their way.

#### SISTERHOOD MONDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG

If you are interested in coordinating the Sisterhood's Mah Jongg program, please contact Helene Greenwald at hgreenwa@ gmail.com. For information about Monday Night Mah Jongg email Helene Greenwald at hgreenwa@gmail.com.

#### THE NIGHT MINISTRY

The Night Ministry volunteers will continue their meal service with the Night Ministry this year. Contact Janine Landow-Esser to volunteer or donate. Janine811@gmail.com. Sisterhood, 3760 N Pine Grove, Chicago,IL 60613, with the notation Night Ministry.

#### **GIFT SHOP**

The Gift Shop is open Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., when Religious School is in session.

Check for upcoming notices and events at www.AnsheEmet.org; look for Sisterhood under Programs.

**Elizabeth Cline, Communications** 



Over the past few months, the Na'aseh and Refugee Resettlement committees have been busy welcoming to Chicago two Rohingya refugee families from Myanmar -- a family of four and a single gentleman. Tens of volunteers joined together to move furniture, greet the families at the airport, and prepare their first meal. We are continuing to offer mentorship and items to aid the families as they settle into life in Chicago. There are also other opportunities for folks to volunteer to aid refugees through tutoring and job search assistance as well as financial donations. Please contact us if you'd like to help.

In addition, in March we participated in the biannual Maot Chitim delivery day, bringing packages of Passover food to Jews-in-need. At always, it was a wonderful experience, with volunteers young and old embracing the spirit of Passover for all to be able to eat and participate in the holiday.

On the upcoming calendar:

- On April 19, Anshe Emet will be hosting a blood drive in partnership with Life Source from 3:00-8:00 p.m., coinciding with Anshe Emet's annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration. Celebrate Israel and save a life. Note that it takes about an hour from when you walk in the door to complete the process of donating blood. To sign up, visit www.lifesource.org/donate-blood/where-todonate/ and search by group code "K201".
- Na'aseh and YAD (Anshe Emet's Young Adult Division) are teaming up to volunteer at Lakeview Pantry on a quarterly basis.
   The first effort was in March and was a success! The next date is June 21 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Also in June, we are planning a volunteer outing with the Taleef Collective at Cradles to Crayons. Cradles to Crayons donates essential items to school-aged children.

To stay updated on these and other similar programs, subscribe to our regular newsletter by emailing naaseh.ansheemet@gmail.com.

#### AWARD-WINNING MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

Men's Club continues to provide our congregation with outstanding programs. March means Passover this year, and it would not be the same without attending our annual **Men's Club Passover Wine Tasting** and wine-ordering evening at Binny's Lakeview. On March 6 our attendees had a unique opportunity to taste and learn about the best and newest in kosher wines. The rep from Royal Wine Corp also raffled off 3 bottles of wine this year! As we do every year, everyone was able to order from the wide selection of quality kosher for Passover wines at very competitive prices and no sales tax because the orders go through the synagogue.

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Midwest Region held its annual **Man and Youth of the Year** event at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook on March 11. I was very pleased to be selected by our Men's Club Board as our Anshe Emet Men's Club Man of the Year and to share in the festivities with my family and many friends. Special thanks to Alan Mintz for introducing me and to Rabbi Russo for introducing our Youth of the Year, Michael Rubin, Regional President of Chicagoland USY.

The fun never ends as the FJMC Midwest Region ventured to Starved Rock State Park for the **Regional Retreat Weekend** on March 16 to 18. I am writing this email before the event so I will provide some highlights in our May article. This always is a full weekend of Jewish joy, spirit, prayer, food, and nature with your Men's Club comrades in such a beautiful setting. I am sure this year's retreat will be no exception, especially since Gregg Pollack and Jon Norton chaired the event. Thanks to both of you.

Men's Club once again will co-sponsor our annual **Yom HaShoah-Yellow Candles commemoration**. By the time you receive the April Bulletin you should already be seeing the flyer with the details. This year there will be a special presentation

about Artistides de Sousa Mendes and the Foundation that was created to honor his memory. Sousa Mendes was the Portuguese consul assigned to Bordeaux, France, during World War II. He defied directives by the Portuguese government and issued over 30,000 visas for safe passage, including about 10,000 visas to Jews, to enable people to flee Nazi Europe. In so doing Sousa Mendes performed the largest rescue action by a single individual during the Holocaust. In the weeks leading up to this event Men's Club also will be selling our yahrzeit Yellow Candles so you may conduct a special memorial prayer of your own for the 6 million victims. The proceeds of the Yellow Candles sale this year will be donated to the Sousa Mendes Foundation and the Illinois Holocaust Memorial Museum. Please participate in both ways-by attending on Yom HaShoah and by purchasing your own memorial Yellow Candle.

Also mark your calendars for **April 21 when Shabbat becomes Men's Club Shabbat.** Be there to support your Men's Club members and friends as we conduct what should prove to be a great Shabbat morning service once again.

On May 14 Cantor Steven Berke will be the special guest of Men's Club when he presents a film and leads a discussion entitled "All the Rage." The evening event will focus on a novel method of pain management. Keep an eye out for further details.

I hope to see you soon as you participate in these excellent activities. Of course, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, then please contact us at mensclub@ansheemet.org,, check our Facebook page, Anshe Emet Men's Club, or talk to me in shul. We are incomplete without you.

Barry Balik Men's Club President



# **Disobedience:**The Sousa Mendes Story

A YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM

#### Wednesday, April 11 · 6:30 PM · Anshe Emet

Anshe Emet Synagogue presents excerpts from the film "Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story." Paulette Freed, whose family was saved by Aristides de Sousa Mendes, will present the story of her family's escape from Nazi-occupied Europe and her own pilgrimage to retrace her family's footsteps to freedom.

The evening will begin with a candle lighting and songs followed by the presentation.

In commemoration of Yom HaShoah, the Anshe Emet Men's Club is selling memorial candles through the FJMC Yellow Candle Program. Profits from the sale of the candles are used to support future Yom HaShoah programming at Anshe Emet. Yellow candles may be purchased for \$5 each online or at the event where they will be distributed.



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#### Calling All Menches ...

The **AES Shiva Committee** is in the process of expanding our membership. This group, consisting of RCM and Main Sanctuary members, assists clergy when necessary by helping bereaved families from our community set-up Shiva.

Our goal is to have enough members from throughout the congregation so several people are always available to assist families who need additional support.

Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould will provide a training to committee members about the rituals and traditions surrounding Shiva. In addition the RCM has been kind enough to share Shiva documents they have created with the entire AES community.

If you are interested in joining this caring committee, please contact Marcie Marcovitz - mmarcovitz@ comcast.net, 847-542-7733.

#### THE WARMTH OF APRIL PROGRAMMING

April brings the warmth (we hope) of spring. We look forward to the new season with optimism and glee.

At our shul, April brings superior programming.

April 11: Yom Hashoah commemoration focusing on the story of Sousa Mendez, the Portuguese diplomat who saved thousands of Jews. The evening will include a candle lighting and a presentation by Paulette Freed whose



AMY KARP Director of Engagement and The Malkin Family Program Director akarp@AnsheEmet.org

family was saved by Mr. Mendes. To register go to tinyurl.com/ sensationalatseventy.

April 19: Sensational at 70 ... A community celebration of Israel sponsored by Lee and Jerry Zoldan. A shuk with tastings of different Israeli products, a kibbutz for children's activities and camel rides for children. Register at tinyurl.com/yomhashoah5778.

April 27-28: Rabbi Chaya Baker returns to Anshe Emet as a scholar in residence with a community dinner on Friday evening. Cost: \$25 members; \$30 non-members. Register at tinyurl.com/ChayaBakerDinner.

April 29: Anshe Emet will host the Israel policy forum featuring several speakers. To register go to ipf.li/isr70.

I hope to see you soon!

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#### OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO ...

The family of Alan L. Hellman, beloved brother of Joel (Terrie) and Robert (Laurey Mogil) Hellman; loving uncle of Eliot, Adam, Evan and Allison and great uncle to Madison, on his recent passing.

The family of Ruth Shapiro, devoted mother of Don, Mort (Michelle) and Louis (Gina) Shapiro and loving grandmother to Lane, Hannah, Celia, Levi and Ty Shapiro, on her recent passing.

The family of Myron Chapman, beloved brother of Marilyn Chapman; dear uncle of Susan Goldberg and Donna Goldberg; Life-Partner of Audrey Schlossberg (Audrey's children: Lynn Schlossberg, Gayle (Ken) Stoll, and John (Lori Stone) Schlossberg). on his recent passing.

May their memory be for a blessing

#### SIMAN TOV U'MAZAL TOV: HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Luba and Mikhail Alkhazov on the birth of their son. Zacharv Roman.

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#### **Community Resources**

#### Reaching for Freedom: Teens and Independence

A teenager balks when his mom asks what time he'll be home. Another groans when they're asked about the status of their homework. Another teen puts on make-up at school, out of their parents' sight and judgement. And another stays in her room, a

These youth are negotiating one of the most common developmental concerns for teenagers: Gaining a sense of independence as they move slowly toward adulthood.

#### **INDEPENDENCE**

For teenagers, acquiring autonomy means having opportunities to experience and manage ever-increasing amounts of freedom. Parents and caregivers of course, see freedom as full of risks, and rightfully, try to help manage their growing child's independence by keeping them safe, helping them stay on track. Most kids will one day launch into a fully independent adulthood when they'll be required to make all kinds of decisions for themselves. Adolescence is the time for them to practice taking on evergreater responsibility for themselves, hopefully within a context of family support that can protect them when their under-developed judgement fails.

#### **SELF-ACTUALIZATION**

Independence has another layer of meaning for teenagers; it's also the freedom to be who they think they are becoming. Teens very typically are trying to forge an identity that separates them from their family of origin - again, preparing for what one day will be the reality. They may sometimes reject seemingly everything that their family values as they struggle with determining what parts they want to keep, and what parts

really might not fit them adulthood. They may "try on" different activities, interests, fashions, friendships, and



styles of communicating as they slowly, slowly settle on what suits them. There are risks inherent in these expressions of independence, too: Will they be accepted, or rejected for their choices? Will their developing values gel with those of their family and peers? Will their choices bring them into community with others, or set them apart?

#### **FREEDOM**

There's one more piece of the freedom puzzle when traversing adolescence and that is freedom from. Freedom from violence, from harm, from emotional injury, agonizing self-doubt, or paralyzing fears. The road to adult independence is a rocky one; today it is additionally burdened by very real fears of community violence, heightened anxieties over academics, increased loneliness in a world of social media, and existential worries about the future of the world left for them. Sometimes, we adults can't protect them.

For nearly 40 years, the Response Center has worked with teenagers to help them develop the skills and strengths they need to advocate for themselves, make good decisions, and deal with life's challenges. Through counseling, prevention education and leadership programming, and health care, Response helps teenagers and young adults (ages 12 – 24) be empowered to make healthy life choices. For more information call Response at 847-676-0078 or visit www.response.org or contact our Anshe Emet JCFS Liaison Ann Luban at AnnLuban@jcfs.org or 847-745-5420.

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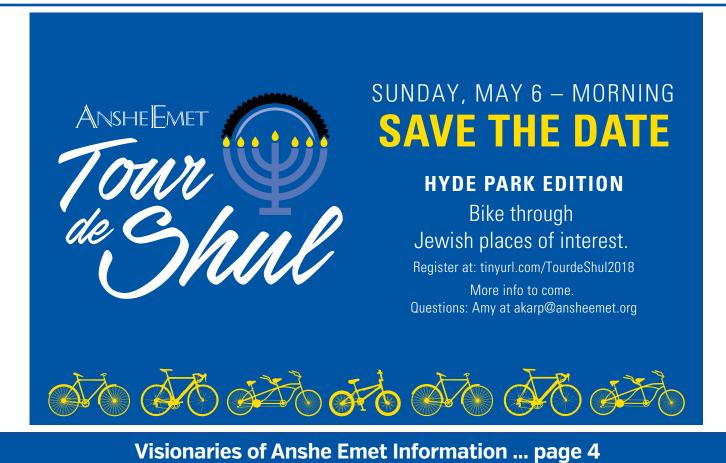
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