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PURIM: THE ETERNAL HOLIDAY?

If you were asked to pick one Jewish holiday that should be retained for all time, which one would you pick? Rosh Hashanah would be high on some people's list, as it is a celebration of the creation and the Creator; others might choose Hanukkah, inspired by the timeless message of the prophet Zechariah: *Not by might and not by power but by your spirit alone.*

My personal choice would be Passover, as the struggle against arrogant leaders. For me, God's concern for humankind, most notably those mistreated by the larger society, would deem Passover as eternally relevant. With that said, Maimonides' answer might surprise you:

All the books of the Prophets and all the Writings will be annulled in the days of the Messiah, apart from Megillat Esther. It will continue to be binding like the Five Books of Moses and the entire Oral Law, which will never be invalidated. Even though all memory of our suffering will be erased, as is says in Isaiah 65, because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from Mine eyes, still the days of Purim will not be annulled, as it is written, these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed. (Maimonides Mishnah Torah: Hilchot Megillah 2:18)

Of all the Jewish holidays in the calendar, why would Rambam choose Purim? How could he hold that the holiday when we tell the story of Queen Esther replete with groggers, eat hamentashen, and engage in all manner of frivolity be held up as the holiday that Jews would observe in the Messianic period?

Permit me to offer four reasons for your consideration:

1. The threat that foolish and arrogant leaders pose

In Megillat Esther we meet King Ahashuverus, playing the role of the fool at a drunken banquet. His wife, Vashti, has no respect for him and he is easily manipulated by his courtiers to take action that benefit them. What follows exposes just how dangerous such a leader can be to the well-being of his citizenry. In the early years of Hitler's rise to power, many intellectuals dismissed him as nothing more than a clown! A society must take responsibility for its leadership or be prepared to pay the price.

2. The dangers of the Diaspora

Purim is the only holiday on the Jewish calendar that takes place in the Diaspora. Mordechai and Esther are highly assimilated Jews when we meet them. Their names are connected to the Persian gods Marduk and Ishtar. Mordechai is quite involved in the politics of the court and is even in a position to stop an assassination plot against the King. In the blink of an eye, the lives of the Jews of Shushan are upended by the actions of Haman and a craven



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King. How many times have Jews relived the story of Purim at different points in our history? Jewish vulnerability in the Diaspora continues to this very day, as revealed by the present difficulties of the Jews of France.

3. The eternal persistence of anti-Semitism

What Jewish history shows is that there is no real cure for the global disease of anti-Semitism. How many times have Jews approached this pernicious issue with the word "IF"?

- If Jews are less visible, anti-Semitism will cease.
- If Jews are more proactive, anti-Semitism will cease.
- If Jews have their own homeland, anti-Semitism will cease.

The great historian Paul Johnson put it well when he classified anti-Semitism as an illness: I would call it an intellectual disease, a disease of the mind, extremely infectious and massively destructive. It is a disease to which both human individuals and entire human societies are prone. What the Purim story makes so clear is that as long as there are Jews, there will be anti-Semitism.

4. The transformative power of human action

Wendy Zierler, a Professor at HUC-JIR in New York, wrote that one of the most important messages of *Megillat Esther* is the power that human beings have to create lasting change in society:

The story and observance of Purim are entirely dependent on human involvement, improvisation, thinking on one's feet. There is no burning bush in the Book of Esther. No outstretched arm

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CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS

Light & Latkes

Anshe Emet's 3rd Annual Light & Latkes celebration and competition took place on Thursday, December 14. Special thanks to Malcolm Haar for these photos.







On Saturday Night, December 9, Something For Us held their latest Trivia night. The winners, pictured below were the "Latke and Lights" team.



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GRATITUDE

As I write these words, we are concluding the epic journey of consumerism known as "The Holiday Season." It begins on "Black Friday" (it actually begins late on Thanksgiving Day), continues on Cyber Monday and goes on and on and on. Perhaps it ends in February on Presidents Day.

I suspect that none of the religious icons whom people hold dear would have extolled this behavior, nor do I suspect that Lincoln or Washington would have either. Maybe, just maybe, we do not need Lebron's newest shoe design or the latest home gadget which allows us to boss it around relentlessly ... "Alexa, where can I find the best price on Google Home?" "Hey Google, where can I buy Lebron's new gym shoe and how can I learn to jump like him?" As one might expect, Google Home can tell you where to buy LeBron's new shoes upon command but cannot explain how to learn to excel at basketball.

Perhaps this behavior emanates from a quest to enrich our lives. Perhaps it emanates from a need to fill our voids. Perhaps it is a way for the "have nots" to feel more like the "haves." The words on the recently released U2 song "American Soul," spoke to this issue as a voice preached, "Blessed are the filthy rich for you can only truly own what you give away. Blessed are the superstars for the magnificence in their light we understand better our own insignificance."

At a time when the divisions between rich and poor grow wider and wider, when the gap between the haves and have nots seems unimaginable, I feel more and more grateful for what I have and for what we do here at Anshe Emet. An iPhone X can make one's face its password but it cannot enable the members of a family to sit around a dinner table to share the joys and challenges of their day. A Google Home can tell me about today's weather, but it cannot allow me to appreciate the sun on my face on a crisp, sunny, 40-degree January day. The latest coolest design of gym shoes cannot allow me to slam one down nor can it enable me to appreciate the peace I feel when a shot I release is inexorably destined for the hoop (my feet never leave the security of the floor beneath me). But I must admit that my Bose headphones allow me to feel the peace and joy of U2, Springsteen, Jackson Browne and Matisyahu throughout my day. I appreciate what they enable me to experience.

Which leads to me the infinite aspects of our tradition and our community for which I am especially grateful at this pinnacle moment of

consumerism. I am grateful for 3 hours of prayer and reflection each Shabbat and so is my blood pressure. I am grateful for the generosity of our community which is being shown this year at levels beyond which we have ever seen. As a result, we are helping more families in need, we are exploring how to teach children more effectively, we are dedicating more time to support families' life events. I am grateful for our world-class clergy who always bring their A-game, like Hazzan Mizrahi, whose Jazzy Hanukkah Anshe Emet Live was as uplifting a time as I can recall; and Rabbi Siegel, whose tender words about recently departed Moishe Lenow showed his deep-seated love and respect for a treasured member of our community. I am grateful for our B'nai Mitzvah instructors who enable student after student to demonstrate remarkable competence irrespective of the gifts or challenges which each chid brings to the journey to mitzvah experience. I am grateful to the unsung heroes, our staff, who conceive our programming, who keep the aged building standing and who assure that our 5,000-person community's needs are met. I am grateful.

So at this moment when your property taxes are less deductible, when you yearn for that next iPhone, when your children claim that they need the latest shoe style, remember the goodness of sitting together, of praying together, of celebrating together...of appreciating your gifts.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

VISIONARIES of ANSHE EMET

A Special Event Presenting The Inaugural Rabbi Michael S. Siegel Visionary Award to JUDY & HOWARD TULLMAN

The Anshe Emet Synagogue Visionary of the Arts Award to **DAVID BROZA**

The Young Leadership Award of Light to **GRIFFEN SAUL**

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EXTENDING THE PURIM CELEBRATION



Purim, at its core, is about the importance of building community. And not just in the community with which we most commonly associate. Purim is meant to push us outside of our comfort zones.

One of the mitzvot of Purim is to have a seudah, a party. We are taught to open our homes for food and celebration. We have to make the holiday alive in our houses.

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But the next step is taking the celebration beyond our immediate homes. We are taught to give mishloach manot, gifts of food to our neighbors. We are meant to spread the joy of the holiday not only with the people from our synagogue, but with friends and neighbors.

We are taught to give Matanot La'evyonim, gifts to the poor. On Purim, any person who is vulnerable and needs help, we are meant to help; we are meant to include them in our celebration by offering them support.

Purim forces us to connect with others – in our homes, our communities, and with all those who need our help.

We at Anshe Emet take this very seriously. So we want to help you engage with Purim in all kinds of ways.

- For teenagers: Sleep over at Anshe Emet while setting up for the Purim Carnival! SHMUSY's annual Purim lock-in is on Saturday, February 24, leading right into the carnival on Sunday, February 25. Join us for great food, carnival games, awesome prizes, and more! For more information, contact Samantha Isenstein.
- 2. On Wednesday, February 28, attend the Megillah reading of your choice: the lively Sanctuary service or the no-frills version. Afterward, adults and kids each have their own parties.

- 3. Finally, you can help those in our community who need help by getting involved in Na'aseh, Anshe Emet's social justice committee. Here are some upcoming opportunities:
 - Anshe Emet volunteers work with the Night Ministry every other month to provide a meal to the clients of the Youth Outreach Team. We also collect hygiene products and new warm winter gear for the Night Ministry. For more information, contact Janine Landow-Esser at Janine.Landow-Esser@quarles.com.
 - Join Anshe Emet volunteers the second Monday of each month as we serve dinner to food-insecure Chicagoans at the JUF Uptown Café. Volunteers must be 16 or above (or 12 or above with a chaperone). For more information, contact Emily Feder at emilyafeder@gmail.com.
 - Anshe Emet students in grades 8-12 are invited to sign up to tutor students of Bright Star Community Outreach in grades 3-5 through a weekly online session. For more information, contact Ruth Rau at ruth@ruthrau.com.
 - Become a volunteer tax preparer for low-income families with the Center for Economic Progress and help out approximately once a week from January - April. Online training and on-site support are provided -- no prior experience necessary! For more information, contact Jonathan Zimbler and Emily Feder at naaseh.ansheemet@gmail.com.
 - We are continuing to organize volunteers and collect donations to support immigrant and refugee families resettling to Chicago. Email us at naaseh.ansheemet@gmail. com if you are interested in learning about actions you can take to support refugees.

Looking forward to celebrating Purim with you!

David Russ

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 December.

Marlene Abrams; Manya Abrams; Ben Abrams; Fran Abramson; Bruce Arenson; Chuck & Sara Aron; Elizabeth Atwater; Barry Balik; Terri Behrman; Michael Bellows; Yoel Benarosh; Barbara Binik; Wendy Binstock; Rickey Briskman; Adam Cooper; Steve Durchslag; Noa Fleischacker; Cynthia Goldberg; Gail and Dan Golden; Barry Gross; Eve Guth; Michele Hakimian; Jacob & Maxine Handelman; Debby Hecht; Richard Herman; Daniel Hernandez; Sarah Hirsen; Arnie Horwich; Joy Horwich; Avi, Jami, Gabi Josefson; Bruce Kaminsky; Penny & Brett Keeshin; Sam Kline; Debby Lewis; Jay Lewkowitz; Allie Lichterman; Jane Lippow; Loui Marver; Alan Mintz; Deborah Mizrahi; Laura Neiman-Rifkin; Francisco Ortiz-Perez; Shelly Parker; Gary & Fraeda Porton; Dan Pulik; John Ragir; Robert Rodgon; Esther Rosenbloom; Susan Rosenstein; Anna Rubin; Ed Salomon; Jerry Salzman; Neil Schwartz; Barry & /Elaine Seeskin; Shane Selig; Ryan Selig; Sean Selig; Don Shapiro; Howard Shuman; Pam & Scooter Simon; Laura Smith; Elias Solano; A Spector; Jason Star; Rob Stepen; Kevin, Ethan, Layla Sterling; Phil Stern; Jon & Leslie Strauss; Gabor Tarjan; Maya Tkachak; Abe Trieger; Abe Trieger; Jacob Wilkenfeld; Stew Witkov.

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 December (this does not include our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students).

Sanctuary and Minyan: Philippe Lavie, Avi Allen, Jordan Leib, Gary Porton, Barry Seeskin, Sarah Hirsen, Debby Hecht.

Rose Crown Minyan: David Alperin, Ronit Avitan, Merav Bennett, Matt Blueston, Adam Braun, Arthur Elstein, Ilana Emmett, Emily Feder, Natalie Feldman, Jeanette Garber-Zemsky, Ari Handelman, Rebekah Johnston, Ariel Katz, Josh Lazar, Noah Liebman, Naomi Margolis, Robin Mordfin, Lizzie Norton, Gregg Pollack, Lynne Schatz, Yedida Soloff, Rabbi Daniel Vaisrub, Brooks Weinberger, Sarah Wolf.

Youth Readers: Daniel Aranoff, Asher Berman, Nissa Berman, Zack Choplin-Pogrund, Lev Choplin-Pogrund, Sam Cytryn, Nava Fleischer, Eve Frajman, Jocelyn Friedman, Phoebe Kleinman, Ethan Leder, Maya Lessem-Elnecave, Jonah McClure, Laila Norton, Shayna Rosenstein, Nava Schwartz, Damian Solano.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK



So often at Anshe Emet, we are privileged to receive care from a warm and welcoming community. In the same vein, many of us may be looking for an opportunity to give back. The Caring Committee provides that incredible nexus where one can give of his/her time and resources, and can also receive help when he/ she is in need. Thanks to the Caring Committee at Anshe

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leadership of Jan Schwartz, the Caring Committee at Anshe Emet is truly thriving.

In particular, there are two opportunities to be of service which might speak to you. The first is the shiva committee, led by Marcie Marcovitz and Dianne Tesler, which is open to new volunteers. In late March we will host a training session and learning opportunity (date TBD). If this is a mitzvah to which you would be comfortable contributing, we know that our community would benefit from your kindness at a time of incredible need.

Second, Michael Cohen has graciously volunteered to lead a new group called the "Mitzvah Corps." This group of volunteers will be on-call for those moments when someone in our community, on a one-off basis, needs some extra help with a tangible task. Perhaps someone needs a ride to the doctor. Perhaps someone needs help with grocery shopping. Perhaps someone needs help schlepping a package from the doorstep into the house. Any of these tasks might seem small from the outside, but for some of our members, the help would be incredibly impactful. If you are someone who might be willing to be on a volunteer list to help out when the need arises, please let us know.

By working together, and banding together our resources, we can truly realize the vision of being a community driven by chesed; by kindness and love. If you are interested in giving back, please reach out to us! dcgould@ansheemet.org or caring@ansheemet.org

Many thanks,

Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould

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of God. No plagues from heaven and no manna. Mordechai dons sackcloth, Esther fasts and plans and takes her life into her own hands. The Jews of Shushan wage war against their enemy, wipe them out, and institute a new festival. Esther and Mordechai need to use whatever human means they have at their disposal to combat evil and save their own.

Here is a timeless message, no less relevant today than in the time of Purim. When Jews take groggers in their hands, they should be reminded that the Hamans of the world can only be silenced if we raise up our hands, take action and make noise.

One of the ironies of our time is that Jews have transformed Purim into a children's holiday alone. As Maimonides taught us more than a thousand years ago, there are ample reasons that Jews should pay attention to Purim, even into the Messianic age. So please join us as we celebrate the eternal holiday of Purim on February 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Chag Purim Sameach!

JBC CORNER

The first parashah of the month of February is Yitro, when we re-live our experience at Sinai and enter into the covenant. Recently, a JBC student had the following thoughts on what covenant means, which I found energizing and inspiring:

The concept of covenant (brit) is central to my sense of identification as a Jew as I view it as the defining quality that distinguishes the Jewish people from other faith traditions and which serves as the basis for the demarcation between Judaism and other faiths. I understand the concept of covenant as it relates to Judaism to represent the mutual understanding of recognition, loyalty, and protection connecting God and mankind. In short, the covenant between God and mankind is the framework or structure that governs the human and divine relationship. The covenant therefore not only defines this relationship, but also defines the Jewish people as a community as a party to this mutual understanding with God. However, I also view the concept of a covenant as a reciprocal relationship - while God may have chosen the Jewish people as his own, I believe that the covenant is not established unilaterally, but depends on the acceptance of the individual as well.

Moreover, the establishment of this mutual understanding or covenant between myself and God provides the connection that enables me to identify as part of the larger Jewish community. I therefore see myself as a member of a shared covenant between God and the Jewish people at large, as one of a group of people who have both been "chosen" and have "chosen" to enter the covenant themselves. This shared experience provides the common thread connecting me to both the familiar parts of the broader lewish community... as well as the less familiar, such as distant lewish people around the world and in Israel. I see the concept of covenant as an opportunity to define my personal identity as an active participant in a relationship of mutual obligation with God, as well as to join the communal identity of the lewish people at large, providing me a connection to Jewish people both here and around the world, and across generations.

Cantor Elizabeth Berke; eberke@ansheemet.org

Purim Volunteer Sign Up 2018

The Purim Carnival is February 25! Volunteers are needed throughout the event, from set-up to clean-up ... including games, food, ticketing, and more.

> To sign up, visit tinyurl.com/PurimVolunteers2018

The Mitzvah of Bikur Cholim

Would you or a loved one benefit from a visit by a community member? The Bikur Cholim team at Anshe Emet performs the mitzvah of visiting the sick for the connection and continued healing of those who have become ill or impaired.

For more information about receiving a Bikur Cholim visit please contact Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould at dcgould@ansheemet.org. For more information to become a volunteer member please contact Julie Ann Sklaver or Steven Berke at aesbcteam@gmail.com.



Saturday, February 24

USY Lock-in & Carnival set-up. Overnight

Sunday, February 25

10:00 AM Religious School Megillah Reading & SHMUSY Purim Play

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Purim Carnival & Silent Auction

CARNIVAL FUN

Inflatables



Face Painting Pie Throwing

Games & Prizes Silent Auction Hot Dogs & Hamantaschen

Carnival Pricing: Early Bird Discount Thru Thursday, February 22: \$20/child; \$10/adult

> At the door: \$30/child; \$20/adult.

Wednesday, February 28

5:45 PM: Family Dinner-6:20 PM: Ma'ariv

6:30 PM Megillah Reading in Main Sanctuary Kids crafts station

6:45 PM No Frills Ma'ariv/Megillah Reading in Malkov

8:00 PM Adult Cocktail Party, Silent Auction & Kid's Party

ADULT COCKTAIL PARTY FUN

Enjoy "Marvel"-ous Munchies (CATERED BY MILT'S EXTRA INNINGS) Live D.J. & Music (PROVIDED BY BIZAR ENTERTAINMENT)

Cocktail Party Pricing: Early Bird Discount Thru Monday, February 26: \$18/adult

At the door: \$25/adult

KIDS' PARTY FUN Strolling Magician Danny Dubin

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Register now to get your early bird discount: tinyurl.com/AESPurimCelebration2018

(Proceeds go to support our AES Youth Programming)

WE WILL HAVE A QUIET SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED A BREAK FROM ALL THE EXCITEMENT ON THE 25TH & 28TH

Anshe Emet Celebrates Purim!

About Purim

We celebrate Purim on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar. This year Purim begins the evening of February 28th and continues on the 29th. People come to



the synagogue carrying groggers and listen carefully to the reading of the *Megillah*. Each time the reader of the *Megillah* mentions the name of Haman, the evil villain in the Purim story, the listeners twirl their groggers, stamp their feet, hiss and boo. On Purim day we have a festive meal with wine and lots of *Hamantaschen*. Purim is also a time for masquerading. Children often dress up as characters from the *Megillah*. People celebrate Purim with parties, carnivals and silly skits. There is also a Purim custom of giving *Mishloach Manot*, dishes or baskets of gifts to friends and neighbors, and money is collected for funds that help the poor.

The characters of the Purim story:

Ahasverosh - the King of Shushan (Persia) - not one of the wisest men. First, he was married to Vashti, then he married Queen Esther.

Queen Vashti - King Ahasverosh's first wife who refused to come dance in front of Ahasverosh and his guests. She was asked to leave the kingdom.

Mordechai - Esther's uncle, who had a special role in the kingdom and learned of Haman's evil plan to kill all the Jews, due in part to the fact that Mordechai would not bow down to Haman.

Esther - the woman who became Queen of Shushan, and when learning about Haman's evil plot to kill the Jews, risked her own life to go talk to the King to get him to change his mind.

Haman (Boo ... hiss!) - Haman was a close advisor to the king who got power hungry. When Mordechai refused to bow down to him, he decided to get back at all of the Jews, and indicated his desire to kill all the Jews on the 14th day of Adar (which later became the Holiday of Purim).

Zeresh - Haman's wife.

Purim Terms to Note:

Megillah - a scroll on which the Purim story is written. While we read (or listen) to the story being read, we listen carefully for Haman's name so we can make a lot of noise and blot out his name.

Grogger (or in Hebrew, *Ra'ashan*, from the Hebrew world for noise-*ra'ash*) - used to make lots of noise when Haman's name is mentioned during the Megillah reading.

Hamantaschen: the three-cornered cookie that symbolically is like Haman's hat. Traditionally, hamantaschen were filled with poppy seed, cherry, or prune filling (but now they are even filled with chocolate, and cinnamon and sugar). **Mishloach Manot** - this is the practice of exchanging gifts among friends and relatives. This helps to achieve one of the primary goals of Purim, which is to spread good cheer. The joyous celebration of Purim has become "an occasion for sending gifts to one another" (Esther 9:19). Among the gifts are hamantaschen and other ready-to-eat foods.

Seudah - festive meal that takes place on the day of Purim. The custom is for people to achieve a state of mind where they can not tell the difference between the names of Mordechai and Haman.

Matanot L'evyonim - the distribution of gifts to the poor. This practice is connected to the idea that those who are less fortunate should be able to enjoy the festival as well. It is customary to collect tzedakah in the synagogue just prior to the reading of the Megillah.

Shabbat Zachor - On the Sabbath preceding Purim, after the regular portion of the Torah is read, another section is read recalling the attack of the Amalek tribe upon the Israelites when they left Egypt. Meeting the Israelites just after their liberation, smiting the stragglers, and taking advantage of the Israelites weakness and weariness, Amalek symbolized the persecutor of the Jews throughout the ages. According to tradition, Haman was a descendent of Amalek.

Ta'anit Esther - It is customary to fast on the day preceding Purim to commemorate Esther's fast before she went to see the king with her special request.



Bake your own Hamantaschen

<u>Supplies:</u> large mixing bowl mixer or egg beater measuring spoons cookie sheets <u>Ingredients:</u> 2 eggs 1/2 cup oil

3/4 cup sugar 11/2 tsp baking powder 1/4 tsp salt 1 tsp vanilla 2 3/4 cups flour assorted fruit filling (jelly or jam, pie fillings or even chocolate chips or M&M's)

1. Beat eggs in a large mixing bowl. Beat in oil, sugar, baking powder, salt, and vanilla. Add flour gradually, blending well after each addition.

2. Turn out dough on a floured surface. Knead until smooth, adding more flour if necessary.

3. Divide dough into small balls. Roll or press dough into 3" circles. Place a teaspoon of prepared filling in the center of each circle. Pinch corners of dough to form triangle. Place on greased cookie sheets.

4. Bake in a preheated oven a 300 degrees for about 25 minutes or until nicely browned.

JOSEPH AND BELLE BRAUN ANSHE EMET RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Dear Friends.



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a connection between the teachings of MLK and core Jewish Values.

JK-2nd Grade explored the concept of *Tikkun Olam* (making the world a better place) and discussed how each of us can contribute to the betterment of the world. The 3rd and 4th graders took a

We returned to Religious School

approach to the learning on this special day. Our teachers, staff and

clergy developed three different

age appropriate program all with the

students; 2] to honor the legacy of Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr.; and 3) to draw

goals of 1) to provide a meaningful

age appropriate program for our

on January 14 just in time for us to remember and honor the late Martin Luther King Jr. We took an innovative

handson approach to service learning by assembling Lasagnas which were later delivered to the local Police and Fire stations to thank them for their service to our community. The 5th -8th grade to a comprehensive study of King's teaching and associated his words with words from Jewish text.



At every level, we read listened and discussed the impact that MLK made to our country and our world and explored the work that we still must do. It was a special day of learning, reflecting and acting.

I am as always impressed by our students and the insightful thoughts they put into this amazing day of learning and service.

The will be no slowing down in the coming month:

- January 28: 2nd Grade Family program
- February 4: J2M (Journey to Mitzvot) 6th Grade
- 8th grade collaborative visit with Temple Sholom 4th Grade parent Brunch and Learn JCFS Program "Teens, Drugs, and Parenting: What is it about teens"
- February 11: First Grade Family Program
- February 18: No religious school; Presidents Day
- February 25: Purim Celebration and Carnival
- B'shalom

Camp Scholarship Information

The Joseph and Ruth Tumpeer Scholarship Fund encourages Jewish summer experiences for youth by offsetting a portion of the cost of Jewish summer camp attendance. The scholarship is need-based.

Look for the application at https://www.ansheemet. org/ScholarshipApplication. Direct questions to Naomi Richman at 773-868-5122; nrichman@ansheemet.org. All submissions due by February 20, 2018.

RAYMOND ARBETMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION



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

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 Jewishrelated 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:

February 5: Cantor Liz Berke February 12: Rabbi David Russo February 19: No HaZaK/Presidents Day February 26: TBD



...and you shall be a blessing

Anshe Emet Community Retreat March 16-18

Together as one community we will celebrate the dream and the reality of Israel, the meaning and implications of 70 years of history...

Join the Anshe Emet Community Retreat at the beautiful Perlstein Resort in Wisconsin! Our entire community is invited -young adults, families with young kids through high schoolers, singles & older adults, and everyone in between.

We will celebrate Shabbat on the serene shores of Lake Delton. We will play and study with our Anshe Emet rabbis, engage in a discussion of the book, *The Undoing Project*, by Michael Lewis -- so read up -- and make a perfect s'more by roaring bonfire.

Come to deepen old bonds and craft new friendships. Hike the woods, play ga-ga and other sports, eat freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, and laugh -- a lot.

\$220/Adult | \$120/Child | \$250/Single Occupancy | Infants 1yr. & under are free. Register now! (Rates increase after 3/5/18)

Anshe Emet does not want financial matters to keep anyone from attending. Financial assistance is available. For more information, please contact Max Handelman at 773-868-5121 or mhandelman@ansheemet.org



FEBRUARY

ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS



MAXINE SEGAL 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

February's Anshe Emet Family First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Davening and Dinner is a PJ Library Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month bonanza! February 2 we gather at 5:45 p.m. with song and community! Hear a PJ Library story that highlights strong characters with disabilities at the young family service for families with kids K and under, led by Rabbi Donni Aaron and Max Handelman, and engage in a Torah discussion about inclusion at the spirited Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) service for older elementary school students (grades 1-7), led by Rabbi David Russo.

After Services, everyone comes together for a delicious community dinner. This month's dinner is make your own subs, and veggie and gluten free options to boot! New this month – our fabulous teen educators will be sharing PJ Library books with kids in small groups by age before dessert and play time in the gym.If this is your first time joining us, use the code 1stTimeFam when you register, and dinner is on us. We'll even



In January, we were able to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. with the help of several special speakers including Shari Runner, the CEO of the Chicago Urban League, who spoke at Saturday morning services, and a return visit from Reverend Robert Wright Lee, activist, author, and preacher. We also co-sponsored a volunteer opportunity for YAD members and highlighted the work of our community partners with our Na'aseh Week of Action. Finally, we participated in organizing trainings from ONE Northside entitled "Stories of Self" and "Values and Self-Interest."

As we look ahead to February, we ask: how can we take the lessons of MLK and take them forward into the rest of the year? How can we build bridges in our community to overcome prejudice? How can we work to ensure that the system works for all of us?

One important action you can take is to register to vote in anticipation of the Democratic and Republican gubernatorial primaries taking place on March 20. We also plan to have direct service opportunities available in February and March with other Anshe Emet members, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/naaseh.aes or email us at naaseh.ansheemet@gmail.com to stay informed! set you up with a buddy family to show you **IRR NI** the way. Please register your family for dinner at https://tinyurl.com/FirstFridayDinnerFeb2018 by Tuesday January 30 to avoid a late fee.

Please note – the First Friday Service and Dinner returns in May! The first Friday in March is right on the heels of Purim (when we have a dinner) and in April it's during Passover, so we are taking those months off. We are back May 4!

PURIM IS THE TIME TO BE AT ANSHE EMET WITH YOUR KIDS! Sunday, February 25 – Family Megillah reading, SHMUSY play and Anshe Emet Purim Carnival!

Wednesday, February 28 – Family dinner before Megillah reading, Adult Cocktail Party and Kids' Party after the Megillah readings

See page 6 for all time and sign up details

ANSHE EMET COMMUNITY RETREAT IS MARCH 16-18

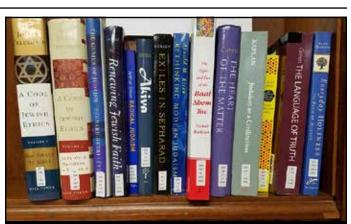
Don't miss your opportunity to share Shabbat with friends old and new in the beautiful setting of the Perlstein Resort as we explore the wonder of Israel turning 70. Learn with our rabbis, play ultimate Frisbee, sing to God under the trees, play ga-ga late into the night, dive into book club and make a perfect s'more (or two). Sign up at tinyurl. com/aescommunityretreat2018. Contact Max Handelman mhandelman@ansheemet.org with questions.

Questions? contact Maxine Handelman, mhandelman@ ansheemet.org; 773-868-5121.

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/!



Thanks to the generosity of the families of Harold Crandus, z'l, and Sydney and Binnie Choslovsky, z'l, , we have some new acquisitions in the Bennett Library. A number of books have also been donated to the Jews by Choice program to help those new to Judaism build their home libraries.

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FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday
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19 SHEVAT	20 SHEVAT	5	21 SHEVAT 6	22 SHEVAT 7
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan and World Wide Wrap 9:00 a.m. Judaism 101 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. Little Builders 9:15 a.m. J2M 10:00 a.m. Hartman	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.0 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.5 7:00 p.m. Heritage 7:00 p.m. Star and Crescent		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Connecting the Expecting 6:30 p.m. Men's Club: Brent Novoselsky Presentation 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
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3 ADAR 18	4 ADAR	19	5 ADAR 20	6 ADAR 21
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 10:00 a.m. Hartman 7:00 p.m. Jewish Disabilities Awareness & Inclusion ELI Talk & Discussion <i>No Religious School</i>	Presidents Day Synagogue Office Closed 8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood: Wine, Women, Walking with God	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
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8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. Judaism 101 10:00 a.m. Family Megillah Reading SHMUSY Play and Purim Carnival	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.0 , 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.5 7:00 p.m. Heritage 7:00 p.m. Cardinal Bernardin	Lecture	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood: Wine, Women, Walking with God	Erev Purim 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner 6:20 p.m. Ma'ariv 6:30 p.m. Megillah Reading (Sanctuary) 6:45 p.m. No Frills Ma'ariv/Megillah Reading (Malkov) 8:00 p.m. Cocktail Party/Silent Auction 8:00 p.m. Kid's Party

SHEVAT-ADAT 5778

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
16 SHEVAT	17 SHEVAT 2	18 SHEVAT	3
7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 4:15 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Writing 6:30 p.m. Haggadah University 6:45 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 7:00 p.m. Exploring Talmud 7:00 p.m. Shireinu 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi Siegel 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 5:45 p.m. First Friday, Family Services followed by Dinner 7:15 p.m. YAD Service, followed by Dinner	9:00 a.m. Chai Mitzvah 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning/ Rose Crown Combined Service in Sanctuary <i>Rafi Nagorsky becomes a Bar</i> <i>Mitzvah</i> Torah: Exodus 18:1 - 20:23 (Yitro) Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 9:6 10:00 a.m. Youth Choir practice	10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat 11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Cong. 11:00 a.m. Shachar 12:00 p.m. Kiddush 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha 1:30 p.m. Shabbat is Awesome 1:15 p.m. Jewish Philosophy 5:00 p.m. Mincha: <i>Riley Ablin</i> <i>becomes a Bat Mitzvah</i> 7:30 p.m. Something for Us Games Night
23 SHEVAT 8	24 SHEVAT 9	25 SHEVAT	10
7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 4:15 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Writing 6:30 p.m. Haggadah University 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Exploring Talmud 7:00 p.m. Shireinu 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi Siegel 6:00 p.m. Connecting the Expecting Shabbat Dinner - Offsite 6:30 p.m. Shabbat As You Are, followed by Potluck 6:30 p.m. Lakeview Minyan Service and Potluck 3:4:58 p.m.	Shabbat Shekalim 9:00 a.m. JBC 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with Jewish Disabilities Awareness & Inclusion speaker Drew Rosenberg becomes a Bar Mitzvah Torah: Exodus 21:1 - 24:18 (Mishpatim); Exodus 30:11-16 Haftarah: II Kings 12:1 - 12:17	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
30 SHEVAT 15	1 ADAR 16	2 ADAR	17
Rosh Chodesh Adar 6:50 a.m. Morning Minyan 4:15 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Willow House 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Writing 6:30 p.m. Haggadah University 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Exploring Talmud 7:00 p.m. Shireinu 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	Rosh Chodesh Adar 6:50 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi Siegel 5:30 p.m. Celebrating Seventy Dinner 5:30 p.m. JK&SK Service and Dinner 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Anshe Emet Live: Celebrating Seventy! ±± 5:07 p.m.	9:00 a.m. JBC 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Shala Schmookler becomes a Bat Mitzvah Torah: Exodus 25:1 - 27:19 (Terumah); Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan	10:00 a.m. Youth Choir practice 10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat 11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Cong. 11:00 a.m. Shachar 12:00 p.m. Kiddush 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha; JBC Naming
7 ADAR 22	8 ADAR 23	9 ADAR	24
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		Rabysitting for children	18 months and older is

Babysitting for children 18 months and older is available in room 104 every Shabbat morning from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. as a free service of Anshe Emet Synagogue.

ANSHE EMET SISTERHOOD Anshe Emet SISTERHOOD

Bridging Generations • Creating Community • Enriching Lives

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Mark your calendars for the Sisterhood Shabbat service and Sisterhood sponsored kiddush lunch on March 10, 2018. Under the guidance of the Anshe Emet clergy, women will lead all parts of the morning service in the main Sanctuary. If interested to participate, e-mail Larisa Kenenlarisak@gmail.com.

THE NEXT WOMEN, WINE AND WALKING WITH GOD, ON FEBRUARY 13, 20, AND 27

Passionate Yearnings: Love, Loss, and the Search for Completion in the lives of Rachel, Leah, and Jacob, with Rebecca Minkus-Lieberman. In this class, we will explore the complex web of relationships between Rachel, Leah, and Jacob. Through a close study of the Torah text and supplementary readings, we will delve into the ways in which Rachel and Leah struggle for love and personal fulfillment through their relationships to one another, as sisters, and to their shared husband, Jacob. Each comes face to face with loss and heartache and seeks a sense of wholeness in relationship. Through a study of these ancient lives, we will examine the essential search to live a full and realized life.

Rebecca Minkus-Lieberman is a communal Jewish educator in the Chicago area. and has taught in a variety of Jewish educational settings. Rebecca received a B.A. in Jewish Studies from Princeton University, a M.Ed. from DePaul University, and a M.A. from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago with a focus on Modern Jewish Thought. We are thrilled to have Rebecca for the next WWW series.

Cost for this series which includes wine and dessert is \$30 who have paid Sisterhood dues and \$36 for those who have not.

Paying Sisterhood Dues has an advantage! While open to all women in the community, many of our programs are free for those who have paid Sisterhood dues or greatly reduced!

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.

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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.

I am not a member of the Sisterhood and plan to
I participate in the three sessions. I have enclosed a check made
I payable to Anshe Emet Sisterhood for \$90.

Name ____ Address

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e-mail (please print clearly) _____

Phone (Home/cell)

Please bring this form and check made out to Anshe Emet Sisterhood to the first meeting, February 1, 2018.

BOOK CLUB

The 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, February 1: *Lincoln in the Bardo, George Saunders.* George Saunders delivers his most original, transcendent, and moving work yet. Unfolding in a graveyard over the course of a single night, narrated by a dazzling chorus of voices, *Lincoln in the Bardo* is a literary experience unlike any other–for no one but Saunders could conceive it.

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. 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

Thank you to all our generous donors and volunteers who made the holidays brighter for the clients of the Night Ministry. Happy New Year! 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.

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AWARD-WINNING MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

As usual, due to printing deadline constraints I am writing this article for our February newsletter in early January. I am quite confident, though, that our award-winning Anshe Emet Men's Club is off to a great start toward making 2018 another outstanding year of Men's Club events. I am sure that our program on January 16, a special presentation by fellow congregant and best-selling author, Jonathan Eig, was a huge success. How could it not be when Jonathan discusses his new book, *"Ali: A Life"-- the first complete, unauthorized biography of Muhammad Ali.* The book already has received much critical acclaim. I will have more to say about this evening in our March newsletter.

On February 4 at 8:00 a.m. Men's Club once again will host our annual World Wide Wrap: history and instruction about tefillin, followed by morning minyan and a light breakfast– complements of Men's Club. This also is a special opportunity to purchase tefillin at a substantially discounted price due to the partial subsidy provided by your Men's Club. Don't miss this opportunity because quantities are limited. World Wide Wrap also is a special opportunity because you will be engaging in this mitzvah with Men's Clubs all over the world on the same morning.

We will be hearing about another sports figure on **Tuesday evening, February 6**, as Men's Club will be hosting a presentation by **Brent Novoselsky**--a nice local Jewish guy who grew up in Skokie. Brent will talk about his 7-year career in the NFL. Proceeds from this event will be designated for the B'nai B'rith Sports Lodge High School Athletes Scholarship Fund. Your \$20 fee includes admission, kosher pizza, beer, and donation.

Our annual **Men's Club Passover Wine Tasting and wine**ordering evening at Binny's Lincoln Park will be held again in early March. This is your chance to learn about and take care of all of your Passover wine needs. Watch for registration details.

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Midwest Region will be holding its annual Man and Youth of the Year event at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook at 4:30 p.m. on March 11. I am very pleased to announce that I have been selected by our Men's Club Board as our Anshe Emet Men's Club Man of the Year. Michael Rubin, Regional President of Chicagoland USY, will be sharing in the honors as our Youth of the Year. The cost for the awards dinner is \$36 if registered by February 28 or \$45 if registered after February 28. You may register at: midwestregionfjmc.myshopify.com/products/ register-for-man-youth-of-the-year-event-chicago

Additional information may be obtained at: midwestregionfjmc. myshopify.com/pages/man-youth-of-the-year-info

The fun never ends as the **FJMC Midwest Region ventures to Starved Rock State Park for the regional retreat weekend on March 16 to 18.** Registration and event details will be available soon. This is a great opportunity to make and spend time with great Jewish comrades for an exciting weekend of Jewish programs.

You always may contact us at mensclub@ansheemet.org, check our Facebook page, Anshe Emet Men's Club, or talk to me in shul with any questions or concerns. We are incomplete without you.

Barry Balik, Men's Club President

KEHILLA KEDOSHA COMMITTEE

Last February, we alongside Griffen Saul participated in a Shabbat panel to honor Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month. Rabbi Michael Siegel declared the synagogue's commitment to creating a community that is welcoming and affirming to people with disabilities and their families. As the synagogue prepares to celebrate Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month again, it is instructive to reflect on how the Anshe Emet community has worked toward greater inclusion over the last year, what activities are planned for this year's celebration, and how we are planning for a more inclusive community in the future.

Kehilla Kedosha is a volunteer committee co-led by Elesheva Soloff and Rabbi Donni Aaron to understand how the Anshe Emet community can be more welcoming and inclusive for people with disabilities and their families. Over the last year, the committee has worked on planning and implementing many strategies in service to this goal. Highlights include: designing and launching a congregant needs assessment survey; developing and distributing a guide for ushers that outlines currently available access supports [e.g., large print siddurs; assistive hearing devices]; and designating Kim Carter as the point person for accommodation and access requests for Anshe Emet members and guests.

In February, *Kehilla Kedosha* has arranged for self-advocates from Milt's Extra Innings to speak to the Anshe Emet community about their experiences with disability as a Jewish person. Additionally, one of the display cases in the front hallway will highlight organizations for people with disabilities and their families here in the Chicagoland area, many of which work exclusively with the Jewish community. We hope you will join us in the sanctuary to hear these speakers and check out the resources in the display case some time during the month. Part of being a welcoming community to people with disabilities and their families is a general awareness of resources and familiarity with organizations working to enhance community participation.

As a committee, members of *Kehilla Kedosha* have discussed how lewish values guide our work to ensure accessible synagogue experiences and foster an inclusive Anshe Emet community - one that includes people with disabilities and their families. Our future work seeks to promote both programmatic and cultural change that will help increase the number of individuals and families with disabilities at Anshe Emet and facilitate their participation in social, lifecycle and ritual life in the synagogue. We hope to offer more ASL-interpreted programs and services, expand training opportunities for religious school educators on supporting students with disabilities, and ensure that various forms of access for people with disabilities and their families are considered in synagogue planning efforts. Broadly, we hope to find ways to encourage conversations by, with, and about people with disabilities and their families in the Anshe Emet community, not just in February but year-round.

Brian R. Grossman, PhD, ScM; BrianRGrossman@gmail.com

Has your address, phone number or e-mail changed?

Please let us know by calling the synagogue office at 773-868-5126. Thank you!

THE MITZVOT OF PURIM

A synagogue programmer's most important tool is the calendar and it seemed like yesterday we were celebrating Hanukkah with our massive Light and Latkes party and now we are planning for Purim!



At Anshe Emet, Purim is a beautiful sight with congregants of all ages, and from all age demographics of our shul. Families, young and old coming together to perform the mitzvot



of reading the Megillah. The synagogue helps to also fulfill the mitzvah of providing food through the Mishloach Manot bags given to our folks and the feast, our superb cocktail party and children's party. The last mitzvah is providing monetary gifts to the poor which we do through our funds collected in our Purim silent auction. The funds collected in part go to support not only our USY chapter, but a portion gets sent into the charity selected by the CHUSY region. Each year we request items for donation and this year, we are asking you to consider purchasing any of our "wish list" NEW items to be included in the auction. If you'd rather not purchase one of these items, please contact Mimi Weisberg or me to make a donation and we will purchase the items on your behalf. Please let me know what you would like to donate so that we don't have duplication.

Our wish list includes the following:

- Car Seat
- Stroller
- Kitchen equipment
- Theater Tickets
- Sports Memorabilia
- Vacation Rentals
- Airplane tickets
- Cedar Point Passes

We look forward to welcoming all of you to Anshe Emet when we fulfill these mitzvot, together.

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Misheberach list information

If you would like to have a name placed on the misheberach (prayer for healing) list, please contact Antoinette Nunez at 773-868-5120 or anunez@AnsheEmet.org. Names will be kept on the list for two weeks only, unless otherwise requested.

OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO ...

The family of Florence Mayefsky, fond sister of Mrs. Elise Ginsparg and Dr. Harvey Debofsky, devoted mother of Dr. Jay (Yudel) Mayefsky, Aliza Silverstein, and Marsha Lerer, and motherin-law of Rabbi Dr. Jerold Isenberg, on her recent passing.

The family of Edward Harold Schwartz, loving husband of Trudy G. Schwartz, devoted father of Jo Ann Schwartz Woodward [John] and Terry Schwartz, stepfather of Jonathan and David Glossberg, Julie Kaplan and Jamie Katseff, on his recent passing.

The family of Leah "Lonia" Mosak, loving mother of Doris (Ron) Lazarus and Esther Mosak; proud grandmother of Jennifer (Matthew) Seidner, Brad Lazarus, Ana Laila and Camillo Mosak; cherished great grandmother of Talia, Perla, Jonah and Elijah, on her recent passing.

The family of Norman M. Gold, beloved husband of Barbara; loving father of Judy Gold (Dan Kotcher) and Robert Gold (Teresa Basso Gold); proud grandfather of Lucy, Matthew, CeCe, and Michael; dear brother of Natalie Newman; dear brother in law of Roberta, on his recent passing.

The family of Leonard S. Powell, loving father of Andrea (Frederick) Stein and Ilyse (Richard) Levy; proud grandfather of Stacey Zolt (Bryan) Hara and Jordan (Diane) Stein; cherished great grandfather of Rose, Simon, and Arlo, on his recent passing.

The family of Professor Joseph Aschheim, beloved husband of Rochelle; loving father of Victoria, devoted brother in law of Merle Dubnow, on his recent passing.

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Camp Firefly offers one week sessions for kids 9-14, a two week session for teens 14-16 and Firefly Next Step, a three week session

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