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MOVING FROM RESOLUTIONS TO MEANINGFUL ACTIONS AT ANSHE EMET: LEARNING THE LESSONS OF HELEN KELLER AND RABBI TARFON ON THE SECULAR NEW YEAR

As I write these words, the world is preparing for the secular New Year. For weeks now, we have been treated to a series of year-end lists: "best movies", "best television shows", "best books", "best short stories", and on it goes. There is also the ritual of offering resolutions as we move from one year to the next. For me, resolutions are a yearly reminder of how different Jewish tradition is when it comes to the New Year.

On Rosh Hashanah, we are taught that in order to look forward, we must begin by looking backward. We begin with Teshuvah and approach those around us and earnestly acknowledge the wrongs that we have committed. We look inward to engage with the Almighty to examine the path that we are on and how to change our direction. On the secular New Year, we are encouraged to look forward and make resolutions. Some of us resolve to lose weight, get in shape, and engage in our relationships differently, just to name a few. Because our resolutions are more like a wish list than a serious plan for change, many of us find ourselves making the same resolutions the following year! As Mark Twain put it: Yesterday, everybody smoked his last cigar, took his last drink and swore his last oath. Today we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our ancient shortcomings considerably shorter than ever.

While we may joke about the short-lived nature of our resolutions, the fact is that our society is in need of real change. The scourge of gun violence continues; financial disparity continues; and the tension between Americans only seems to grow. As we look to a New Year, rather than a concrete plan for real, sustainable change, what we have is little more than a wish list. When our wishes do not magically come true, like children we become frustrated, disappointed and cynical. Rather than fall into that trap in the coming year, might I suggest that we learn from the wisdom of Helen Keller: I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

Here at Anshe Emet, we employ our own version Helen Keller's teaching. As an urban congregation, we take our responsibilities

to the larger community seriously, knowing fully well that we will not solve the larger problem. We engage our community in

opportunities to feed the hungry; working at local food pantries, the Night Ministry, and the Ark, and supporting Mazon.

I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

When it comes to racial injustice, the challenges feel equally overwhelming. Here again, we know that we will not be able to change the larger issues, but we can take steps to bridge the distance between Blacks and Jews. Here are two examples of programs that you should know about:

"Let's Get Together!" An Interfaith Journey Toward Justice

Under the able leadership of Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould, Anshe Emet Synagogue, Bright Star Church, The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), Chicago Urban League (CUL), and The Jewish United Fund (JUF) have created a Black and Jewish teen leadership and educational trip entitled "Let's Get Together!" The mission of our project is to bring together a group of 40 teenagers (9th-11th graders) affiliated with Chicago Jewish and African American communities for an immersive experience of learning, healing, relationshipbuilding, and social justice. During the spring break, they will come together for a trip to Memphis, TN, Little Rock, AR and Springfield, IL focused on creating relationships, learning about shared histories, and leadership training. We are aiming to create a group of young people armed with strong bonds of friendship, a deep sense of shared purpose, and the leadership skills that will

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CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS

J2M

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J2M — or Journey to Mitzvot — is a program that prepares our sixth graders and their parents for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration in the following year. Here are photos from the J2M program on December 3. (Thanks to Ralph Schatz for the photography)















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MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH



Gabriel Silk January 6, 2018 Son of Linda Weil and Steve Silk



Eli Goodman January 13, 2018 Son of Laurie and Gabe Goodman



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MASTERS OF IMPERFECTION

Throughout the Torah, we are shown again and again how our superheroes were hardly perfect. Hardly. Adam eats the apple. Abraham argues with God over the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah but blindly follows the direction to slay his son.

He lies that Sarah is his sister to save his life with little concern about what will happen to her. Sarah laughs at God's promise to bring her a child. Then, she sends Hagar and Ishmael out into the desert with little concern for their safety. Jacob steals the birthright. And of course, Moses strikes the rock.

The teaching? People may have been made in the image of God but they weren't meant to be perfect. Even those that we hold up as our role models were not perfect. They have free will. They make mistakes.

The learning? There are implications for our actions. Adam and Eve leave the Garden. After the *Akedah* (binding of Isaac), it can be interpreted that Isaac never spoke to his father again. Sarah died in the next chapter perhaps after learning about her husband's intent to kill her only child. Moses never entered the Promised Land. We make choices. There are implications both good and bad.

Lately, I am more keenly aware of the imperfect world in which we live. Every day, it seems, I read about another man who has used his power to harass or abuse women. As a man, I cringe each and every time. As a Jew, I cringe doubly when the last name is Weinstein or the like. I cringe when I learn that another national monument or park may be used for development. I cannot fully communicate how I have treasured my time in these awe-inspiring places. I cringe when another child of a Southside family has been murdered in a drive by shooting. It's the real world and there are real world implications. But the Torah tells us that there is redemption. Abraham sees the ram in the thicket and monotheism is born. Sarah partners with God and Isaac

is born. Ishmael forms a nation. Joshua leads the Jews into Israel. In all cases, a forgiving God is our partner, the partner of imperfect people, redeeming imperfect people, making choices.

Which brings me back to the communion of souls of imperfect people in our community at Anshe Emet. We pray, we sing, we dance, we learn, we support others in need, we celebrate life cycle events, we bring people together to do good. We make imperfect choices at times, but we are souls trying to partner with God to do tikun olam.

Join us on Shabbat to see a 13year old teach Torah. Join us for Anshe Emet Live this month and dance in the aisles. Join us at dinner for young families on the first Friday. Join us and sing along at Shabbat As You Are on the second Friday. Attend minyan when a friend is sitting shiva for a parent. Participate at Men's Club Talent Night in March. Let's build a more perfect community. Let's build something special together and share it with that imperfect world out there.

Menschen of Month

Felix Tollinche, Brian Kurtz and Anita Denes-Meador

Felix, Brian and Anita have joined the core team of CHldush, a 2 year grant exploring Jewish education, and the laboratory where we are experimenting with Little Builders, a class for families with 2-3 year olds, (see Rabbi Chankin-Gould's article in the December AES bulletin). As we continue our journey exploring "How might we create pathways to Jewish life and community for families with young children?" Felix, Brian and Anita support the learning by attending workshops and meetings, bringing their families to our Little Builders class, and collecting feedback through surveys and interviews. Their dedication to CHIdush and Anshe Emet will lead to a community where participants of Little Builders classes will someday gather in each other's homes to celebrate holidays, enroll their children together in AES religious school JK class, and attend each other b'nai mitzvah. With the help of Felix, Brian and Anita, our question has become "How might we create pathways to Jewish life and community that families with young children can travel and grow together for years?"

Thank you very much for your service Felix, Brian and Anita; we are grateful for your outstanding contributions to the community!

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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THE LEGACY OF DR. KING



On January 14, 1963, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was invited here to Chicago to deliver a speech at a conference on Religion and Race sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He opened his speech by offering a masterful retelling of this season's series of Torah portions, injecting a powerful comparison to the struggles with racism from his day:

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"At the first conference on religion and race, the main participants were Pharaoh and Moses. Moses' words were: 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, let My people go, that they may celebrate a feast to me.' While Pharaoh retorted: 'Who is the Lord that I should heed this voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover I will not let Israel go.'

"The outcome of that summit meeting has not come to an end. Pharaoh is not ready to capitulate. The exodus began, but is far from having been completed. In fact, it was easier for the children of Israel to cross the Red Sea than for [an African-American man] to cross certain university campuses. Let us dodge no issues. Let us yield no inch to bigotry, let us make no compromise with callousness..." (*The Insecurity of Freedom, pg. 85*)

Fifty-one years ago, Rabbi Heschel acknowledged with striking language that, in his time, there was a battle akin to that of the Exodus story, a struggle for freedom from oppression. One perhaps even more challenging than the crossing of the Red Sea!

This month, Anshe Emet will commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. We ask that you join us in one of the ways below as we dedicate ourselves to making our world a more just place.

Refugee Resettlement: Support refugees by tutoring and mentoring families who recently resettled in Chicago.

Young Adults and Avodah: On Friday night, January 5, representatives from Avodah, a social justice leadership organization for young adults, will join our YAD (Young Adult Division) service and dinner. We are so honored to have Avodah's Corps Members teach us Torah that night. That evening we will also have a food drive, and present future volunteer opportunities with YAD.

ONE Northside Organizing Training: Towards the end of January, ONE Northside will offer organizing trainings for all those who are interested.

Reverend Robert Lee: Reverend Lee, a descendant of Robert E. Lee, is a pastor in Charlottesville. An outspoken advocate for equality, he will speak on Shabbat morning, January 20, 2018, at the conclusion of services [approximately 11:30 a.m.].

JUF Tov's Mitzvah Mania: Mitzvah Manias offers volunteer opportunities throughout the city and suburbs for volunteers of all ages. These volunteer opportunities are appropriate for people of all ages, for individuals, families, and groups to perform the mitzvah of tikkun olam in the greater Chicagoland area. Check out http://www.juf.org/tov/mm_vol_frm.aspx?sou rce=MitzvahManiaEmail20171206 for more details.

For more information on any of these opportunities, contact naaseh.ansheemet@gmail.com. This month, help us commemorate the legacy of Dr. King by studying his works, talking about justice, and joining us as we strive to make our world a better place.

Davil Russ

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

Sanctuary and Minyan: Dan Karp, Joey Shapiro, Ethan Solomon, Josh Altman, Ellie Agulnek, Martin Agulnek, Jeremy Agulnek, Charles Gruenspan, Leila Golding, Katy Katz, Jeanette Zemsky, Samantha DeKoven, Sophie DeKoven, Gary Porton.

Rose Crown Minyan: Yedida Soloff, Ami Nelson, Noa Nelson, Rabbi Abby Soslan, Annie Dreazen, Reva Nelson, Daniel Vaisrub, Yanira Kaplan, Lynne Schatz, Liz Lippow, Jacob Cytryn, Aviva Tilles, Ben Fleischer, Norton.

Youth Readers: Nava Fleischer, Phoebe Kleinman, Maya Lessem-Elnecave, Ethan Leder, Benjamin Matsa, Maya Matsa, Laila Norton, Perla Seidner, Talia Seidner, Eve Frajman, Asher Berman, Nissa Berman, Shayna Rosenstein, Zach Pogrund-Chopin, Lev Pogrund-Chopin, Vera Cirillo, Jonah McClure.

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 November.

Ben Abrams; Jackie Abrams; Fran Abramson; Jeremy & Abby Agulnek; Brooke & Ellie Agulnek; Bruce Arenson; Tiffany Arenson; Chuck & Sara Aron; Elizabeth Atwater; Barry Balik; Terri Behrman; Michael Bellows; Yoel Benarosh; Barbara Binik; Deborah Brown; Matthew Brown; Julie and Jim Coffman; Jenna Coffman; David Cohen; Adam Cooper; Steve Durchslag; Rhoda Feldman; Eric Flagel; Adam Flagel; Paulette Freed; Dennis Galinsky; Gail and Dan Golden; Gregg Graines; Rebecca Graines; Samantha Graines; Benjamin Graines; Maxine Handelman; Debby Hecht; Daniel Hernandez; Sarah Hirsen; Dalia Hoffman; Joy Horwich; Arnie Horwich; Bruce Kaminsky; Levi Kaplan; Jeff, Katy, Oliver Katz; Judy Katz; Penny Keeshin; Zachary Keeshin; Philippe Lavie; Benjamin & Margot Lavie; Mili Leitner; Debby Lewis; Jay Lewkowitz; Allie Lichterman; Jane Lippow; Ann Luban; Alan Mintz; Brian Nagorsky; Laura Neiman-Rifkin; Reva Nelson; Francisco Ortiz-Perez; Shelly Parker; Gary & Fraeda Porton; Dan Pulik; John Ragir; Esther Rosenbloom; Susan Rosenstein; Anna Rubin; Ed Salomon; Jerry Salzman; Neil Schwartz; Barry Seeskin; Don Shapiro; Howard Shuman; Rhonda Singer; Carol Skilken; Elias Solano; Dean Solomon; Gretchen Solomon; Jason Star; Abe Steinberg; Rob Stepen; Phil Stern; Jon & Leslie Strauss; Dena Sweitzer; Kate Sweitzer; Maya Tkachuk; Abe Trieger; Helen Ullman; Richard Wilgoren; Gale Wilgoren; Jacob Wilkenfeld; Stew Witkov; Jeanette Zemsky.

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CELEBRATE TU B'SHEVAT



Tu B'Shevat (the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month Shevat) originated as the new year for the trees and dates back to Talmudic times. It is one of the four "new years" of the Jewish calendar--Rosh Hashanah being the most prominent. **This year Tu B'Shevat is celebrated on Wednesday, January 31.**

Why do we need a new year for the trees? Certain mitzvot in the Torah necessitated knowing the age of a tree. Tu B'Shevat was the date established to compute this age. On each Tu B'Shevat the trees gain a year in age.

What exactly happens on this date to make it a "new year"? The rabbis' most common explanation is that it is around this time the fruit of the trees begins to form, the majority of the winter rain has fallen, and the sap in the trees has risen.

Trees played an important role in the life of our ancestors because of the desert climate in which they lived. People living in fertile climates were more likely to take for granted the many gifts which trees bestow - food, shade, housing, water and beauty.

Tu B'Shevat also became a day on which to commemorate our connection to Israel. Even though it is winter here in the United States, Tu B'Shevat falls at an appropriate time as far as Israel's seasons are concerned. Tu B'Shevat is celebrated by eating the fruits that were typical of those growing in Israel. A tradition based on Deuteronomy 8:9 holds that there are five fruits and two grains associated with Israel as "a land of wheat and barley, of vines, figs, and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey." It is also customary to eat a new fruit on which the blessing, *shehechiyanu*, can be said.

Many people have adopted the idea of a Tu B'Shevat seder. In recent years, Tu B'Shevat has also served as a springboard for discussion on ecological and environmental issues and for investigating traditional Jewish views on our relationship to the natural world.

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allow them to be change-agents in their communities.

"You Tutoring!" A High-Tech Tutoring Experience

Led by Anshe Emet member Ruth Rau, "You Tutoring" is a joint venture between our congregation and Bright Star Church. The idea is for our children to provide after-school tutoring opportunities to students in the Bronzeville community. Because the logistics of face-to-face tutoring are so challenging, we have created a technological alternative. Once or twice a week, some of our Junior High and High School students use their smartphones to connect with younger children and tutor via Google Hangout. Not only is the "You Tutoring" program designed to address schoolwork issues, it is also an opportunity to create meaningful relationships between the young people at Anshe Emet and Bright Star. Recently, Levi Kaplan spoke at his Bar Mitzvah about working as one of the tutors in the "You Tutoring" program as his Mitzvah Project. Listening to his moving words, it was clear that Levi had gotten as much out the program as those he was tutoring. It was especially inspiring to hear how enthusiastic he was to continue his involvement.

I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

As we begin the secular New Year, I hope that each of us will take the small incremental steps that are necessary to create the kind of change that is so needed in our world today. I also hope that you will celebrate the manner in which our congregation is responding to the needs that are so evident around us. Rather than resolutions, let us all do what we can to make this world a bit better during the course of the New Year. Long before Helen Keller spoke her inspiring words, Rabbi Tarfon put it this way: You are not required to finish the work neither are you

free to desist from it. (Pirke Avot 2:15)

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

First Friday Shabbat Dinner and Services, Friday January 5, 7:15 p.m. for Services!

Torah on Tap Thursday, January 11 with Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould. 7:00 p.m. Wilde 3130 N. Broadway.

Questions about YAD events? Contact Sam Isenstein at sisenstein@ ansheemet.org

Interested in joining YAD? Contact Amy Karp at akarp@ansheemet.org.





Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi who along with the State of Israel is:

Celebrating Seventy!



February 16, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Anshe Emet Synagogue

Join us for a delicious Greek inspired Shabbat dinner and birthday celebration for Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi, followed by a special Anshe Emet Live experience!

Anshe Emet requests any gifts made in honor of Hazzan Mizrahi's birthday be directed to the Shifra and Zev Karkomi Music Fund.

To register and donate, visit: https://tinyurl.com/celebratingseventy

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Dear Friends.

As we reach the midpoint of the school year I am thrilled to report that the Joseph and Belle Braun Religious School is hoping!

Each week I am amazed at the brilliance and enthusiasm of the community as a whole and the excitement of the children who are here each week with smiles on their faces as they learn content and build community one session at a time!

Our schedule picks up after

our extended Winter Break. We look forward to continuing the momentum as we approach the second half the school year.

• December 24, 28 & 31; January 7: No School Winter Break

- January 11: School resumes
- January 14: Martin Luther King Service program
- January 21: 6th Grade Journey to Mitzvah (J2M)
- January 28: 2nd Grade Family Tu B'Shevat Program 6th Grade Journey to Mitzvah (J2M)

B'shalom

RAYMOND ARBETMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION



For details and registration information see the insert in this month's newletter, orvisit 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, Rabbi Russo, Rabbi Chankin-Gould, Elie Berkman, and others.

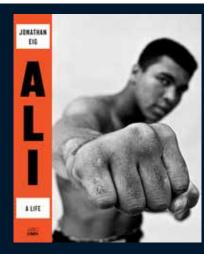
HaZaK meets at Anshe Emet Synagogue every Monday, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Here's a look at the upcoming schedule:

January 1: No HaZaK January 8: Cantor Liz Berke January 15: No HaZaK January 22: Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould January 29: TBD

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.



ANSHE EMET MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

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A DISCUSSION WITH AMERICAN JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR



MUHAMMAD ALI WAS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS AND FASCINATING MEN OF THE 20TH CENTURY. BEST-SELLING AUTHOR AND ANSHE EMET CONGREGANT JONATHAN EIG SPENT MORE THAN FOUR YEARS, CONDUCTED MORE THAN 500 INTERVIEWS WRITING ALI: A LIFE.



JONATHAN WILL SHARE BEHIND-THE-SCENES STORIES ABOUT MEETING ALI, LOUIS Farrakhan, don king, george foreman, and many others. Books will be Available for purchase, and Jonathan will be happy to sign them.

COST IS \$10/MENS CLUB MEMBERS OR \$12/NON-MEMBERS, INCLUDES ADMISSION, PIZZA AND BEER. REGISTER AT: TINYURL.COM/ALIALIFEJAN2018

ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES JANUARY 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

The next Anshe Emet Family First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Davening and Dinner is January 5! Welcome in Shabbat every month with song and community! Choose from two services: the young family service for families with kids K and under, led by Rabbi Donni Aaron and Max Handelman in the Blum Community Hall, and the spirited Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) service for older elementary school students (grades 1-7), led by Rabbi David Russo in the Reich Room.

After Services, everyone comes together for a delicious community dinner. After Services, everyone comes together for a delicious community dinner. This month's dinner will be a grilled chicken or grilled veggies and polenta, sweet potato fries, and veggie and gluten free options to boot! If this is your first time joining us, use the code 1stTimeFam when you register, and dinner is on us. We'll even set you up with a buddy family to show you

even set you up with a buddy family to show you the way. Please register your family for dinner at https://tinyurl.com/ FirstFridayDinnerJan2018 by Tuesday December 26 to avoid a late fee.

BABIES AND BAGELS

Sunday, January 21, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Families with children 2 years old and under and invited to join Max Handelman and Ben Tatar for songs, story and schmoozing. A great way to connect with other families with kids the same age as yours! The program is free, but registration is requested at https://tinyurl.com/BabiesandBagelsJan2018.

YOUNG FAMILIES/SHACHAR TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

The Joint Young Families/Shachar Tu B'Shevat Seder is Sunday, January 28, 12:15-2:00 p.m.! Families with children 4 years to 1st grade are invited to join us for pizza, singing, planting and otherwise celebrating trees and our connection to Israel. Register your family at https://tinyurl.com/ YoungFamilyShacharSederJan2018.

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/!





"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," wrote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail". On January 15, we remember the important work of Dr. King and take the opportunity to focus on the issues of poverty and racism against which he fought. January is one of the most important months on the Na'aseh calendar. Dr. King provides a role model for how we can create change through nonviolence. In the "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," he called on religious communities to be allies in acting for change now, not waiting for the most "opportune" moment. Let us heed his call.

In the lead-up to MLK day we will have our Week of Action, where we will highlight relevant causes and activities that we think are great avenues for pursuing social action. During the Shabbat of and following MLK weekend, Anshe Emet will hear about the important themes of the holiday from special speakers, including Reverend Robert Wright Lee, a pastor in Charlottesville.

In January, we will also partner with YAD to hold a learning opportunity during their January 5th shabbat dinner with AVODAH, the Jewish Service Corps. Dinner attendees should bring a canned good to donate. In addition, we are working with YAD to create volunteer project on another date in January.

Meanwhile, we continue to support the needs of refugee families in Chicago, including a wartime ally from Afghanistan, his wife, and 18-month old. We need volunteers for several projects such as tutoring, job coaching, and practicing English. Please contact us to learn more!

You can learn more about these programs by following us on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/naaseh.aes or by emailing us at naaseh. ansheemet@gmail.com to receive our newsletter.

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New THIS semester

Hartman: Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings: Legacy of the Past and Challenge of the Future Instructor: Various Lecturers Sundays, January 21 - March 18 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm Fee: Free for Anshe Emet Members/\$50 General Public

Through the consideration of major historic moments, this iEngage series grapples with the different ideas and values that shape the meaning of modern Israel, Zionism, and Jewish identity today.

This innovative course explores the pivotal events of 1947 and 1967--following the 1917 Balfour Declaration--as key moments when Zionism unleashed new thinking about the meaning of Jewishness for generations to come.

The course engages participants in an open and pluaralistic discussion about issues of Jewish identity, peoplehood, ethics and theology. as they relate to nationhood, land, sovereignty, Jerusalem, occupation, and moral red lines.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Spring 2018 registration is available at: https://tinyurl.com/AdultEdSpring2018

Questions? Please contact Cantor Elizabeth (Liz) Berke Director of Continuing Education at:

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Writing Your Truth: How to Document Defining Moments & Personal Stories Instructor: Candace Mittel Thursdays, beginning January 18 for six sessions Time: 6:30-8:00 pm Fee: \$75 members/\$85 General Public

In this 6 part series, you will write the stories you've always wanted to set on paper but never did, for whatever reason. Perhaps it is a story from a grandparent, from a family holiday celebration, or anything else. Maybe you didn't know where to start, haven't had the time, or have just been putting it off -until now!

Through this small group workshop, honest feedback from peers, and out-of-the-box, experimental prompts, you will learn how to write your truth and come to understand the breadth of possibilities for using language, style, and structure in personal writing. Your facilitator, Candace Mittel Kahn, will guide you through the stickiest moments in any writer's journey, including: pushing through writer's block; learning how to show and not tell; capturing ineffable moments; and putting your most vulnerable self on the page. Sponsored by Sisterhood and open to all.

On-line Learning with ZOOM

Look in Shabbat Today for opportunities to learn with our rabbis and educators via Zoom throughout the coming months.



BIBLE & COMMUNITY LEARNING

Hazak

Instructor: Rotating rabbis and community members Mondays, Ongoing; 1:00-2:00pm Fee: No Cost

Hazak is a daytime program for mature adults with active minds. Clergy and a rotating staff offer discussions on a variety of Jewish-related topics and weekly Torah readings.

Lerner's of Torah: Friday Parsha Study Instructor: Rabbi Michael S. Siegel Fridays, Ongoing; 8:45-9:45am Fee: No Cost

Named in memory of Shelby Lerner, z"I, this rollicking, relevant approach to the weekly Torah portion draws from traditional and modern sources in pursuit of the meaning of the text for our time.

Unable to make it to AES to study? Stuck in the house because of the weather? Don't let that stop your learning! Take advantage of our conference call-in feature for Lerner's of Torah. Contact Antoinette Nunez at

anunez@ansheemet.org to register for this class and receive the call-in number.

Parshat HaShavuah Instructor: Rabbis D'ror Chankin-Gould and David Russo Saturdays, Ongoing; 9:00-9:45am Fee: No Cost

Start your Shabbat off right — with an exciting, in-depth look at the week's Torah portion! You can come every week or drop in once in a while — either way, your voice will add to the conversation.

Text on Tuesday Instructor: Dr. Gary Porton Tuesdays, Ongoing; 7:45-8:30am Fee: No Cost

Text on Tuesday is a discussion group centered on a common text. Sources range from Pirkei Avot to Midrash and beyond, leading to lively discussion and greater understanding of our texts and traditions.

CONVERSION PROGRAM

Jews by Choice Instructor: Cantor Liz Berke, our rabbis, and community members Saturdays, Ongoing; 9:00-10:30 a.m. Hebrew 1.0: Mondays, Ongoing; 6:00-6:45pm Miller Jewish Heritage: Mondays, Ongoing; 7:00-8:30pm Fee: For More Information Email Cantor Liz at eberke@ansheemet.org

EXPERIENCES & SKILLS

Hebrew 1.0 Instructor: Cantor Liz Berke Begins Mondays January 8th for Ten Sessions Fee: \$75/Member | \$85/General Public

Learn the alphabet and vowels to start on the road to reading Hebrew, all in a fun light-hearted atmosphere.

Hebrew 1.5 Instructor: Miron Hirsch Mondays for ten sessions, beginning January 22nd Time: 6:00-6:45 p.m. Fee: \$75/Member | \$85/General Public

We'll start right where Hebrew 1.5 left off. We will meet the prefixes, suffixes, and other bits of grammar that help Hebrew readers figure out subject, tense, and number. We will add to that some daily greetings both modern and ancient. Then we will mix in the basics of Hebrew roots and make time for more practice reading. Stir that all together, and you have the class that will add to your comfort in reading, hearing, and even speaking Hebrew.

Interested in learning to chant Haftarah, Eicha, Esther or other trope systems? Contact Naomi Weiss-Weil at **nweiss@ansheemet.org**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Judaism 101 Hartman	Hazak Hebrew 1.0 Hebrew 1.5	Text on Tuesday	Writing Your Truth	Lerner's of Torah: Friday Parsha Study	Parshat HaShavuah JBC: Hands on Judaism Chai Mitzvah Intro to Jewish Philosophy

THE FLORENCE MELTON SCHOOL OF ADULT JEARNING

Melton: We Are What We Remember

A 4-part series taught by Anshe Emet clergy & staff Check Shabbt Today & the Anshe Emet website for sign-up information coming soon!

The main objective of this course is to offer learners opportunities to explore the significant impact of Jewish collective memory on the current and future status of worldwide Jewry: by asking:

* What do we remember and why?

* How are national memories formed and preserved?

The course opens with the Torah's directive to remember the attempted Jewish national genocide perpetrated by Israel's arch-enemy, Amalek. The next three lessons each explore significant historical periods and the memories formed around them:

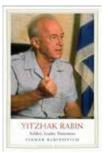
- * reflections on the Spanish expulsion
- * recollections of Poland just before and following the Shoah

* the State of Israel as envisioned by its founders and as experienced by its citizens today.

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Concluding our year-long exploration of Jewish Lives...

Coming Soon Yitzhak Rabin: Soldier, Leader, Statesman by Itamar Rabinovich



An insider's perspective on the life and influence of Israel's first native-born prime minister, his bold peace initiatives and his tragic assassination. Elliott Abrams of the Wall Street Journal wrote:

" Mr. Rabinovich, the distinguished Israeli scholar and diplomat . . . easily establishes that the prime minister was a man of great complexity. . . . Even the warm esteem in which he holds Rabin does not prevent Mr. Rabinovich--a scholar with an abiding commitment to historical accuracy--from presenting a portrait of his friend in full"

Join a book group to discuss this multifaceted figure of Israel's history. Books will be available for purchase through the synagogue. Look for more information in Shabbat Today and synagogue announcements.

Plus, join a Livestream Author Event on Thursday, March 15th at 6:00 pm -- Registration coming soon

ABOUT THE RAYMOND Arbetman center For JEWISH EDUCATION

On Shavuot 5760, Anshe Emet Synagogue established the Raymond Arbetman Center for Adult Jewish Education. Having found a warm and inspiring spiritual home at Anshe Emet, Sylvia Arbetman determined that an



endowment of adult Jewish learning was the most appropriate way to honor and perpetuate her husband's name.

The Raymond Arbetman Center for Jewish Education supports Anshe Emet's vision as a House of Worship, a House of Gathering, and a House of Learning, where Torah and all dimensions of Jewish life may be explored. We are pleased to honor the memory of Raymond Arbetman through the study and celebration of Jewish life.

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Bring Israel closer to you – listen to these podcasts:

Israel Story:

Off beat stories of Israelis from different backgrounds. Available both in Hebrew and English, based on NPR's "This American Life". http://israelstory.org/en/ episodes/

The Promised Podcast:

https://tlv1.fm/podcasts/the-promised-podcast-show/

Streetwise Hebrew: This guy (pun intended – Guy Sharrett) offers English and Hebrew speaking tours in Tel Aviv, walking through the city's graffiti. His short podcast provides a mini Hebrew lesson on some aspect of Hebrew through slang.

http://www.streetwisehebrew.com/

Let me know some of your favorite online Jewish learning sources: eberke@ansheemet.org

Meet our instructors



RABBI MICHAEL SIEGEL

Our Senior Rabbi at Anshe Emet, Rabbi Siegel was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he received his Masters Degree in Hebrew Letters. Rabbi Siegel came to Anshe Emet in 1982 as Assistant Rabbi and was named Senior Rabbi in 1990. Rabbi Siegel has acquired a large following of devoted students in his 30+ years at Anshe Emet. In 2009, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Jewish Theological Seminary, recognizing twenty-five years of service to the Jewish Community.

cantor elizabeth berke



Cantor Liz is Anshe Emet's Director of Continuing Educations. She is originally from Rochester, NY, and graduated from Cornell University with Distinction in All Subjects, majoring in History. She attended the JTS, where she was invested as a Hazzan and also completed a Masters in Jewish Education. Liz's thesis was an examination of curricula for conversion programs, For approximately 20 years Liz has been involved in Jewish education both administratively and in the classroom, with pre-schoolers through senior adults.

RABBI D'TOT CHANKIN-GOULD



Rabbi Chankin-Gould received his BA in Sociology from Pitzer College in Claremont, California. During his tenure at Ziegler, he was selected as a Wexner Graduate Fellowship. While at Ziegler, Rabbi Chankin-Gould served as a classroom teacher, retreat director, and curriculum author for Los Angeles Hebrew High. He also served as an education fellow at the Brandeis Collegiate Institute and as the Student Rabbi at Temple Beth Am. Rabbi Chankin-Gould was ordained by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in 2013.

candace MITTEL



Candace Mittel Kahn is a podcast producer at WBEZ-Chicago, she has written for a satirical women's magazine, created a five-women sketch show at Second City, and taught at Rochelle Zell Jewish High School. Her degrees are in Mathematics and Creative Writing Nonfiction, and she is almost finished with her Masters in Jewish Education. Her writing hero is Joan Didion and her life hero is Amy Poehler.

Naomi weiss-weil



Naomi Weiss-Weil is a student in the Cantors Assembly CICA program, working towards investment as a Cantor. She has worked for 13 years as a freelance song leader and cantorial soloist and tutored hundreds of b'nai mitzvah students. From 2012 – 2016 she was the Ritual Director at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, IL. Prior to her life in the world of Jewish music Naomi was the lead singer in a band and worked as the Slide Librarian at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Gary Porton



Gary Porton was director of the Program for the Study of Religion and Professor of Religious Studies, History, and Comparative Literature at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Since moving to Chicago with his wife Fraeda they have become an integral part of the Anshe Emet community and enjoy the company of their children and grandchildren, both local and in the rest of the country.

RABBI DAVID RUSSO



Rabbi Russo was born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario. He graduated from Toronto's York University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. In 2013, David completed his rabbinical studies and a Master's degree in Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. David spent a year in Israel on the Nativ program, and again as a rabbinical student through JTS.

MITON HITSCH



Born and raised in Chicago, Miron may just be as funny in the classroom as you have heard. Miron has a BA in Religious Studies from the University of Illinois, as well as a Masters in Jewish Education from Spertus College. Miron's connections with Conservative Judaism include nearly 20 years on staff with Camp Ramah and two years of study at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Miron has worked for the Community Foundation for Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago, taught for Melton and Hartman programs, and occasionally is a guest teacher at Loyola University.



TEVET-SHEVAT 5778

Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
17 TEVET 4	18 TEVET 5	19 TEVET	6	
7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Shireinu 7:30 p.m. Al Anon No Religious School	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi Siegel 5:45 p.m. First Friday, Family Services followed by Dinner 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 7:15 p.m. YAD Service, followed by Dinner	9:00 a.m. JBC 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Gabriel Silk becomes a Bar Mitzvah Epstein/Prell Auf Ruf Torah: Exodus 1:1 - 6:1 [Shemot] Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22 - 29:23	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	
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	±± 4:40 p.m.			
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.	We are alv	ways adding new events. For the	days of your life e most recent calendar	
listings, please visit www.ansheemet.org/calendar				

AWARD-WINNING MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

I hope everyone had a good time with your Men's Club friends at the Chicago Bulls game on Monday, December 11 as they played the Boston Celtics. I would like to congratulate the Bulls on their dominating victory! Permit me to take this opportunity on behalf of our Men's Club Board to express our wishes that you and your family had great and festive Hanukkah and secular New Year holidays. Our award-winning Anshe Emet Men's Club expects 2018 to be another outstanding year of Men's Club events.

We begin 2018 with a special presentation by fellow Anshe Emet congregant and best-selling author, Jonathan Eig. Jonathan will discuss his new book, *Ali: A Life--* the first complete, unauthorized biography of Muhammad Ali. The book represents more than four years of research and over 500 interviews, including Ali's family, FBI tapes, and meetings with many celebrities. Signed copies of this illuminating work will be available for purchase. You must register online for this event at tinyurl.com/AliALifeJan2018.

Note that this event originally was scheduled for November and rescheduled for Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. as Jonathan's book was nominated for an award in London and he was compelled to go. In the interim Jonathan has received several additional accolades for his book including an excellent piece in the *Chicago Tribune*. There also will be plenty of beer and kosher pizza to enjoy as Jonathan thrills us with the highlights of Ali's life. Don't miss this exciting evening!

On **February 4 at 8:30 a.m.** Men's Club once again will host our annual **World Wide Wrap** instruction on how to put on tefillin at morning minyan. This also is an opportunity to purchase tefillin at a special discounted price due to the partial subsidy provided by your Men's Club. This is a special opportunity too 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. More details will follow, and I suspect that they will include some mention of beer.

If you have not already done so, then make 2018 the year that you become involved in your Men's Club. I am sure that it will add much toward making this year one that is filled with so many new and enjoyable opportunities. As it reads on the banner of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs website, we are "involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life." As always, feel free to 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

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





HARTMAN RETURNS TO AES

There are so many tremendous opportunities for study and learning at our shul. We are blessed to have fantastic teachers including clergy and some of our fabulous congregants. One of the most popular series, is the Shalom Hartman Institute iEngage program where adults study with our wonderful rabbi's (live) and the scholars of the Hartman Institute via a DVD series in a variety of topics relating to



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Israel. Éighty adults in a room discussing, debating, learning, and listening is a beautiful thing.

This year, as Israel turns 70, Hartman returns to AES with a look at the milestones and their meanings to Israel. For eight weeks starting January 21, students will explore the pivotal events of 1947 and 1967 - following the 1917 Balfour Declaration - as key moments when Zionism unleashed new thinking about the meaning of Jewishness for generations to come. The course engages Jews in an open and pluralistic discussion about issues of Jewish identity, peoplehood, ethics, and theology, as they relate to nationhood, land, sovereignty, Jerusalem, occupation, and moral red lines.

This is a very popular program and I encourage registration as soon as possible. With gratitude to our anonymous donor, this program is free to members of Anshe Emet and is available to non-members for a cost of \$50. The class will be limited to 80 adults. To register, please go to https://tinyurl.com/ AESiEngage2018.

Other upcoming events:

January 7, 9:30 a.m. Connecting the Expecting Reunion celebrating 100+ Babies

January 8, 7:00 p.m. Movie Night- Hava Nagila

January 16, 6:30 p.m. Cohort #14 of Connecting the Expecting

- January 16, 7:00 p.m. Men's Club speaker, Jonathan Eig on his new book on Muhammad Ali
- January 19, 6:45 p.m. Shabbat Shelanu with guest speaker Rev. Robert Lee from Virginia.

January 21, 10:00 a.m. The Hartman classes begin

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Sister Drama: Rebecca Minkus-Lieberman of Orot will lead a three part series on Rachel and Leah, their relationship with each other and their relationship with Jacob.

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



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The family of Carol J. Brown, loving wife of Murray R. Brown; adored mother of Pam Nadler, David (Suzanne Muchin) Brown and the late Steven Brown; cherished grandmother of 10; greatgrandmother of 6, on her recent passing.

May their memory be for a blessing

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Shaina and Avi Herring (and older brother Noam) on the birth of their daughter, Liba Amalya.

Gwane and Lowell Jacobsen (and older siblings, Owen and Noa) on the birth of their son.

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.

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Tikvah Tips to Survive Winter Depression

Winter is supposed to be a time filled with holidays, happiness, and the warmth of family gatherings. But what does winter bring for those that feel depressed and isolated or are experiencing grief, a serious disability or terminal illness? Instead of happiness they may be reminded of all that is absent in their lives. That's why we created the **Tikvah Jewish Chaplaincy Community Initiative**.

Tikvah is one of the resources provided through the Jewish Healing Network at Jewish Child & Family Services. Tikvah professionally trained chaplains are available to visit individuals and support families – in hospitals, hospices, nursing and independent living facilities and at homes. Chaplains offer welcoming, compassionate, easily accessible, spiritual support by:

- Listening with compassion and empathy
- Being a caring presence
- Exploring fundamental questions such as "Why would God allow this suffering?"
- Saying Jewish prayers and singing songs
- Deepening connections to Judaism and the Jewish community

Spiritual reflections can offer hope and strength. Even if challenges or suffering cannot be controlled, a positive spiritual

and emotional response may help advance healing. As one of the Tikvah Chaplains recently reported:



I visited a Holocaust survivor in an assisted living facility on Chicago's North Side. He seemed lonely and distraught, as he considered his aging and decline. I asked him, "Is there anything on this Thanksgiving for which you are thankful?" He paused for a moment or two and then said, "My family and my life. I never knew if I would even have either one when I was in the camps. While I know they cannot be here all the time, I am grateful they come and take care of me when I need them. And I am just grateful to be alive in this country." His mood changed as he was able to offer these words to me knowing that I would accept whatever he would say. And he grew calmer and less anxious as he found ways to express gratitude.

Tikvah also provides support for professionals and institutions by offering learning opportunities as well as Shabbat and holiday programming.

For more information or to request a chaplain visit, contact Elana Boiskin, Tikvah Jewish Chaplaincy Coordinator, at 847-745-5405 or email Tikvah@jcfs.org. You can also contact the Anshe Emet JCFS liaison Ann Luban at AnnLuban@jcfs.org or at 847-745-5420.



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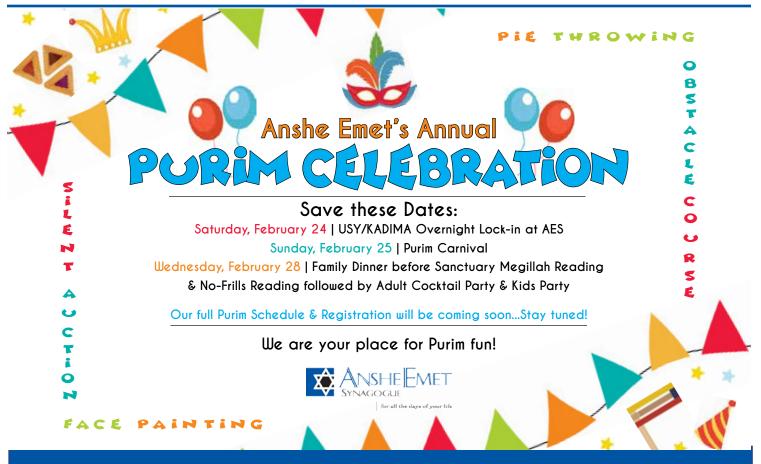
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