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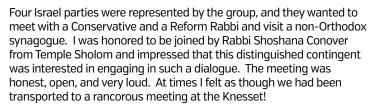




TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT IN LAKEVIEW:

A MODEL OF JEWISH OPENNESS FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

On a Wednesday morning in April, there was an historic meeting at Anshe Emet. Seven high ranking Members of Knesset came for a meeting to speak about the Matzav, the "situation." This term is usually related to issues impacting Israelis and Palestinians. However, the Matzav that our guests from Israel wanted to speak about was Jewish religious life in America and a growing tension with Israel, especially amongst young adults.



Rabbi Conover and I were given time to explain some of the basic tenants of the Conservative and Reform Movements and to offer an overview of our congregations. Both Anshe Emet and Temple Sholom are historic Chicago congregations on the cutting edge of Jewish life. The two synagogues are deeply involved in outreach to the Jewish community and are deeply engaged with Israel through advocacy and congregational trips to Israel. I mentioned my outrage at being named on a Blacklist of Rabbis around the world. Rabbi Conover added poignantly that as a woman Rabbi, she would not be deemed worthy to even be considered for such a list! The point that we made again and again to the Israeli lawmakers was that the decision being made by the Knesset constrains the free and open practice of Judaism in the Jewish homeland and continues to favor the Orthodox over the non-Orthodox. We had a wide-ranging discussion about:

- The continuing tensions surrounding the Kotel
- · Conversion issues
- The ways in which non-Orthodox efforts to build congregations are thwarted
- The unwillingness to recognize the non-Orthodox Rabbis in Israel

The conversation was so heated at times that you could not hear your own voice. The fascinating part was that the Members of Knesset were

arguing less with Rabbi Conover and I and more with each other. It was clear that they were taking these issues seriously.



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I closed the meeting by speaking about the Guf, body of Israel, and the Nefesh, the soul of Israel. There is no doubt that when we look at the Matzav of Israeli security that there are significant dangers. More than 150,000 missiles in Lebanon under the control of Hezbollah; the riots in Gaza; the Palestinian stalemate; the war in Syria and the Iranian threat, to just name a few. Israel looks to the Jews of America to advocate for Israel with Christians, and with Congress. I went on to say that there is another Matzay, and that is the one impacting the Nefesh of the lewish people. That, too, is under threat both here in America and in the land of Israel. Rabbis across this country are fighting for the Nefesh of the Jewish people, and it is a mighty struggle. Just as Israel looks to American Jews for support of the Guf, we need the lawmakers of Israel to stand with us to sustain the Nefesh. Rabbi Conover closed by speaking of just how many Jewish youth in America feel disenfranchised from Israel, and how hard the rulings of Knesset are making it for American Rabbis. At this, one of the Orthodox Members of Knesset said, "Here in America you have a separation between religions and government, and we do not have that in Israel". To which I responded, "Zot Haba'ayah! That is the problem!"

The fact is that we in Lakeview have a model of what Israel could look like without government interference. The Rabbis both work with and respect one another. There are legal decisions that are made by the Rabbis of some congregations that are not accepted by other congregations. This can apply to issues of status as well. A person

See "Rabbi Siegel," page 5

CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS

VISIONARIES of ANSHE EMET



On Sunday, April 15 we celebrated the Visionaries of Anshe Emet Awards Gala, at the Chicago Cultural Center, which honored Judy & Howard Tullman with the inaugural Michael S. Siegel Visionary Award; David Broza with the Anshe Emet Visionary of the Arts Award; and Griffen Saul with the Anshe Emet Young Leadership Award of Light.















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MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH



Zoe Berman May 12, 2018 Daughter of Michele and Ron Berman



Maxwell Liss May 26, 2018 Son of Stephanie and Jeremy Liss



Eleanor Corken May 19, 2018 Daughter of Karen and David Corken



Phoebe Friedman May 26, 2018 Daughter of Michelle and Jason Friedman

SO MUCH ACCOMPLISHED. SO MUCH MORE TO DO

By the time you read this progress report, winter will have ended. We will have once again read about our people's delivery from 400 years of slavery and 40 years of wandering. Baseball season will have started and the beloved Cubs will once again be pursuing a World Series title. You should be in a positive frame of mind as we approach Spring and the end of our shul year! And you should be ... we are having a great year.

During the High Holy Days, I discussed several critical goals which needed to be accomplished. I am happy to report that we are making much progress on those goals and others. Our membership has grown over the past 4 years. We are well on our way to extending the service of all of our superb clergy members. We expect to be cash flow positive once again for the full year. Our fundraising efforts are exceeding our goals and setting a new record as a result of our community's extraordinary generosity. Our generous endowment has grown considerably over the past 4 years. Our LaAtid Educational Task Force is on track to introduce an exciting new approach to our religious school programming in the Fall. Our Visionaries Event honoring Howard and Judy Tullman, David Broza and Griffen Saul was a success exceeding our goals. We celebrated our Hazzan's 70th birthday with yet another rousing Anshe Emet Live. We were fortunate to hire Boni Fine, former Executive Director at Temple Sholom, to join our superb staff full-time as our Executive Director. And of course, we have supported our community's needs, whether they be life cycle events, crises, simchas, educational opportunities and more.

After nearly 4 years serving as President, I am more than ever impressed by the quality of people that join together to make Anshe Emet the extraordinary community that it is. Truly, it takes a village ... or should I say "it takes a community" ... to join together and generate this vibrance. Rabbi Siegel says that this team of clergy is the best at meeting the community's needs that he has seen in his 35 years as Senior Rabbi. So many agree that our staff is the best that anyone can remember, so many talented professionals working together for the community's good. I always feel blessed by the selfless teamwork of our talented and committed lay leaders. We have many dedicated people all seeking to make our community as vibrant and welcoming and doing as much good as possible. In that regard,



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I want to offer a special "shout out" to Harold Hirshman, who left his presidency with the shul

with a sound strategic plan and much positive momentum, to Jay Goodgold whose counsel and financial oversight have been invaluable, to Scooter Simon who already has a leadership role at Bernard Zell but has been a great asset especially in long term planning and fundraising, and to Art Friedson whose efforts have enabled us to move forward with all of our clergy. Lastly, I want to thank Gary Wigoda for his years of counsel and service. Thank you to all for helping us accomplish so much.

As we end this year and transition to a new board for next year, we need to use the soundness of our condition to propel us forward to do more good for more people. As President, I have come to more fully appreciate the breadth of services which we offer and the good that we do across such a broad community. We need to continue implementing our plans to be a leading edge learning-centric community. We need to update our building to better address the needs of our community and the broader Chicagoland Jewish community. We need to evolve our approach to music and prayer to be in sync with the changing needs of different demographic groups. I know that the Talmud teaches us that the richest person is the one who is satisfied. Let's be constructively dissatisfied in order to use our current state of plenty to serve as a platform to do more good for more people for decades to come.

Thanks to all who have contributed to such a productive year. We go forward together.

Menschen of Month

Visionary Volunteers

Anshe Emet is grateful to the following visionaries who volunteered their valuable time to ensure that our Visionaries of Anshe Emet celebration was a sensational success!

Volunteers:

Deborah Irwin

Steven Levin Sydney Esbitt
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WELCOME TEAM YAROK, ANSHE EMET'S GREEN INITIATIVE



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Our rabbis teach us in a midrash that God once told Adam, "Be aware and don't ruin or destroy my world, for if you ruin it, there is no one to come and fix it up after you." (Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:20) In the book of Genesis, God calls upon humans to be the custodians of the earth, placing Adam in the garden "to till it and tend it." (Genesis 2:15) Throughout the Jewish tradition, we are entrusted

with the task of caring for the physical world in which we live, preserving and protecting it. Anshe Emet's new green initiative, *Team Yarok*, is endeavoring to do just that.

We have a fabulous group of leaders that are pushing *Team Yarok* forward, including Richard Kosmacher, Nancy Kohn, Beth Horwitz, and Wade Bacon, captained by Isaac Elnecave and guided by Veronica Kyle of Faith in Place. Here are just a few of our team's projects over the next few months that can have a lasting, positive impact on the environment:

- Conservation campaigns, like BYO(W)B Bring Your Own Water Bottle!
- Energy and water audits to help us conserve

- Waste awareness what can we do better, in our homes and our synagogues?
- Exploring composting options at Anshe Emet
- Rain barrels that you can use in your own homes

We will let you know, every step of the way, the various things that we are doing communally, and introducing you to what you could do in your own homes. It was only a few decades ago that a small group of people began pushing for a greater awareness about environmental impact. That grew to the establishment of Earth Day, the formation of the EPA, as well as the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. We hope that *Team Yarok* will have a similarly positive impact on our community.

Just as Adam was appointed the caretaker of Eden, we are responsible for the well-being of this crazy, beautiful planet we call home. Be sure to check back in as *Team Yarok* develops and implements our ideas - it's going to be an amazing process! In the poetic words of Oscar Romero: "We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise."

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 March.

Ben Abrams; Fran Abramson; Jeremy Agulnek; Jessica, Eyal, Naomi, Lauren Altman; Karin Appelbaum; Bruce Arenson; Chuck & Sara Aron; Miriam Aronin; Elizabeth Atwater; Barry Balik; Barry Balik; David Bardach; Terry Behrman; Yehoshua Ben-Avraham; David Berger; Barbara Binik; Nitzanit Breitenstein; Anna Bricker; Rickey Briskman; Deborah & Matthew Brown; Deborah & Matthew Brown; Janet Cohen; Adam Cooper; Darah Davelaar; Judi & Harold Duckler; Steve Durchslag; Norm Eckstein; Jonathan Efron; Pierre Eilian; Terry Fadem; Boni Fine; Chuck Finkelstein; Martha Frisch Okabe; Bill & Judy Goldberg; Gail and Dan Golden; Miriam Golden; Dan & Marna Goldwin; Monica Gomery; Jay Goodgold; Eve Guth; Maxine Handelman; Richard Herman; Daniel Hernandez; Sarah Hirsen; Harold & Sam Hirshman; Arnie Horwich; Joy Horwich; Shai Kamin; Bruce Kaminsky; Barbara Kantrow; Deborah Karmen; Neil & Lee Katz; Margery Kaye; Penny & Brett Keeshin; Andrew Kreisberg; Sharon Krohn; Jay Lazar; Josh Lazar; Debby Lewis; Jay Lewkowitz; Jane Lippow; Andy, Jen, Lizzie Lucas; Kelly McMeen; Alan Mintz; Laura Neiman-Rifkin; Francisco Ortiz-Perez; Shelly Parker; Fraeda & Gary Porton; Dan Pulik; John Ragir; Esther Rosenbloom; Susan Rosenstein; Anna Rubin; Eddie Rush; Rebecca Russo; Ed Salomon; Jerry Salzman; Elaine Scheye; David Schwartz; Neil Schwartz; Barry Seeskin; Barry & Elaine Seeskin; Elaine Seeskin; Zach Seeskin; Sahar Segal; Shane Selig; Don Shapiro; Ken Shapiro; Howard Shuman; Elias Solano; Yedida Soloff; Rabbi Michal Springer; Jason Star; Rob Stepen; Phil Stern; Phil Stern; Gabor Tarjan; Maya Tkachak; Abe Trieger; Ophir Trigalo; Jimmy Wiener; Stew Witkov; Jeanette Zemsky.

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

Friday, May 4: First Friday Shabbat Services and Dinner! 7:15 p.m. services followed by dinner!

Questions about YAD events? Contact Sam Isenstein at sisenstein@ansheemet.org. Interested in joining YAD? Contact Amy Karp at akarp@ansheemet.org.

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

Sanctuary and Minyan: Barry Seeskin, Yedida Soloff, Ben Lichstein, Gary Porton, Joe Platt, Samantha Gorelick, Jay Lewkowitz, Gabi Josefson, Deena Goodgold, Larisa Kenen, Debby Lewis, Barbara Kantrow, Elaine Seeskin, Jeanette Zemsky, Rebecca Russo, Sarah Hirsen, Mollie Dubner, Sophie DeKoven, Gabe Shapps, Dalia Hoffman, Sari Oppenheimer, Dan Karp, Meredith Dubner, Ricky Roth, Naomi Margolis, Naomi Altman, Alan Mintz.

Rose Crown Minyan: Jacob Cytryn, Rachel Rosenthal, Michal Lerner, Joram Seggev, Phil Rosenthal, Sarah Wolf, Liz Lippow, Lynne Schatz, Sara Fried, Ronit Avitan, Anna Rubin, Brian Nagorsky, Chris Norton, Marc Alexander, Edi Frajman, Mark Minor, Rebekah Johnston, Alex Schapiro, Andy Schapiro, Tamar Newberger.

Youth Readers: Maya Lessem-Elnecave, Shayna Rosenstein, Damian Solano, Ethan Leder, Jocelyn Friedman, Zack Choplin-Pogrund, Lev Choplin-Pogrund, Eli Puchtel, Nava Schwarz, Maya Matsa, Vera Cirillo, Frankie Cirillo, Phoebe Kleinman.



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ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM

THE GESHER PROGRAM IN MEMORY OF LINDA J. KARNO

I am so excited to present this year's 2018 Gesher Class!

In 1978 I turned 12, but I never celebrated becoming a bat mitzvah. The boys learned Torah and Haftarah, and learned how to daven, and on the Shabbat immediately following their 13th Hebrew birthday, they were called to the Torah and showed the community what skills they learned, and many of them went on to become active leaders in the community.

We live in a very different Jewish world today. Whether you are a woman who grew up orthodox and never had the opportunity to learn these skills, as I did, or you joined the Jewish people later in life and wish to experience this rite of passage, Anshe Emet's Gesher Program in Memory of Linda

Karno is an amazing opportunity for you. This Adult bar/bat Mitzvah Program is available to any member of our community. We offer the opportunity to dig deeper into our experience of Jewish prayer, as well as learning to read Torah and Haftarah, and work with our rabbis to learn to write a D'var Torah. This year, we were very lucky to have community member, Candace Mittel, give four in-depth workshops on writing divrei Torah as well.

Each person in this year's class has a different reason for participating in the program. In this newsletter, please enjoy a few of this year's students' words about why they chose to participate.



I enrolled in the Gesher program to learn how to chant trope and to become a more active participant in the community. The introduction to *Etz Hayim: Torah and Commentary* says that, "The Torah is viewed by us, in the words of Harold Kushner, as 'God's first word, not God's last." I hope that I will be able to leyn some of those sacred words with

competence, and that this June will mark my first time chanting Torah and Haftarah on the bimah, but not my last. Finally, I hope to make my daughter, Tovah, proud of her dad.

Jacob Wilkenfeld



Choosing Judaism was my first step in a series of steps I hoped to take. As time moves on, my eagerness to engage and cultivate a meaningful life anchored in Judaism has led me to the Gesher Program. I feel fortunate to have embarked on a program that has connected me with a community and a curriculum of study.

Jackie Maman



The Gesher program is very interesting. Every week I learn new things about Judaism, prayer, choreography prayer, how to read Torah, how to use the siddur prayer correctly, and I also get to practice my Hebrew pronunciation. The Gesher program is healthy, helpful, and beneficial to my Jewish ways. My Jewish way began in my household. My

 $grand father\ taught\ me\ the\ Sabbath\ and\ Sabbath\ candle\ Friday.\ In\ 2007,$

I started my Jewish life in Chicago, with the Chabad community. Every day I spend in Anshe Emet synagogue, I learn more about the things I can apply to my Jewish ways and lifestyle. I participate in different services like Shaharit, Mincha, Maariv, Friday night service and Sabbath. I feel welcomed, enlightened, and delighted when I am a part of this Jewish community. It is part of a new chapter in my life. The Gesher Program has helped enrich my participation in Jewish Life.

Francisco Ortiz-Perez



My Hebrew name is Malka bat Hannah. Hannah (in Czech "Hana") is my grandmother's name. She nurtured me as a child and told me that everyone has a star in the night sky, in distant galaxies, but my star shines brighter than others. My mentor, a kohen, once told me: "Your story is the story of the Jewish people". I feel this is true in the sense that I left

the country I was born in, the culture and my parent's home in pursuit of something greater, in faith that HaShem was guiding me on my path. My life coming from a country ravished by Nazism and Communism and then as an immigrant to a strange land has been an exciting life of challenges, how I respond to these challenges determines my life. This philosophy serves as the basis of the psychological thinking of Dr. Viktor Frankl M.D., one of my great influencers. My Shabbat candle lighting, daily prayers and holiday observance nurture both: my faith in HaShem and faith in myself. I know that HaShem protects me and is a lamp unto my feet guiding me on my path. Where HaShem takes me I will go. Life and prayer has taught me that "One woman with God is a majority".

Sandra Kafka

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converted in one synagogue might not be accepted in another. To my way of thinking, that is as it should be. Every congregation should be able to maintain the integrity of their beliefs. What is important is that we speak openly and honestly with each other, and do not try to impose our religious values on one another. Our larger goal is to support CLAL Yisrael, the entirety of the people of Israel. This approach is made manifest each Shavuot.

At the time when Jews around the world celebrate the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, the Jews of Lakeview and beyond gather at Anshe Emet. Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Rabbis and their synagogues are all represented. All come after their own Shavuot services in their respective congregations. The evening begins with the Rabbis speaking with one another about a relevant topic. Different opinions are expressed in a thoughtful way, where people can disagree respectfully. Then, beginning at midnight, multiple Torah classes are offered around the building, taught by people representing the entire spectrum of North Side Jewry. When the sun comes up in the morning, people go to their respective services,

some more traditional and some less.

It is a spectacle to behold.

Here is a model that we offer to other Jewish communities around the United States, and to Israel as well. Here is one answer to the present Matzav. To paraphrase a well-known anthem, "It is no dream because we have willed it". While we are a long way from seeing something like this in Eretz Yisrael, I hope that the visit of the seven members of Knesset will be the beginning of an effort that will yield a deeper understanding of our communities. The fact is that the Nefesh of the Jewish people is at stake, but together, both here in America and in Eretz Yisrael, we have the power to address the present Matzav.

Please join us for our Lakeview Tikkun Leil Shavuot:



SHAVUOT AT ANSHE EMET

Saturday, May 19: Erev Shavuot

Eleventh Annual Tikkun L'il Shavuot

Tikkun L'il is designed for families with babies through eighth graders. The fun starts with dinner at 5:30 p.m., and lasts until 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per family. Please register at tinyurl.com/Tikkunlil2018.

7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Community Dinner. \$5/Members; \$10/Non-Members. Register At: Tinyurl.com/Shavuotcommunitydinner2018

8:15 – 9:15 p.m. Learning with our Rabbis • 9:15 p.m. Ma'ariv 10:00 p.m. Community Tikkun L'eil Shavuot Begins 11:30 p.m. Dessert Reception • 12:00 - 4:00 a.m. Learning Sessions

Sunday, May 20: Shavuot

9:30 a.m. Combined Shavuot Yom Tov Service 11:15 a.m. Shavuot Youth Services For Young Families & Older Kids 12:00 p.m. Kiddush Lunch • 6:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv Service

Monday, May 21: Shavuot

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Shavuot Yom Tov Service & Yizkor 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan Shavuot Yom Tov Service & Yizkor 11:15 a.m. Shavuot Youth Services For Young Families & Older Kids • 12:00 p.m. Kiddush Lunch 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Shavuot Is Awesome

About Shavuot

Shavuot, which begins this year on the evening of May 19 and continues through May 21 (and every year on the Hebrew date of the 6th of Sivan), is one of the three holidays mentioned in the Torah, one of the shalosh regalim, the three Pilgrimage Festivals. (The other two are Sukkot and Passover.) Shavuot has several names reflecting its celebration as a holiday of nature and of history:

Festival Of Weeks - The word Shavuot means "weeks". Shavuot occurs 7 weeks after Passover. We count the weeks between Passover and Shavuot, a custom called counting the omer (measure of grain). In this way we commemorate the 49 days we believe it took our ancestors to reach Mt. Sinai after leaving Egypt and we make a connection between the Exodus from Egypt (Freedom) and the Revelation at Sinai, receiving the Torah.

Chag Ha'katzir - Harvest Holiday. Shavuot is a "harvest festival," which marks the end of the grain harvest. On Shavuot, at the time of the Temple, when the first wheat and fruits were ripe, the Israelites would bring some of their crop to the Holy Temple as thanksgiving to God for the Ten Commandments, for the Bible that guided them, and for the fruitful land that fed them.

Chag Ha'bikurim - Holiday of the First Fruits

Zeman Matan Toratienu - Time of the Giving of the Torah. Of greatest importance, perhaps, is the holiday's commemoration of the giving of the Torah by God to the children of Israel at Mount Sinai. This covenant, the agreement to live with each other according to God's laws, forms the basis of Jewish identity and peoplehood.

Customs Associated With Shavuot

• Decorate your home and synagogue with greenery to remember the harvest festival.

② Read the Ten Commandments from the Torah (either Exodus 20:1-17 or Deuteronomy 5:1-8) to remind us of the meeting at Sinai and our covenant with God.

• Read Megillat Ruth (the Book of Ruth).

• Eat dairy foods. When the Israelites returned to their tents after receiving the Torah, the people did not have time to cook meat, so they ate dairy products.

♦ Study Torah (or other Jewish topics). Some people stay up all of Shavuot night studying Torah and other books. Legends tell us that the heavens open up at midnight on Shavuot eve for an instant. In Europe little children would begin to study Torah on Shavuot because that was the time the Torah was first given to the Jewish people.

• Attend Yizkor on Thursday, May 21, and remember our loved ones.

• Celebrating Shavuot with our children gives us the opportunity, as a family to be thankful for that which God brings forth from the earth. We should also communicate to our children the need for "rules" and "laws" that help us live in an honest, caring and fair way.

Shavuot activities for your family

• Decorate your home with green plants, flowers, or trees and discuss their importance and their contribution

• Make paper flowers to use as a decoration

Make blintzes, a traditional Shavuot treat

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JOSEPH AND BELLE BRAUN ANSHE EMET RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



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Dear friends

How is it possible that I am writing the article for the May newsletter? We have had a fantastic year of learning and growing as a school community. I have watched the children grow as they have learned so much more than the Aleph Bet. Together with the wonderful and dedicated faculty we have watched the students become a strong and vibrant community. I have enjoyed every single session! I thank you for allowing me to join

the incredible community that is Anshe Emet.

As you may know the future is looking bright for the Joseph and Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School. The LaAtid task force has done an incredible job of setting forth a plan that will take us into the next phase of education at Anshe Emet. We are all eagerly awaiting the appointment of the new Director of Education and Innovation. We are also finalizing our operation plan for the coming year. While we will continue to offer the quality of education we are all used to, we will be doing it with a new level of innovation and flexibility that will meet the lifestyle of every busy family. Please stay tuned for more details in the weeks and months to come. Registration will open April 29.

We look forward to celebrating with community as we end the school year on May 13 with a celebration bigger and better than ever! First we honor our fantastic eighth grade class with a beautiful commencement service. Then as a community we will celebrate with the annual Lipsev Music Festival featuring Rick Recht. I encourage the entire community to join us at 10:30 a.m. for what promises to be a wonderful concert and reception.

In closing, I thank you for the honor to serve as the interim principal this school year. I look forward to all that lies ahead as we grow together from strength to strength.

Laurie Orenstein



LIPSEY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

WITH SPECIAL GUEST: RICK RECHT

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Join our Religious School community as we celebrate the incredible year we had together with a musical program featuring our students performing along with Rick Recht!

No cost to attend, but registration • is required. RSVP at tinyurl/ lipseymusicfestival 2018.

Open to the entire Anshe Emet Community

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

TALMUD TORAH K'NEGED **KULAM**

Pirkei Avot 2:4

Do not say "When I will be available I will study [Torah]," lest you never become available.

Ben Bag Bag says: search in it and search in it, since everything is in it. And in it should you look, and grow old and be worn in it; and from it do not move, since there is no characteristic greater than it.



CANTOR ELIZABETH **BERKE**

Director of Continuing Education eberke@ansheemet.org

On May 19 we have the opportunity to celebrate Revelation, however you may define it, with the holiday of Shavuot. As is our annual tradition, we are joining with hundreds from the Jewish community to learn together in a session at 10:00 p.m. with Rabbis Michael Siegel, Edwin Goldberg, Megan GoldMarche, Lizzi Heydemann, Craig Marantz and David Wolkenfeld. This year the rabbis are teaching on the theme of **Using Jewish Values to** Think About Security for Our Community/ies.

Many rely on caffeine to get them through the various sessions, but the energy in the building is palpable as the learning continues until 4:00 a.m. and can buttress anyone through a variety of classes taught by a host of rabbis and educators. If staying up late is not for you, our rabbis are teaching 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. prior to ma'ariv. Any questions? Contact Cantor Liz at eberke@ansheemet.org.

Translations courtesy of sefaria.org

Have an idea for a class you would like to see Anshe Emet offer? Have a group of people who want to study a topic together? Let Cantor Liz know!

Contact Elizabeth Berke eberke@ansheemet.org for more information

HaZaK PROGRAM FOR RETIRED **ADULTS**

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

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

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

May 7: Elie Berkman

May 14: Rabbi David Russo

May 21: No HaZaK due to Shavuot

May 28: No HaZaK due to Memorial Day

ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES MAY 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!

At Anshe Emet, we are building pathways to Jewish life and community for families with young children. Whether you are expecting the birth or adoption of your first child, or your kids are approaching

middle school, we welcome you into our vibrant community of young families. Find your friends and joy-filled Jewish life at Anshe Emet!

SHALOM SHABBAT/SHACHAR

Shalom Shabbat, the well-loved service for children 4 and under and their parents, meets every Shabbat of the month at 10:00 a.m. **Shachar,** for children aged K to 2nd grade, meets every Shabbat at 11:00 a.m. If your child is interested in reading a Torah excerpt in Hebrew or English at the Shachar service, please contact Max Handelman at mhandelman@ansheemet.org.

FRIDAY NIGHT KABBALAT SHABBAT DAVENING AND DINNER

Anshe Emet Family First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Davening and Dinner is May 4, 5:45 p.m.! Families with babies to kindergarten age will join Rabbi Donni Aaron and Max Handelman for a musical and story-filled service. Families with older elementary school students will gather with Rabbi David Russo for a spirited and extended Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) service. The services will each end at 6:30 p.m., followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. May's menu is a Pasta bar plus a variety of pizzas (gluten free options available). Storytime follows dinner, and after that, the gym will be open for some play time.

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 the way. Please register your family for dinner at www.tinyurl.com/youngfamilydinnermay2018 by Tuesday May 1 to avoid a late fee.

NEW BABY SHABBAT, MAY 5

If you've had a new baby since April 15, 2017, please join us for breakfast from 9:30-10:30. Parents of new babies will be called to the Torah for an Aliyah after our breakfast. For more details and to RSVP, contact Amy Karp akarp@ansheemet.org

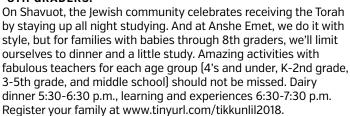
MAXINE SEGAL HANDELMAN FAMILY AWARD

Mazal Tov to the Lazarus and Seidner Family! Shabbat morning, May 5, join us at the end of services (around 11:45 a.m.), to honor Ron and Dori Lazarus and Matthew, Jennifer, Talia, Perla, Jonah and Elijah Seidner for their contributions building our Anshe Emet community.

CONNECT NEXT - PARENTING TRICKS, THURSDAY MAY 17, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Parenting tricks when dealing with infants and young toddlers, led by Dana Hirt, founder of Dana Hirt Parenting. Connect Next is geared towards parents who are expecting, or who have recently had a second child and are looking for support, guidance and enrichment while growing their family. \$15.00 per person Register at http://juf.org/youngfamilies/Connect-Next. aspx.

ANNUAL TIKKUN LIL, SATURDAY MAY 19, 5:30-7:30 P.M., FOR FAMILIES WITH BABIES -8TH GRADERS.



SHAVUOT YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES: SUNDAY MAY 20 AND MONDAY MAY 21 AT 11:15 A.M.

Families with young children are invited to celebrate Shavuot with song and stories (and guitar) with Rabbi Donni Aaron in the Rose Crown room. Older kids are invited to participate in a little bit of tefilla and a good deal of playing with the Shavuot story and Torah readings with Max Handelman in the youth lounge.

BABIES AND BAGELS: SUNDAY JUNE 3, 9:30-11:00 A.M.

Ben Tatar is back for a music filled morning of schmoozing and noshing and meeting amazing new friends with kids 2 and under. And because Babies and Bagels is in the morning, we ACTUALLY get to eat bagels! The program is free, but registration is requested: www.tinyurl.com/babiesandbagelsjune2018.

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/!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ANSHE EMET YOUTH?

SHMUSY (GRADES 9-12)

- Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. SHMUSY Election Candidate and Parent Meeting
- Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. SHMUSY Executive Board Elections
- Shabbat, May 12 Senior
 Shabbat and SHMUSY
 Installations of New Board



SAMANTHA ISENSTEIN

Youth and Young Adult Director
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• Tuesday, May 15, 6:00 p.m. SHMUSY New Board Old Board meeting

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

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May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	16 IYYAR 1	17 IYYAR 2
ANSHE L'MET SYNAGOGUE		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Connecting the Expecting 6:30 p.m. JVS Jewish Networking Program	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
	for all the days of your life	6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Ma'ariv/Evening Minyan Service	
We are always adding new events. For the most recent calendar listings, please visit www.ansheemet.org/calendar			
21 IYYAR 6	22 IYYAR	23 IYYAR 8	24 IYYAR 9
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:30 a.m. Tour deShul (offsite) 9:00 a.m. Religious School 4:30 p.m. Kaplan Concert: Divas on the Bima and Alberto	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.5 6:30 p.m. Basketball 7:00 p.m. Movie Night	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Ma'ariv/Evening Minyan Service 7:00 p.m. SHMUSY Elections	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
28 IYYAR 13	29 IYYAR 14	1 sivan 15	2 SIVAN 16
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:00 a.m. Religious School (Last Day)/Commencement 10:30 a.m. Lipsey Music Festival with Rick Recht	6:50 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 6:30 p.m. Daniel Basketball 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Program: Stev Berke's "All the Rage" 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh Sivan 6:50 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. Ma'ariv/Evening Minyan Service	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
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Shavuot 9:30 a.m. Combined Shavuot Yom Tov Service 11:15 a.m. Shavuot Youth Services 12:00 p.m. Kiddush Lunch 6:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv Service	Shavuot Synagogue Office Closed 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Shavuot Yom Tov Service & Yizkor 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan Shavuot Yom Tov Service & Yizkor 11:15 a.m. Shavuot Youth Services 12:00 p.m. Kiddush Lunch 1:00 p.m. Shavuot Is Awesome	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Connecting the Expecting 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope 7:00 p.m. Ma'ariv/Evening Minyan Service	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
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Thursday	Friday	1	Saturday	_
18 IYYAR 3	19 IYYAR	4	20 IYYAR	5
Lag B'Omer 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:00 a.m. Post Minyan Learning 12:00 p.m. ONLINE/ZOOM-Melton Lunch & Learn 4:15 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. 5th Grade Parents Meeting 6:45 p.m. AES Basketball 7:00 p.m. Something For Us- The Rosenkranz Mysteries Play (offsite) 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/R Siegel 5:45 p.m. First Friday, Family Services followed by Dinner 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Serv 7:15 p.m. YAD Service, followed Dinner	vice d by	9:00 a.m. JBC 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: New Baby Shabbat; Presentation of Maxine Segal Handelman Award Torah: Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23 [Emor] Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan: Auf Ruf of Jeremy Pincus & Ruthie Gold	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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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



PROGRAMS

COLLEGE CONNECTION

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

BOOK CLUB

The Bridge Sisterhood Book discussion group will complete our winter/spring session with Lisa Ko's *The Leavers*. Earlier this year, our facilitator Rachel Jacobsohn led discussions of George Saunder's *Lincoln in the Bardo* and David Grossman's *A Horse Walked into a Bar*. The fee for a semester of three sessions is \$75 for Sisterhood members and \$90 for nonmembers. We welcome new participants. Anyone who would like to join us can contact Judy Metzger at Hgmet1@aol.com.

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

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

GIFT SHOP

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

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

Elizabeth Cline, Communications

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CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE



Shavuot provides many lessons on how to lift up those in need and how to treat others with grace and dignity. In the book of Ruth, Boaz participates in the mitzvah of *pe-ah*, leaving the corners of his fields to be gleaned by the poor, which demonstrates how we can use our bounty to support people in our community who lack the resources we have. The text also shows just how much our positive actions can ripple outward to benefit others and also reflect back on ourselves. Ruth's dedication to her mother-in-law and her hard work ethic cause her to be noticed by Boaz, who goes out of his way to guarantee her safety and comfort. The generosity and kindness on both sides continues to resonate for many generations to come as Boaz and Ruth's ensuing union ultimately results in the birth of King David. From this we learn just how important even a small act of kindness can be in the lives of many people.

The Na'aseh committee seeks to bring Anshe Emet members together to do social action and pay our bounty forward to people in our communities who can use a hand up. Many of our regular activities focus on food insecurity, which plays such an important role in the book of Ruth, and here are some of the ways you can help make a difference on this issue. Contact us at naaseh. ansheemet@gmail.com to learn more about how to take part!

 Twice a year we participate in Maot Chitim, delivering packages of holiday food for Rosh Hashanah and Passover to Jews in need around Chicagoland. This past March, almost



90 AES members participated at 3 different sites The next opportunity will be prior to Rosh Hashanah in late August.

- On a monthly basis, we prepare and/or serve food at two great nonprofits on the Northside: the JUF Uptown Cafe on regular Monday nights and the Night Ministry, focusing on homeless youth, on Tuesday nights.
- Anshe Emet makes an annual donation to Lakeview Pantry, who distribute food to thousands of families on the Northside every year. If you would like to contribute to this great organization, visit http://www.lakeviewpantry.org/ways-to-give.html.

Maxine Segal Handelman Anshe Emet Family Award

The Maxine Segal Handelman Anshe Emet Family Award recognizes families who have contributed to the Anshe Emet community both as a family and as individuals. We seek to honor families who have strengthened the community in multifaceted ways, welcoming other families and enriching the experience that families have at Anshe Emet.

We congratulate Ron and Doris Lazarus and Matthew, Jennifer, Talia, Perla, Jonah and Elijah Seidner, who build our community through their participation in committees and retreats, Shabbat services and awesomeness, and their never-wavering welcoming outreach.

Please join us on Shabbat, May 5, 11:45 a.m., as they receive this well-deserved award.

AWARD-WINNING MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

The last couple of months continue to be very busy ones for Men's Club as we continue to strive for excellence in programs. We hope that everyone who attended our annual **Men's Club Passover Wine Tasting** evening at Binny's Lakeview enjoyed all of the wine selections they ordered at their Seders. Our rep from Royal Wine Corp brought a unique array of the best and newest in kosher wines. If you missed this event, then please make every effort to attend next year as it is such an enjoyable time, and your wine selections are sure to enhance your Seders.

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Midwest Region Annual Man and Youth of the Year event at Congregation Beth Shalom on March 11 was personally so moving to me. I was delighted to be selected as your Anshe Emet Men's Club Man of the Year and to share in the festivities with my family and many friends. But I was especially glad to have the opportunity to talk about the importance of being part of the Jewish community and how Men's Club plays such a vital role in facilitating this. Kudos again to my friend and fellow Board member, Alan Mintz, who introduced me and to Rabbi Russo who introduced our Youth of the Year, Michael Rubin, Regional President of Chicagoland USY

I was not able to attend the **FJMC Midwest Region Retreat Weekend in Starved Rock State Park** from March 16 to 18, but I heard from those who did attend how great the weekend was-filled with Jewish joy, spirit, prayer, food, and nature--all shared with your Men's Club fellows from all over the Midwest. Special thanks to Gregg Pollack and Jon Norton who worked so hard to chair the event.

Men's Club again co-sponsored our annual **Yom HaShoah-Yellow Candles commemoration** on Wednesday, April 11. I am writing this article before the event, but I am confident that the special presentation about Artistdes de Sousa Mendes and the Foundation that was created to honor his memory

was an outstanding evening. The story of Sousa Mendes was related by Paulette Freed, whose family was rescued by the valiant efforts of this unique Portuguese consul assigned to Nazi-occupied Bordeaux, France. He defied directives by the Portuguese government and issued over 30,000 visas for safe passage, including about 10,000 visas to Jews, to enable people to flee Nazi Europe. In so doing Sousa Mendes performed what probably is the largest rescue action by a single individual during the Holocaust. The proceeds of the Yellow Candles sale this year will be donated to the Sousa Mendes Foundation. I hope you were there with us to learn about this important but little-known aspect of the history of the Holocaust.

On April 21 we celebrated **Men's Club Shabbat**. Your Men's Club members and friends conducted a great Shabbat morning service once again. We also received the awards we earned at the FJMC convention last Summer.

On May 14, Cantor Steven Berke will be the special guest of Men's Club when he presents a film and leads a discussion entitled "All the Rage." The evening event will focus on a novel method of pain management. Further details should be available by the time you receive your May Bulletin. We hope that by sharing this technique with our Men's Club, Steven will be able to help some of those who may suffer from chronic pain.

Watch our congregation emails, and check our Facebook page, Anshe Emet Men's Club, for the latest information on our many events. I hope to see you soon as you participate with us. You will be glad you did. Please contact us with your ideas or questions. We are incomplete without you.

Barry Balik Men's Club President



HYDE PARK EDITION

tinyurl.com/TourdeShul2018
Biking through Jewish places of interest.

FAMILY RIDE (10 miles)

Specifically for families, younger kids and inexperienced riders. Option to meet at Anshe Emet (9:30 a.m.) to carpool or meet at Hyde Park (10:00 a.m.).

FULL RIDE (30 miles)

A group ride that meets at Anshe Emet (8:30 a.m.) and rides to Hyde Park via the lakefront bike path.

Registration is required. More information at: tinyurl.com/tourdeshul2018
Questions: Amy at akarp@ansheemet.org

SAVE THE DATE: June 22-23, 2018

A Conversation with Abby Stein

Activist, Jewish Educator, Writer and Speaker.



Born and raised in a Hasidic family in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, Abby is a descendent of Rabbi Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Hasidic Judaism. In that world Abby attended Yeshiva, and became a rabbi in 2011. She left the Hasidic world the following year, and came out as a trans-woman in 2015. Since then, Abby has been working

to raise support and awareness for trans rights and those leaving Ultra-Orthodoxy. In 2016 Abby was named by The Jewish Week as one of their "36 Under 36" emerging Jewish leaders.

The Friday evening program, a dinner for YAD and YLD Pride age groups, is sponsored by YLD Pride and Anshe Emet. The Saturday program, including a D'var Torah during services and a post-Kiddush discussion, honors the life and generosity of Dr. Dillie Grunauer, a friend, activist and inspiration to many within the Anshe Emet community.





THE WARMTH OF APRIL PROGRAMMING

Our texts teach us that we are created, "b'tzelem Elohim, in the image of God," It is to reminds us that every living person is created in the image of god and should be treated with both dignity and respect. At Anshe Emet, we celebrate our community as diverse, inclusive and welcoming. We try to lift up the voices of those who champion diverse identities and share stories and experiences. It is essential that we continue



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learning from and working in coalition with those who champion these identities to ensure that we are doing everything we can to create an inclusive community, society and world.

We are so fortunate to welcome **Abby Stein** to our community as our guest for the weekend of Gay Pride, **June 22-23**. She is a Jewish educator, writer, speaker, and activist. Born and raised in a Hasidic family in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, she is a descendent of Rabbi Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Hasidic Judaism. She attended Yeshiva, and became a rabbi in 2011. She left the Hasidic world the following year, and came out as a trans-woman in 2015. Since then, Abby has been working to raise support and awareness for trans rights and those leaving Ultra-Orthodoxy. Her story has been covered in publications such as the *New York Times, New York Post, WSJ, New York Magazine, Jewish Daily Forward, Daily Mail, The Daily Dot, Haaretz, Refinery29*. She has also appeared on NBC, Fox News, CNN, Huffington Post Live, ShowTime, and more. She is currently studying gender studies and political science at Columbia University.

We are partnering with the YLD Pride division of the Jewish Federation for a Friday evening program for our Young Adult Community. On Saturday, June 23, we honor the life and generosity of Dr. Dillie Grunauer, a friend, activist and inspiration to many within the Anshe Emet community. Abby will deliver a short Dvar Torah and present her story during a post Kiddush discussion. I hope you will join us on this very special weekend.

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

Drs. Shira Simon and Oliver Bevan on the birth of their son, **Elias Emlyn.**

Proud grandparents, Terri and Stephen Geifman on the birth of their granddaughter, **Gemma Sloane Levey.** Parents are Julie and Daniel Levey.

Carrie Campion and Aaron Zaretsky on the birth of their son, **Jacque Thomas.**

Proud grandparents, Stanley and Anita Dreyfuss on the birth of their granddaughter, Martha Hope. Parents are Marc and Erin Dreyfuss.

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OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO ...

The family of Anna Moskowitz, beloved sister of Ruth Friedson; beloved grandmother to Aryel (Tom) Donahue; adored greatgrandmother of Evan Donahue; and very special aunt to Arlene Saslow, Michael (Felice) Friedson, and Arthur (Nancy Kohn) Friedson, on her recent passing.

The family of Harryl Amy Friedlander, cherished sister of Beth F. Vorwaller and Michael Friedlander; adored aunt of Rachel Vorwaller and Madelyn Friedlander and cousin of Michael Washofsky and Stephanie Bloom-Washofsky, on her recent passing.

The family of Carmela Kolman, beloved wife of John Rizzo; loving sister of Joe (Lenore Skenazy) Kolman and Bruce (Noreen) Kolman, on her recent passing.

The family of Phyllis Krause-Braun, beloved wife of Jerome Braun; loving, devoted mother of Joanne [Robert] Bernstein, Dr. Sue Ellen Krause, and Dr. Philip [Jackie] Krause; step-mother of Brian (Terri) Braun, Mark Braun, and Gordon (Louise) Braun; proud grandmother of Jennifer (David) Ransburg, Lisa [Jay] Keltner, Ari, Gabriel, and Talia Krause; step-grandmother of David (Sadie) Braun, Rabbi Aaron (Marina) Braun, Max Braun, and Schuster [Molly] Braun; cherished great-grandmother of Cecilia, Harper, Ryan, Jacob, Aidan, Lillian, Jonah, Jackson, Ariella, and Samantha, on her recent passing.

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Navigating the Wilderness of Loss: Reframing The Spiritual Journey of Grief



Serious illness and loss often force us to confront big questions such as "Why did this illness happen to me?" or "Why did my loved one have

to die so suddenly?" These questions can threaten our spiritual beliefs about ourselves and our world. The Jewish Healing Network and The Lauri S. Bauer Foundation For Sudden Loss' annual Help, Healing and Hope Conference will feature Rabbi Anne Brener who will use text, meditation and expressive healing techniques to provide insights into those big questions.

As a spiritual leader, psychotherapist and author, Rabbi Brener helps individuals facing serious illness and loss. The 25th anniversary edition of Rabbi Brener's pivotal book "Mourning and Mitzvah: a Guided Journal for Walking the Mourner's Path Through Grief to Healing," crystalizes her thoughts on what brings comfort to those in spiritual pain: "I build upon the affirmation given to mourners on the Temple's path, expressing hope that they will find HaMakom Y'nechem, the place of comfort."

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Join us on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Skokie as we traverse the landscape of loss to find hope and healing. This session is free and open to the entire community.

Register at https://jcfs.formstack.com/forms/jhn bauer or by contacting Elizabeth Siegel Cohen, Manager of the Jewish Healing Network at 847-745-5404 or ElizabethCohen@jcfs.org. Or contact your JCFS Anshe Emet liaison Ann Luban at AnnLuban@jcfs.org or 847-745-5420.

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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