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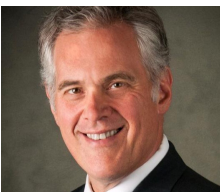
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The Legacy of a Gifted Teacher **Remembering Jo Ann Wexler**

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Think for a moment about a teacher who impacted your life.

Perhaps you were going through a difficult time and that teacher provided a safe place to speak, and somehow imparted the strength to face the challenges of the moment. Or maybe it was the teacher who saw some special ability or quality in you that others missed. Then there are those whose enthusiasm for the subject matter, mixed with a

genius for teaching, made a book or an idea come alive in a way that moved you to the core. Some have had the privilege of studying with teachers who literally changed the trajectory of their lives. For many students who have attended the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, the name Jo Ann Wexler, better known as Ms. Wex, will come to mind. Jo Ann was a master teacher and a remarkable person who sadly succumbed to a difficult illness.

Jo Ann was a teacher at the school for more than 40 years. While she was an excellent pedagogue, it was the manner in which Jo Ann cared for each student, the love she exuded, that truly defined her. She saw the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School as an extension of her own family, which says a great deal. Ms. Wex would often speak quite lovingly of her family members, most especially her niece and nephew. Parents could immediately sense how important your child was to her, and that it was a privilege for your child to have her as teacher. What always impressed me was how she maintained that same keen interest years after children left her classroom and graduated from the school.

In our tradition, the words of Torah, teacher and parents are interconnected. That is to say a true teacher is the one who

elevates their subject matter to the level of Torah, whose teaching methodology engages everyone in the classroom and brings the love and concern of a parent to each student. Jo Ann Wexler truly embodied this teaching. As a result, Ms. Wex will long be remembered as one of those extraordinary teachers who impacted generations of lives and helped to define the best of the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School.

May Jo Ann's memory forever be a blessing.



Jo Ann Wexler

Engage. Connect. Discover.

The High Holy Days are fast approaching. Please review your recent account statement and let us know of any changes or requests for additional High Holy Day tickets you may have. Tickets will be mailed in mid-August, as well as Memorial Book and Pulpit Flower forms.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Karp at 773.868.5139 or akarp@ansheemet.org



This Month in Anshe Emet History

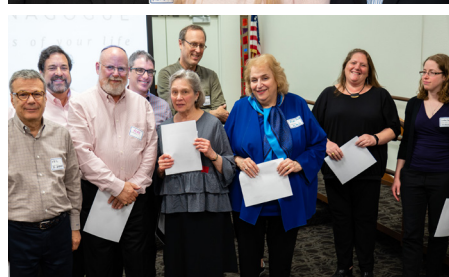
"We are proud to have been selected by the Chicago Board of Rabbis as the Congregation whose Selichot Services will be televised by WGN-TV, Channel 9, on Saturday evening, September 2nd.

Our service is being televised at the request of the WGN Station Management, so that those who are unable to attend and others not of our faith may have an opportunity to share this beautiful service...

This will be the first such service to be televised in Chicago, and perhaps, even in the entire country. It is also possible that it will be re-programmed for showing in other communities."



From our August 18, 1972 | Elul 5732 Newsletter.



From the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Congregation held on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Photos provided by Ralph Schatz.



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For more information on specific items needed. Drop off your donations now at the Giving Center outside the sanctuary, opposite the gift shop.

If you would like to utilize our donation center to conduct a collection, please contact:

Molly Sender (molly.sender@gmail.com) or Zach Seeskin (zach.seeskin@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you for your support!

HAZAK FOR RETIRED ADULTS

MONDAYS @ 1PM

HOKMAH (WISDOM)

ZIKNAH (MATURITY)

KADIMAH (LOOKING AHEAD)

HaZaK is an Anshe Emet daytime program for mature adults with active minds. Co-taught by our clergy and other community educators, this year HaZaK is focusing on Jewish History with the Melton curriculum "Crossroads."

Upcoming classes:

August 5: **Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould**

August 12: **Hazzan Elizabeth Berke**

August 19: **Hazzan Elizabeth Berke**

August 26: **Rabbi Michael Siegel**

Upcoming Speakers...



Micah Goodman

Sunday, September 8 • 11AM

Dr. Micah Goodman is a research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. He is a leading voice on Judaism, Zionism, the Bible and the challenges and opportunities facing Israel and contemporary world Jewry.

Dr. Goodman also directs Beit Midrash Yisraeli - Ein Prat, Israel's leading pluralistic Beit Midrash for young adults.

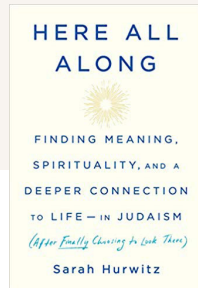
This program is a gift to Lee and Jerry Zoldan from the students of the Shalom Hartman program at AES.



Sarah Hurwitz

Monday, September 16 • 7PM

Hear **Michelle Obama Speechwriter** speak in dialogue with Rabbi Siegel. They will discuss numerous topics, including her new book, *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life—in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)*.



Mazel Tov to Our Own Samantha Isenstein!

36 UNDER 36
DOUBLE CHAI IN THE CHI



36 Under 36 is a joint project between Oy!Chicago and YLD. This year Samantha Isenstein, Anshe Emet's Youth & Young Adult Director, along with four other Anshe Emet members, **Tani Prell Epstein, Scott Frazin, Adam Rubenfire & Rachel Sacks**, were selected as 2019 honorees. Sam is recognized for her leadership in developing **Tikkun Chicago**, a multi-denominational high school educational program that brings Conservative, Orthodox and Reform congregations, as well as area day schools, in partnership with one another. The first of its kind in the city of Chicago. Read more about Sam and the other honorees at: OYCHICAGO.COM/36UNDER36 To learn more about Tikkun Chicago visit: TIKKUNCHICAGO.ORG



AESWEETHEARTS

SIPS AND DIPS

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH
7:00PM
@ ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE**

JOIN OTHER COUPLES FOR A MIXOLOGY CLASS ON HOW TO MAKE COOL SUMMER DRINKS

\$36 PER COUPLE FOR MEMBERS

\$45 PER COUPLE FOR NON-MEMBERS

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TINYURL.COM/AESWEETHEARTSAUG13

The Perfect Time Out

Our husband and kids love coming to family events at Anshe Emet. We love listening to Rabbi Donni Aaron's wonderful melodies and Max Handelman's stories. We enjoy spending time with our friends while celebrating Shabbat and holidays. At times, family events can be very loud and overstimulating for our son.

The quiet room that is available at Anshe Emet functions makes attendance to these events possible for our family. Our son knows there is always a place he can go where he can play with toys in a quieter, calmer environment, while still participating and being at shul. We loved attending Tikkun Lil this past Shavuot, listening to the beautiful music and then being able to go to the safe-space of the quiet room to play when our son needed to take a break.

Ariel Schwartz

Ariel is an Anshe Emet Synagogue Rose Crown Minyan Member. Ariel also participates on the synagogue's inclusion committee, Kehilla Kedosha.




THE PEN & THE YAD

PODCAST

a rabbi and a writer talk torah

Enjoy this lively conversation between Rabbi Michael Siegel and Jonathan Eig on the Torah reading of the week. This thought-provoking and engaging podcast is fit for the whole family.

Listen today at:
ANSHEEMET.ORG/PEN-YAD-PODCAST

Thank you to these people for honoring their Minyan commitment. Please join us and help ensure the vitality of our weekly morning Minyan.

Ben Abrams, Marlene Abrams, Fran Abramson, Noah Allan, Bruce Arenson, Sara & Chuck Aron, Barry Balik, Hannah Barg, Jane Basewitz, Brandon Bernstein, Eve Biller, Ben Bronson, Brian Caminer, Adam Cooper, , Ruth Copeland, Sarah Davelaar, Margie Deitch, Meredith Dubner, Mollie, Nate, Emma Dubner, Steve Durchslag, Beth Farber,

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Rabbi Siegel sits down with prominent Jews from around the country and from among the community. Don't miss his recent two-part conversation with member **Roslyn Grodzin z"l**.

Listen today at:

[ANSHEEMET.ORG/JEWISH-KALEIDOSCOPE](https://www.ansheemet.org/jewish-kaleidoscope)

Search for The Jewish Kaleidoscope on iTunes and Spotify. The Pen & The Yad also available.



Shabbat Torah Reading Honor Roll

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

Sanctuary and Minyan:

Ben Abrams, Noa Appelbaum, Daniel Appelbaum, E. David Appelbaum, Elizabeth Atwater, Paul Bernstein, Lorie Chaiten, Sarah Davelaar, Max Davis, Adam Engle, Art Friedson, Dan Goldwin, Hannah Goldwin, Marna Goldwin, Michael Goodgold, Ken Goodman, Debby Hecht, Sarah Hirszen, Sam Hirshman, Jim Honsaker, Eli Kamins, Yanira Kaplan, Jacob Kline, Sam Kramer, Jaci Krandel, Dalya Lessem-Elneave, Jay Lewkowitz, Naomi Margolis, David Medow, Alan Mintz, Sari Oppenheimer, Francisco Ortiz-Perez, Rhoda Pomerantz, Gary Porton, Lynne Schatz, David Schwartz, Barry Seekin, Elaine Seeskin, Elias Solano, Missy Walny, Jeanette Zemsky, Pam Zerbinos

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Youth Readers:

Lev Choplin-Pogrud, Zack Choplin-Pogrud, Anna Cirillo, Vera Cirillo, Nava Fleischer, Jocelyn Friedman, Gus Griffin, Rina Krugel-Lee, Maya Lessem-Elneave, Alexander Nessel, Zack Pogrud-Choplin, Lev Pogrud-Choplin, Nava Schwarz, Dalia Schwarz, Perla Seidner, Talia Seidner, Hava Shifrin, Eli Junior Solano, Damian Solano, Blake Tallise

Usher - Floor Gabbai:

Michael Bellows, Benita Cohen, Gary Wigoda, David Weil, Jay Goodgold

Jane Lippow, Samantha, David, Miles Mann, Loui & Jim Marver, Leora Mincer, Alan Mintz, Laura Neiman Rifkin, Bill Nelson, Joanne & Howard Nussbaum, Gerard Nussbaum, Francisco Ortiz-Perez, Shelly Parker, Gary & Fraeda Porton, John Ragir, Esther Rosenbloom, Julie Ross, Justin & Martin Saloman, Ed Salomon, Jerry Salzman, Neil Schwartz,

Carolyn Schwartzkopf, Barry & Elaine Seeskin, Ken Shapiro, Avrom Simon, Pam & Scooter Simon, Julie Ann Sklaver, Tamara Sokolec, Elias Solano, Phil Stern, Greg Stern, Maya Tkachak, Abe Trieiger, Ophir Trigalo, Missy Walny, David Weil, Andrea Yablin, Moses Zarkin-Scott, Jeanette Zemsky, Pam Zerbinos

Monday thru Friday at 7am
Rosh Chodesh at 6:50am
Sundays & Nat'l Holidays
at 8:30am

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
						<p>SHABBAT YOUTH SERVICES EVERY SATURDAY 10am Ruach Class 10:45am Ruach & Jr. Congregation 11am Shalom Shabbat 11am Shachar BABYSITTING: for children 18 months and older is available in room 104 every Shabbat morning from 9:30am-12:30pm.</p> <p>We are always adding new events. For the most recent calendar listings visit: ANSHEEMET.ORG/CALENDAR</p>	
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8:30am Morning Minyan 10am Little Builders Play Date at Felger Park		7am Morning Minyan 1pm HaZaK		7am Morning Minyan 7:45am Text on Tuesdays		7am Morning Minyan	
10 Av	11 11 Av	12 12 Av	13 13 Av	14			
<div>Tisha B'Av</div> 8:30am Shacharit Service 9:30am Learning 7:30pm Mincha 8:20pm Ma'ariv		7am Morning Minyan 1pm HaZaK 6:30pm Men's Club Presents Alley-Oop to Aliyah		7am Morning Minyan 7:45am Text on Tuesdays 6:30pm AESweethearts Sips & Dips		7am Morning Minyan	
17 Av	18 18 Av	19 19 Av	20 20 Av	21			
<div>Chicago Air & Water Show</div> 8:30am Morning Minyan		7am Morning Minyan 1pm HaZaK		7am Morning Minyan 7:45am Text on Tuesdays		7am Morning Minyan	
24 Av	25 25 Av	26 26 Av	27 27 Av	28			
8:30am Morning Minyan		7am Morning Minyan 1pm HaZaK 6:30pm Drop-In Bereavement Group with JCFS		7am Morning Minyan 7:45am Text on Tuesdays 6:30pm Connecting the Expecting		7am Morning Minyan	

TAMMUZ-AV 5779

THURSDAY

29 Tammuz

1

7am Morning Minyan
6:30pm YAD Basketball
7pm Alon Ben-Gurion,
JNF Speaker
7pm Shireinu

FRIDAY

1 Av



7:49pm

2

Rosh Chodesh Av

6:50am Morning Minyan
8:45am Lerner's of Torah Parsha Class
5:45pm Young Family First Friday
Service & Dinner
7:15pm YAD Service,
Dinner & Schmooze

SATURDAY

2 Av

3

Parashat Matot/Masei
Torah Portion:
Numbers: 30:2-36:13
Haftarah:
Jeremiah 2:4-2:28; 3:4

9am Parsha Class
9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
9:30am Rose Crown Minyan
12pm Kiddush Lunch
1:15pm Shabbat Mincha Service

7 Av

8

7am Morning Minyan
6pm JBC Makes Challah
with Max (off-site)
6:30pm YAD Basketball
7pm Shireinu

8 Av



7:41pm

9

7am Morning Minyan
8:45am Lerner's of Torah Parsha Class
6:30pm Lakeview Minyan
Service & Potluck

9 Av

Parashat Devarim
Torah Portion:
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
Haftarah: **Isaiah 1:1-1:27**

7:15pm Tisha B'Av Dinner followed by Birkat
Hamazon, Learning Sessions & Ma'ariv

Erev Tisha B'Av

Shabbat Chazon

10

9am Parsha Class
9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
9:30am Rose Crown Minyan
12pm Kiddush Lunch
1pm Shabbat Mincha Service
7:15pm Tisha B'Av Dinner followed by Birkat
Hamazon, Learning Sessions & Ma'ariv

14 Av

15

7am Morning Minyan
6pm YAD Happy Hour (off-site)
6:30pm YAD Basketball
7pm Shireinu

15 Av



7:31 pm

16

7am Morning Minyan
8:45am Lerner's of Torah Parsha Class
6:30pm Shabbat Evening Service

16 Av

Parashat Vaetchanan
Torah Portion:
Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Haftarah:
Isaiah 40:1-40:26

Chicago Air & Water Show

Shabbat Nachamu

17

9am Parsha Class
9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Gina Goodman
9:30am Rose Crown Minyan
12pm Kiddush Lunch
1:15pm Shabbat Mincha Service

21 Av

22

7am Morning Minyan
6:30pm YAD Basketball
7pm Shireinu

22 Av



7:20 pm

23

7am Morning Minyan
8:45am Lerner's of Torah Parsha Class
6:30pm Shabbat Evening Service

23 Av

Parashat Eikev
Torah Portion:
Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Haftarah:
Isaiah 49:14-51:3

9am Parsha Class
9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
9:30am Rose Crown Minyan in Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of Ayelet Lazar
12pm Kiddush Lunch
1:15pm Shabbat Mincha Service
4pm Shabbat Play Date at Gil Park
5pm Mincha Bat Mitzvah of Carly Aberman

24

28 Av

29

7am Morning Minyan
6:30pm YAD Basketball
7pm Shireinu

29 Av



7:09 pm

30

7am Morning Minyan
8:45am Lerner's of Torah Parsha Class
6:30pm Shabbat Evening Service
6:30pm Mishkan Service & Dinner

30 Av

Parashat Re'eh
Torah Portion:
Numbers 28:9-28:15
Haftarah:
Isaiah 66:1-66:24

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Elul

31

9am Parsha Class
9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
B'nai Mitzvah of Elias Dunn & Brandon Leib
9:30am Rose Crown Minyan
12pm Kiddush Lunch
1:15pm Shabbat Mincha Service

YOUNG FAMILIES

Maxine Handelman
 Director of Family Life & Learning
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At Anshe Emet, we are building pathways to Jewish life and community for families with young children. Find your friends and joy-filled Jewish life at Anshe Emet! Look for all the details at ansheemet.org/youngfamilies

sign up for our September 6 First Friday Service and dinner:
tinyurl.com/FirstFridayDinnerSept2019

Our final Shabbat Playdate of the summer is August 24 at Gil Park, 825 W Sheridan Rd. Shine only, no playdate if raining. Bring a nut free snack to share.

Thinking about Fall classes? Little Builders, our amazing class for families with 2-3 year olds, begins November 3 (Sundays through Dec 15), 9:15am-10:45am. Sign up at tinyurl.com/LittleBuildersWinter2019.

- Email AEYF-subscribe@yahoo.com to join our list serv
- Join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AESYF/>!

ITS TIME TO BUILD YOUR CHILD'S JEWISH COMMUNITY!

Religious School registration for the Joseph and Belle Braun Religious School is now open for all children JK-8th grade. School starts September 8. Register and learn more at:

TINYURL.COM/ANSHEEMETRELIGIOUSSCHOOL

Please call **Laurie Goldberg Orenstein** at 773.868.5131 for more information or to discuss options available for your family.



MAZEL TOV TO OUR UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVAH

Gina Goodman

August 17
 Daughter of
 Marina & Ken
 Goodman



Ayelet Lazar

August 24
 Daughter of
 Danielle
 & Jay Lazar



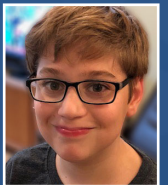
**Carly Bess
 Aberman**

August 24
 Daughter of
 Carolyn &
 Jonathan Aberman



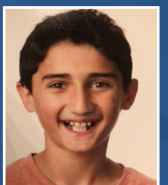
Elias Dunn

August 31
 Son of
 Jill Stein
 & Phil Dunn



Brandon Leib

August 31
 Son of
 Lori Rosen
 & Jay Leib



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Celebrate with a gift to the Kiddush Luncheon Fund!

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A gift amount is welcome. Sponsorships of \$500 or more will be specially acknowledged in our weekly Shabbat bulletin.

Contact Kim Carter for details:

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ANSHE EMET SUMMER BBQ

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 5:30 PM

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR SUMMER BBQ!

Welcome new members and enjoy the company of old friends. Savor the tastes and smells of great food on the grill under the summer sun.

\$15/Adults

\$5/Kids 5 & Up

4 and under free

Register at:

TINYURL.COM/AESSUMMERBBQ2019

Registration closes Monday, September 9 so sign-up today!

Siman Tov U'Mazel Tov!

The Anshe Emet Community congratulates these parents/grandparents on the birth of their newborns. May they grow to attain Torah, Chuppah and Good Deeds! Amen.

Jacqueline & Michael Friedman
Cathy & Steve Levin
Kara Goldman & Hartley Nisenbaum
Orly & Elan Zinkow
Janet & David Herbstman
Debby Lewis & Gabor Tarjan

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The Anshe Emet Community Expresses Its Sincerest Condolences to the families of:

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Bonnie Levitt Harris
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Roslyn "Roz" Grodzin
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Peter J. Nussbaum
Sidney "Jack" Sterling
Harold Oelbaum
George Rosenkranz
Ray Fleischer
Jo Ann Wexler
Liv Rose Meisterman

*May their memory
be for a blessing.*

Misheberach List

If you would like to have a name placed on the misheberach (prayer for healing) list, contact Antoinette Nunez.

Names will be kept on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

Let us be your support through every cycle of life.

Antoinette Nunez
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JNF Speaker,
Alon Ben-Gurion
Thursday, August 1
7PM

Erev Tisha B'av:
Dinner, Birkat
Hamazon, Learning
Sessions and Ma'ariv
Saturday, August 10
7:15PM

Tisha B'av:
Shacharit
& Learning Sessions
Sunday, August 11
8:30AM

Tisha B'av:
Mincha & Ma'ariv
Sunday, August 11
7:30PM

SEPTEMBER

Elul Explorations
Live from The Schechter
Institute in Jerusalem:



Rabbi Avi
Novis-Deutsch
"Were the
Rabbis Really
in Favor of
Teshuva on
Yom Kippur?"
Sunday,
September 8
10AM-11AM



Rabbi Mimi
Feigelson
"The Sacred
Drama of
Crossing-Over —
Sign Yourself in
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