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REMEMBERING DR. NORMAN SIMON AND THE POWER OF A COMMUNITY TO IMPACT LIVES

I am always impressed with how powerfully our community touches people's lives. It may be the knowledge that a loved one is being prepared for burial by our *Chevre Kaddisha*, or the comfort that grief counseling offers, or a meal prepared by our Chesed Committee. For others, it may be the premarital counseling before a wedding, or a Babies and Bagels group, a learning opportunity, or a youth group engagement. The fact is that Anshe Emet cares for its membership in a myriad of ways.



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Recently, I sat down with a family to prepare for a funeral and was reminded that our congregation has a long history of making a meaningful difference in the lives of those who enter its doors. Dr. Norman Simon was a well-known nephrologist in Chicago. He was, in many ways, the doctor's doctor, respected by his colleagues and beloved by his patients. I knew that Norman and his brother Sheldon had a long history at Anshe Emet, but I was unaware of the seminal role that this institution played in his life.

During the years of the Depression Norman's father passed away. He and his brother were left fatherless and their mother Mildred, a widow. She was a strong, determined woman and took over her husband's business. But what about her sons? Where would they go after school? The answer was Anshe Emet. This place was a second home for people like Norman and Sheldon and so many others. Hebrew School, Shabbat, and a number of other activities were made available to them. Truth be told, Norman almost didn't make the cut. It seems that he was a bit of a rabble rouser in his Hebrew school days, but his mother interceded and the Rabbi relented. Mildred's sons, Sheldon and Norman, made the most of their years at Anshe Emet and remained involved on every level. Moreover, when it came time to apply to college one of the rabbis encouraged a reluctant Norman to reach beyond what he thought was possible and apply to Harvard. The young man did and he was accepted. Years later this same person who was an inch from banishment became President of the congregation. Norman was President when I was hired as a Rabbi in 1982. I remember well how proud he was of this congregation and how passionate

he was about our work. Throughout the years, Norman kept his involvement and led the morning service on the High Holy Days.

These last few years have been difficult for Norman and his wife, Harriet. Yet, in the past few months two of his wishes were fulfilled. He was able to attend the High Holy Day services one last time and the Cubs won the World Series. At his funeral I listened to his children speak and each mentioned the importance of Anshe Emet and was heartened by our community's impact. It is also important to note that good deeds have a resonance all their own. Sheldon's children continue to usher on the High Holy Days and his nephew Scooter has taken a leadership role in both Bernard Zell and Anshe Emet. Witnessing Norman's funeral service in our sanctuary was an opportunity to pay tribute to a fine doctor and a Shul Mensch. However, it is not the end of an era, but a legacy that continues with a new generation. While we have much to do in the future, it is good to be reminded that we have a long history of being present for people and making a difference in their lives.

May God give us the strength to continue our sacred work and may the soul of Dr. Norman Simon be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS



USYers at Maggie Daley Park in the snow.



The Sisterhood held its annual Latke Palooza on Tuesday, December 27.



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH

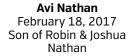


Corey Rudman February 4, 2017 Son of Cindy & Jay Rudman



Eli Lichstein February 11, 2017 Son of Miriam & Ben Lichstein







Rachel Harris February 26, 2017 Daughter of Susan & Ben Harris



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Alberto Mizrahi, Hazzan The Arnold H. Kaplan, M.D. Cantorial Chair

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Barbara B. Haworth, Executive Director

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Cantor Elizabeth Berke, Director of Continuing Education
Kim Carter, Director of Hospitality and Communication
Aaron Frankel, Religious School Principal
Maxine Handelman, Young Families Coordinator
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ACTION DEFINES FAITH...AND THE BRIGHTNESS OF OUR FUTURE

In my High Holy Days remarks, I referenced Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who wrote that we define our faith by our actions. During that talk, I referenced two critical projects which were priorities for AES for this year ... and likely, for several more years.

First, we are proceeding, in collaboration with Bernard Zell, to renovate our building and better enable us to serve our community for decades to come. Second, we are reimagining our religious school program to better engage students with a leading edge approach. With one half year complete, let me update you on our progress on these essential projects.

Our building project is progressing well. Our goal is to renovate and update our building to better serve the needs of our community and better fulfill our Strategic Plan goal of providing a welcoming environment. Sub-goals include 1) enlarging our prayer spaces and providing the opportunity for multiple prayer experiences, 2) enabling our prayer spaces to be more conducive to community participation, 3) updating our community hall to be better able to hold celebrations, 4) providing a safe, secure, welcoming entrance and 5]better serving the needs of our friends at Bernard Zell whose population continues to grow. Our architects have developed a visionary plan which has been shared with the Board. It continues to be refined and costed, but provides the opportunity to get all of the above goals accomplished. Simultaneously, we are working to develop a fundraising and financing plan to facilitate such a project. We look forward to sharing the details at the appropriate time. Many thanks to Rabbi Siegel, Scooter Simon, Jay Goodgold and Barbara Haworth for your leadership.

The reimagination of our religious school is also progressing thoughtfully. Led by Rabbi Chankin-Gould, board member Dani Lazar and Sam Schwartz-Fenwick, we have assembled a

group of 25 members of our community to form the LaAtid Task Force ('To the Future') who are going to develop a program which uniquely meets our community's needs. The



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plan will be developed over 18 months, and will be piloted and then launched over 2 years. They have first focused on understanding what is currently going on with children and education at Anshe Emet ... challenging assumptions, clarifying values, eliminating constraints. The next phase will include community conversations where members will get to share their visions and dreams for Jewish education. We want to develop a culture of learning, both formally and informally, a culture which embraces the diversity within Judaism and within our community. With the help of a renowned consultant, Rob Weinberg, we are attempting to move beyond models of education which were put in place decades ago. If you are interested in participating, please email Rabbi Chankin-Gould at dcqould@ansheemet.org.

Friends, these focused priorities are our pathway to a new Anshe Emet, one which will enable us to benefit our community for years to come. We have a bias to act and with that bias, will solidify the faith of our community.

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THE ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE VISUAL BRAND REFRESH

By the time you see this article in the February newsletter, you will not need me to tell you that things are looking different in this edition! Your congregation has been undergoing a process for over a year to examine all of our communications and refresh our visual brand. In the next month you will see not only this newly formulated newsletter but also a new website and updated social media and synagogue communication materials. Hopefully you will be visually delighted!

We began over a year ago with the Strategic Marketing Initiative Task Force—a group of very talented marketing/ communications professionals from within the congregation—Mimi Wallk, Susan Caplan, Leonard Rau, Ruth Rau, Lis Weiner, and Jason Star—who met weekly to examine and strategize all forms of AES communication. Focus groups were engaged and their feedback critically examined.

The intention is to create a visual brand refresh utilizing

the current logo, colors and tagline. We will leverage brand elements to refresh our current marketing tools: website, email, newsletters, posters, social media, print ads and brochures. The new website should launch in February and we hope you will find it inviting, warm and contemporary. Additionally, it will be mobile responsive allowing for easy viewing on any electronic device.



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This exciting project was staffed by **Ashley Glas**, AES Communications Coordinator. We owe her a giant round of applause for her diligent efforts to see this project through.

Barbara B. Haworth

Know someone new to the neighborhood?

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

KAPLAN CONCERT 2017 – LIGHTS, CANTORS, ACTION



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Historically, Broadway shows were turned into movies as the "talkies" took over the film industry. So much so that 100 were made and released in 1930 alone. Having exploded out of the silent film era, the public could not get enough of their favorite stars speaking and singing to them (except for the few that unfortunately had heavy accents or terrible voices). There was never another year like it. Yet, although the number of like films released since then fell dramatically, it was not because of a lack of popularity or joy; it was economics. Nevertheless, as we see in the last few years, the joy and relaxation that both Broadway and Musical Films bring to us have made

them a mainstay of the entertainment world since the early days of the 20th century. From the original Jazz Singer to its modern version of 1980, and continuing with a planned film of "Wicked" in 2019, people still flock to these exuberant and happy films!

And now, we bring you: LIGHTS, CANTORS, ACTION!

Our 2017 Arnold H. Kaplan Annual Concert will feature songs from *The Wizard of Oz, High Noon, Funny Girl, Fame, Yentl, Exodus, The Prince of Egypt* and many more! Our cast includes the fabulous voices of Cantors **Susan Lewis Friedman** (Beth Emet Free Synagogue, Evanston), **Shira Ginsburg** (East End Temple, Manhattan), **Thom King** (Beth El Congregation, Baltimore), our own **Anna Gotskind** (who wowed the crowd at last year's Kaplan Concert!), and your Hazzan. We will be accompanied by the magnificent ensemble of the immensely talented **Don Cagen**, in a popping exciting program of some of the best music to come out of Hollywood, mostly by Jewish composers.

You do not want to miss this major event! Sunday, March 19, 4:00 p.m., Main Sanctuary

Ticket on sale now: http://tinyurl.com/lightscantorsaction



Дорогие друзья,

Пятнадцатый ежегодный Концерт Каплан Lights, Cantors, Action! состоится в Воскресенье,19 Марта, в 16:00. В концерте прозвучат произведения еврейских композиторов и исполнителей из всемирно известных фильмов. В программе принимают участие кантор нашей синагоги Альберто Мизрахи,канторы Том Кинг, Сюзан Люис Фридман, Шира Гинсбург и сенсационная юная солистка Анна Готскинд.

Стоимость билетов \$36, но наша Синагога Анше Эмет хотела бы предложить специальную цену в \$10 для наших русскоязычных друзей. Если вы бы хотели воспользоваться этим предложением, то вы должны послать чек в Синагогу Аншэ Эмет, вниманию Мими Вейсберг, с запиской, кто прийдет на концерт. В этом случае ваши имена будут внесены в список и отмечены перед концертом.

Если у вас есть вопросы, пожалуйста позвоните мне 773-348-5403 или Мими 773-868-5123. Спасибо, Мая Ткачук, член комитета концерта Каплан

Attn: Mimi Weisberg, Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 North Broadway, Chicago IL





SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 P.M.

A musical Shabbat experience with Rabbi Donni Aaron, Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould, and Naomi Weiss-Weil! Especially designed for families with middle school and high school youth (5th-12th grade) and open to people of all ages.

We'll sit in the round, come dressed as we are (jeans are welcome), sing spirited prayers along with guitar, drums, and more! The service will be one hour and will be followed by a vegetarian pot-luck dinner.

SHABBAT AS YOU ARE WILL MEET:

February 10, 2017 • March 10, 2017 • April 14, 2017 • May 12, 2017 (with Bernard Zell) • June 9, 2017

VECETARIAN POILUCK if your last name begins with:

A-G, please bring salad or fruit

H-M, please bring side dish

N-R, please bring main (pasta, beans, etc.)

S-Z, please bring dessert

Questions? Email Rabbi Donni Aaron, daaron@ansheemet.org

TELLING OUR STORY: WALKING WITH THE PROPHETS

Anshe Emet Synagogue Community-Wide Retreat JCC Perlstein, Lake Delton, WI. May 5-7, 2017

We come from a legacy of Prophets who had the courage and artistry to speak out against injustice, rally their communities, and did so with poetry and style. On the Anshe Emet Retreat adults and children alike will explore the words of the Prophets and will find our own in the process, revealing the story of our people.

Please join the entire Anshe Emet community for a fabulous weekend of spirituality, learning, bonding for adults, and activities for kids, all within the serene setting of the Perlstein Resort at Camp Chi in Wisconsin! The Retreat is designed with all ages and demographics in mind. There will be adult-oriented programs like yoga, Torah learning with the Rabbis, poker night, happy hour, musical prayer, and more. There will be kid-oriented programs like games, sports, kid-friendly prayers, etc. No matter who you are the Retreat has something to offer: the chance to bond with others, reconnect to your Judaism, take a break from the city, and soak in the riches of this amazing community.

Attendees are also invited to join our Retreat book club. This year we are reading Rabbi Zoe Klein's creative novel, imagining the life of the prophet Jeremiah, *Drawing in the Dust*.

To support the attendance of our full community, we have financial aid available. Please contact Brian Schmidt by email at bschmidt@ansheemet.org or by phone at 773-868-5125 with any questions. Registration will be open soon – watch this space!

TORAH SCROLL WORKSHOP



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On February 7 we will have a unique opportunity to learn with Sofer (Torah scribe) Rabbi Gedalia Druin. I have learned from him before, and his passion for the care of Torah scrolls is infectious! He will teach ways to empower the congregation to care for our Torah scrolls and prolong their lives and usage at Anshe Emet.

A 3-hour hands-on workshop will teach how to tell the difference between real problems and superficial issues. We will learn the correct way to handle and maintain our scrolls, as well as how to monitor the conditions in our *Aron Kodesh*. We will learn how to properly roll, lift and dress the Torah scroll and to appreciate the advantage of handling a scroll properly and the consequences when it is not.

This workshop will provide an opportunity for you to participate and contribute to the ongoing ritual life of Anshe Emet in a practical manner, and is an exciting and uplifting way for you to connect with Torah.

When: Tuesday, February 7, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

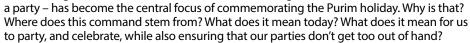
Cost: \$10 for Anshe Emet Members; \$20 for nonmembers. To register, please email Ritual Director Naomi Weiss, nweiss@ansheemet.org. Space is limited.

TORAH ON TAP WITH THE YOUNG ADULT DIVISION OF ANSHE EMET!

At the end of the Book of Esther, we are taught that when we commemorate the Purim holiday, we are meant to do 4 things:

- 1) Read the Book of Esther to retell the story of Purim (Megillah)
- 2) Give gifts of food to our neighbors (Mishloach Manot)
- 3) Give gifts to the poor (Matanot La'evyonim)
- 4) Have a party!

Ok, sounds like a basic enough list of things to do. What is interesting is how, in several communities, #4 – having



If you are in your 20's and 30's, or know of people in their 20's and 30's, and would like to meet other great young Jewish professionals while talking about some of these fun Purimrelated questions, join us at YAD's Torah on Tap! We co-host Torah on Tap with Anshe Sholom and Temple Sholom every month. This month it will be at the Wilde Bar and Restaurant, on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there! For more information, be in touch with Sam Isenstein at sisenstein@ansheemet.org.



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David Russ

Save the Dates for Purim 2017

Saturday night, March 11, 2017

Community dinner, Interactive and No Frills Megillah Readings, Party, and MORE!

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Family megillah reading
Purim Carnival

SEE YOU THERE!

TORAH READING HONOR ROLL

We would like to thank the following congregants who have honored us by chanting Torah for our community during the month of December [this does not include our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students]. Sanctuary and Minyan: Aaron Frankel, Michael Goodgold, Barbara Gressel, Dalia Hoffman, Dan Karp, Josh Lazar, Alan Mintz, Gary Porton, Jody Schneiderman, Ophir Trigalo, and Gary Wigoda.

Rose Crown Minyan: David Alperin, Rachel Berkowitz, Matt Bluestone, Emily Feder, Natalie Feldman, Talya Frankel, Joel Goldstein, David Kaplinsky, Micah Liben, Liz Lippow, Ann Luban, Naomi Margolis, Josh Margolis, Candace Mittel, Brian Nagorsky, Lizzie Norton, Adam Parker, Gregg Pollack, Naomi Richman, Lynne Schatz, Zach Seeskin, Amy Shevitz, Yedida Soloff, and Barry Wimpfheimer.

Youth Readers: Sella Alperin, Asher Berman, Nissa Berman, Ethan Leder, Shira Lerner, Maya Lessem Elnecave, Benjamin Matsa, Jonah McClure, Zack Pogrund-Chopin, Lev Pogrund-Chopin, Perla Seidner, Simon Shapiro, Gabe Silk, and Joe Wieder.

THANKS TO THESE PEOPLE FOR HONORING THEIR MINYAN COMMITMENT

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

Cynthia Goldberg; Dan & Gail Golden; Maxine, Jacob, Arianna Handelman; Richard Herman; Sarah Hirsen; Dalia Hoffman; Judy Horwich; Arnie Horwich; Bruce Kaminsky; Larisa Kenen; Debby Lewis; Roselind Lindau; Jane Lippow; Marcie Marcovitz; Alan Mesh; Alan Mintz; Deborah Mizrahi; Jonathan, Chris, Lizzie Norton; Shelly Parker; Fraeda & Gary Porton; Dan Pulik; John Ragir; Esther Rosenbloom; Susan Rosenstein; Ricky Roth; Ed Salomon; Jerry Saltzman; Neil Schwartz; Yedida Soloff; Don Shapiro; Howard Shuman; Rhonda Singer; David Spector; Sam Stephen; Phil Stern; Gabor Tarjan; Maya Tkachuk; Abe Trieger; Cheryl Trieger; Helen Ullman; David Weinberger; Stew Witkov; Neal Yablong; Cheryl Zachariah; Lynne Zamick; and Marianne Zemil.

A PATHWAY TO JEWISH CONNECTION FOR FAMILIES OF 2-3 YEAR OLDS



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Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace (Proverbs 3:17)

Every week as the Torah is taken out of the ark we sing these beautiful words from the book of Proverbs which couch the Torah in terms of "paths" and "ways." In other words, Torah is not a destination but rather a journey. And indeed to

live a robust and committed Jewish life is all about the "path" we traverse.

This year, Anshe Emet has been doing some deep thinking about how to shepherd young families along their own pathway. The Chicago community received a generous grant, facilitated through CFJE, to utilize the AMAZING UpStart to coach Jewish leaders in how to innovate in education. As part of the CHIddush cohort, Anshe Emet has joined a group of Chicago synagogues in using design-thinking to boldly imagine how we might take our educational efforts to the next level. In particular, I am grateful to Anshe Emet member, and head of CFJE, Rabbi Scott Aaron, for spearheading this incredible opportunity.

As our part of the CHIddush project, AES chose to focus on the families of 2-3 year olds: how can we best serve the needs of these emerging Jewish families and support them in their Jewish journeys? Already we provide a few exciting programs: "Connecting the Expecting" brings together expectant parents for 6 weeks of relationship building and Jewish learning; "Babies and Bagels" offers parents of 0-2-year-olds a monthly

opportunity to gather and sing together; and our new program "Little Builders" is starting to pilot Jewish learning opportunities for 2-3 year olds and their parents. Indeed, our fondest hope is to grow "Little Builders" into a more robust mainstay of the AES community. Already 20 families have registered for our four pilot programs, and led by Maxine Handelman, Amy Karp, and Cindy Friedman, the program is thriving.

But we want more. Our CHIddush team [Max Handelman, Amy Karp, Andrea Minor, Lauren Bednyak, and myself] have already attended several all-day seminars, formed an advisory committee, worked with a professional coach [Sari Gluckin], and devised a research strategy for how to immerse in deeper data. As a team we coalesced around the image of a "pathway." Rather than imagining a series of discrete program opportunities, we are instead dreaming of the "path" which will connect emerging Jewish families to each other, to the synagogue, and to the Jewish people. How can we best facilitate that path? How can we guide people to find their own way? What tools do young Jewish families need along the journey? How can we support these brave travelers?

I could not be more proud of the work we are doing or more grateful for the leadership which is taking us here. In particular the two AES professionals, Max and Amy, combined with our fabulous lay leaders, Andrea and Lauren, are dreaming big dreams for our community. My hope is that if you have insights or dreams to share, you will turn to our team to help us know what you need, what you long for, and how we can walk with you along your own path. Together we will continue to cultivate a pathway which is pleasant, which is peaceful, and which carries young Jewish families to new heights of engagement and excitement.

Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould

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 Saturday, February 11.

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.

The Mitzvah of Bikur Cholim

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

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

ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

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

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 families with children in grades K-2, meets on the second and fourth Shabbat of the month at 11:00 a.m. February dates are the 11th and the 25th. If your child is interested in reading a Torah excerpt in Hebrew or English, please contact Max Handelman at maxhandelman1@gmail.com. **Shachar Tefillah Yoga,** with Rabbi Heather Altman, will meet the first and third Shabbat of the month, February 4 and 18 at 11:00 a.m. Dress in comfortable clothes.

FIRST FRIDAY AT FRIENDS! FEBRUARY 3!

This February, instead of our typical First Friday Family Davening and Dinner, we're taking the show on the road, to the homes of your fellow Anshe Emet families! If you'd like to be hosted for Shabbat dinner, please visit https://www.ansheemet.org/firstfridayatfriends to answer a few questions so we can set you up. If you'd like to host families in your home, please contact Max Handelman at maxhandelman1@qmail.com.

ANSHE EMET'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY WIDE RETREAT IS MAY 5-7!

This weekend is action-packed with bonding, fun, camp time, spirituality, meaningful prayer, and more. Take this chance to reconnect, re-energize, and replenish with members of our community. Registration will be open soon. We will have financial aid available. Please contact Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould at 773-868-5116 with questions.

THE ANNUAL YOUNG FAMILIES TU B'SHEVAT SEDER. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The Annual Young Families Tu B'Shevat Seder is right around the corner! Join us for lunch, singing, planting and otherwise celebrating trees and our connection to Israel on Sunday, February 12, 12:30-2:00. Register your family at http://tinyurl.com/YFTuBShevat5777.

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) www.facebook.com/groups/AESYF/.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ANSHE EMET YOUTH?

MEMBERSHIP

It's not too late to join or renew your AE Youth Membership. Please register online. Membership includes discounted programs throughout the year. Kadima and USY membership offers access to CHUSY regional programs and conventions as well as AE Youth events for the school year. Go to tinyurl.com/AESYouth2016.



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SHACHAR (GRADES K-2)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 12:00-1:15 P.M.

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat with Shachar. \$5 for Shachar members, \$10 for non-members, includes lunch. RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/shachartubshevat17

MACHAR (GRADES 3-5)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6:15-7:30 P.M.

Thursday evening fun with Machar! \$5 for machar members, \$10 for non-members, includes dinner RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/macharfeb23

KADIMA (GRADES 6-8)

Save the date for CHUSY Kadima Day! Sunday, February 26! More info to follow!

Calling all 8th Graders: You are now welcome to attend USY events! We can't wait to see you at all of our SHMUSY events.

SHMUSY (GRADES 9-12)

BASKETBALL IS BACK AT SHMUSY ON FEBRUARY 6, WITH GAMES STARTING AT $6:30\ P.M.$

Come cheer on our teams or help sell snacks for Tikun Olam Fund!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6:30 P.M.

Bowling at Pinstripes! We will be meeting at Pinstripes! \$25 for SHMUSY members, \$35 for non-members, includes bowling, shoe rental and dinner. RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/shmusybowling17. Must RSVP by Tuesday February 20. Limited space available!

FEBRUARY TUESDAY LOUNGE NIGHTS WILL BE FEBRUARY 14 AND 28 AT 7:30 P.M. SEE YOU THEN!

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!

SHABBAT IS AWESOME!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Celebrate Shabbat! Sports, games, crafts and snacks!

SAVE THE DATE: PURIM CARNIVAL, SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

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

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

RAYMOND ARBETMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION



For more information on upcoming courses, and a listing of current classes, visit our website at http://www.ansheemet.org/Adult_Ed.

DO YOU SEE ME? JUDAISM, ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould is joining with Dr. Beth Fishman from the Jewish Center for Addiction for a four session program exploring addiction and recovery and how to love and support those struggling with addiction. One of the sessions is off-site and will allow participants to attend an open 12-step meeting. Bringing a unique perspective of recovery through Jewish tradition, Beth Fishman, Ph.D. has worked with individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders and other addictive behaviors for over 20 years. As the Manager of the Jewish Center for Addiction at JCFS, Dr. Fishman teaches Jewish spiritual practices that enhance sobriety. She trains and consults with clinicians, educates the Jewish community on addiction, prevention, and recovery, and helps Jewish clergy and communal professionals create safe, welcoming sacred space when alcohol is present. Dr. Fishman is a clinical psychologist licensed by the State of Illinois.

Thursdays, February 9,16, 23 (offsite); March 2;

Fee: No Cost/Member: \$18/Non-Member

Contact Cantor Liz to register: eberke@ansheemet.org or visit http://tinyurl.com/AdultEdSpring2017.

Additional programming related to this area includes:

- Tu B'Shevat Recovery Seder, sponsored by JCFS on February 12, 1:30 3:30 p.m., hosted by Anshe Emet
- Freedom Song, a musical written and performed by residents of Beit T'Shuvah, a Jewish recovery home for alcoholics and addicts in Los Angeles. February 27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m, Anshe Emet

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, Rabbi Russo, Rabbi Chankin-Gould, Elie Berkman, and others.

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

February 6: Cantor Elizabeth Berke

February 13: Elie Berkman February 20: Aaron Frankel

February 27: Rabbi Michael Siegel



FEBRUARY 2017 AT THE JOSEPH & BELLE BRAUN ANSHE EMET RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



AARON FRANKEL
Principal, Joseph and Belle Braun
Anshe Emet Religious School
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- Thursday, February 2: RS, 4:15 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday, February 5: RS, 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Special Fundraiser day for Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation
- Thursday, February 9: RS, 4:15 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday, February 12: RS, 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. J2M; 2nd Grade Family Tu B'Shevat Seder.
- Thursday, February 16: RS, 4:15 6:15 p.m.
- Friday, February 17: JK/SK Shabbat Service & Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 19: RS, 9:00 a.m. –
 12:00 p.m. 4th Grade Parent Brunch &
 Learn; 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Purim 101
- Thursday, February 23: RS, 4:15 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday, February 26: RS, 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5th Grade Parent Brunch & Learn

FUNDRAISER DAY FOR VOICES: THE CHICAGO JEWISH TEEN FOUNDATION

Special programming and visits from members of this wonderful local organization. All tzedakah donated on this day goes to support their efforts!

2ND GRADE TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

A wonderful annual program, as our 2nd graders lead a lovely service and ceremony for their parents!

PARENT BRUNCH & LEARN

These grade parent brunch and learn sessions are opportunities for parents of a particular grade to get together, eat, schmooze and explore aspects of their children's Religious School curriculum through an adult lens with a member of the clergy. 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.





Please join Anshe Emet Synagogue, Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation, Chicago Sinai Congregation, Emanuel Congregation, Mishkan Chicago, Temple Sholom, on behalf of the

2017 JEWISH UNITED FUND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Tuesday, March 14 • 7:30 p.m. Dessert Reception Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago

This event is free of charge.



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER JEFFREY GOLDBERG

"Behind the Headlines: U.S.-Israel Relations" Editor-in-chief for *The Atlantic*, a columnist for *Bloomberg View*, and one of America's leading commentators on foreign policy.

Stephanie & Jeremy Liss and Marcy & Michael Zoller, Anshe Emet Synagogue 2017 JUF Event Co-Chairs



This transformative performance brings to life the family experience of addiction within our community. Appropriate for adults and teens, Freedom Song weaves together personal stories of addiction and a family's Passover Seder. An informal Q&A with cast members, all of whom are in recovery at Beit T'Shuvah, immediately follows the performance.

Free Admission!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Temple Jeremiah, 937 North Happ Road, Northfield

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Anshe Emet Synagogue

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY. bit.ly/JewishCenterAddiction. For more information, 847-745-5422

The Jewish Center for Addiction: Prevention, Help and Hope. We provide support, resources and education about addiction and recovery to individuals and families in Chicago's Jewish community. Sponsored by the JF/JUF Breakthrough Fund and the JF/JUF Fund for Innovation in Health (funded by the Michael Reese Health Trust). JCA is a program of Jewish Child & Family Services, a partner with the Jewish United Fund in serving our community.



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KEHILLAH KEDOSHA (A HOLY COMMUNITY)

Fostering a community which welcomes, includes and celebrates the contributions of people with disabilities and their families

Please join Max Handelman and Rabbi Donni Aaron for a special Shalom Shabbat service (babies - Pre-K) on Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.

We will celebrate Disability Awareness and Inclusion month by featuring songs and stories as well as teaching prayers in sign language and experiencing prayer with Magnetic Shul games. Please join us and invite all your friends to celebrate with us.

In honor of Disability Awareness
Month, Anshe Emet Synagogue has
partnered with the Apple Store and our
very own congregant Dennis Skigen
to offer a series of FREE computer
learning sessions. These sessions are
specifically designed to enable people
with disabilities to access computers
and information through cutting edge
computer programming.

Dates and times will be sent out ASAP. If you have any questions about these specific programs or about our Kehillah Kedosha committee please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Donni Aaron at daaron@ansheemet.org.



If you are not currently receiving "Shabbat Today," our weekly e-mail, and would like to receive it, please email Ashley Glas at aglas@ansheemet.org and provide your e-mail address.

FEBRUARY 2017

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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

GET INVOLVED!

The Sisterhood is looking for a few good Sisters!! If you are interested in getting involved, planning a program or being a



part of our new generation to generation mentoring program, please contact Marlene Reid Kosova, Sisterhood President at mreiddpm@gmail.com.

EVENTS

February is the month for all things Shabbat for the Sisterhood!

SISTERHOOD MENTORING PROGRAM:

OHEL EMET V'DA'AT - OUR TENT OF TRUTH AND KNOWLEDGE,

We have several Shabbat learning events and participation events for our Sisterhood Shabbat.

Sunday February 12 at 11:15 a.m. we will have an Aliyot training session to become more comfortable going up for an Aliyah. Cantor Liz Berke will unpack both the meaning and the words of what it means to "be going up and receiving" an Aliyah. Reading Hebrew is not necessary as a transliteration is always provided at the Bimah.

February 4 and February 18 at 9:30 a.m., we will be having a Learner's Minyan where Cantor Berke will walk us through a Siddur to provide a basic understanding of the parts of Shabbat morning service.

In addition to these group sessions, we are starting a one to one mentoring program for those that may want a "shul buddy" to sit with on occasion to help them follow the service and the Siddur. If you are interested in being matched up with a buddy, please email Nitzanit Breitenstein at mbreiten@rcn.com.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT - FEBRUARY 25

Please join us in either the Main Sanctuary or the Rose Crown Minyan as we honor the women of our congregation for services conducted by women and partake in a post Kiddush learning opportunity with our Sisterhood Scholar In Residence, Tamara Frankel.

LOOKING FOR WOMEN TO HONOR WITH ALIYOT!

Finally, we are looking for women to participate in receiving Aliyot during the Sisterhood Shabbat on February 25. If you would like to partake in this honor, please email Marlene Reid, Sisterhood President at mreiddpm@qmail.com.

CHOCOLATE SEDER WITH HADASSAH, MARCH 28

So many women have been asking for a Sisterhood Seder and this year we are joining with Hadassah in the City to bring you a Chocolate Seder that will an evening that promises to be rich, smooth and filled with sweetness!

*For more information on the Mentoring Program or to become involved with the Sisterhood, please contact Marlene Reid at mreiddpm@gmail.com

PROGRAMS

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Calling all AES College Students or Parents of College Students. Help Anshe Emet keep in touch with your student during the school year. We mail fun, holiday packages (real mail)! Send your name, your student's name, full college mailing address and email to aecollegeconnection@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUE

The Sisterhood reading group completed our fall discussion

Sisterhood Book Discussion Group: Spring 2017

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I am a 2016/2017 Sisterhood member and plan to participate in the three sessions. I have enclosed a check made payable to Anshe Emet Bridge Sisterhood for \$75.	
 I am not a member of the Sisterhood and plan to I participate in the three sessions. I have enclosed a check made I payable to Anshe Emet Bridge Sisterhood for \$90. 	
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with Magda Szabo's brilliant novel, *The Door*. Rachel Jacobsohn, who has been our facilitator since 2002, has provided us with a most interesting list for our spring session. We always welcome new members. If interested, please contact Judy Metzger at Hgmet1@aol.com.

Thursday, April 6: A Fairly Good Time, by Mavis Gallant. Shirley Perrigny is an original. Derided by the Parisians she lives among and chided by her fellow Canadians, this young widow–recently remarried to a French journalist named Philippe–is fond of quoting Jane Austen and Kingsley Amis and of using her myopia as a defense against social aggression. As the fixed points in Shirley's life begin to recede–Philippe having apparently though not definitively left–her freewheeling, makeshift, and selfabnegating ways come to seem an aspect of devotion to her fellow man.

Thursday, May 4: *The Little Red Chairs*, Edna O'Brien. One night, in the dead of winter, a mysterious stranger arrives in the small Irish town of Cloonoila. Broodingly handsome, worldly, and charismatic, Dr. Vladimir Dragan is a poet, a self-proclaimed holistic healer, and a welcome disruption to the monotony of village life. Before long, the beautiful black-haired Fidelma McBride falls under his spell and, defying the shackles of wedlock and convention, turns to him to cure her of her deepest pains. Then, one morning, the illusion is abruptly shattered.

Thursday, June 1: *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos*, Dominic Smith. Dominic Smith deftly bridges the historical and the contemporary, tracking a collision course between a rare landscape by a female Dutch painter of the golden age, an inheritor of the work in 1950s Manhattan, and a celebrated art historian who painted a forgery of it in her youth.

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. Janine 811@qmail.com.

SISTERHOOD MONDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG

If you are interested in coordinating the Sisterhood's Mah Jongg program, please contact Helene Greenwald at hgreenwa@ qmail.com

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

MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

Our Men's Club event on January 23 was a rare opportunity to enjoy a presentation by Jerry Markbreit about his stellar 33-year career in the National Football League as we munched on kosher pizza and assorted beverages. As one of the few Jewish referees to officiate in the NFL, Jerry's talk was of special interest to our members. The proceeds of this event will be donated to the B'nai B'rith Scholarship Fund for Jewish high school students who play a varsity sport to help them on their way to college. We hope you shared this exciting evening in Chicago sports history with us!

WORLD WIDE WRAP

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs annual World Wide Wrap will be held on Sunday morning, February 5, at 8:15 a.m. Once again, we will come together on the same Sunday morning with Men's Club members all over the world for instruction on the proper way of putting on tefillin followed by a short morning minyan prayer service and refreshments. Not only can you brush up on your tefillin skills, but tefillin will be available for purchase at a very discounted price at the event for you or your children.

MIDWEST REGION ANNUAL MAN/YOUTH OF THE YEAR

We are very pleased and proud to announce our honorees for the Federation's Midwest Region Annual Man/Youth of the Year–Gregg Pollack and Charlie Sinder, respectively. The Regional award brunch will be held on March 19, before the Kaplan concert, and we will provide you with biographies and RSVP information as it gets closer to the event.

THE MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

The Men's Club Annual Talent Show featuring the stars of Anshe Emet will be held on March 4 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to be featured in the Talent Show, then please contact Larry Kosova (Ikosova@yahoo.com) or Barry Balik (bmbguy03@yahoo.com). This is your big chance in show business. RSVP information will be available for attendees very soon.

PASSOVER WINE TASTING

For those who rely on Men's Club for their Passover preparations, not to worry as we will be hosting our annual Passover Wine Tasting at Binny's once again in March. The exact date and time will be announced very soon, too.

For those of you who would like to learn more about our international organization, check out the Federation of Jewish Men's Club web site: https://www.fjmc.org/. There is a wealth of information on many cultural and religious aspects for Jewish men (and women). You also can subscribe to the FJMC emailed newsletter at: https://www.fjmc.org/content/signup-hashofar. Please attend and support our events as you see our ads in the synagogue emails and Bulletins. You will be glad you did. Feel free to contact us at mensclub@ansheemet.org to provide your input and find out the latest about our activities. We are incomplete without you.

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

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7 JEWISH RESOLUTIONS FOR 2017

I try not to make resolutions as the New Year begins as I do not have a good history at success with my lofty goals by the time February enters the calendar. However, I was reading an article online this past week by Kate Bigam called "7 Jewish Resolutions for 2017" which struck a chord in me with the concept that these are goals I can accomplish. Here are the goals listed and ways in which Anshe Emet can possibly help.

beauty of Shabbat.



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

- 1. "Start attending Services." We are blessed at Anshe Emet to have a full array of services from Shalom Shabbat for our youngest members, The Family Services and Young Adult Services, the lay led participatory service of the Rose Crown Minyan, to the splendor of the Sanctuary service and our newly formed Shabbat as you Are. Try one ... see for yourself the
- 2. "Study Torah." There are two terrific opportunities to study the weekly Torah reading, one on Friday morning with Rabbi Siegel and one on Saturday morning with Rabbi D'ror. The participants in these programs RAVE about the learning and the camaraderie!
- 3. "Read a Jewish essay every day." *E Jewish Philanthropy, The Forward, The Jewish Book Review* are just a few places to begin. The internet is full of amazing sites to read essays.
- 4. "Say a daily blessing." It is Jewish tradition to say 100 blessings a day but let's start with just one a day! There are blessings for when we rise, when we eat, when we go to bed and even when we see a rainbow. Try one ... see how it feels!
- 5. "Raise your voice for Justice." In this tumultuous time, your voice is needed. Get involved with our Na'aseh group and take an active role in making a difference.
- 6. "Tune in to weekly Jewish wisdom." Our own Rabbi D'ror recently delivered an ELI talk [the Jewish equivalent to a TED talk] which will soon be available to download. Until then, *Moment* magazine recently listed their top ten Jewish podcasts: http://www.momentmag.com/top-ten-jewish-podcasts/
- 7. "Take a class on Judaism." Anshe Emet offers an amazing selection of Adult Education classes from Hebrew to Talmud, Israel and beyond. Engage in learning, meet new people and become more connected to your community.

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,

YAD Young Adult Division

coupled or single, consider being part of our community.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

YAD First Friday Shabbat Services and Dinner, Friday, February 3, 7:15 p.m. \$5 for YAD Members, \$15 for non-members! Register at tinyurl.com/yadshabbatfeb2017.

Torah on Tap, Thursday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. at Wilde Bar and Restaurant with Rabbi D'ror.

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

OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO ...

The family of Shael Mesh, beloved son of Belle Lind Gordon and Alan Mesh, on his recent passing.

The family of Irwin Segal, beloved husband of Lynn; loving father of Jeff [Dawn] Segal and Maxine [Jacob] Handelman. Proud grandfather of Elliot Segal, Ariana Handelman and Yael Handelman, Helena Landsman, Sofie and Cooper Landsman, and Ethan, Sasha, Lilah and Scarlett Knight; and beloved by their parents Mark and Jill Landsman, Scott and Sherri Landsman, and Sari and Eric Knight; dear brother of Lewis (Shirley) Segal and Ronald (Joan) Segal, on his recent passing.

The family of Sara Lee Perlman, loving mother of Susan [Mark] Zolno, Judy [Bruce] Slivnick and Barbara (Oren Orkin); caring grandmother of Adam, Rachel and Ben Zolno, Sarah [Brad] Leibov, Steven, Ben [Rachel] and Brian Slivnick, David and Eli Orkin and the late Mindy Zolno; proud great-grandmother of Max and Sam Leibov, on her recent passing.

The family of Norman M. Simon MD, beloved husband of Harriet D; loving father of Judith Simon (Steven Heyman), Dr. Daniel Simon (Dr. Marcy Schwartz) and Dr. Amy Simon (Bernie Guekguezian); proud grandfather of Joseph Heyman, Benjamin, Maxwell and Aaron Simon, Lee, David and Jonathan Guekguezian; fond uncle of Lisa, David, Jonathan and Adam Simon, and Bruce Chabner, on his recent passing.

The family of Sydney Choslovsky, MD, loving father of Marla [Paul Greenberg] Choslovsky, William [Wendy] Choslovsky and Stacie Choslovsky; cherished grandfather of Talia, Morris and Micah Greenberg and Isabelle, Aiden and Carli Choslovsky; dear brother of Beryl Levine, and Dorise Kerman, on his recent passing.

May their memory be for a blessing

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

Mazel Tov to proud grandparents, **Howard and Beryl Levin** on the birth of granddaughter **Zoey Brooke Levin**. Parents are David and Jamie Levin and big brother is Zachery.

Community Resources

Duman Entrepreneurship Center

At the Duman Entrepreneurship Center at JVS Chicago, we share your entrepreneurial spirit and are committed to help you succeed. Housed in JVS Chicago, and funded by an endowment made possible by the Duman family, the Duman Center supports aspiring entrepreneurs by connecting small business owners with advisors, mentors, training, and interest-free loans. Duman Center clients include independent clothing stores, coffee roasters, dog daycare facilities, toy developers, jewelry designers, healthcare providers, photographers and artists.

For more information please visit our website at http://jvschicago.org/duman/or contact the JVS Chicago ACCESS line at 855-INFO-JVS; 855-463-6587.

···· Shabbat is ··· Awesome!

Saturday, February 25, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Shabbat! Sports, games, crafts and snacks!
Study with Yiftach Ofek.

ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE AND INSURING A BETTER WORLD FUND ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO RAISE MONEY FOR ANSHE EMET

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