This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Pew Study on the American Jewish Community. This study fired the shot that was heard across the Jewish world revealing that 50% of the American Jewish Community was choosing to marry outside of the Jewish people. With such news came passionate response. Every Jewish organization and community, it seemed, had its own version of effective outreach and engagement. Twenty five years later it’s worth asking: how are we doing?

According to Steven M. Cohen, one of the important Jewish demographers in America, “not very well.” In a recent article, “Which of our Grandchildren will be Jewish in the age of Intermarriage” (http://forward.com/opinion/352405/which-of-our-grandchildren-will-be-jewish-in-this-age-of-intermarriage/?attribution=author-article-listing-1-headline) – Cohen challenges the Jewish community to consider the fact that through all of our efforts the statistics are not changing for the better. In the PEW study taken just two years ago, the number of intermarriage have increased to 52% overall and more than 70% in the non-Orthodox community.

Dr. Cohen faces the challenge to the Jewish community plainly: “No American ethnic group has successfully persisted in the face of mounting inter-group marriage, a phenomenon that is self-generating. No American religious group — outside a few of the most fervent and sectarian — has escaped annual losses in worshippers and adherents. American Jews are trying to overcome overwhelming odds.” This leads Dr. Steven Cohen to the conclusion that the Jewish community would do well to reassess where it’s putting its resources and focus its attention on those groups which will most likely stay within the fold. While I most certainly understand the logic and respect Steven both as a scholar and a friend, I respectfully disagree.

My work at Anshe Emet has taught me many things. I can say with certainty that campaigns for “in marriage” have little chance of success in an open society like America. The effectiveness of creating deterrence in membership or inclusion for interfaith families can be seen in the rising intermarriage rates! Such efforts will only continue to cause great tension and ill will in Jewish community. Our first responsibility at Anshe Emet is to create a community that is warm and welcoming and with it an educational program that presents Judaism as thoughtful, dynamic, meaningful and joyful. If we are successful in doing our work well, people will be drawn to synagogue life and be inspired to replicate it in their homes.

Our work at Anshe Emet has shown me that the success or failure of outreach is dependent on the relationships we build along the way. There is a reason why our congregation has the largest synagogue based conversion program in the country. It’s not just that the curriculum is thoughtful or that the teachers are engaging. The secret of our success, is in the area of personal contact. We get to know people and introduce them to others. We work to make them feel welcome in the larger community and assign mentors for them on a Shabbat morning. In the end, people who have no relationship with the Jewish community discover what it means to be part of a community. What is especially gratifying is to see the Jewish partners involved
Celebrations/Events

Light and Latkes
Light and Latkes on Thursday, December 15 brought together celebrity chefs, clergy, and the Anshe Emet Community for a tasty Hanukkah celebration.

Trivia Night
The “Something for Us” group presented a special evening on Saturday, December 3.

Babies & Bagels
Kids and parents turned out for the latest get-together in this popular series on Sunday, December 18.

Mazel Tov to our B’nai Mitzvah
Elijah Koller
January 14, 2017
Son of Deborah & David Koller

Mollie Dubner
January 21, 2017
Daughter of Meredith and Jason Dubner

Gabriella DeKoven
January 28, 2017
Daughter of Leelach DeKoven

Zoe Elizabeth Weiss
January 28, 2017
Daughter of Michael Weiss & Rachel Sternberg

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When the Board developed our Strategic Plan with the participation of so many at Anshe Emet, two words became central themes: Welcome and community. We wanted to realize and capitalize on the goodness of the people of Anshe Emet. We were a community and wanted that feeling to pervade our services, simchas, meals, events, sorrows. It could have been a bunch of words written in flowery language put in a document that went on a shelf. Rather, as hoped for, it has been a guiding light.

There is no greater example of community at Anshe Emet than our Chevra Kadisha. My purpose in writing is to make you aware of these efforts, celebrate those who selflessly contribute and ensure that you know that these services are available through your community members. Perhaps after learning more, you might want to learn still more and join the group. Much of what I will communicate was sourced from Merle Gross who forwarded me quite a bit of information, notably an article by Susan Esther Barnes from The Jewish Journal.

Stemming from the Hebrew words for friend and holy, Chevra Kadisha is a trained group of volunteers from the community who care for the bodies of those deceased in our community between death and burial. These functions include staying with the body, preparing the body for burial through a physical cleaning and ritual cleansing process (tahara) and dressing the body. While we obviously do not know exactly what happens at death, Jewish tradition suggests that it may be a jarring experience when the soul is separated from the body which housed it for so long. Tradition suggests that the soul hovers over the body until burial to ensure that it is properly cared for and laid to rest. This is sacred work done lovingly by members of our community.

To be sure, our synagogue funeral plan, which I had a hand in developing, uses trained, trusted professionals who work with the grieving family to make the process as easy and simple as possible. Certainly, funeral directors have people who do this important work. Our Chevra Kadisha supports and supplements these efforts by providing a caring, personal approach to the work.

You might imagine that those who volunteer take it very seriously. The experience shapes their own views about how to treat community members in life and death. Merle Gross wrote to me, “A tahara is not about MY comfort -- but, on the same hand, perhaps it IS ... for it’s about the comfort level we each have for this ritual. As simple as it is, it’s become shrouded in mystery and myth. During the hour or two spent at a tahara, I am immersed, removed from my everyday concerns, suspended in a curious time capsule. My actions are by no means automatic or rote, I simply do what needs to be done with no thought to my selfness ‘before’ or ‘after’. I am fully present and acutely aware of being ‘in the moment’ ... I never thought or cared much about what would happen to my body after I died but, having served in the Chevra Kadisha I find now that I DO, indeed care. My only certainty is this: What I think of as my soul, my essence, it is vouchsafed in the memory of those who knew me. I hope the Chevra women of all the tomorrows will be much like the women of today for then I will be well-delivered.”

I cannot fully express my gratitude to Merle and Barry Gross for their work as coordinators as well as the others who participate in the sacred work. I am proud to be part of a community of friends who have the goodness and righteousness to step forward and provide this love to their friends. For more information, reach out to Rabbi Siegel at msiegel@ansheemet.org or Merle or Barry Gross at merlekgross@gmail.com.

Lauren Chernyak and Andrea Minor

Lauren and Andrea are co-chairing the work for the CHIdush grant awarded to Anshe Emet focusing on early childhood education for those families with children 2-3 years old. As part of this grant, Andrea and Lauren are committed to attending 5 workshops, attend coaching sessions with our assigned coach along with our staff team of Rabbi D’ror Chankin-Gould, Max Handelman and Amy Karp. They also lead an advisory committee comprised of parents with children in this age group or soon to be in this age cohort. They are instrumental in helping Anshe Emet create a comprehensive program designed for our families to launch in September 2017.

On behalf of a grateful community, you have our heartfelt appreciation for your vital work!
Worship

From Rabbi David Russo
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There is a great debate in our rabbinic tradition. Our rabbis asked, 2,000 years ago – what is better, what is greater, what is more important: Torah study, or action? Our tradition concludes: "Talmud gadol, shehatalmud mevi lifydei ma’aseh – Torah study is greater than action, because Torah study leads to action." (Babylonian Talmud Kiddushin 40b)

According to a simple reading of this teaching, Torah study is preferable because it often leads to action. Actions rarely lead one to Torah study, but the reverse, Torah learning, will often lead a person to make some kind of change in the world.

But a more expansive reading of this Talmudic dictum would read like this: "Torah study is only greater if it leads to action." Our Torah study is preferable only if it actually stirs us to make change in the world.

I personally have been thinking about this teaching a great deal over the past few months while studying for the U.S. citizenship test. In order to make a change in my citizenship and my identity, I had to study one hundred questions which I could be asked in a citizenship interview. Three of the one hundred questions a candidate for citizenship could be asked (and I’m happy to grill you on the other ninety-seven) include:

• What movement tried to end racial discrimination? (Answer: The civil rights movement)
• What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do? (Answer: Fought for civil rights and worked for equality for all Americans)
• Name two national U.S. holidays: (One of them is: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

In order to be a citizen, you need to study and understand the basics of American history. Part of that study includes a history of discrimination in our country (I can say “our” now, as I successfully passed the test ... phew). Candidates are asked these questions because Americans are always supposed to keep in mind the legacy of Dr. King, of what it means to exercise our civil rights, of actively involving ourselves in the affairs of our government, of petitioning our representatives, because that is the foundation of our democracy.

Anyone applying to become a citizen is taught to study what it means to be an American – and through that study, to act on it, to become an engaged citizen.

With that in mind, we at Anshe Emet do not envision the days when we commemorate the legacy of Dr. King as a day off, or as a long weekend. We hope that you will join us at one of the events below:

On Shabbat morning and during Shabbat is Awesome on January 14, we will delve into Torah study and the legacy of Dr. King, reflecting on their works and exploring what we can do to make a difference. We are honored that Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, Rabbi-in-Residence at Avodah, will join us.

On Monday, January 16, 2017, join JUF’s TOV for a morning of volunteering, followed by a program at 10:30 a.m. at Stone Temple Church: "United in Hope, Standing for Justice." Contact Jane Charney at janecharney@juf.org for more details.

On Friday night, January 20, Anshe Emet Live with Rabbi Siegel and Hazzan Mizrahi will include Songs of Freedom, and highlight the legacy of Dr. King.

We hope that you will join us, as our study, as our prayers, lead us to action in repairing our world.

Anshe Emet Live!
A Community-Wide Musical Service

Friday, January 20, 7:30 P.M.
This Month: Songs of Freedom Highlighting the Legacy of Dr. King

Oneg Shabbat to follow

Come join your friends and make new ones as we celebrate Shabbat in an interactive community service. This event is open to the entire Jewish community.

For more information, please call the Synagogue office at 773-281-1423.

If you are not currently receiving our weekly "Shabbat Today" e-mail and would like to receive it, please call our offices at 773-281-1423 and provide your e-mail address.
Worship

15TH ANNUAL DR. ARNOLD H. KAPLAN CONCERT

LIGHTS, CANTORS, ACTION!

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 19, 2017 • 4:00 PM
CHAIRS: CATHY & ETHAN KAHN

If you would like information regarding sponsorship opportunities or would like to volunteer for the Kaplan Concert, please contact Mimi Weisberg at 773-868-5123 or mweisberg@ansheemet.org.

Thanks to These People for Honoring Their Minyan Commitment

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

Sara & Chuck Aron; Caroline Aberman; Ben Abrams; Manya Abrams; Trudie Acheatel; Karin Appelbaum; Bruce Arenson; Barry Balik; Jane Basewitz; Eve Becker; Dale Benjamin; Jack Bergstein; Deborah Brown; Matthew Brown; Isaac Cohen; Norman Cohen; Alan Colitz; Sophie, Samantha DeKoven; Judi & Harold Duckler; Steve Durchslag; Arthur Elstein; Jeff, Suzy, Aiden Esser; Chuck Finkelstein; Amy Frankel; Ezra Furman; Phyllis Gelles; Michael Glen; Judy & Bill Goldberg; Cynthia Goldberg; Gail and Dan Golden; Barb Green; Jay Hausler; James Hausler; Richard Herman; Sarah Hirsen; Dalia Hoffman; Diana Jay; Bruce Kaminsky; David Kaplinsky; Elise Lennard; Debbby Lewis; Roselind Lindau; Herbert Lippitz; Jane Lippow; Liz Lippow; Tamara & Jeffrey Margolis; Alan Mintz; Deborah Mizrahi; Laura Neiman Rifkin; Chris Norton; Howard Oppenheimer; Julie Oppenheimer; Sari Oppenheimer; Shelly Parker; Gary & Fraeda Porton; Dan Pulik; John Ragir; Naomi Richman; Esther Rosenbloom; R. Rosenkranz; Susan Rosentstein; Julie Ross; Ricky Roth; Ed Salomon; Jerry Saltzman; Neil Schwartz; Don Shapiro; Howard Shuman; Rhonda Singer; Chuck Smoler; Yedida Soloff; Dean Solomon; Gretchen Solomon; Phil Stern; Gabor Tarjan; David Thurm; Maya Tkachuk; Abe & Cheryl Trieger; Sharon Wasserberg; David Weil; Jeff, Suzy, Aiden Weinberg; Curt Weiss; Stew Witkov; Cheryl Zachariah; Lynne Zamick; Marianne Zemil.

Torah Reading Honor Roll

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

Sanctuary and Minyan: E. David Appelbaum, David Alperin, Daniel Appelbaum, Tom Bornstein, Jacob Cytryn, Jessica DeKoven, Eddie DeKoven, Dan Karp, Leah Kenen, Leah Oppenheimer, Gary Porton, and Lynne Schatz.


Worship

Now available ...  
Siddur Lev Shalem

Would you like to have your own copy of the Anshe Emet new siddur, Siddur Lev Shalem? We now have copies available for sale. You can order your copy by calling Tamar at the synagogue office: 773-868-5126. She will collect payment information from you and then your book(s) can be picked up at the synagogue office: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost: $36 per book

“Siddur Lev Shalem stretches us in that same way: we've looked at each service, thinking through how it was put together, how the tradition around it developed, what customs were dropped that can be reincorporated, and what contemporary ideas can respond to the text.” - Rabbi Ed Feld, senior editor, Siddur Lev Shalem

SHABBAT AS YOU ARE

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

A musical Shabbat experience with Rabbi Donni Aaron, Rabbi Dror 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:

January 13, 2017 (with Bernard Zell) • February 10, 2017 • March 10, 2017 • April 14, 2017 • May 12, 2017 (with Bernard Zell) • June 9, 2017

VEGETARIAN POTLUCK: 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

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become Jewishly engaged along the way. The fact that more than 40 people a year convert through our program is a testament to our approach.

Conversion, however, is only one piece of what it means to be an open and welcoming community. We have also made good strides in being fully inclusive with interfaith families. Our congregation welcomes interfaith families into our community making sure that we are thoughtful in our approach. We include the non-Jewish husband or wife in lifecycle ceremonies in authentic and meaningful ways. Again, what we had discovered along the way what makes the difference is the personal engagement. Expressing the sentiment that they are not only welcome in the community, but that we value them as part of the Anshe Emet community makes all the difference. We still have some ways to go in this area but we are most certainly on the right road. One question that we are grappling with is that while the clergy of our congregation cannot officiate at interfaith weddings; how can we more fully embrace the couple and their families and find ways to acknowledge and celebrate this seminal moment with them?

I’m pleased to report what is happening at Anshe Emet is also being replicated around the country. Recently I served on the Commission of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism to reconsider the standards for membership. Up until now, Conservative congregations were only supposed to acknowledge the Jewish members of its households. While we at Anshe Emet have disregarded this rule for a number of years, I am pleased to see that the openness of the synagogue arm of the Conservative movement change its standard. In so doing the USCJ is acknowledging that what was designed to be a deterrent to intermarriage was only serving as an impediment to interfaith families affiliating with our synagogues.

The fact remains the American Jewish community is in uncharted waters. Never in Jewish history has a community been so welcomed and accepted within the Diaspora. The challenge facing our congregation and the wider Jewish community, is how to engage interfaith couples and families on their terms in ways that speak to them personally and spiritually. While questions as to how our community will acknowledge and celebrate interfaith marriages remain to be seen. I, along with our Rabbis and Cantor remain committed to engage the dialogue. We owe it to the next generation to ensure that the Pew Study for 25 years from now will reflect an American Jewish community defining itself more broadly, more boldly, more sensitively and more openly.

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Youth/Family Programming

What’s Happening in AE 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.

Machar (Grades 3-5)
January 14 Under-Night! It’s not a sleepover, but it’s a late night at Anshe Emet! Come for Havdallah, dinner and a movie! 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. $10 for Machar Members, $15 for non-members RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/macharundernight17

Kadima (Grades 6-8)
Escape with Kadima! On Sunday, January 22, Kadima will be heading to an Escape Room! 12:15-3:00 p.m. $15 for Kadima Members, $25 for non-members. RSVP here http://tinyurl.com/aekadimaescape17

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 starting in January!

SHMUSY (Grades 9-12)
Take a break with SHMUSY! Finals Lounge Night January 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Snow Tubing with SHMUSY, Saturday January 14, 6:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner, Havdallah and Tubing! $25 for SHMUSY members, $35 for non-members. RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/shmusytubing17. Must RSVP by Tuesday, January 9. Limited space available!

January 20, Teen Kabalat Shabbat Services and Dinner at Rabbi D’ror’s Home.

From Our Youth Director

Samantha Isenstein
Youth and Young Adult Director
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CHUSY Midwinter Convention January 27-28 at BEANS (North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park). Register online at CHUSY.org

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 number 81010 and put in the message @shmusy to be texted reminders about our upcoming events!

Shabbat is Awesome!
Saturday January 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: Celebrate Shabbat! Sports, games, crafts and snacks!

Samantha Isenstein

USYers at CHUSYFest on November 13

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.

Has your address, phone number or e-mail changed?
Please let us know by calling the synagogue office at 773-868-5126. Thank you!

Camp Scholarship Information

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

Look for the application at https://www.ansheemet.org/ScholarshipApplication. Direct questions to Naomi Richman at 773-868-5122; nrichman@ansheemet.org.

All submissions due by January 30, 2017.
Family Programming

Anshe Emet
Young Families
January Happenings

Maxine Segal Handelman, Young Families Coordinator

Anshe Emet has lots happening for families with children 8 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. January dates are the 14th and 28th. 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**, will meet the first and third Shabbat of the month, January 7 and 21 at 11:00 a.m. Dress in comfortable clothes.

- **The Anshe Emet Family First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Davening and Dinner** will be January 6, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. Choose from two services: The young family service for families with kids K and under, and the spirited and extended Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) service for older elementary school students (grades 1-7). Everyone comes together for a delicious community dinner. This month’s menu is “Comfort Breakfast” - includes scrambled eggs, blintzes, fake sausages, and so on (dairy). If you have allergies or other food questions, please contact Kim Carter at kcarter@ansheemet.org by December 30. Please register your family for dinner at this link http://tinyurl.com/FamilyDinnerJan2017. There is a $10 late fee if you register after January 3.

Don’t miss anything! Join our list serv by e-mailing AEFYF-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/.

Learn

Come discover some of the treasures in the Bennett Library. As we begin 2017 don’t forget to include some Jewish learning on your agenda for the coming months. Our library has wonderful resources to help you continue your education on your own time.

Learning with Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg on the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Saturday, January 14

Join Na’aseh, the social action committee at Anshe Emet, for a special opportunity to learn with Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, the rabbi-in-residence at Avodah. She will lead a discussion connecting Torah to MLK’s “I Have a Dream” speech and what it means to us today. This program will be part of Shabbat is Awesome immediately following Kiddush luncheon on Saturday, January 14.

Celebrate with a gift to the Kiddush Luncheon Fund!

Whether you are celebrating a special occasion like a new baby, a wedding engagement, anniversary, birthday or commemorating the loss of a loved one for Yahrzeit—share your life cycle events with the congregation by making a gift to the Kiddush Luncheon Fund.

Contact Kim Carter for details at kcarter@ansheemet.org, or 773-868-5119. Any gift amount is welcome; sponsorships of $500 or more will be specially acknowledged in the weekly Shabbat bulletin.

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.

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

The Arthur & Perle Malkin Center for Jewish Life
Learn

Our Hebrew Tutor Core

In each of my bulletin articles in the winter and spring of 2017, I’m going to feature a different aspect of this year’s religious school program. The focus may be on elements of the curriculum, on individual staff people or high school students who help so significantly in our offerings, or on events that take place once a year or periodically. For this first installment, we are going to look at our Hebrew tutor core.

For the third grade year at the Joseph & Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School, our students begin attending twice per week and focus intensely on getting a solid foundation in the basics and nuances of phonetic Hebrew reading, which will serve them well as they move forward in the study of liturgy, simple Hebrew conversation, and ultimately Torah and Bar & Bat Mitzvah preparation.

Once they get into fourth grade and on, because the curriculum moves in additional directions, our students sometimes don’t get the same amount of Hebrew reading practice as they do in third, and can occasionally stop improving or lightly slip backward. With the understanding that there is no better structure to maintain and build on Hebrew reading skill than one-on-one work with a teacher, tutor, or savvy partner, our madrikh Hebrew tutor core is scheduled this year to work one on one with every student in the fourth and fifth grades for at least 20 minutes once per week. Half of the students in the sixth grade also get this opportunity, when they don’t have J2M.

There are normally two components to these tutoring sessions: diagnostic Hebrew solutions, with a text that isolates issues in reading technique and then drills these aspects as a form of remediation, and then practice with the prayers that are included in the grade’s curriculum, such as the Adon Olam or Ashrei. Our Hebrew specialist and special needs coordinator, Anne Johnston, has been testing the Hebrew level of the students in these grades. The students who need extra expertise are then assigned either to a particularly high-level tutor or to a classroom teacher who is available during these sessions.

Teacher Sarah Raff is coordinating our Hebrew tutor core this year, under the supervision of Anne Johnston and myself. Our wonderful madrikh Hebrew tutors, who spend all or some of their time here in this capacity, include: Hannah Adams, Benjamin Nathan, Alanna Newberger, Natalie Rudman, Joshua Penn, Jacob Kline, and Aviva Kaplan. The classroom teacher for each participating class, and of course our tutor coordinator Sarah, also participate – to allow the maximum number of outside helpers at one time. Special needs coordinator Anne Johnston works one-on-one with students who have significant needs or are particularly advanced, but does this independent of the tutor core.

In addition to helping keep up and improve our students’ Hebrew reading, this one-on-one Hebrew tutoring is a fun and positive experience for all concerned – for our younger students, with an opportunity to interact directly with older peers or mentors, and for our high school students and teachers, who are able to develop connections with individual students and see them grow and improve.

As we go from strength to strength,

From Aaron Frankel
Principal, Joseph and Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School
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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:

January 2: No HaZaK
January 9: Rabbi David Russo
January 16: Elie Berkman
January 23: Rabbi D’ror Chankin-Gould
January 30: Cantor Elizabeth Berke

LaAtid Task Force

The LaAtid Task Force is a group of twenty-five members of the Anshe Emet community who are envisioning the future of the Jewish learning experience for our youth and families.

LaAtid (meaning “The Future”) will be holding community conversations over the next few months. We are interested in hearing your perspective on the hopes and dreams for your family’s Jewish life.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO US AT LAATIDAES@GMAIL.COM
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Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship
Instructor: Various Rabbis
Sundays, January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19; March 5, 19, 26; April 2; 10:00am-12:00pm
Fee: No Cost/Member; $50/Non-Member

This was the first series of lectures in the iEngage program from the Shalom Hartman Institute that first appeared at our synagogue in 2012. The series reframes the discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews worldwide. This curriculum elevates the conversation about Israel by rooting it in Jewish values and ideas rather than in response to crisis, equipping individuals and communities with a quintessentially Jewish values based vocabulary to define and articulate why Israel can and should be fundamental to their Jewish identity.

Continental breakfast is included. Registration is required at: http://tinyurl.com/AESiEngage2017

Registration Information
Spring 2017 registration is available online at: http://tinyurl.com/AdultEdSpring2017

Questions? Please contact Cantor Elizabeth (Liz) Berke, Director of Continuing Education, at 773-868-5117 or eberke@ansheemet.org.

Updated 12/12/16
Hazak
Instructor: Rotating rabbis and community members
Mondays, Ongoing; 1:00-2:00pm
Fee: No Cost

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

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

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

Unable to make it to AES to study? Stuck in the house because of the weather? Don’t let that stop your learning! Take advantage of our conference call-in feature for Lerner’s of Torah. Contact Antoinette Nunez at anunez@ansheemet.org to register for this class and receive the call-in number.

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

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

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

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

Jews by Choice
Instructor: Cantor Liz Berke, our rabbis, and community members
Saturdays, Ongoing; 9:00-10:15am
Fee: No Cost

Anshe Emet’s conversion program is open to the entire Chicagoland community. Under the direction of Cantor Liz Berke, participants engage in Jewish learning through a Shabbat morning class, Hands on Judaism, complemented by our Hebrew 1.0 class and Miller Jewish Heritage on Monday evenings. You will also enjoy Shabbat experiences and field trips. Hands on Judaism, Hebrew 1.0, and Miller Jewish Heritage are required as a part of the program. Enrollment is on an ongoing basis.

Haftarah Trope
Instructor: Naomi Weiss-Weil
Tuesdays beginning February 28; 7:00-8:00pm
Fee: $65/Member; $75/Non-Member

Come learn to chant the beautiful melodies for Haftarah/ the Prophetic Shabbat and Festival readings. The ability to read Hebrew is required and the ability to stay on key is a real plus! There will be plenty of opportunities to use your newfound skills.

Hebrew 1.0
Instructor: Cantor Liz Berke
Mondays, January 16 - March 20; 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Fee: $65/Member; $75/Non-Member

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

Hebrew 1.5
Instructor: Miron Hirsch
Mondays, January 16 - March 20; 6:00-6:45pm
Fee: $65/Member | $75/Non-Member

For students who have met the Aleph-Bet, but want to improve their reading skills and learn how Hebrew words work, we have the class for you. We’ll start right where the Learn to Read Hebrew course left off. We will meet the prefixes, suffixes, and other bits of grammar that help Hebrew readers figure out subject, tense, and number. We will add to that some daily greetings both modern and ancient. Then we will mix in the basics of Hebrew roots and make time for more practice reading. Stir that all together, and you have the class that will add to your comfort in reading, hearing, and even speaking Hebrew.

Lakeview Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Tuesday, May 30 at Anshe Emet

Join the JCC Sidney N. Shure Kehilla and its partner communities for our annual all night learning with Orthodox & Egalitarian morning services immediately following.
Aviv Harkov | A Taste of Torah
Thursday, January 26; 7:00pm
This unique cookbook offers a weekly portion of great food, divrei Torah, and Jewish stories based on the parasha—to enjoy with the whole family. A Taste of Torah allows you to cook up quality time with your kids and shows you how sweet and simple it is to celebrate Shabbat together as a family. Each parasha includes a gourmet recipe that fits perfectly on an elegant Shabbat table and comes with tips for preparing the dish with your sous chefs (children). Aviv will lead us in a discussion and prepare a delicious treat from the relevant Torah reading of the week.

Ayelet Tsabari | The Best Place on Earth
Monday, March 20; 7:00pm
Eleven spellbinding stories focus on Israel’s Mizrahi Jews, featuring mothers and children, soldiers and bohemians, lovers and best friends, all searching for their place in the world. Absorbing, tender, and sharply observed, The Best Place on Earth infuses moments of sorrow with small moments of grace: a boy composes poetry in a bomb shelter, an old photo helps a girl make sense of her mother’s rootless past. Tsabari’s voice is gentle yet wise, illuminating the burdens of history, the strength of the heart, and our universal desire to belong. This is the spring selection for One Book, One Shul. Contact Amy Karp at akarp@ansheemet.org for additional information on One Book, One Shul, including meetings times and locations.

Shabbat is Awesome
Join us during Shabbat is Awesome for Continuing Education on the following dates:
Shabbat, January 14 • Shabbat, February 25 • Monday, April 17 (Passover is Awesome) • Thursday, June 1 (Shavuot is Awesome)

Torah on Tap
Are you part of our Young Adult community? In conjunction with Temple Sholom and Anshe Sholom, the rabbis will meet you at 7:00pm, once a month to relax and lead a discussion.
Tuesday, January 10; Rabbi Weisblatt @ Diag
Thursday, February 23; Rabbi Russo @ Location TBD
Tuesday, March 14; Rabbi Weisblatt @ Diag
Thursday; April 27; Rabbi Chankin-Gould @ Location TBD
Tuesday, May 16; Rabbi Weisblatt @ Diag
Thursday, June 8 - Rabbi Wolkenfeld @ Location TBD
For information contact eberke@ansheemet.org
Meet Our Instructors

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

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

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

Beth Fishman
Beth Fishman, PhD in Clinical Psychology, is currently the Manager of the Jewish Center for Addiction from Pitzer College in Claremont, California. She is originally from Rochester, NY, and graduated from Cornell University with Distinction in All Subjects, majoring in History. She attended the JTS, where she was invested as a Hazzan and also completed a Masters in Jewish Education. Liz’s thesis was an examination of curricula for conversion programs. For over 20 years Liz has been involved in Jewish education both administratively and in the classroom.

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

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

Naomi Weiss-Weil
Naomi Weiss is a student in the Cantors Assembly CICA program, working towards investment as a Cantor. She has worked for 13 years as a freelance song leader and cantorial soloist. She has tutored hundreds of b’nai mitzvah students at Beth Emet, Anshe Emet, JRC, Chicago Sinai, and Temple Sholom. She is currently Anshe Emet Synagogue’s Ritual Director.

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

Sarah Wolf
Sarah Wolf is a doctoral student in Rabbinic Judaism in the department of Religious Studies at Northwestern University. She has studied halakha and rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Schechter Institute of Advanced Jewish Studies, Hebrew University, the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, and Yeshivat Hadar. Sarah received her BA in Literature from Yale University.

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### Babysitting for children

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

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#### Looking ahead ...

- **Sunday, February 5:** Men’s Clubs World Wide Wrap
- **February 24-25:** Sisterhood Shabbat

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Men's Club Menschen/Mention

Our Anshe Emet Men's Club had a great time at the United Center on Monday, November 30 as we cheered our hearts out for the Chicago Bulls as they played the Los Angeles Lakers. Unfortunately, the prayers of our 30 attendees were not answered, and L.A. won—96 to 90. Nevertheless, it always is a fun time, especially as we saw “Anshe Emet Men's Club” flashed on the giant scoreboard and we each received a souvenir photo of 3 of the Bulls players. Some of us even won a “Chia Pet Niko”—an actual Chia Pet of Bulls player Nikola Mirotic. Except for the green color, his Chia Pet beard gives him a bit of a Chasidic look. It doesn't get much better than that. Now to figure out what to do with it. Don't be surprised if you find these at the next Purim carnival.

Our next main Men's Club event will be on Monday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m., at Anshe Emet. We will be hosting a presentation by Jerry Markbreit about his stellar 33-year career in the National Football League as we munch on pizza and assorted beverages. As one of the few Jewish referees to officiate in the NFL, Jerry's talk will be 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. Don’t miss this exciting evening in the local annals of Chicago sports history!

The Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs annual World Wide Wrap will be held on Sunday, morning, February 5. 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 morning minyan prayer service. If your tefillin skills are somewhat rusty since your Bar/Bat Mitzvah days or you would like to feel connected to the Jewish community all over the world, then you will especially want to be at Anshe Emet for this event.

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, and we will provide you with biographies and RSVP information as it gets closer to the event.

Keep an eye out for two of our other famous Men’s Club events—the Annual Talent Show featuring the stars of Anshe Emet in February and a “MEN, MEAT, and MIDRASH” event at Milt’s BBQ where we always enjoy a lively discussion on a Judaic topic of interest with one of our clergy while relishing a great Kosher meal with congregational friends. If you would like to be featured in the Talent Show, then please contact Larry Kosova (lkosova@yahoo.com) or Barry Balik (bmbguv03@yahoo.com). This is your big chance in show business.

We hope you and your family had a very Happy Hanukkah and you are on your way toward a great secular New Year that you will share with us. If you have not already done so, you may become a member of our Men’s Club at your earliest convenience. Please attend and support our events as you see our ads in the synagogue emails and Bulletins so we may build a stronger Anshe Emet Jewish community. Also feel free to contact us at mensclub@ansheemet.org to provide your input and find out the latest about our events. We are only as successful as you make us.

For more information on any upcoming events, email mensclub@ansheemet.org.

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

**YAD First Friday Shabbat Services and Dinner**, Friday, January 6, 7-15 p.m. $5 for YAD Members, $15 for non-members!

**Torah on Tap**, Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. at The DIAG Bar with Temple Sholom's Makom and Rabbi Jeremy Weissblatt

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

Samantha Isenstein, Youth and Young Adult Director

Prepare for the Annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service

Mark your calendars for our Annual Sisterhood Shabbat service and Sisterhood sponsored kiddush lunch on February 25, 2017. Under the guidance of the Anshe Emet clergy, women will lead all parts of the morning service in the main Sanctuary, starting 9:30 a.m.

Please plan to attend and participate (you don't have to be Sisterhood members to take part in service). Here is the list of "parts" available at the service:

- **Lead Shacharit**
- **Reading Torah (8 readers needed)**
- **Chant Haftarah (and bless the Mafir Aliyah)**
- **Prayer for Our Country**
- **Prayer for Israel**
- **Lead Ein Kelohaynu**
- **Carry Torah from Ark**
- **Returning Torah to Ark**
- **Lift the Torah**
- **Wrap the Torah**
- **Lead Kiddush and Motzi**
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For information, contact Larisa Kenen at larisak@gmail.com.

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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
Please join us for the following upcoming events:

Thursday, January 26: A Taste of Torah
The Sisterhood, in conjunction with AE and Jewish Book Council, will join Aviv Harkov, using her new cookbook which combines recipes tied to the Torah portions of the week in discussing the relevance of Va’era to the delicious recipe that we will be preparing together.

Sunday, February 12, 11:15 a.m., Sisterhood Mentoring Program
Are you uncomfortable about what an Aliyah is or what it means? You are not alone! As part of the AE Sisterhood Mentoring Program, we want to provide a learning opportunity to explore and understand what it means to bless the Torah. Please join the Anshe Emet Sisterhood on Sunday, February 12, at 11:15 a.m., in the main sanctuary as Cantor Liz Berke unpacks both the meaning and the words of what it means to “be going up and receiving” an Aliyah. This event is intended to make everyone comfortable with being on the Bimah and with the honor of receiving an Aliyah at the Sisterhood Shabbat on February 25 or any time the opportunity presents! Reading Hebrew is not necessary, a transliteration is always provided. We coordinated the timing so that Religious School moms can attend right before pick up!

Thursday, February 16: Challah Bake at AES!
Get ready to roll up your sleeves and learn to make challah as we knead, roll and braid together in this Rosh Hodesh program.

February 24-25: Sisterhood Shabbat
We hope you will join us as either a participant or congregant as we celebrate Shabbat together. Each year, the women of Anshe Emet come together in both the main sanctuary and Rose Crown to celebrate our Sisterhood, our womanhood and Shabbat. This year will be even more special as we plan to extend the program even further!

March 28: Chocolate Seder with Hadassah
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 for an evening that promises to be rich, smooth and filled with sweetness!

*Sisterhood Book Discussion Group: Spring 2017
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Book Club: The Bridge Sisterhood reading group completed our fall discussion 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 you are interested in joining the group please contact Judy Metzger at Hjmet1@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 self-abnegating 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. Janine811@gmail.com.

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.

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 in the The Night Ministry column for an update on the College Connection program, please contact Helene Greenwald at hgreenwa@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Cline, Communications
We are a community filled with learners, readers and cultural enthusiasts. As we started this year, we notified our congregants of the commitment we made to the Jewish Book Council and have reaped the benefits of several speakers including Danya Ruttenberg, Josh Aronson and Paul Goldberg. As part of the book selection, more than 55 adults studied the book by Paul as part of the One Book One Shul program.

A new season is beginning and so are new speakers coming to town as well as a new book selection for the One Book One Shul initiative. Ayelet Tsabari, wrote a book of short stories called, *The Best Place on Earth*. From Israel to India to Canada, Tsabari’s indelible characters grapple with love, violence, faith, the slipperiness of identity, and the challenges of balancing old traditions with modern times. These eleven spellbinding stories often focus on Israel’s Mizrahi Jews, featuring mothers and children, soldiers and bohemians, lovers and best friends, all searching for their place in the world.

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February 25: Screening of the movie “Dough”

March 11: Megillah Reading and party

March 14: JUF Speaker, Jeffrey Goldberg sponsored by all city congregations.

March 19: Kaplan Concert

March 20: Ayelet Tsabari

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Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship

Beginning Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

This was the first series of lectures in the iEngage program from the Shalom Hartman Institute that first appeared at our synagogue in 2012. The series reframes the discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews worldwide. This curriculum elevates the conversation about Israel by rooting it in Jewish values and ideas rather than in response to crisis, equipping individuals and communities with a quintessentially Jewish values based vocabulary to define and articulate why Israel can and should be fundamental to their Jewish identity.

There is no cost to attend for Anshe Emet Members. $50 per Non-Member. Continental breakfast is included. Registration is required online at: http://tinyurl.com/AESiEngage2017. Questions? Call Amy Karp at 773-868-5139

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