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## THE MEANING OF THE WORD "TORAH": PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR MORIM – THOSE WHO TEACH

Recently, I gave a tour of the synagogue to a group of students from a local high school. There was a great cross section of students of all races and religions present. Opening the Ark to show them the Torah, I instinctively said, "The Torah is a scroll containing the Five Books of Moses." One student responded, "Yes, but what does it mean?" "Well, the Torah has a great number of stories, laws and lessons for our lives," I said. "No", the student persisted, "what does the word "Torah" mean?"



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I then explained that the word "Torah" means "instruction." It does not mean law, but instruction. The implication is that one does not simply read the Torah, but rather, interacts with the text. The study of the Torah is to be understood as a dialogue, filled with hard questions and a quest to discover the message that the text offers for our age.

It seems fitting that I would have such a conversation at this time of year. This is graduation season, a celebration of learning. Our family is celebrating the graduation of our youngest daughter, Emma, from the Rochelle Zell Jewish High School, along with many other families in our community. For Jews, the counting that began with Passover concludes with acknowledging the gift of Torah. Shavuot is the holiday on which Jews pause to celebrate zeman matan Torateynu, the time of the giving of our Torah. The celebration centers on a night of learning and instruction, and with it an acknowledgement of the importance of teachers for the sustenance of Jewish life. It is interesting to note that Torah is a word that we associate with teaching; hence, a teacher of Torah is called a Morah, one who instructs, or one who disseminates Torah. Our congregation would do well to celebrate the important work of two *Morim* who have had a significant impact on Anshe Emet.

For the past four years, Aaron Frankel has led our Joseph and Belle Braun Religious School. We have been the recipients of Aaron's quiet passion. He has worked hard to ensure that our children have the best teachers and the most engaging curriculum. He has worked tirelessly to introduce our students

to the best of Jewish and Israeli culture. Through his leadership the religious school continues to grow and develop in wonderful ways. Recently, Aaron announced that he has taken a position at Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Congregation in Wilmette. While we are sad to see him go, we are sure that Aaron will bring his passion for Torah to Beth Hillel, and will continue to be an exemplary *Moreh*. We are so very grateful for all that Aaron has done for our Religious School and our young people's Shabbat and High Holiday experience. We wish Aaron well in his new position.

I am pleased to announce to our community that Maxine Handelman will be coming on board at Anshe Emet full time. Max is a nationally known educator whose specialty is family education. The families of our community have been privileged to experience Max's "Torah" for a number of years both on Shabbat and Holidays. She is a remarkably creative educator. A *Morah* who possesses that remarkable gift of engaging everyone she teaches no matter their age. With Maxine as a full-time staff member we look to expand our family programs and begin a variety of new educational ventures under her very capable leadership. We have much to look forward to in the years to come in the way of formal and informal instruction.

Finally, the work of our LaAtid Task Force exemplifies Anshe Emet's commitment to the evolving nature of Torah and education. Anshe Emet has embarked on a journey to envision the future of the Jewish learning experience for our youth and families. Spearheaded by Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould, the

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#### CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS

#### The Anshe Emet Synagogue Community-Wide Retreat 2017

Telling Our Story: Walking with the Prophets May 5-7 at JCC Perlstein, Lake Delton, WI.







Rabbi David Russo and Rabbi Michael Siegel, along with Thomas and Margie Goldblatt, welcome Eyal Ben Reuben, member of Knesset.















Michael S. Siegel, Senior Rabbi

The Norman Asher Rabbinic Chair

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

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#### MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH



**Elizabeth Abrams** June 3, 2017 Daughter of Abby & Charles Abrams



**Leo Kantrow** June 3, 2017 Son of Barbara & Josh Kantrow



**Spencer Phillips** June 3, 2017 Son of Leticia & Jason **Phillips** 



**Aidan Philip Aberman** June 10, 2017 Son of Carolyn Gold Aberman & Jonathan Aberman



Will Frank June 10, 2017 Son of Tamara Sokolec and David Frank

#### A PRODUCTIVE YEAR

#### Friends,

While our Board of Trustees is responsible for the shul's financial health, security and quality of community support, we look at each year as our opportunity and responsibility to move AES forward ... to better serve our community, to be a light within the Chicagoland Jewish community and to be a supporting influence for Jews everywhere and Israel.

But each year, we feel the urgency to move our community forward in quality of services, engagement, welcoming and hospitality, education and more. We are here to build relationships. It is quite a talented and dedicated group of lay leaders who work with our clergy and staff and I wish to thank everyone for your support and efforts.

During this year, we undertook some major initiatives and accomplished a great deal:

- As first mentioned during my HHD remarks, we continued to evolve our thinking and develop plans to renovate our building and provide a more safe and welcoming environment, one in which multiple prayer experiences are available, one in which simchas can be celebrated. You will hear and see more next year.
- We engaged in a major effort using an outside consultant and input from many community members to reimagine our religious school. We welcomed input from our friends at Bernard Zell. We will begin testing elements of the program next year.
- We have organized a core group of community leaders to insure that our talented, experienced clergy stays together for years to come.
- We have secured the continued participation and commitment of our Board members insuring continuity for the next year.



STEVEN SILK
President, Anshe Emet Synagogue
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- Our Hazzan once again organized a memorable Kaplan concert, a totally enjoyable event. Thank you Alberto and our hosts Ethan and Cathy Kahn.
- We continue to focus on having the best security available to keep our community safe.
- We redesigned our website and Bulletin to be more user friendly.
- We supported so many life cycle events and I personally loved the smiles and kvelling that I saw from the bimah week in and week out.
- We partied as the Cubs won the World Series ... a deeply spiritual event.
- As in recent years, we are on pace to once again finish the year cash flow even reaching new goals in fundraising.

Thank you for your support. I thank our amazing clergy and staff for their tireless efforts on the community's behalf and most of all, to Rabbi Siegel, for his partnership and friendship. Thank you for your generosity. Have a rejuvenating summer.

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## Menschen of Month

#### **Barry Balik and Marlene Reid**

Barry has led the Men's Club Board with great dedication. He leads a strong board of Men's Club members ensuring excellence in programs and partnership with community members; the Yom Hashoah program, for example, which was co-hosted with the Simon Wiesenthal Center, was exemplary. Marlene's devotion to the Anshe Emet Sisterhood and her strong service as Sisterhood President benefits the many women in Anshe Emet who learn and connect through a myriad of educational and social opportunities. Her creativity and devotion to Jewish learning helped form special programs such as "Wine, Women, and Walking with God."

#### Sam Schwartz-Fenwick, Gail Golden, Marla Gordon, Jay Lazar, Tani Prell

Sam, Gail, Marla, Jay and Tani worked for months to plan engaging activities for children, teens and adults for the Anshe Emet Community Retreat. Over 130 people learned, played, and connected at the Perlstein Resort and Conference Center over the May 5 weekend. The "Walking with the Prophets" theme lent itself to exciting and compelling discussions. Sam, Gail, Marla, Jay and Tani ensured a special weekend of engagement for Anshe Emet members including delicious culinary treats for a fun happy hour!

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

# 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:

June 5: Rabbi David Russo

lune 12: Aaron Frankel

June 19: Hazzan Steven Berke

June 26: Cantor Liz Berke

July 3: Cantor Liz Berke

July 10: Rabbi David Russo

July 17: Sam Isenstein

July 24: Naomi Weiss-Weil

July 31: TBD

Dunnidoni



# The 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Anshe Emet Synagogue

## Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

#### Nominating Committee Chair: Gary Wigoda

- Year in Review Presentation
- Election and Installation of Board Members and Officers
  - Presentation of the Milton Brown Awards
    - Light refreshments will be served

#### 2016 Report of the Nominating Committee

The following nominations for Trustees and Officers were presented by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees. These nominations will be presented to the congregation as stated in the By-laws for their election to serve for a one-year or two-year term.

#### For a one-year term, expiring 2018:

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President	Steven Siik
For a two-year term e	expiring 2019:
Vice President	Art Friedson
Vice President	Fraeda Porton
Officers whose terms expire in 2018	and do not need re-election:
Executive Vice President	Scooter Simon
Vice President	Gary Wigoda
Vice President	Irene Caminer
Secretary	Jonathan Norton
Treasurer	

#### Trustees for a one-year term expiring in 2018:

Alan Mintz Lynne Schatz Lindsey Seeskin

#### Trustees for a two-year term expiring in 2019:

Ava Berry Danielle Lazar Neil Schwartz

#### Trustees remaining in office until their terms expire in 2018:

Howard Cohen Lowell Kraff Jeremy Liss
Diane Meagher Kimberly Miller Rubenfeld Alicia Oberman
Arnie Rubin Mimi Wallk Michele Sackheim Wein
Ion Zidel

#### Immediate Past President: Harold Hirshman

Trustees retiring from the Board with our sincerest gratitude:
Bruce Adams Jordana Kafka Matthew Seidner

#### RABBI SIEGEL ... FROM PAGE 1

synagogue has established a 23-member task force, LaAtid [meaning "The Future"], to represent the diverse perspectives of the Anshe Emet community to consider how education and learning opportunities at the synagogue should evolve to remain relevant and vibrant. In this way, the Torah will continue to keep us rooted in our past, allow us to fully engage Jewishly in our present and help us see our way as we envision how Torah will be taught in the future.

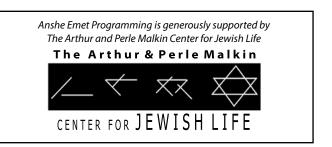
Whenever we return the Torah to the Ark we say, "Aitz Hayim Hee L'mahazikim bah - it is a Tree of Life to those who hold fast to it." It is noteworthy that the rollers of the Sefer Torah are also called Aitzei Hayim. Our goal at Anshe Emet is to create an approach to the instruction of Torah that engages all ages in our community to hold fast and find meaning. We could not do this work without remarkable Morim like Aaron Frankel and Maxine Handelman. We could not succeed without dedicated lay leaders such as those leading our LaAtid Task Force. We are committed to not only teaching the content of Torah, but ensuring that people fully appreciate the meaning of the word Torah in the way we teach and engage others in a sacred, remarkably relevant, and timeless dialogue.



Na'aseh is the volunteer social action arm of Anshe Emet Synagogue. Check out some highlights from the last few months of Na'aseh programming:

- Refugee resettlement we raised funds and began preparations to assist a refugee family who will be resettling to Chicago this coming summer.
- Maot Chitim we helped organize dozens of volunteers from Anshe Emet to deliver Passover food to Jews in need.
- Police Accountability we held a house meeting to discuss police accountability and participated in the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs's community-wide meeting in April.

Do you want to help organize these kinds of opportunities for Anshe Emet members? Do you want to help create a community at Anshe Emet committed to social justice? Applications for Na'aseh board 2017-2018 are now open! Contact us at naaseh. ansheemet@gmail.com for questions about positions and how to apply. Applications are due by June 5.



#### A GROWING HOME FOR YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY



RABBI DAVID RUSSO drusso@AnsheEmet.org

It is March of 2011. I am interviewing for a Rabbi and Youth Director position at Anshe Emet Synagogue. For a day I run from office to office, interview to interview, meeting dozens of people - Anshe Emet clergy, staff, Board members, community members, Bernard Zell faculty and parents. I can barely remember my own name, let alone anyone

else's. And then I am whisked into the youth lounge at 8:00 p.m. to be interviewed by ... the teenagers.

The teenagers welcome me into the room excitedly. They are warm, they are friendly. They ask some questions about my resume. And then they ask me to show them ... my favorite dance move.

I am terrified. This is make or break. Do too crazy a dance move, and they will think I'm nuts. Do nothing at all, and they think I'm boring. So I do a fun little dance move when I lift up one leg and swivel around back and forth.

Everyone embraced me when I first walked into this building. But the people who wanted to go beyond my job history and allow me to open myself up to showing uncomfortable dance moves were in that youth lounge: Our teens.

Our teens are smart, funny, thoughtful, and kind. It is in SHMUSY (AnSHe EMet's United Synagogue Youth) where all of our teens are celebrated and can feel at home.

Over the past few years, we have seen the numbers of teens engaged in SHMUSY increase dramatically. Our new SHMUSY board is jam-packed with 9th and 10th grade students, with

many middle schoolers coming up through the ranks.

In addition to us growing within the synagogue, we are also increasing our presence on a regional and international level. Last year, we had six participants participate in the spring Chicago-area wide (CHUSY) convention. This year, we almost tripled that number.

Last year, Emma Siegel served on the CHUSY Regional Executive Board, a huge accomplishment, and one that we have not seen in a few years from SHMUSY. And we are so proud that for the first time in over a decade, a SHMUSY member, Michael Rubin is the CHUSY Regional President!

This summer two of our teens will be participating in USY's international programs. Lilit Matar will participate in USY's L'Takayn Olam Israel program, traveling in Israel while serving those who are most vulnerable. And Jessica Dekoven will explore with USY on their Dream trip to the Dominican Republic.

And if that wasn't enough, Chicago will host the annual USY International Convention during winter break, bringing 1,000 Conservative Jews from across the country together for a week of engaging, meaningful, and fun teen activities. We are looking forward to hosting teens from another region of the country for a shabbaton (weekend) before or after the

So the next time you are in the synagogue, stop by and check out the youth lounge. If you have a teen, or know of a teen, let them know about how much fun is had in SHMUSY. It's what brought me here to Anshe Emet. And it's a home for so many in our community.

# Karil Russ

#### THANKS TO THESE PEOPLE FOR HONORING THEIR MINYAN COMMITMENT

The morning minyan meets Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.; Sundays and national holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, etc.], at 8:30 a.m. We need your participation to ensure the vitality of this project. We thank these people for honoring their commitment to our morning minyan program during April. Ben Abrams: Manya Abrams: Fran Abramson: Bruce Arenson; Sara & Chuck Aron; Isaac, Aaron, Noa Bacon; Barry Balik; Jane Basewitz; Eve Becker; Terry Behrman; Michael Bellows; Dayna Bender; Nicole Buntsis; Janet Cohen; Coby Derringer; Steve Durchshlag; Norm Eckstein; Jonathan Efron; Arthur Elstein; Jeff Esser; Chuck Finkelstein; Ezra Furman; Cynthia Goldberg; Dan & Gail Golden; Michael Goodgold; Jay Goodgold; Spencer Guillary; Maxine Handelman; Debby Hecht; Richard Herman; Harold Hirschman; Sarah Hirsen; Bruce Kaminsky; David Katz; Jay Lazar; Josh Lazar; Debby Lewis; Jay Lewkowitz; Jane Lippow; Andy and Jennifer Lucas; Alan Mintz; Brian Nagorsky; Laura Neiman Rifkin; Bill Nelson; Chris Norton; Shelly Parker; Gary & Fraeda Porton; Dan Pulik; Esther Rosenbloom; Susan Rosenstein; Lisa Roth; Gerry & Judy Salzman; Neil Schwartz; Carolyn Schwartzkopf; Abby Seitz; Ian Seldin; Howard Shuman; Yedida Soloff; Ed Soloman; Dean Solomon; Jason Star; Les & Nancy Lipschutz; Allison Steifel; Phil Stern; Maya Tkachuk; Abe Trieger; Monica Voss; Britt Voss; David Weininger; Marilyn & Fred Weinstein; Rebecca Weinstein-Bacon; and Stew Witkov.

#### 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 April [this does not include our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students).

Sanctuary and Minyan: Keith Alperin, Eden Berke, Liz Berke, Adam Engle, Art Friedson, Ken Goodman, Barbara Gressel, Dalia Hoffman, Dan Karp, Max Kleeberg, Ben Kleinman, Tree Kuberski, Debby Lewis, Jay Lewkowitz, Eli Lichstein, Naomi Margolis, Lilit Matar, Alan Mintz, Brian Nagorsky, Jon Norton, Gary Porton, Dan Pulik, Ricky Roth, Lynne Schatz, Zach Seeskin, Joey Shapiro, Yedida Soloff, Ethan Solomon, Gary Wigoda, Jon Zidel.

Rose Crown Minyan: Josh Lazar, Brian Nagorsky, Chris Norton, Robin Mordfin, Sarah Wolf, Naomi Margolis, Samantha DeKoven, Lynne Schatz, Jacob Lee, David Alperin, Yael Handelman, Aaron Lawee, Lizzie Norton, Avi Allen, Matt Bluestone, Liz Lippow, Ann Luban, Marc Luban, Max Hendelman, Yedida Soloff, Noah Liebman, Merav Stern, Jared Green, Jacob Cytryn.

Youth Readers: Sella Alperin, Lev Choplin-Pogrund, Zack Choplin-Pogrund, Eve Frajman, Rose Hara, Ethan Leder, Juliette Leder, Maya Lessem-Elnecave, Benjamin Matsa, Laila Norton, Talia Seidner, Daphna Tesher.

















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#### ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM

THE GESHER PROGRAM IN MEMORY OF LINDA J. KARNO

I am so excited to present this amazing class for the 2017 Gesher Class! Anshe Emet's Gesher Program in Memory of Linda Karno is an amazing opportunity for you. This Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program is available to any member of our community.

Each member of this year's class has a different reason for participating. The brief essays here represent three of this year's students' words about why they chose to participate (the first three ran in last month's newsletter).



I was introduced to Judaism through my boyfriend and I completed the Jews By Choice program here at Anshe Emet. All of the reading on Judaism I had done before entering the program had not prepared me for how quickly I would become immersed in and enchanted by how dynamic Judaism is. Being able to experience Judaism beyond the pages I read in books ignited a desire to embrace Judaism as much as I could. The Gesher program has been a pathway for me to further my Jewish education. It has afforded me the opportunity to

challenge myself in a capacity that I had not previously experienced while exploring Judaism. The program has allowed me to gain a more profound understanding and appreciation for the intricacies, history and meaning of prayers and services, while also strengthening my connection to the Jewish people past, present and especially future. It has now become important to me to have a well-rounded and knowledgeable Jewish education because I want to instill in my children a strong Jewish identity. My boyfriend fondly reminisces about studying his Bar Mitzvah parsha with his grandfather. I too would like to have the ability to reminisce about my own Bat Mitzvah experience as I help my children prepare for their B'nai Mitzvah. I have been exceedingly grateful for my experience with the Gesher program and how it has enhanced my lifelong Jewish journey.

\*\*Caryn Davis\*\*

My B'nai Mitzvah is a personal journey to study Jewish liturgy and teaching, from ancient Torah through current-day scholars. It is fascinating to confront this vibrant living philosophy still so relevant to the important issues our society faces today. On a more existential level, I want to add my voice to this glorious and powerful tradition.

Sometimes I imagine how the world sounded and the night sky looked during biblical times. Noise came only from the environment and you could gaze up and study the heavens in all their glory. People were exponentially more connected to earth and sky; without the racket of billions of engines, the continual intrusions of technology and ubiquitous light pollution at night.

No doubt current scientific understanding exceeds the ancients beyond any comparison. It seems to me though, before the Industrial Revolution people understood our relationship to nature in many ways we no longer grasp. Further, we may have lost a core bit of ourselves in the process. The ancient ritual of chanting Torah and Haftarah may help reclaim those missing parts of our humanity.

So, I continue to open my heart and mind to begin to understand the depths of the Bible's challenging wisdom. I am obeying the command "Sh'ma" to listen and by doing so I hope to learn.

Marcie Marcovitz



I have decided to become a Bat Mitzvah, above all, as a way to complete my identity. Essentially, my mom is Jewish and my dad was not. They agreed

to raise my sister and me in the Jewish faith and sent us to religious school, but when the time came in third grade for me to potentially attend Hebrew school as well, I was given a choice of whether to add that to my schedule. Being eight, I saw Hebrew school only as more, well, school. Not cognizant that I was effectively choosing to miss out on the central rite of passage in Judaism, I graciously declined. But four years later, when almost everyone I'd been going to school and synagogue with for years got to experience that shining moment of standing up and being welcomed to Jewish adulthood and I didn't, I hugely regretted my decision.

Becoming a Bat Mitzvah is something that I feel is long overdue. I already have many of the things that I want and need in life, but this is a way to fill in a hole. It's also a way to say to the world, I am choosing to add meaning to my life by living as a member of one of the world's great faiths. I would like to officially count, to officially be part of a unique, wonderful and terrible, almost six-thousand-year-old story. I'm proud to be one of the Jewish people, who so often have demonstrated extraordinary intelligence, courage, and perseverance. And I'm equally proud to share my Jewish journey with six remarkable women whom I truly admire, and who make me think that maybe taking this step now, twenty years late in my case, is the way things are meant to be.

Anna Seidman

## GESHER MITZVAH PROJECT 2017 COMMUNITY COOKBOOK AND BOOK DRIVE: RECIPES FOR REFUGE

The Gesher Program in Memory of Linda J. Karno has been working hard in preparation for June 24th, when they become B'nei Mitzvah. A component of this program is the collaboration on a mitzvah project. This cohort selected two topics that resonated with them personally: the refugee crisis and literacy. As such, they have focused their efforts in assisting the Na'aseh Committee with their efforts in collaboration with HIAS and NOLB.

In addition to organizing a synagogue-wide book drive, they are assembling a book of warm welcoming messages and recipes that will enhance and bridge these communities, provide connection, and assist with literacy. Please stay tuned about details regarding book drive submissions in the coming weeks!

Are you interested in submitting a family recipe and welcome note from your family? Click the following link to submit! https://goo.gl/forms/gS7jMedhjBa9opZv1. In the case of duplicate recipes submissions, we may contact you for an additional submission.

THE GESHER PROGRAM IN MEMORY OF LINDA J. KARNO CLASS OF 2017



Back row, from left: Lauren Benoist, Marcie Marcovitz, Eliora Kordish, Caryn Davis. Front row: Anna Seidman, Nell Hawley.

#### RAYMOND ARBETMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION



For more information on upcoming courses, and a listing of current classes, visit our website at

https://www.ansheemet.org/adulted.

#### YASHER KOACH TO **OUR LEARNERS**

Mazel tov and Yasher Koach to all who participated in our learning and growth opportunities throughout the last academic year.

There is no doubt that it is inspiring to see children learn and grow from year to year, but that experience is not limited by age. Through the Raymond Arbetman Center for Jewish Learning we continue to offer opportunities for weekly study and short-term classes. In the past year hundreds have participated in learning sessions with our Rabbis through Religious School opportunities, I2M and weekly sessions.

We celebrated the completion of at least two minyanim worth of Jews by Choice, The Gesher program in memory of Linda J. Karnow, z'l enriched the lives of the participants by adding to their knowledge of the liturgy and how to write and present a d'var Torah as well as chant Torah and Haftarah. In the fall students explored the Middot, and in the spring the Sisterhood launched a new learning series, Wine, Women and Walking with God, which is a low-threshold discussion group on a variety of Jewish topics. Dr. Gary Porton continues to challenge participants in Text on Tuesday and our Rabbis enliven the Torah weekly through Lerner's of Torah and the Shabbat morning Parshah class. Sarah Wolf helped us understand contemporary issues through the rabbis of the Talmud, and will offer more Talmud this summer.

Students of all ages learned to read Hebrew- our Hebrew 1.0 was so popular we offered it three times. Anshe Emet is a vibrant community to learn and explore our varied heritage. Please contact me if you are looking for something new, eberke@ansheemet. org.

> Cantor Elizabeth Berke **Director of Continuing Education**

#### THANKS AND FAREWELL

After four years as Principal of the Joseph & Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School,

I will be moving this summer to a new position at Beth Hillel Congregation B'nai Emunah. This new job offers a unique range of responsibilities in a synagogue that is much closer to my home. I've enjoyed getting to know the families in the Anshe Emet Religious School and witnessing the growth and evolution of the students. I'll be here through June setting things up for the fall and ensuring a continuity of experience. The LaAtid Task Force is moving along as well, and deep in the process of looking outward, exploring models and ideas that can provide for longer-term inspiration and guidance. As always, our aim is and has been to create a positive experience for children,



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parents, and teachers and to build a community that is rich in learning, welcoming and dynamic. For the privilege of participating in this process, I am enormously grateful to our spectacular congregational staff, our wonderful and dedicated teachers, and to you, the parents, my partners.

#### THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR TO OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FACULTY, AND FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK, EXPERTISE, AND CARING:

- IK: Laura Lerer
- SK: Emily Waife, Julie Heller
- 1st Grade: Brook Herszage, Amy Burke
- 2nd Grade: Elana Bradley, Katherine Segal Music: Rabbi Donni Aaron
- 3rd Grade: Marsha Mayefsky, Karen Martin
- 4th Grade: Eli Kaufman, Aliza Rothstein, Diana Levich
- 5th Grade: Elan Kane, Meg Grunewald, Mali Barak, Rabbi Donni Aaron
- 6th Grade: Miron Hirsch, Becky Adelberg
- 7th Grade: Dana Kraus, Michael

Rosenberg

- 8th Grade: Michael Rosenberg
- Art: Tamara Ashman
- Israeli Dance: Bruria Kohen
- Drama: Cheryl Zachariah
- Learning Specialist: Anne Johnston
- Hebrew Tutor Facilitator: Sarah Raff
- Cooking Elective & 7th Grade Cookbook Project: Suzanne Kaplan
- Hebrew Sports Elective: Avram Pachter

#### TO ALL OF OUR MADRIKHIM, FOR HELPING IN THE SCHOOL, ENRICHING OUR PROGRAMMING, AND SERVING AS ROLE MODELS FOR OUR YOUNGER STUDENTS (SENIORS IN BOLD):

Leah Aberman, Hannah Adams, Sadie Aeder, Clara Aeder, Jacob Bergson, Ben Bishop, Josh Brodsky, Adam Burke, Emma Canter, Ben Cohen, Eddie DeKoven, Jessica DeKoven, Micah Derringer, Jacob Dunn, Gabrielle Greenberg, Ariana Handelman, Andrew Herman, Jacob Herman, Sarah Hunter, Aviva Kaplan, David Kaplan, Jacob Kline, Sam Koller, Avram Kordon, Gabe Kosmacher, Lior Latimer, Noah Lichstein, Carl Lyons, Morgan Lyons, Benjamin Nathan, Alana Newberger, David Okabe, David Orkin, Laurel Schenkman, **Graham Silverman**, Eli Sitzman, Devin Thomas, Leor Weber, Sam Weber, Ezra Weber

For her ongoing support and guidance as Chair of the School Executive Committee, sincere appreciation to **Dani Lazar.** Thanks to our excellent Religious School Assistant, Megan Zimmer, and to Youth Director Samantha Isenstein for her participation and work with the High School Students. Our gratitude to Ritual Director Naomi Weiss for preparing our younger students to lead the Friday evening services, co-leading tefillah for our 1st and 2nd graders, and teaching trope to our 6th grade. Our appreciation as well to **Tani Prell**, for teaching our madrikh writing course.

We would be sitting on the floor in an empty room without Anshe Emet's amazing maintenance staff, and less secure without the warmth and dedication of our security personnel.

Thank you of course to **Rabbi Michael Siegel** for his mentorship and his leadership of our community, to Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould for his spirited and thoughtful quidance in the Religious School and his dedication to the LaAtid Task Force, to Rabbi David Russo for his gifted facilitation of the J2M program, and to Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi for enriching us with an atmosphere of music and tradition.

I'll be here for another few weeks, so drop by and say hello.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer. May we go from strength to strength,



## ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES JUNE-JULY HAPPENINGS

#### MAXINE SEGAL HANDELMAN

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

#### SHALOM SHABBAT/SHACHAR TEFILLAH YOGA

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. June dates are the 10th and the 24th. July dates are July 8th, 22nd and 29th. 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, June 3rd and 17th, July 1st and 15th, at 11:00 a.m. Dress in comfortable clothes.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT KABBALAT SHABBAT DAVENING AND DINNER

The Anshe Emet Family First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinners will be June 2 and July 7 at 5:45 p.m. Chose 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 - summer dinners, weather permitting, are BBQs OUTSIDE so grown-ups can eat and schmooze while watching the kids run on the field. If you have allergies or other food questions, please contact Kim Carter at kcarter@ ansheemet.org by the Monday before the dinner. If this is your first time joining us, use the code 1stTimeFam when you register, and dinner is on us. We'll even set you up with a buddy family to show you the way. Please register your family for dinner at this link http://tinyurl.com/FamilyDinnerJune2017 by Friday May 26, and http://tinyurl.com/FamilyDinnerJuly2017 by Friday June 30.

#### DON'T MISS ANYTHING!

Join our list serv by e-mailing AEYF-subscribe@yahoogroups. com to get the latest word on what's happening for your family.

Join our Facebook group, so you can stay in the loop on all the events happening [and who knows what else] https://www.facebook.com/groups/AESYF/! Our facebook group is a great place to invite other Anshe Emet families to join you on an outing to your local park or the zoo!

## Announcing the Maxine Segal Handelman Anshe Emet Family Award

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

Jane, Keith, Liz, David and Sella are the epitome of the definition of this award, contributing to and strengthening our community in countless ways.

Please join us on Shabbat morning, June 3, in the Main Sanctuary when we honor the Alperin Lippow Family.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ANSHE EMET YOUTH?

Thank you so much to all our Shachar, Machar, Kadima and USY participants for the 2016-2017 school year! We hope you had a blast coming to our programs! Have a safe and fantastic summer. We will see you in the Fall of 2017.

Mazel Tov to Michael Rubin who has been elected and CHUSY Region President!



SAMANTHA ISENSTEIN

Youth and Young Adult Director
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#### MAZEL TOV TO OUR 2017-2018 SHMUSY EXECUTIVE BOARD:

President: Lilit Matar

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Membership/Kadima VP: Jacob Kline
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Social Action/Tikkun Olam VP: Hannah Adams

Communications VP: Simon Adams Freshman Representative: Josh Lazar Past President/REB: Michael Rubin

Best of luck and Mazel Tov to our graduating Senior class of 2017! We hope you know that you will always have a home here at Anshe Emet and stay connected through College Connection!

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GOING TO CAMP THIS SUMMER?

Teen tour to Israel or other amazing location? We want to know what you are up to this summer! We are planning our camp visits and if possible want to make sure we see you! We will also try to send snail mail to our campers who fill out this form! Who doesn't love mail at camp? http://tinyurl.com/AESCampinfo2017

#### SHACHAR (GRADES K-2) MACHAR (GRADES 3-5)

Tuesday, June 6, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner and End of Year party!

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



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Special two-sided June-July pull-out calendar!

## SIVan-Tamuz 5777

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
7 SIVAN	8 SIVAN 2	9 SIVAN	3
Shavuot Synagogue Office Closed 9:30 a.m. Festival Service with Yizkor 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan 11:00 a.m. Family Service 1:30 p.m. Shavout is Awesome	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi Siegel 5:45 p.m. First Friday, Family Services followed by Dinner 7:15 p.m. YAD Service, followed by Dinner	8:30 a.m. Tefilla Yoga 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Leo Kantrow becomes a Bar Mitzvah Torah: Numbers 4:21 - 7:89 (Nasso) Haftarah: Judges 13:2 - 13:25 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan Elizabeth Abrams becomes a Bat Mitzvah	10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat 11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Cong. 11:00 a.m. Shachar Tefilla Yoga 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha 2:00 p.m. Mincha: Spencer Phillips becomes a Bar Mitzvah
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14 SIVAN	15 SIVAN 9	16 SIVAN	10
7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 4:30 p.m. Shachar/Machar End of Year Event 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.0 7:00 p.m. Shireinu 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi Siegel 6:30 p.m. Shabbat As You Are/ Potluck 6:30 p.m. Lakeview Minyan - Service and Potluck	8:30 a.m. Tefilla Yoga 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Aidan Aberman becomes a Bar Mitzvah William Frank becomes a Bar Mitzvah Torah: Numbers 8:1 - 12:16 (Beha'alotcha) Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7	9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan 10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat 11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Cong. 11:00 a.m. Shachar 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha
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21 SIVAN 15	22 SIVAN 16	23 SIVAN	17
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## **JULY 2017**

Sunday Tuesday Wednesday



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8 TAMUZ	2	9 TAMUZ	3	10 TAMUZ	4	11 TAMUZ	5
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan		<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan <b>1:00 p.m.</b> HaZaK		Independence Day Synagogue Office Closed 8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan	
15 TAMUZ	9	16 TAMUZ	10	17 TAMUZ	11	18 TAMUZ	12
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan		<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan <b>1:00 p.m.</b> HaZaK		<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan <b>7:45 a.m.</b> Text on Tuesdays		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan	
22 TAMUZ	16	23 TAMUZ	17	24 TAMUZ	18	25 TAMUZ	19
<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan		<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan <b>1:00 p.m.</b> HaZaK		<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan <b>7:45 a.m.</b> Text on Tuesdays		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan	
29 TAMUZ	23	1 AV	24	2 AV	<b>25</b>	3 AV	26
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan		Rosh Chodesh Av 6:50 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan	
7 AV	25	8 AV EREV TISHA B'AV	<b>25</b>				
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan		7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 7:00 p.m. Mincha service, Tisha B'Av Learning, Ma'ar Eichah (Lamentations) Rea	Dinner, iv and				

### Tamuz-AV 5777

#### **Thursday Friday** Saturday 7 TAMUZ 8:30 a.m. Tefilla Yoga 10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat **July 2017** 11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Cong. 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah **9:30 a.m.** Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Numbers 19:1 - 22:1 [Chukat] 11:00 a.m. Shachar Tefilla Yoqa 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha Haftarah: Judges 11:1 - 11:33 Look on reverse side for 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan June, 2017 Calendar 8 12 TAMUZ 13 TAMUZ 14 TAMUZ 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:30 a.m. Tefilla Yoga 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan 7:30 p.m. Al Anon **8:45 a.m.** Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service **11:00 a.m.** Ruach/Jr. Cong. 5:45 p.m. First Friday, Family Torah: Numbers 22:2 - 25:9 (Balak) 11:00 a.m. Shachar Haftarah: Micah 5:6 - 6:8 Services followed by Dinner 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha **6:30 p.m.** Shabbat Evening Service **6:30 p.m.** Camp Ramah Alumni Service/Dinner \$\$ 8:10 p.m. 19 TAMUZ 20 TAMUZ 21 TAMUZ 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:30 a.m. Tefilla Yoga 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi 9:00 a.m. JBC 10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat 11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Cong. 11:00 a.m. Shachar Tefilla Yoga 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 p.m. Lakeview Minyan Service 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: and Potluck Torah: Numbers 25:10 - 30:1 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3 \$\$ 8:06 p.m. 28 TAMUZ **26 TAMUZ** 27 TAMUZ 8:30 a.m. Tefilla Yoga 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi 10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat **9:30 a.m.** Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Numbers 30:2 - 36:13 (Matot-11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Conq. 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 11:00 a.m. Shachar 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 - 28; 3:4 ⅓⅓ 8:01 p.m. 6 AV 4 AV 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan Shabbat Chazon 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi 8:30 a.m. Tefilla Yoga 10:00 a.m. Shalom Shabbat 11:00 a.m. Ruach/Jr. Cong. 11:00 a.m. Shachar Tefilla Yoga 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service **6:45 p.m.** Mishkan Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha (Devarim) Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 - 1:27 ⅓ 7:55 p.m

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10 SIVAN 4	11 SIVAN 5	12 SIVAN	13 SIVAN
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:25 a.m. Little Builders 1:00 p.m. Men's Club at Empirical Brewery - Off Site	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 7:00 p.m. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Program	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood: Wine, Women and Walking with God	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
17 SIVAN 11	18 SIVAN $12$	19 SIVAN 13	20 SIVAN 14
8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:30 a.m. Connecting the Expecting Reunion	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan <b>1:00 p.m.</b> HaZaK	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Anshe Emet Synagogue 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
24 SIVAN 18	25 SIVAN 19	26 SIVAN 20	27 SIVAN 21
<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan <b>1:00 p.m.</b> HaZaK	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
1 TAMUZ 25	2 TAMUZ 26	3 TAMUZ 27	4 TAMUZ 28
Rosh Chodesh Tamuz 8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Minyan <b>1:00 p.m.</b> HaZaK	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays	7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan

#### MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

Men's Club has completed a very full schedule of successful Spring events culminating in a very moving Yom HaShoah-Yellow Candles Program on April 23. The focus this year was the impact of the Holocaust on the Jewish community of Greece—an often-overlooked and especially tragic aspect of the Shoah. The Yad Vashem film entitled "May Your Memory Be Love," was graciously provided by the Simon Weisenthal Center. Hazzan Mizrahi sang a special Ladino song honoring the Holocaust victims of Greece. Hazzan Mizrahi also shared some of the personal experiences of his family during the Shoah, and I presented a brief overview of the Jewish community of Greece. Both Rabbi Siegel and Alison Pure-Slovin, Director of the Midwest Region of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, discussed how especially important it is to commemorate Yom HaShoah now in light of the fact that so few survivors are still alive and in view of the large increase in anti-Semitic and xenophobic incidents.

We now look forward to a Summer of more enjoyable, informative, and educational programs. Our Men's Club "HEs" once again will be in search of "BREWs" as we embark on a custom tour of the new **Empirical Brewery in Ravenswood on June 4 at 1:00 p.m.** Each participant also will taste from a flight of the new line of Empirical beers and receive a souvenir beer glass while lunching on kosher pizza. Register at http://tinyurl.com/empiricalbrewery2017.

Men's Club will go on the road again to the South Side on the evening of June 28 as we watch the Chicago White Sox battle the New York Yankees. Cubs fans always are welcome to attend too.

Men's Club members may travel even further on **July 19 to 23 to attend the International Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Convention in Washington, D.C.** The convention is open to all Men's Club members. The Cantor's Concert at the convention this year will feature our own Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi as well as 4 additional renowned cantors from across the country. The keynote speakers are former Congressman Barney Frank, Professor Ron Wolfson, Rabbi David Saperstein, and Rabbi Mike Uram. Additional description and registration information is available on the FJMC.org web site.

Please contact us at mensclub@ansheemet.org to let us know what activities you would like from our Men's Club in the future. Men's Club is for you, and we only are as successful as your involvement permits. See you soon--we are incomplete without you.

**Barry Balik** 

#### 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, June 2, 5:15 p.m. \$5 for YAD Members, \$15 for non-members! Register at http://tinyurl.com/yadshabbatjune2017.

**Torah on Tap,** June 6 with Rabbi Wolkenfeld from Anshe Shalom. Location TBD.

#### Save the date for JCC's 20s and 30s Shabbat on the Lake! July 21.

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

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

#### ANSHE EMET SISTERHOOD

The Anshe Emet Sisterhood and Bernard Zell teamed up for a program to empower parents on helping their



adolescent kids to resist the internet portrayal of the perfect female image. Leslie Goldman, author and Bernard Zell parent presented a lecture on this topic that she specializes in. The lecture is just one of many new programs that the Sisterhood is bringing to the Anshe Emet Community.

#### THE SISTERHOOD NEEDS NEW LEADERSHIP!

All positions are open for the upcoming year. If you have ideas, energy, passion and/or looking for a way to give back to Anshe Emet, please consider serving on the Sisterhood Board! For more information, please contact Marlene Reid at mreiddpm@gmail.com.

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

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 follow the service and the Siddur. It you are interested in being matched with a buddy please email Nitzanit Breitenstein at mbreiten@rcn.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 CLUB

The Book Club will resume in the fall. For additional information please contact Judy Metzger at Hgmet1@ aol.com.

THE NIGHT MINISTRY

The Night Ministry volunteers will continue their meal service with the Night Ministry this year. Contact Janine Landow-Esser to volunteer or donate. Janine811@gmail.com.

#### SISTERHOOD MONDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG

If you are interested in coordinating the Sisterhood's Mah Jongg program, please contact Helene Greenwald at hgreenwa@gmail.com. For information about MONDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG email Helene Greenwald at hgreenwa@gmail.com.

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., when Religious School is in session. Special off season sale in progress. Everything except klaffs 20% off.

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

**Elizabeth Cline, Communications** 

#### 100 SMILES, 100 BABIES

A few months after my grandson Asher was born, I went to Denver for a visit and was invited to a Shabbat dinner at the home of a friend of my son and daughter-in-law. When I arrived, there were 8 other couples all with their babies. Rachel explained these were her friends from a Jewish Baby program that connected first time pregnant parents with one another. When I returned to Chicago, I immediately called



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Max Handelman and said it was time for Chicago to do this type of program, too. Together we developed a program called Connecting the Expecting.



JBaby of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago provided us a grant to start in May 2015 with our first cohort of 7 couples. This past week, cohort number 11 began and with it will be our 100th baby.



This program is truly a labor of love. I see connections made, friendships started and a Jewish support

network for young families that goes beyond the walls of Anshe Emet. I am so proud of what we do in this synagogue. Everyday. We make a difference and we can't do it without a terrific congregation behind the commitment. Thank you for being a part of our bigger world.

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#### JBC CORNER

In honor of Father's Day, I picked this brief quote from a recent JBC student who had the following to say about raising his daughter Jewishly:

"My wife and I were recently blessed with a newborn daughter ... [who] will be raised as a Jewish girl. We plan to give her a Jewish upbringing and to include her as part of the synagogue community. I quote here from Abraham Joshua Heschel: "I am a father. I have a daughter and I love her dearly. I would like my daughter to obey the commandments of the Torah; I would like her to revere me as her father. And so I ask myself the question over and over again: 'What is there about me that deserves the reverence of my daughter?' You see, unless I live a life that is worthy of her reverence, I make it almost impossible for her to live a lewish life."

Cantor Elizabeth Berke

#### OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO ...

The family of Paul Alan Horowitz, beloved husband of Ronnie; loving father of Brian (Shainah) Horowitz and Brooke (Michael) Handwerker; cherished grandfather of Jonah, Leah and Lily; dear brother of Margie (Alan) Ankeles and brother-in-law of Linda Scofield, Robert (Pam) Fecher and Harris (Tanya) Fecher, on his recent passing.

**The family of Roslyn "Roni" Mintz,** devoted mother of Alan [Fran] Mintz and Anne Mintz; loving grandmother of Pamela [Bryan] Lookatch and Yonatan "Yoni" [Julie] Mintz; beloved greatgrandmother of Emma, Samara and Jordan, on here recent passing.

The family of Beatrice (Bea) Chankin-Weisberg, beloved mother of Deborah Chankin (David Gould), David Nitzan, Miriam Chankin, Aaron Chankin (Anna Kventsel), and Benjie Chankin (Marcia Baran Chankin); step-mother of Dori Weisberg (Villa Weisberg) and Eva Finlan (Ted Finlan); dear grandmother of Sarah Chankin-Gould (Yonah Schmeidler) D'ror Chankin-Gould (David Berger), Noah Chankin (Amber Chankin), Yona Chankin-Gould, Rachel Puleo-Chankin, Eliya Swarttz, Lihi Kapach, Yishai Chankin, Ayala Chankin, Shayna Finlan, and Shoshana Weisberg; greatgrandmother of Matan Berger-Gould, Rina Chankin-Schmeidler and Shoshana Chankin-Schmeidler, on her recent passing.

May their memory be for a blessing

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

**Lauren and Mike Hewitt** [and older brother, Julien] on the birth of their daughter, **Emilia Rose Hewitt.** 

**Katie and J.R. Berger,** on the birth of their son, **Max Louis.** Proud grandmother is **Robin Tebbe,** and proud great-grandparents are **Meta and Ronald Berger.** 

Marjorie and Jesse Garfinkel on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Reth

**Brian Grossman and Malcolm Haar** (and big sister Ilana) on the birth of their daughter, **Tovah Jane**.

# Celebrate Pride Shabbat with us! Saturday, June 24

Enjoy the adult b'not mitvah students in the Sanctuary and then stay after Kiddush to hear **Bernard Cherkasov** at 1:30 p.m. Currently he serves as the Executive Director of Cradles to Crayons, but until this April he was CEO of Equality Illinois, a civil rights organization advocating for LGBT rights.

Under his stewardship the agency grew from a local organization to the second largest state equality organization in the United States.

#### WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS

Contributions may be made by calling 773-868-5152, www.ansheemet.org/donate or you may mail in your contributions to Anshe Emet Synagogue. All donations will be listed in the Anshe Emet Newsletter. We ask for a minimum contribution of \$18 per tribute for an honoree/recipient to be sent a commemoration card from the synagogue. Contributions listed are those received from April 6, 2017 - May 9, 2017. Donations received after that date will be listed in the August newsletter.

#### **GENERAL DONATIONS**

#### SUSTAINING FUND

In Honor of: MICHAEL COHEN: Brian & Irene Caminer EMILY FEDER: David Schwartz & Miriam RHODA POMERANTZ SCHWARTZ: Ernst & Roslyn Heilmann

In Memory of: MAITA ADOLPH Scott & Sharon Markman ROBERT SABATH KATZ: Scott & Sharon Markman

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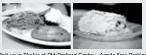
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## Tisha B'Av at Anshe Emet Synagogue

## Tisha B'Av Worship Schedule: Monday, July 31

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mincha service, Dinner, Tisha B'av Learning, Ma'ariv and Eichah (Lamentations) Reading

7:00 p.m. Mincha • 7:10 p.m. Dinner 7:45 p.m. Shiur begins • 8:09 p.m. Fast begins 8:15 p.m. Ma'ariv

#### Tuesday, August 1, Tisha B'Av

7:00 a.m.
Shacharit (morning services)

7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Mincha, Tisha B'av Learning, and Ma'ariv 7:45 p.m. Mincha • 8:15 p.m. Shiur 8:35 p.m. Ma'ariv • 8:43 p.m. Fast ends

#### Tisha B'Av: A Day to Reflect on Senseless Hatred

On the ninth of Av, many great disasters have befallen the Jewish people. In Biblical times, the Israelites found out that they would not be able to enter the Land of Israel; The first Temple was destroyed in 586 B.C.E.; The second Temple was destroyed in 70 C.E.; Expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

"THE THREE WEEKS": The seventeenth day of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, Shiva Assar B'Tammuz (this year the fast is observed on July 11), begins the three week mourning cycle leading up to Tisha B'Av. This cycle officially begins with the minor fast of Shiva Assar B'Tammuz (minor because it is a fast day that begins with sunrise and ends with sunset). On this day the Romans broke through the walls to Jerusalem and began destroying the walls around Jerusalem. This marks the beginning of the three week period of mourning which commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem both in 586 B.C.E and in 70 C.E. During the three weeks, many people do not celebrate weddings or play joyful music.

"THE NINE DAYS": The latter part of the three weeks, from the first to the ninth of the Hebrew month of Av, is known as the Nine Days. During these days the laws of mourning intensify, with restrictions that often include a ban on swimming, getting haircuts and eating meat (a symbol of luxury). Likewise there is no drinking of wine, except for Shabbat.

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