In 1954, when Ben Gurion was Prime Minister, he traveled to the USA to meet with President Eisenhower to request his assistance and support in the early and difficult days of the State of Israel.

John Foster Dulles, who was Secretary of State, confronted Ben Gurion and challenged him as follows:

“Tell me, Mr. Prime Minister – who do you and your state represent? Does it represent the Jews of Poland, perhaps Yemen, Romania, Morocco, Iraq, Russia or perhaps Brazil? After 2000 years of exile can you honestly speak about a single nation, a single culture? Can you speak about a single heritage or perhaps a single Jewish tradition?”

Ben Gurion answered him with the same example as he offered the Peel Commission nearly 20 years earlier.

“Look, Mr. Secretary of State – approximately 300 years ago the Mayflower set sail from England and on it were the first settlers who settled in what would become the largest democratic superpower known as the United States of America. Now, do me a favor – go out into the streets and find 10 American children and ask them the following:

• What was the name of the Captain of the Mayflower?
• How long did the voyage take?
• What did the people who were on the ship eat?
• What were the conditions of sailing during the voyage?

I’m sure you would agree with me that there is a good chance that you won’t get a good answer to these questions.

Now in contrast – not 300 but more than 3000 years ago, the Jews left the land of Egypt.

I would kindly request from you Mr. Secretary that on one of your trips around the world, try and meet 10 Jewish children in different countries. And ask them:

• What was the name of the leader who took the Jews out of Egypt?
• How long did it take them before they got to the land of Israel?
• What did they eat during the period when they were wandering in the desert?
• And what happened to the sea when they encountered it?

Once you get the answers to these questions, please carefully reconsider the question that you have just asked me!”

As we approach the 69th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, I believe that Jewish children around the world can still answer all of Ben Gurion’s questions accurately. After all, the story of the Exodus from Egypt is the core story of the Jewish people and serves as the essence of the Passover seder meal.

There is another question that needs to be asked in our generation – a question that Ben Gurion could never have anticipated: why do the Jewish people need the state of Israel? In 1954, in living in the aftermath of the Holocaust, the answer to that question was obvious. It was simply unimaginable that the Jewish people could be left without a homeland. In 2017, the answer is less obvious to a significant percentage of young people.

There is a danger when we base the need for a state on historical circumstances alone. This would include something as horrendous and cataclysmic as the murder of 6 million Jews. Even with the publication of innumerable books, academic studies, and remarkable museums dedicated to the Holocaust, the memory and the meaning of the event is becoming less clear as the years go on.

How shall we answer this question of why the Jewish people need the state of Israel in 2017?
MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Jordan Leib
May 6, 2017
Daughter of Jay & Lori Leib

Jack Zoller
May 13, 2017
Son of Marcy and Michael Zoller

Jesse Gell
May 20, 2017
Son of Lindsey & Jeff Gell

Nina Rau
May 20, 2017
Daughter of Ruth & Leonard Rau

Reina Grunfeld
May 27, 2017
Daughter of Michelle & Michael Grunfeld

Adam Penn
May 27, 2017
Son of Mark Gennerman & Michael Penn

Arielle Penn
May 27, 2017
Daughter of Mark Gennerman & Michael Penn

CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS

On Tuesday, March 28 the women of the Anshe Emet Sisterhood along with Hadassah in the City, presented a festive Chocolate Seder.

It’s a day of cocktails and competitions, at Maj & Mimosas on Thursday, April 6/
WE BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

This is a not-so-surprising story about how life-long friendships can be found in your shul community. From 1984-1999, I lived in Bergen County in Northern New Jersey and had the privilege of belonging to a synagogue in which I played a prominent role.

Then, one day, the Rabbi asked me to lead an effort to assess how to handle the shul’s growth (code: build a new building), a task which I accepted. That task took six years to complete but we raised a bunch of money and meaningfully increased the size of the shul, built a simcha-worthy social hall etc etc. As you might imagine, during those six years, the Rabbi and I got pretty close.

We had many experiences in which our families came together. My son Alex and his daughter Sarah went through religious school together. Our families went to Israel together and our children had their b’nai mitzvot at Masada. We bathed in the Dead Sea together. He became the only Rabbi to dunk over me in a pool basketball game. I even became close to the parents of our Rabbi and his wife. Then, our closeness grew to a new dimension during my divorce. At this life-redefining moment, he became one of the most important steadying forces in my life. I will love Rabbi Dan and his wife Ruthie and their family forever for the role they played in my life over those 15 years.

Since I moved to Chicago in 1999, our relationship has remained close despite the distance. I have visited my former synagogue on occasion, held my aufruf there and even returned to play at Rabbi Dan’s 25th anniversary celebration. Dan presided over how to handle the shul’s growth (code: build a new building), a task which I accepted. That task took six years to complete but we raised a bunch of money and meaningfully increased the size of the shul, built a simcha-worthy social hall etc etc. As you might imagine, during those six years, the Rabbi and I got pretty close.

I write all this not only to chronicle this beautiful experience but to highlight how we can make relationships in our shul which can have a profound impact on our lives. Of course, I am blessed to have come to know Michael Siegel, Alberto Mizrahi and their families. I am also blessed to have experienced a year of mourning with Esther Rosenbloom, Debbie Lewis and others. I am blessed to walk into our shul every Shabbat and meet friends after friend. I can only imagine how rich the next year will be as I see Gabriel’s Bernard Zell classmates become bar/bat mitzvah each week.

You may have already and if not, certainly can build your own wonderful friendships at Anshe Emet. Where else can you find such an abundance of mensches. Perhaps it will be at minyan or perhaps at Babies and Bagels or perhaps at Anshe Emet Live or perhaps through your child’s J2M experience. You have no idea how the people around you will embrace you and how you might enrich your life. Reach out to Amy Karp and Mimi Weisberg to get a sense of our programs and see the relationships that can enrich your life. Just ask Rabbi Dan next January 6th when you see him in our shul at Gabriel’s bar mitzvah.

Avi Allen, Samantha DeKoven, Zach Seeskin, Melissa Sterne

Avi, Samantha, Zach and Melissa have guaranteed our successful refugee resettlement in Chicago. They have done extensive research on No One Left Behind and HIAS, have conducted a fruitful fundraising campaign, have engaged over 100 volunteers, and have cultivated homegoods donations for families in addition to attendance at countless meetings and multiple discussions. They have been instrumental in helping Anshe Emet create a comprehensive program and have ensured that people fleeing war and persecution are able to build new lives in Chicago with dignity.

Ilene Siemer

Ilene is the director of Poetry Pals, a non-profit organization that partners with synagogues, churches and mosques to bring together youth of different faiths through spoken word poetry. Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School and Chicago Jewish Day School have both participated in Ilene’s transformative program and Anshe Emet is proud to partner with Ilene as she dreams how to grow her organization to impact even more youth in Chicago. Ilene makes a difference in the lives of children, every day!

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

The 144th Annual Meeting of the Anshe Emet Synagogue

Thursday, June 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee Chair: Gary Wigoda

- Year in Review Presentation
- Election and Installation of Board Members and Officers
- 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:
President ................................................................. Steven Silk

For a two-year term 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 ........................................................... Irene Caminer
Secretary ................................................................. Jonathan Norton
Treasurer ............................................................... Jay Goodgold

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 Lazur            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
Jon Zidel

Immediate Past President: Harold Hirshman

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

SPECIAL THANKS

HAZZAN ALBERTO MIZRAHI
The Arnold H. Kaplan, M.D. Cantorial Chair
amizrahi@AnsheEmet.org

Weisberg, who turned the sanctuary into a magnificent theater? And, finally, let us express thanks to the man we honor each year for his great contribution to Anshe Emet, Arnold H. Kaplan, and the Karkomi Music Fund that made this wonderful concert possible.

With gratitude and joy,
MOVIE THEATERS AND TORAH STUDY

When I was a kid, and wanted to go to a movie theater, I remember looking up movie listings in the newspaper—before the internet could tell you within seconds which movie was playing where. I opened the paper, found the listing, and compared the times at the various theaters in Hamilton, Ontario. By the time I was in high school, most people were already looking up movie times on the internet.

After high school, I spent a year in Israel studying on the Conservative movement’s Nativ program. I spent the year studying Jewish text, hiking and exploring throughout Israel, and living on a kibbutz. I celebrated, for the first time, all the Jewish holidays in Israel.

I have a vivid memory of what it was like leading up to the Shavuot holiday. Shavuot is when we as a people celebrate receiving the Torah at Sinai. There is a custom among many people to celebrate by staying up all night studying Torah, and to conclude in the morning with prayer when we excitedly read the Torah portion of the Israelites receiving the Torah at Sinai.

In the days leading up to Shavuot, I remember opening Israeli newspapers and finding listings, just like the movie listings from when I was a kid. Except this time, the listings were of various synagogues, scholars, and class topics. The newspapers were announcing where people could study Torah all night. The beauty of being in Israel was that the newspapers celebrated Torah study throughout the country, something that received equal publicity to attending movies in the theaters.

When I first arrived at Anshe Emet, I found that same passion and excitement for Shavuot and our night of learning. Beginning late at night and going past sunrise, we host hundreds of people from throughout the community, spanning topics from intensive Jewish text learning to meditation, from singing to theater.

So, save the date for Tuesday, May 30, from evening until the wee hours of the morning. You won’t want to miss it.

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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!

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

We live in a very different Jewish world today. Whether you are a woman who grew up orthodox, as I did, and never had the opportunity to learn these skills, or you became a Jew later in life, and wish to experience this rite of passage, Anshe Emet’s Gesher Program in Memory of Linda Karno is an amazing opportunity for you. This Adult bar/bat Mitzvah Program is available to any member of our community.

This year’s class is amazing, and each one has a different reason for participating in the class this year. Below and at right, please enjoy a few of this year’s students' words about why they chose to participate. More next month.

I joined the Gesher program this year in order to deepen my experience of and commitment to Jewish life, and the whole process has been more rewarding than I can express. The class is truly open and welcoming -- it’s rare to find yourself in an environment that cultivates pure and openhearted learning, even (especially!) when that learning emerges from discomfort or questioning. For a long time, I felt like a regular, substantive, and engaged Jewish practice was just beyond arm’s reach, but I hoped that the Gesher class would give me the support and the knowledge to extend myself further, and it really has. It’s been an honor and a pleasure to learn and grow with Naomi and my amazing classmates.

There are a lifetime of experiences that led me to choosing Judaism, and my immersion last year did not signify the end of the scholarly pursuit required of a Ger— rather, it marked the beginning of lifelong learning and capacity to meaning of the everyday; to devote time and effort to developing a kind of Jewish practice that resonated with me. On means for this for me is continued learning. I have concentrated on articulating and practicing a Judaism that provided me with a context for living, making meaning, and experiencing the world. Becoming a Jew meant, for me, to continually put myself in situations to wrestle with meaning and to feel the transformational qualities of immersive study. One such means included this very process: committing to the study and pursuit to become a bat mitzvah. Dedicating myself to wrestle with and ultimately make sense of the mitzvot to which we are commanded, in order to develop a deeper connection and sense of my Judaism.

Why am I doing this? We children of the law, peculiar ones, every Tuesday night, we meet at this feast.

For the time of one hour, we sit to devour precious letters of Torah.

One by one, I can’t chew fast enough, to fill this hole in my soul.

At eighty-five-one when the class is done, my soul still cries for some more.

This makes me wonder, what is that Torah has in store, that makes me hungry for more.

The answer came quickly, like the flash of lightning; it is a gift of G-d, ahh... precious life.

This Chai we cling on, treasure unmeasured, day by day, it takes me through time.

Time of laughter, time of grief, time I wish was brief, that time when sorrow occupies the hour.

So people look at me and say, “What’s the peculiar to one, with all of her time was up, we thought she was done.”

But they don’t know, the secret of the scroll, the Chai, that holds me forever more.

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Lauren Benoist
Eliora Kordish
Shavuot at Anshe Emet

Tuesday, May 30: Erev Shavuot

Tenth Annual Tikkun Lil Shavuot

Tikkun Lil is designed for families with babies through eighth graders. The fun starts with dinner from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., and lasts until 2:00 p.m.


7:15 p.m. Mincha • 7:30 p.m. Community Dinner
8:15 – 9:15 p.m. Learning with our Rabbis • 9:30 p.m. Ma’ariv
10:00 p.m. Lakeview Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot

From sunset to sunrise...stay up all night (or as long as you can). Learn and nosh your way through an evening and early morning of study and schmoozing as we celebrate the receiving of Torah at Mt. Sinai. Dawn services available at Anshe Emet and Anshe Sholom after the Tikkun

Wednesday, May 31: Shavuot

9:30 a.m. Festival Service • 11:00 a.m. Family Service
6:00 p.m. Community Mincha/Ma’ariv ushering in the second night of Shavuot

Thursday, June 1: Shavuot

9:30 a.m. Festival Service with Yizkor • 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan • 11:00 a.m. Family Service

About Shavuot

Shavuot, which begins this year on the evening of May 30 and continues through June 1 (and every year on the Hebrew date of the 6th of Sivan), is one of the three holidays mentioned in the Torah, one of the shalash regalim, the three Pilgrimage Festivals. (The other two are Sukkot and Passover.) Shavuot has several names reflecting its celebration as a holiday of nature and of history:

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

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

Chag Ha’bikurim - Holiday of the First Fruits

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

Customs Associated With Shavuot

○ Decorate your home and synagogue with greenery to remember the harvest festival.
○ Read the Ten Commandments from the Torah (either Exodus 20:1-17 or Deuteronomy 5:1-8) to remind us of the meeting at Sinai and our covenant with God.
○ Read Megillat Ruth (the Book of Ruth).
○ Eat dairy foods. When the Israelites returned to their tents after receiving the Torah, the people did not have time to cook meat, so they ate dairy products.
○ Study Torah (or other Jewish topics). Some people stay up all of Shavuot night studying Torah and other books. Legends tell us that the heavens open up at midnight on Shavuot eve for an instant. In Europe little children would begin to study Torah on Shavuot because that was the time the Torah was first given to the Jewish people.
○ Attend Yizkor on Thursday, June 1, and remember our loved ones.
○ Celebrating Shavuot with our children gives us the opportunity, as a family to be thankful for that which God brings forth from the earth. We should also communicate to our children the need for “rules” and “laws” that help us live in an honest , caring and fair way.

Shavuot activities for your family

○ Decorate your home with green plants, flowers, or trees and discuss their importance and their contribution
○ Make paper flowers to use as a decoration
○ Make blintzes, a traditional Shavuot treat

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.
A recent student who finished wrote about Shavuot as a time that was religiously meaningful:

This year was the first year that I experienced Shavuot. I did not really know anything about Shavuot before this year. The only thing I knew about this holiday was that it was related to the holiday Pentecost in the Christian context. Shavuot, which happens seven weeks after Passover, celebrates the event when the Israelites reached Mount Sinai, and were given the Torah/Ten Commandments. Originally an agricultural holiday, Jews would bring the first fruits of their harvest to the Temple. However, now one of the ways to celebrate Shavuot is Tikun Leil Shavuot, which recreates the time when the Jewish people received the Torah by staying up late into the night studying the Torah, as well as other themes, with their community. This past year, we went to Anshe Emet for classes that night, and it felt so fun to be a part of what felt like a communal all-nighter. We didn’t stay into the early hours of the morning, but maybe we will do that next year! I really enjoyed the environment of being with a community in the late hours, and it was also filled with great discussion and learning.

I also enjoyed Shavuot because of the reading of Ruth, which is a book that feels especially close to me as a Jew by choice. Since I sometimes feel like an outsider, it is nice to see a convert celebrated on this day. Ruth was a Moabite woman who chose to follow her mother-in-law, Naomi, back to Israel, making her decision even after her Israelite husband died. She embodies those who choose Judaism, and her story is read on Shavuot because just as the Jewish people accepted the Torah at Mt. Sinai, likewise, Ruth accepts the Jewish faith and way of living for her own life. Also, any tradition that is closely tied to a food tradition is always fun for me and I enjoyed planning a menu filled with dairy foods like cheesecake. One of the reasons why it is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot, because it is said that studying the Torah “sweet like milk and honey.”

Cantor Elizabeth Berke

RABBI SIEGEL ... FROM PAGE 1

At our recent JUF event, Jeffrey Goldberg, the editor of the Atlantic Monthly made a fascinating point. Zionist education should begin with Jewish religious texts. He went on to say that we have a responsibility to teach our children the essential story of the Jewish people, the promise of the land of Israel and our responsibility to build a moral and ethical light to the nations. I was struck that this approach was being suggested by someone who knows as much about Jewish history, issues regarding Israelis and Palestinians, borders, and American Jewry as anyone I know!

Take a few moments and reflect on the expanse of the Jewish story as we approach Yom Ha’Atzmaut this year. Begin with Abraham and God’s promise. Consider the Torah’s vision of an ethical society where the stranger would not be forgotten and the poor would be attended to. Reflect on the faith of the people that refuse to forget the promise of God and their rights to a land of their own. Celebrate the remarkable history of the State of Israel beginning with the Yishuv in the nineteenth century, the declaration of the State, the sacrifices, courage and ingenuity that our brothers and sisters in Israel have made and the singular effort to welcome Jews from across the world.

Amidst the many challenges facing the State of Israel, it is our responsibility to instill in our young people a love and attachment to the State of Israel and its people - one which begins with a wondrous history told through the eyes of faith. May all of us be inspired to recite the words of the Shehechiyanu on Yom Ha’Atzmaut at sundown 6th of Iyar, 5777/May 1, 2017.

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Go to www.facebook.com/ansheemet or just search Anshe-Emet-Synagogue

TORAH READING HONOR ROLL
We would like to thank the following congregants who have honored us by chanting Torah for our community during the month of March (this does not include our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students).
Rose Crown Minyan: Jamie Weisbach, Sarah Wolf, Keith Alperin, Barry Wimpfheimer, Anna Rubin, Yehoshua Ben-Avraham, Rebecca Nadis, Zach Seeskin, David Kaplinsky, Jacob Cytryn, Rivka Leder, Jonathan Norton, Yedida Soloff, Ari Handelman, Liz Lippow, Jacob Handelman, Ann Lubar, Yael Handelman, Max Handelman.

THANKS TO THESE PEOPLE FOR HONORING THEIR MINYAN COMMITMENT
The morning minyan meets Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.; Sundays and national holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, etc.), at 8:30 a.m. We need your participation to ensure the vitality of this project. We thank these people for honoring their commitment to our morning minyan program during March.
Ben Abrams; Manya Abrams; Ben Abrams; Fran Abramson; Barbara Appelbaum; Bruce Arendon; Sara & Chuk Aron; Barry Ball; Mali Barak; Jane Basewitz; Eve Becker; Michael Bellows; Alan Berle; Alyssa Brescia; Deborah & Matthew Brown; Bill, Wendy, Ellie Choslovsky; Janet Cohen; Stan Dryfuss; Judi & Harold Duciker; Steve Dushchlag; Norm Eckstein; Jenny Einberger; Arthur Elstein; Chuck Finkelstein; Ezra Furman; Christa Georgeson; Cynthia Goldberg; Dan & Gail Golden; Jay Goldgood; Michael Goldgood; Maxine Handelman; Jay Hauser; Debby Hecht; Richard Herman; David Hernandez; Sarah Hirsen; Joy Horwich; Rachel Jury; Bruce Kaminisky; Mike, Ilysssa, Andrew Kamlet; Judy Katz; Jay Lazar; Debby Lewis; Jay Lewkowitz; Jane Lippow; Jane Lippow; Allison Melowsky; Alan Mintz; Brian Nagorsky; Laura Neiman Rifkin; Jon Norton; Martha Okabe; Shelly Parker; Gary & Fraeda Portal; Dan Pulik; John Ragir; Esther Rosenblum; Susan Rosenstein; Ricky Roth; Gerry & Judy Salzman; David, Lynne, Ben, Ali Schreiban; Neil Schwartz; Carolyn Schwartzkopf; Steve Silk; Scooter Simon; Yedida Soloff; Ed Soloman; Dean Solomon; Jan Stepanczuk; Phil Stern; Maya Tkachuk; Abe Triger; Ophir Trigalo; David Weil; Jacob Wilkenfeld; Stew Witkov; and Mariannne Zemil.
ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES
MAY HAPPENINGS

MAXINE SEGAL HANDELMAN
Young Families Coordinator; maxhandelman1@gmail.com

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. including Shabbat during Passover. Shachar, for families with children in grades K-2, meets on the second and fourth Shabbat of the month at 11:00 a.m. May dates are the 13th and the 27th. 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 Heath Altman, will meet the first and third Shabbat of the month, May 6 and 20 at 11:00 a.m. Dress in comfortable clothes.

FRIDAY NIGHT KABBALAT SHABBAT DAVENING AND DINNER
The Anshe Emet Family Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner is on hiatus in May due to the Anshe Emet Community Retreat [which you should come to]! Save the date for our June dinner, June 2.

ANNUAL TIKKUN LIL, TUESDAY, MAY 30, 5:45 P.M., FOR FAMILIES WITH BABIES - 8TH GRADERS.
On Shavuot, the Jewish community celebrates receiving the Torah by staying up all night studying. And at Anshe Emet, we do it with style, but for families with babies through 8th graders, we’ll limit ourselves to dinner and a little study. Amazing activities with fabulous teachers for each age group (4’s and under, K-2nd grade, 3-5th grade, and middle school) should not be missed. REMEMBER TO BRING JEWISH KIDS BOOKS TO SWAP. Dairy dinner 5:45 - 6:15 p.m., learning and experiences 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Register your family at this link: http://tinyurl.com/TikkunLil2017

BABIES AND BAGELS IS BACK
Sunday, May 21, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., with Rabbi Donni Aaron and Max Handelman! Families with children 3 and under are welcome to come nosh, meet new families, sing, hear a great story, and otherwise get ready for Shavuot. This event is free, but registration is kindly requested. http://www.ansheemet.org/BabiesBagelsMay2017.

DON’T MISS ANYTHING!
Join our list serv by e-mailing AEYF-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to get the latest word on what’s happening for your family. Join our Facebook group, so you can stay in the loop on all the events happening [and who knows what else] www.facebook.com/groups/AESYF/

MAY HAPPENINGS

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)
Thursday, June 8, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner and End of Year party!

MACHAR (GRADES 3-5)
Thursday, May 11, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Dinner and Games. $5 for Kadima Members, $10 for non-members, includes Dinner

KADIMA (GRADES 6-8)
Thursday, May 18, 6:15-7:15 p.m. End of Year Dinner! $5 for Kadima Members, $10 for non-members, includes Dinner

SHMUSY (GRADES 9-12)
Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. SHMUSY Election Candidate and Parent info meeting. All interested candidates planning on running for SHMUSY Executive Board must attend. More info, contact Sam.

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. SHMUSY Exec Board Elections. Must be a paid member to vote!

Shabbat, May 13. Senior Shabbat and SHMUSY Board Installations and special Kiddush. Come celebrate our seniors with a special send off, find out who will win our Teen Leadership Award and see our new SHMUSY Board Installed! All SHMUSY members are invited! Look for more info in your email!

Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m. New Board/Old Board meeting.

Friday, May 19. Teen Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner

Sunday, May 21. End of Year Chapter Program to Six Flags Great America! $35 for members, $50 for non-members, includes ticket, transportation, dinner and a snack. MUST RSVP in advance! http://tinyurl.com/shmussyisixflags2017

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!
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:

May 3: Rabbi D’ror Chankin-Gould
May 8: Elie Berkman
May 15: Rabbi Michael Siegel
May 22: Elie Berkman
May 29: No Hazak/Memorial Day

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

CALENDAR

• Thursday, May 4: RS, 4:15 p.m.
• Sunday, May 7: RS, 9:00 a.m.
• Thursday, May 11: RS, 4:15 p.m.
• Sunday, May 14: RS, 9:00. 8th Grade Commencement, 9:30 a.m. Lipsey Festival, 10:30 a.m.
• Thursday, May 11: RS, 4:15 p.m.
• Sunday, May 21: Last Day of RS, 9:00 a.m.

DETAILS

8TH GRADE COMMENCEMENT. We don’t refer to the closing ceremony for our 8th grade class as a graduation, since we see this as just one step, if a substantial one, in the life-long journey of their Jewish education and growth. Many of our students will go on to our Makhon Le-Manhigut program, where they will serve as madrikhim in our Religious School and take classes of their own, and/or participate in a range of educational and community offerings in their high schools and colleges, in our congregation, and in the broader Jewish community. Congratulations this year to:

David Alperin, Rebecca Gross, Jonathan Lyons
Maya Belcove, Max Kleeberg, Rebecca Wanger
Lizzy Brahin, Evan Kosmacher
Ethan Glen, Joshua Lazar

May you go from strength to strength!

THE 23RD ANNUAL LIPSEY MUSIC FESTIVAL. Featuring musical performances by our JK, SK, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade students, with a guest appearance by our 4th graders, this annual festival honors the memory of Mrs. Lillian Lipsey, a visionary and a generous woman who made the strength of our Religious School music program a priority in her life. A warm and rousing celebration to round off a year of learning, music, and fellowship!

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**ANSHE EMET WOMEN’S STUDY GROUP: WINE, WOMEN AND WALKING WITH GOD**

Our Women’s Study Group, Women Wine and Walking with God, is off to a great start! Our initial series featured Rebecca Joy Fletcher, Cantor, actress and Jewish educator and was a wonderful thought provoking series.

Our next series will be with Tamar Cytryn, Director of Jewish Studies at the Chicago Jewish Day School. Tamar has a B.A. in History & English Literature from the Yeshiva University; she studied at Orot Israel College and Hebrew University; and is a Melton Educators Senior Fellow. The series is being held on April 17, May 2 and May 9 and the sessions will cover a literary analysis of Megillat Ruth with a focus on feminism and equality. RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/winemorenwalkingwithgodpart2.

**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 Nitzan Breitenstein at mbreiten@rcn.com.

**PROGRAMS**

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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**

Rachel Jacobsohn, who has been our facilitator since 2002, has provided us with a most interesting list for our spring session. We always welcome new members. If interested, please contact Judy Metzger at Hqemet@aol.com.

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 Cloonola. 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.

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**SISTERHOOD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: SPRING 2017**

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Please return this form to the office at Anshe Emet Synagogue Attention: Gail Kahn

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 JONG**

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 for Sisterhood under Programs.

Elizabeth Cline, Communications

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**SHIREINU NOTES**

It was a busy year for those who love to sing in Shireinu, our volunteer Adult Choir. Among our offerings were: participation in the High Holiday services, a Hanukkah concert at the Self Help Home, participation in several Friday night Anshe Emet Lives, the Men’s Club Annual Talent Show, and in April we presented a pre-Passover mini-concert at the Lincolnwood Place, where the parents of one of our singers live.

We very much would like to see our ensemble continue to grow and continue to musically represent Anshe Emet in the life of the shul and greater community. Some members read music and others simply enjoy learning and singing music sung by rote. If you have ever sung in a choir or just like to sing in the shower, we would love you to join us at a rehearsal and see if it is for you. Generally rehearsals are each Thursday night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Anshe Emet. The director is Hazzan Steven Berke and he is always happy to speak to anyone who may have the slightest interest. He can be reached at: Hazzanberke@yahoo.com
MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

If you follow our synagogue communications, then you know that our Men's Club has been very busy. Our Passover Wine Tasting at Binny’s on March 13 was a record success in terms of both attendance and wine orders. Your Men's Club again partnered with Sisterhood to assist you with this integral part of your Passover preparations. This always is a great opportunity to sample and purchase from a huge assortment of KP wines at very competitive prices and NO SALES TAX. We get to select from tried and true brands to those that are new in Israel's and California's hot kosher wine industry while having a pleasant social evening. Make this event a regular part of your pre-Passover planning every year.

We were very pleased and proud to present Gregg Pollack and Charlie Sinder as our Man/Youth of the Year, respectively, at the Midwest Region of Jewish Men's Clubs annual regional award luncheon on March 19 at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Highland Park. If you read the bios of our honorees, then I know you will quickly realize why we selected them.

Men's Club Shabbat was held on April 1 where our members and friends led a spirited and inspirational Shabbat morning service. We hope you were there to daven with us and support our efforts. This is a great opportunity to honor all of those who participate in the many constructive activities of our Club throughout the year.

Men’s Club once again hosted a special 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 tragic aspect of the Shoah. The Yad Veshem film entitled, May Your Memory Be Love, was graciously provided by the Simon Weisenthal Center. It portrays the heartbreakingly moving story of Ovadia Baruch, a Jew born in Salonika, Greece, who survived the destruction of one of the oldest Jewish communities in the world. The memories of those who perished in the Holocaust were honored by a memorial candle lighting ceremony by survivors and children of survivors followed by Hazzan Mizrahi singing a special Ladino song honoring the Holocaust victims of Greece. The unique Yellow Yahzeit Candles sold by FJMC also were distributed so they could be lit at home. Men’s Club provides the profits from the Yellow Candles sales to support future Yom HaShoah programming for Anshe Emet.

Stay tuned for details about another Men’s Club outing on June 4. We will be taking a custom tour of the new Empirical Brewery in Ravenswood and enjoyed their new line of beers as well as kosher pizza.

Men's Club is run by and for you. Feel free to contact us at mensclub@ansheemet.org to let us know what activities you would like. We only are as successful as your involvement permits. We hope to see you soon as we are incomplete without you.

Barry Balik

A BUSY PROGRAMMING YEAR

May and June close out our programming year and what a busy year it has been for 2016-17. This year, as part of the Jewish Book Council, Anshe Emet was blessed to host several amazing authors throughout the year. On May 15, we welcome our last author, Burton L. Visotzky, the Appleman Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. His most recent book, Aphrodite and the Rabbinic Imagination, focuses on how the Jews adapted Roman culture to create Judaism as we know it. He argues that its transformation from a Jerusalem centered cult to a world religion was made possible by the Roman Empire. His book is full of fascinating detail from the daily life and culture of Jewish communities across the Hellenistic world. It is sure to be a fascinating look at the development of Judaism through a different lens.

Other Upcoming Events:
- May 1: Community Yom Ha’Atzmaut Celebration
- May 5: Community Retreat at the Perlstein Center
- May 15: Author Burton Visotzky
- May 21: Bike Ride—Tour De Shul
- May 30: Tikkun Leil Shavuot
- June 4: Little Builders for 2-3 year olds
- June 5: Holocaust Museum Special Program at Anshe Emet

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, May 5, 5:15 p.m. $5 for YAD Members, $15 for non-members! Register at http://tinyurl.com/YADShabbatMay2017.

Torah on Tap, May 16, 7:00 p.m. at DIAG.

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

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

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Our sincerest condolences to...

The family of Maita Honey Adolph, beloved wife of Howard J. Adolph; devoted mother of Lesly (David) Koo, Steven (Ellen) Adolph, Lorin Adolph and Brad (Cheryl) Adolph; proud grandmother of Maddie, Vivien, Nathany, Zachary, Doug (Matt) and Bill (Beth); cherished great grandmother of Nayan and Evie; dear sister of Diane Smoler, Lolita Friedlen, on her recent passing.

The family of Sherwin Berger, beloved husband of Marilyn; loving father of Laura (Jonathan) April and Steven (Lauri) Berger; proud grandfather of Emanuel and Gabriel April, on his recent passing.

The family of David W. Efron, beloved husband of Sara Weiss Star; loving father of Rachael (Brad) Finkel and Jason (Julie) Star; proud grandfather of Blake Adam and Shayna Renee Finkel and Laney Sophia and Vera Andora Star; dear brother of Irene (Andy) Engel and Pauline [Larry] January, on his recent passing.

May their memory be for a blessing

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

Proud grandparents, Fraeda and Gary Porton and parents Zipporah Porton and Jeffrey Parker (and older sister, Aviva) on the birth of a baby boy.

Proud grandparents, Tom and Linda Bornstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Rachel. Parents are Alvin Raul Cardona and Morella Katherine Muñoz (and older sister is Leah Rebecca).

Jenny and Max Puchtel (and older siblings Eli and Mira) on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace

Rachel and Dan Aaronson (and older siblings, William and Caroline) on the birth of their daughter, Aviva Bernadette

Community Resources

JCFS Integrated Pediatric Interventions and Psychological Services

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Days, months, decades from now your name will matter and your dollars will make a difference. Join the Anshe Emet Dor L’Dor Society and leave your Jewish legacy and values for generations to come. When you make a bequest in your will, you are a member! We don’t need to know the amount; only that you have made a gift.

Contact Mimi Weisberg, mweisberg@ansheemet.org, 773-868-5123, for more information.

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We are partnering to help people continue to live in their communities as they age or face new challenges. CJE SeniorLife Resource Specialists have expertise in connecting older adults and people with disabilities with the following programs:

• Medicare
• Medicaid
• Marketplace and Other Insurance
• Prescription Drug Assistance
• Social Security
• Aging in Place Resources
• Real Estate Tax Relief
• Utility Assistance
• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly called food stamps)
• License Plate Discount and RTA Ride Free Pass
• Housing Information and Referrals
• Community Agency Referrals

This free service is available through the collaboration of Anshe Emet Synagogue, Anshe Sholom B’nai Israel, Emanuel Congregation, Mishkan Chicago, Temple Sholom and CJE SeniorLife.

Appointments available. Third Wednesday of every month, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Temple Sholom 3480 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

To schedule an appointment and get more information, call Consumer Assistance Resource Specialist and certified SHIP counselor, Rae Levinstein, at 773-508-1079.

CJE SeniorLife™ is a partner with the Jewish United Fund in serving our community.
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 Julie Ann Sklaver or Steven Berke at aesbcteam@gmail.com.
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