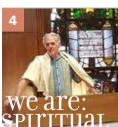
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## ON THE DEATH OF A TEACHER OF TORAH: REMEMBERING MOISH LENOW

One of the blessings of a death after a long illness is that it frees us to remember a person as they were in life. With the advent of illness, loved ones and friends become witnesses to the manner in which disease can rob a person of so much. When death comes we can experience a person's dynamism, passion, and humor through the realm of memory. So it is for those who knew and loved Moish Lenow, a remarkable individual and a truly gifted teacher of Torah who died in November.

Moish and his beloved wife Mae came from Philadelphia to Chicago towards the end of his career. While they lived in an apartment on Lake Shore Drive, their true home was Anshe Emet. They were warm, welcoming, and together represented the best of the Anshe Emet community. They were regulars on Shabbat and attended every synagogue event.

Moish was a learned Jew. He would lead parts of our service on the High Holy Days. But nothing gave him more joy than study. He was a student of a Talmud class taught each Shabbat morning by Norman Asher. When Norman died, Moish took over the class and focused on the portion of the week. In a relatively short amount of time, Moish's class began growing until it filled the Bennett Library. Beyond the numbers of people taking the class, what was truly striking about it was the impact that it was having on its students. People who had been very far from Judaism were discovering what it could mean to them. For those who had a strong basis of knowledge, Moish was a teacher who could engage with them on the most esoteric of topics. Most importantly, everyone had a place around the table.

What were the secrets of Moish's success?

- 1. Meticulous Preparation: Because he was now retired, Moish could devote his week to prepare for his class. Each Shabbat morning he would bring a Torah study guide to class. Containing summaries off the Torah portion as well as selected commentaries on a particular topic.
- 2. Passion: Moish was a passionate Jew, and exuded a passion for all aspects of Judaism. When you were in his presence it was hard not to be swept up in his exuberance, or be touched by that warm and wonderful smile. There was always a sense that what you were doing was important.

3. Humility in His Knowledge of Torah and Respect for the Student: For all of his knowledge, Moish was an exceedingly humble man. He fully appreciated the sacred responsibility of a teacher of Torah.



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Moish's goal was never to show how much he knew, but rather to focus on the needs of the students. As a result, he made everyone feel comfortable in his class. People felt comfortable asking questions, no matter how basic or learned. Most of all, Moish demanded that the others students exhibit that same respect towards one another.

Over the years hundreds of people studied with in that library with Moish and were deeply impacted by the name and the Torah that he taught. One of them went on to become a Rabbi. A few years ago, Rabbi Aviva Berg wrote to her congregation about the importance of study and asking good questions, and then reflected on Moish Lenow's class:

"For 18 years before going off to Rabbinical School, at Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago I participated in Shabbat morning Torah study from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., went into services to hear the Rabbi's sermon, daven musaf, and then spend an hour or so at kiddush talking some more about Torah or what was going on in the world (not necessarily separate topics of conversation). I loved it. It was the highlight of my week. It was not for the fainthearted ..."

Our Torah study leader in Chicago, Moish Lenow, acted as our guide, facilitator and referee most of the time. Only occasionally did he duke it out with us. To his great credit, when he truly and fully engaged, he usually opened with a piercing question.

See "Rabbi Siegel," page 3

## CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS

## **Little Builders**

Families with young children come together for the new Little Builders program. Read more about it in Rabbi Chankin-Gould's column on page 5.











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# PUERTO RICO RELIEF FUND FOR ANSHE EMET STAFF FAMILIES

Pedro Rivera of the Anshe Emet Maintenance Team offers his thanks for support from the Puerto Rico Relief Fund. Look for Rabbi Siegel's comments and the list of donors on page 6.

The Rivera family would like to thank everyone for all their donations and Rabbi Siegel for all your kind words and thoughts.



Here's a picture of all of us spending time outside. It gets hot indoors and there's still no electricity. We were using a lamp I bought over there. Luckily, I took batteries from here and could use them on the lamp. I was unable to purchase any batteries over there because they didn't have any. The sun sets around 5:30 p.m., and because there's no electricity, everything outside is just pitch black which is very depressing.

This is a picture of my mom's house. This is a view from the backyard. The foundation that is supporting the back was destroyed by the rain. If it's not reinforced soon, there's a chance the back end of the house could start to go down. During my trip there, I tried to lay down some cement to help reinforce it, however, it just won't stop raining. The rain wouldn't let me work much and whatever I could do wouldn't fully dry.

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## CHRISTMAS ENVY

Having grown up in a heavily Orthodox neighborhood in Brooklyn, I grew up steeped in our traditions. Even our neighbors, the Christian neighbors, knew of our holidays and respected them. Jewish culture was everywhere.

But when I met my former wife who grew up in a predominantly Christian section of Brooklyn, I met a person who was afflicted with 'Christmas envy.' You know, Christmas is a tough act follow. All of the gifts. The trees. The decorations. Santa. Her family had a Hanukkah bush. Oy! When I moved here, I encountered this thinking and found it to be even more prevalent. Jews are far less integrated in Chicago society than in New York.

Perhaps my former Rabbi offered the best perspective. He said that Christmas is like your good friend's birthday. You are happy for him. You wish him well. Perhaps you even attend his celebration. But you get your 'birthday' on a different day. Another Rabbi friend in Skokie offered a different but highly relevant concept. He said, "You want your children to love being Jewish ... the traditions, the wisdom of the laws, the value of family, the foods, the songs, the rituals." What Jewish child doesn't love dancing with the Torah while celebrating Simchat Torah?

Enter Hanukkah. A lovely holiday, although its post-Biblical timing and questions about the story lead most Jews to understand that this is hardly on a par with our High Holy Days

or our festivals. Enter Christmas envy. This is not a competition! A dear friend of mine once gave me a tee shirt which read, "He who dies with the most

toys wins!" I loved her but I didn't love the tee shirt. I bet you understand why.

So this year, enjoy Hanukkah. Celebrate with your family. Play dreidel. Eat latkes. Sing "Not by might, nor by power." Eat more latkes. But consider doing what I want our family to do ... take the money which you will spend on gifts for two nights and give that money to needy children in Puerto Rico or Santa Rosa. Give it to aid abused women seeking help at SHALVA. Give it to Mazon to feed the hungry. Use this Hanukkah, given all that we see happening, to not forget our responsibility to do Tikkun Olam

Chag sameach.



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# Menschen of Month

# Ariana Handelman, Jacob Kline and Devin Thomas

Ariana Handelman, Jacob Kline and Devin Thomas have spent the past year learning vital skills such as how to infuse the Shema with meaning for 3 year olds, how to maintain order in a bustling room of tots, and how to wield puppets effectively as they lead a room full of parents and kids aged 4 and under in song, story and tefillah on every Shabbat morning. Ariana is a sophomore at Rochelle Zell Jewish High School. She is a member of the SHMUSY board and this year became a Madricha on Sunday mornings. She loves to play volleyball and she can often be seen holding babies on Shabbat mornings. Jacob is a sophomore at Lane Tech High School. Jacob is a computer whiz, works with kids with special needs at school, and is also a member of the Lane Tech Israel Club. Jacob is an amazing magician and is learning sign language. Devin is a senior at the Rickover Naval Academy. She is involved in her senior class board helping to plan her senior class trip. She is in her fourth year as a Madricha at Anshe Emet on Sundays, volunteers at the Rogers Park library and is exceptionally talented wielding a 3-headed dragon puppet.

Thank you very much for your service Ari, Jacob and Devin; we are grateful for your outstanding contributions to the community!

## RABBI SIEGEL ... FROM PAGE 1

At this time of Moish's passing the piercing question of the moment is how will we remember him? On December 12, we will observe Shloshim, a memorial commemoration on the 30th day after his passing. The commemoration will take place at Anshe Emet, beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will take time to share memories of Moish, study Torah and announce plans to celebrate his legacy in our community. It is very appropriate that we will gather on the first night of Hanukkah to remember the light of Torah that emanated from Moish Lenow.

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## TORAH STUDY



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One day, a teacher entered her classroom. She placed a glass jar on the table. She placed two large rocks into the jar until no more could fit. She asked the class if the jar was full. They all said. "Yes."

She responded, "Really?" She pulled out a pile of small pebbles, added them to the jar, shook it slightly until they filled the spaces between the rocks.

Then she asked again, "Is the jar full?" They agreed that it was.

So next, she added a scoop of sand to the jar. She filled the space between the pebbles and asked the guestion again. This time, the class is divided; some feeling that the jar is obviously full, others wary of another trick.

So she grabbed a pitcher of water and filled the jar to the brim, saying, "If this jar is your life, what does this experiment show you?" She continued, "The rocks represent the BIG things in your life - what you will value at the end of your life. The pebbles are the other things in your life that give it meaning. The sand and water represent the 'small stuff' that fills our time. Now think about: what would happen if I started with the sand or the pebbles?" (This story is based on a version from: https://www.storlietelling.com/2013/08/07/rocks-pebblessand-a-story-bite-about-the-important-things-in-life/)

I don't know about you, but most days, I feel like I am always running. Meetings, phone calls, emails ... There is always something that I have forgotten to complete, a project that I am behind on, and I can never fully catch up.

Our tradition recognizes that. And as Jews, we traditionally believe that Torah study gives our lives meaning, that Torah study lifts us up. We believe that by making Torah study into one of the big rocks in our lives, we will walk through the world with more purpose and intention.

In Pirkay Avot (1:15), Shammai teaches, "עשה תורתף קבע – Make Torah study *keva*, fixed." Some interpret this as, we are supposed to study Torah constantly, all day long. But other rabbis recognize that this isn't possible. That we need to work to support our families. But instead we are meant to fix times in our schedules for Torah study.

In recognition of the fact that today we are always on the move, we at Anshe Emet want to bring Torah study to you. Over the coming months, we are experimenting with teaching classes via Zoom/Webex. You can join us in Torah study by phone or the Internet. We will set up both a conference call, where you can simply dial in to a phone number; and an online video conference that is easy to access by clicking on a link.

I will be teaching classes leading up to Hanukkah, Purim, Pesach, and Shavuot. The first class will be on Thursday, December 7, from 12:15 until 1:00 p.m., where we will explore themes of Hanukkah.

In January, Rabbi Chankin-Gould will teach a two-part series on Conservative Judaism, focusing on how the Conservative movement makes legal decisions. For more information, feel free to contact Cantor Liz Berke at eberke@ansheemet.org.

We hope you join us, as we strive to make Torah study one of the big rocks, one of the foundational pieces, that we can establish in our daily routines.

David Russ

## 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 October (this does not include our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students).

Sanctuary and Minyan: Fern Baker, Adam Engle, Art Friedson, Michael Goodgold, Debby Hecht, Sarah Hirsen, Dalia Hoffman, Dan Karp, Jane Lippow, Carol Mackoff, Marcie Marcovitz, Alan Mintz, Sari Oppenheimer, Joe Platt, Gary Porton, Dan Pulik, Ricky Roth, Lynne Schatz, David Schwarz, Ari Silver, Ethan Solomon, Jeannette Zemsky.

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## 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 (Thanksqiving, 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 October.

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## THE ANSHE EMET "CHIDUSH" TEAM IN ACTION



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If Moses begged Pharaoh to let the Jewish people go one time, and then walked away after he didn't succeed, we would still be in Egypt. After the first set of tablets were broken, if we had shrugged our shoulders and given up, we would have no Torah. The only way that the Jewish people, and indeed all people, can thrive and grow, is to take sincere risks and to

design a stronger future based on the wisdom we gained along the way. That philosophy is precisely the thinking which the world's best innovators rely upon. Over the last year, Anshe Emet has been privileged to participate in a living educational laboratory, where design thinking principles are directly applied to the challenges of synagogue-based education. Through the generosity of the Jewish United Fund, as well as the Crown Family and the Jack and Goldie Wolfe Miller Fund, a grant opportunity was offered to Chicago based synagogues, to partner with Upstart in an incredible journey called "CHldush", where teams of synagogue professionals and lay leaders have been enriched by coaching, resources, research, and evidence-based approaches to educational design. I have been so honored to be part of this process.

The Anshe Emet "CHIdush" team has been composed of myself, Amy Karp, and Max Handelman. Together we have partnered with amazing lay leaders: Andrea Minor, Lauren Cherynak, Anita Denes-Meador, Felix Tollinche and Brian Kurtz. We have attended workshop after workshop, where we have been lucky enough to learn from Rob Weinberg, Rabbi Scott Aaron, Joy Wassermann, and the Upstart team. In between meetings we have been able to consult directly with a feisty, funny, and encouraging coach, named Sari Gluckin, who consistently challenges us to think outside of the box.

Our team chose the following design challenge: "How might we create pathways to Jewish life and community for families with young children?" Our realization has been that Anshe Emet has room to grow when it comes to nurturing families with two and three-year olds in particular. But just because we identified the demographic need, doesn't mean that we knew the solution. So we experimented: we got into the sandbox, and we played.

Last year we built an advisory committee of 12 congregants representing the demographic we were hoping to learn from. These folks gather periodically to give us feedback and suggestions on how we might do better in the future. Based on the precision of their feedback, calls, and surveys, we tweaked our product over and over again.

We began by setting out to create four prototypes of what a family-based program could look like for parents along with their two and three-year olds. Our first assumption was tested: are we hitting on a real need? 20 families immediately signed up for the prototypes. Question answered! We tried some sessions during the day and others in the evening. We tried having all the parents and kids together and we also tried doing parallel education for the group separately. We tried focusing on holidays and we tried focusing on other kinds of Jewish learning. We tried emphasizing content and we tried emphasizing relationship. We tried and tried and tried. We reached out to participants to get feedback. We learned and learned.

Our advisory committee suggested that we think about six contiguous sessions. They suggested that the Jewish content

be centered on Shabbat and holidays. They suggested that separating parents and kids simply didn't work. They shared that they were hungry for making new Jewish friends. They suggested we think about how to branch outside of the synagogue and into other environments. We workshopped together a variety of different ideas, and ended up with an amazing pilot, which we have rolled out this year, called "Little Builders."

Little Builders is a six-session offering for families with two and three-year old's. Four of those sessions take place at the synagogue, while two are home hosted. The content is largely, but not exclusively, focused on the big ideas, and some of the joyous details, of the holiday of Hanukkah, and the values and traditions that go along with that. At every stage of the design, we are consciously considering not only the transmission of Jewish knowledge, but also the manner in which we will cement relationships between children and between their parents. At the conclusion of the six sessions all participants will be expected how to set up a "voluntold meet-up" where they reach out to the group and invite peers to a playdate or an outing. And we're still learning.

This year as we enter our pilot phase, we are so lucky to be continuing our coaching from Upstart, to continue our research and feedback loops so that we constantly change and improve, and to remain open to the reality that there is more to learn and more to change.

Nothing matters more than giving our children and our families deep Jewish education and connection. This demands of us to be innovative, creative, and open to constantly re-evaluating what the path to the strongest future might be.

Like our ancestors, we know that the only way to reach the Promised Land is to be willing to traverse more than one path. Our journey thus far has been blessed. May it continue to be so. Join us as we journey: there's room for your family on this pathway!

D'ror Chankin-Gould

## 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

## First Friday Shabbat Dinner and Services, Friday December 1, 7:15 p.m. for Services!

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

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## Rabbi Michael S. Siegel

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Hanukkah is here again. The first candle is lit at nightfall on Tuesday, December 12 - beginning the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev.

#### Things to remember:

- Load the hanukkiah from the right; light the candles from the left.
- Place your hanukkiah/menorah in the window nearest the street so that all can see.
- 3. Candle holders in traditional hanukiot are all on the same level, with a higher or separate shamash.
- On Shabbat Hanukkah, light the Hanukkah candles before you light the Shabbat candles.
- 5. Light your candles after nightfall but early enough so that people can see them.

Hanukkah is a wonderful holiday filled with important lessons. From Hanukkah we learn about heroism and about the right to be different, about faith and about miracles. The following candle by candle guide may help you consider some of these important issues. As you light candles each night, ask yourself the following guestions:

First night: Do I know any modern day Macabees?

**Second Night:** What does it mean to be part of a people? As a Jew, what special responsibilities do I have?

**Third night:** Have I "proclaimed the miracle" by helping someone understand the true meaning of this holiday?

Fourth night: Have I witnessed any miracles in my own lifetime?

**Fifth night:** Have I given Tzedakah today?

**Sixth night:** Have I done anything today to improve the world? **Seventh night:** Have I brought happiness into someone's life today? **Eighth night:** What questions will I ask myself as I light the candles next year?

## Hanukkah's most commonly asked questions Q. What particular event in Jewish history does Hanukkah commemorate?

A. The Syrians, ruled by King Antiochus, wanted the Jews to give up their way of life—to stop studying Torah, to stop observing Shabbat and to start bowing down to idols. The Jewish people rose in revolt, led by Mattathias and his sons, the Maccabees, of whom Judah was the most famous. The struggle culminated in a great victory for the Jewish people, which ended in the recapture and rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. Hanukkah is the celebration of that struggle for religious liberty in 165 C.E.

## Q. What does "Hanukkah" literally mean?

A. "Hanukkah" is the Hebrew word for "dedication." When the Jews defeated the Syrians, their first act was to cleanse the Temple in Jerusalem and remove the various pagan symbols and idols from it. They then held a ceremony dedicating the Temple once again to God. The holiday derives its name from the ceremony.

#### Q. Why is Hanukkah celebrated for eight days?

A. According to tradition, when the Jews entered the Temple to cleanse it, they found a flask of oil which had not been contaminated and which still carried the unbroken seal of the High Priest. As part of the dedication ceremony, they lit the oil, believing there was only enough to last one day. But miraculously, the oil burned for eight days. Hence Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days.



## A Hanukkah Glossary

**DREIDEL**—A four-sided top used on Hanukkah. Each side has a different Hebrew letter—nun, gimel, hey and shin. This stands for "Nes Gadol Ha-ya Sham." (A great miracle happened there.)

**LATKE**-Potato pancake-traditional Hanukkah delicacy.

**SUFGANIYAH**—A jelly-filled doughnut—another traditional Hanukkah delicacy.

**SHAMASH**–Helper candle, used to light all the other candles.

**MENORAH/HANUKKIAH**-Hanukkah candle holder which contains places for

nine candles – eight candles and a ninth candle, the shamash, is raised above the others. Each of the eight candles represents one of the eight days of Hanukkah.

## The Brachot

The first two brachot (blessings) are said every night when lighting the candles:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְותָיוּ וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חַנָּכָּה.

Bah-ruch At-tah A-do-nai Elo-hay-noo Me-lech Ha-o-lam A-sher Kidshanoo B'mits'votav V-tsi-vah-noo L'had-lik Nare Shel Hanukkah.

"Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world, Who has sanctified us to kindle the Hanukkah lights."

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָמִים הָהֵם בַּוְּמֵן הַזֶּה.

Bah-ruch At-tah A-do-nai Elo-hay-noo Me-lech Ha-o-lam She-a-sa Nis-seem La'ah-vo-tay-noo Ba-yah-meem Hahem Baz-man Ha-zeh.

"Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world, Sovereign of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our ancestors at this season in ancient days."

On the first night recite the following blessing after the other blessings:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֶלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַוְמֵן הַזֶּה.

Bah-ruch At-tah A-do-nai Elo-hay-noo Me-lech Ha-o-lam She-he-che-ya-noo V'ki-y'-mah-noo V-he-gi-a-noo Laz-man Ha-zeh.

"Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world, Who sustained us and enabled us to reach this day."



## JOSEPH AND BELLE BRAUN ANSHE EMET RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



LAURIE GOLDBERG ORENSTEIN Interim Principal, Joseph and Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School lorenstein@ansheemet.org

As is tradition for the Joseph and Belle Braun Religious School we are committed to the practice of collecting *tzedakah* each time Religious School meets. Although many people interpret *tzedakah* as charity, the actual translation implies doing justice through righteous acts. We believe that by encouraging children to be active in doing *tzedakah* we are encouraging good habits for the future.

This year we have decided to choose the organizations early in the year to provide connection and context to this process. Some

classes are connecting the class *tzedakah* project to the curriculum while others have researched organizations that speak to them as a group. Some classes have chosen local organizations, and others classes, programs in Israel. Many of the classes discussed several of the organizations and together voted on the organizations that best spoke to the class.

In the coming months, students will have the chance to learn about their projects and how their money will provide justice through righteous acts. Additionally, some classes will connect closely with the organizations they support, through active projects.

We will be supporting the following nonprofit organizations: Chai Life Line, Hurricane Relief efforts, JWA SOS, Keshet, Laatet, Lincoln Park Shelter, Mazon, Misericordia, Primo and more.

Our hope is to connect the students to the work they are doing rather than just putting coins into an envelope. We look forward to watching this process which has begun with a choice as blossoming into something very special.

#### **Important December dates**

December 3: 3rd Grade Parents Brunch and Learn

December 10: 8th Grade trip to Temple Sholom

December 17: Family Hanukkah Party

December 24, 28 and 31: No School Winter Break

January 7: School resumes

B'shalom,

Laurie Orenstein

## 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:

December 4: Cantor Liz Berke December 11: Elie Berkman

December 18: Community Hanukkah Celebration with CJE

December 25: No HaZaK January 1: No HaZaK

## RAYMOND ARBETMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION



For details and registration information visit our website at https://www.ansheemet.org/adulted.

## WHAT KEHILLAH KEDOSHAH HAS TAUGHT ME

In eJewish
Philanthropy recently
there was an article
about the importance
of supporting Adult
Education in the
Jewish community.
I recommend you
read Rabbi Shmuly
Yanklowitz' article
when you have



CANTOR ELIZABETH BERKE

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time and let me know what you think. As I reflect on it, what comes to mind is not only the time we spend as adults in the classroom, to which we bring our life experiences, but to continue to create life experiences and learn through committee work and service to the community.

As a child, I remember my parents hosting in our home or leaving after dinner for countless meetings. As an adult, of course I now sit in my share of meetings, most related to my work. One of the most rewarding committees I have ever served on is our Kehillah Kedoshah committee, which I sit on as a congregant. This passionate group furthers Anshe Emet's agenda regarding accessibility and inclusion. In a year's time the committee has already had a strong impactsome of which includes helping to make sure the automated handicap sliding door is functional again, making sure our accessibility features are publicized on Shabbat and holidays, and our crown jewel, helping leadership understand the importance and priority of providing a ramp into Malkov Chapel.

Not only have I learned about the various areas which fall under what seems to be our ever-expanding umbrella, but I walk around with eyes open to new questions and concerns. This is what Adult Education is about, be it through study or action. I invite you into the classroom, of our tradition and of the needs of our community, both of which would benefit from your participation. Looking for a way to be involved in either or both? Be in touch at eberke@ansheemet.org.

# Discover the Anshe Emet channel on YouTube

You'll find learning resources, Divrei Torah, the Kaplan concert, Talent Show, and more.

Search for channel name: Anshe Emet at YouTube.com

## ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



**HANDELMAN** Director of Family Life & Learning mhandelman@ansheemet.org

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

SHALOM SHABBAT/SHACHAR Shalom Shabbat. the well-loved service for children 4 and under and their parents, meets every Shabbat of the month at 10:00 a.m. Shachar, for children aged K to 2nd grade, meets every

Shabbat at 11:00 a.m. If your child is interested in reading a Torah excerpt in Hebrew or English at the Shachar service, please contact Max Handelman at mhandelman@ansheemet.org.

## FRIDAY NIGHT KABBALAT SHABBAT DAVENING AND DINNER

The Anshe Emet Family First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Davening and Dinner returns on December 1! Welcome in Shabbat every month with song and community! Choose from two services: the young family service for families with kid's K and under, led by Rabbi Donni Aaron and Max Handelman in the Blum Community Hall, and the spirited Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) service for older elementary school students (grades 1-7], led by Rabbi David Russo in the Reich Room.

After Services, everyone comes together for a delicious community dinner. This month's dinner will be a Hanukkah preview, complete with latkes and gourmet mac & cheese bar, and veggie and gluten free options to boot! 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 tinyurl.com/FirstFridayDinnerDec2017 by Tuesday November 28 to avoid a late fee.

#### **LIGHT AND LATKES**

Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. Look for complete information on this event on page 6.

Questions? contact Maxine Handelman, mhandelman@ ansheemet.org; 773-868-5121.

#### **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/!

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> > CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ANSHE EMET YOUTH?

Note: While Samantha Isenstein is on maternity leave, Megan Zimmer will be helping out with Youth Activities. Her email is mzimmer@ansheemet.org and phone number is 773-868-5143.

## **USY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**USY's International Convention** will be hosted in Chicago from December 24-28. More than 600 Jewish teens will gather to socialize, sight see, learn, and



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do community service projects here in our own backyard. It has not been in Chicago since 2009! We cannot wait to show USY what an amazing city Chicago is. There are a couple of ways to volunteer with USY and Anshe Emet's own USY Chapter, SHMUSY during this time. During the convention, IC needs adult chaperons to help staff and supervise various activities. You can find out more by going here- www.regpacks.com/icchaperones or contacting Larry Sklar at chaperones@usy.org

Host Families NEEDED for IC Post Convention! After IC is over, SHMUSY is hosting about 40 teens from the Southwest Region (Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana) and Far West Region (Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Hawaii) for a Shabbat experience called Post Convention from December 28-31. We need host homes to host these teens for three nights! If you are interested in hosting USYers for Post Convention, visit tinyurl.com/shmusyhostpostcon17

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

It's that time of the year to join or renew your AE Youth Membership. Please register online. Membership includes discounted programs throughout the year. Kadima and USY membership offers access to CHUSY regional programs and conventions as well as AE Youth events for the school year. Go to tinyurl.com/aeyouth2017!

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

Machar Hanukkah Night! Come join us at 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7 for some pre-Hanukkah fun! Stick around for some fun Hanukh crafts and yummy food!

#### KADIMA (GRADES 6-8)

Kadima Convention! Join us up at camp Chi and Perlstein resort for Kadima Convention (December 8-10). Questions? Contact Megan Zimmer at mzimmer@ansheemet.org or youth@ ansheemet.org for more information!

#### SHMUSY (GRADES 9-12)

Lounge Night at Anshe Emet, Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.

SHMUSY will be hosting a Post-Convention Shabbaton with Far-West Region and SWUSY Region December 28-31! Open to SHMUSY 8th-12th Graders. Participation in International convention not necessary to participate in Post-Convention - Sign up at http://tinyurl.com/SHMUSYpostcon.

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!















# December 2017

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# KISLEV-TEVET 5778

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	13 KISLEV	14 KISLEV	2
Babysitting for children 18 months and older is available in room 104 every Shabbat morning from 9:30 a.m 12:30 p.m. as a free service of Anshe Emet Synagogue.	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 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 7:15 p.m. YAD Service, followed by Dinner	9:00 a.m. JBC 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Benjamin Lavie becomes a Bar Mitzvah Margot Lavie becomes a Bat Mitzvah Torah: Genesis 32:4 - 36:43 [Vayishlach] Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21	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 4:00 p.m. Mincha: Simon Mann becomes a Bar Mitzvah
19 KISLEV	20 KISLEV 8	21 KISLEV	9
7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:00 a.m. Maj & Muffins 4:00 p.m. Religious School 6:15 p.m. SHMUSY Youth Lounge 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 6:30 p.m. Languages of the Siddur 6:30 p.m. Caring Committee 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 and Potluck 6:30 p.m. Lakeview Minyan Service and Potluck	9:00 a.m. JBC 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Gabriel Josefson becomes a Bar Mitzvah Torah: Genesis 37:1 - 40:23 (Vayeshev) Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8	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 7:00 p.m. Something for Us Trivia Night
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## ANSHE EMET SISTERHOOD



## SISTERHOOD NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Anshe Emet Sisterhood is seeking nominations to the

Sisterhood Board. Nominations are being taken for officers and board members. Please contact Lynne Schatz, Nomination Committee Chair to self nominate or nominate someone for the positions of president, treasurer, secretary, membership vice president, programming vice president or general board member. Lynne can be reached at LynneSchatz@gmail.com.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Sisterhood Shabbat is coming March 10, 2018.

#### **PROGRAMS**

**COLLEGE CONNECTION** 

Help Anshe Emet keep in touch with your student while away at school. We mail meaningful, interesting and fun reminders of Jewish traditions several times per academic year. Send your name, your student's name, full college mailing address and email to aecollegeconnection@gmail.com. It's never too late to sign up a student for the next package. We compile a new list each school year so previous participants need to resubmit their contact information.

**BOOK CLUB** 

The Sisterhood book group began its fall session in September.

Although many of our members have been in the group since its inception in 2002, we welcome newcomers. We are fortunate to have Rachel Jacobsohn as our facilitator, who always brings insights into the selections. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Judy at Hgmet1@aol.com. We meet from 6:45-8:45 p.m. at sites TBA at Anshe Emet. Upcoming books include:

Thursday, December 7: A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles. In the year 1922, Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov has been sentenced to House arrest at the famed Moscow Hotel Metropol. Once of the landed elite of Nizhy Novgorod, the Count must live out the rest of his days in one small hotel room. As the Bolsheviks have persevered following their revolution, no long are there ruling classes in Russia, only comrades. It is under these conditions that Count Rostov has become a former person who can no longer step outside of the Metropol. Using this premise, Amor Towles has woven prose to create an enchanting story that makes up the Count's changed course of existence.

#### 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.

#### THE NIGHT MINISTRY

We are gearing up for our annual Festival of Lights party for the Night Ministry clients. It will be held on December 14. Here are two ways you can help:

1) Donate funds for the purchase of one or more gifts to the Night Ministry clients and for food that we buy throughout the year. Each gift costs \$40. Please send your check to Anshe Emet Sisterhood, 3760 N. Pine Grove, Chicago, IL 60613, with the notation Night Ministry

2) Save your hotel-sized toiletries and any small gifts that you would like to donate to our gift "raffle". Most appreciated are new warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves, body lotions, perfume, nail polish, costume jewelry, candy, and small denomination gift cards to Subway, McDonald's, Starbucks, Target, and other

## Sisterhood Book Discussion Group: Fall 2017

-         r	I am a 2017-2018 Sisterhood member and plan to participate in the three discussions. I have enclosed a check made payable to Anshe Emet Sisterhood for \$75.
Ιŗ	I am not a member of the Sisterhood and plan to participate in the three sessions. I have enclosed a check made payable to Anshe Emet Sisterhood for \$95.

Phone (Home/cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and check made out to Anshe Emet

■ e-mail (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

■ Bridge Sisterhood, or bring it to the first meeting.

Esser to volunteer or donate. Janine811@gmail.com.

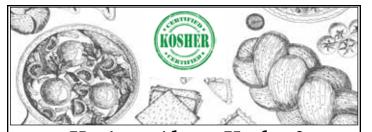
local casual restaurants and stores. Contact Janine Landow-

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., when Religious School is in session. *Big Back to School Sale. 20% off all items (except klaffs)* 

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

**Elizabeth Cline, Communications** 



# Kurious About Kosher?

## **An Anshe Emet Sisterhood Two-Part Series**

PART 1: The How's and Why's of Keeping Kosher Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Are you thinking about keeping kosher and not sure where to start? Ever wonder what all the different kosher symbols mean? Why can we eat chicken and eggs together, but not milk and meat? Learn about the history and origins of kashrut, the practicalities and strategies with keeping kosher, and get your questions answered with an informative session featuring Rabbi Siegel and Hazzan Liz Berke.

# PART 2: Kosher Cooking Class with Chef Laura Frankel Sunday, December 3 at 12:00 p.m.



Join the Sisterhood in the Anshe Emet kitchen to cook kosher dishes! Renowned Chef Laura Frankel will lead us in a kosher cooking demo where we will learn what makes food kosher. Laura is a noted Kosher Chef and the newly appointed Culinary Director for Jamie Geller's Test Kitchen & Kosher Network International. She is also the

founder of Shallots Restaurants in Chicago, Skokie, and New York.

This two-part series is open to all women within the Anshe Emet Community. Registration still being accepted for the Laura Frankel Cooking Demo! at: tinyurl.com/KuriousAboutKosher2017. Series fee is \$20 for those who have paid Sisterhood dues; \$25 for those who have not paid dues.

# AWARD-WINNING MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

Our award-winning Anshe Emet Men's Club continues its lineup of outstanding and enjoyable events for you. Our next Men's Club event is an outing to see the Chicago Bulls play the Boston Celtics on Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. Jon Norton once again has scored a block of quality seats for \$30. Please contact Jon directly at jonathanwnorton@gmail.com to arrange purchase of your tickets for a fun evening with your Anshe Emet friends at the United Center.

We begin 2018 by hosting a special presentation by fellow Anshe Emet congregant and best-selling author, **Jonathan Eig**. Jonathan will discuss his new book, "Ali: A Life" – the first complete, unauthorized biography of Muhammad Ali. The book represents more than 4 years of research and over 500 interviews, including Ali's family, FBI tapes, and meetings with many celebrities. Signed copies of this illuminating work will be available for purchase. You may register online at tinyurl.com/AliALifeJan2018

Note that this event originally was scheduled for November and rescheduled for Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. as Jonathan's book was nominated for an award in London and he was compelled to go. Of course, our Men's Club tradition of beer and kosher pizza will be followed for this event too. Don't miss it.

Also mark **Tuesday evening, February 6,** on your calendar as we will be hosting a presentation by **Brent Novoselsky** – a nice local Jewish guy who will talk about his career in the NFL. More details will follow.

In the November issue of the Anshe Emet Newsletter I extended an offer to start the Jewish New Year right with new and enjoyable opportunities by getting involved in your Men's Club. Permit me to extend this offer to you for the secular New Year too. Feel free to contact us at mensclub@ansheemet.org, check our Facebook page, Anshe Emet Men's Club, or talk to me in shul. Remember, we are incomplete without you.

Barry Balik, Men's Club President



During Hanukkah, we commemorate a time in Jewish history where we stood up for ourselves and our right to worship within a ruling society that was inhospitable to us. As we light the candles for eight nights, let us remember that Hanukkah is about the fight for freedom from oppression and think of those in our societies who are enslaved or oppressed. The Na'aseh committee wishes you a happy and meaningful Hanukkah, full of family and friends, song, and light.

On December 14 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. join us and the rest of the Anshe Emet community at the annual Light and Latkes celebration, which will feature delicious dinner, singing and a celebrity chef competition. There will also be opportunities to participate in social action!

**Donate Blood:** From 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on December 14 we will be hosting a blood drive through the Red Cross. Each pint of donated blood may help as many as three people, so you make a huge difference in someone's life by giving blood! Please sign up at this link: http://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearchList.jsp?zipSponsor=AES

Volunteer and Donate to the Night Ministry: We are collecting donations towards purchasing 50 gift cards for the clients of the Night Ministry's youth outreach program to be distributed during the holiday season. We will also be running a minisocial action project at Light and Latkes and need volunteers to help make it a success. Please contact Janine Landow-Esser at Janine.Landow-Esser@quarles.com to learn where to make your donation or to sign up to volunteer.

If you have any questions, please email us at naaseh. ansheemet@gmail.com.

## **CARING COMMITTEE CORNER**

It's 4 p.m. Your newborn is fussy. You may or may not have showered yet today. Your spouse/partner calls and asks what's for dinner. You respond by:

- a) Hanging up the phone and turning off the ringer.
- b) Asking what restaurant to order dinner from.
- c) Smiling and breathing a sigh of relief because a volunteer from the Anshe Emet Chesed Committee delivered a meal to you earlier in the day.

Miriam, along with hundreds of other families in our community, would answer C. She received meals when her daughter was born, and she is now one of our most active volunteers, preparing and delivering meals.

She shares, "Making baby meals is one of the few volunteer activities I've been able to do as the parent of a young child, when evening or extended daytime activities are difficult. I've gotten to know new families, some of whom have become friends. It's fun to say hi at events and watch their babies grow. And I know from experience how much even one meal makes a difference. We were fortunate to receive delicious food made with love from many members of the community when our daughter was born. Almost two years later, I am still grateful for each and every meal."

The Talmud states: *Kol Yisrael Aravim Zeh Bazeh* – "All Jews are responsible for one another." Acts that reflect this statement can be seen throughout our community. Delivering meals to families with new babies is one of the most meaningful ways that Anshe Emet members live those words, serving Anshe Emet community at large, including the Rose Crown Minyan and couples who participate in the "Connecting the Expecting" program.

If you are interested in receiving emails when we are in need of meal deliveries or if you would like to receive meals after the addition of a child to your family, please contact caring@ ansheemet.org. There is no set time commitment. Sign up when you have availability, knowing that the recipient will be extremely thankful for your act of chesed.

Jessica Bearak and Ruth Rau

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## **COMMUNITY AT ITS BEST!**

When I ask friends to name the most popular community celebration in a synagogue environment, Purim is the answer I tend to hear. We do a tremendous job during Purim but there is one celebration we started a few years ago that in my mind exemplifies the beauty, the creativity and the pure fun and joy of a celebration in the shul ... the Light and Latkes celebration.



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

If you have not yet attended, I encourage you to join us this year on Thursday, December 14 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This year we again have four celebrity chefs including Stephanie Goldfarb, winner of the America's Best Cook 2014; Aliza Katz, a corporate executive chef; Ben Randall, the Chef from Sage Dining, and Aaron Steingold, owner of the new deli in Southport, Steingold's Deli!

Each chef will create a different type of latke and tastings will be available for everyone. There is a college theme to this year and we encourage all to dress in clothing representing their alma mater. It should be a wonderful source of connection to see how many of our congregants may have attended the same university! There will be music with Hazzan Mizrahi and Donni Aaron as well as crafts for the kids.

To register, go to http://tinyurl.com/lightandlatkes2017. See you there!

In addition, we will holding a blood drive with the American Red Cross on beginning at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Each pint of blood that is donated may be helping as many as three people. About 38,000 people need blood each day in the United States. They count on volunteer donors to give them a chance at life. Chicago is experiencing a severe blood shortage--please sign up to donate at https://tinyurl.com/LightandLatkesBloodDrive2017.

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## OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO ...

The family of Helmut Strauss, loving father of Jonathan (Leslie) and Jeremy (Mary Ann) Strauss; cherished grandfather of Benjamin (Samantha) and Rebecca Strauss; dear brother of Margot, on his recent passing.

The family of Paula Mandell, beloved wife of Jerry; devoted mother of Mark (Dawn), Gregg, Andrew (Adele), and Janet (Michael) loving grandmother of eight; fond great-grandmother of three, on her recent passing.

**The family of Corinne Beller,** beloved wife of Jordon; cherished mother of Elizabeth (Elisheva) Beller (Paul Wieder); loving grandmother of Joseph Wieder; devoted sister of Sandra Brottman, on her recent passing.

The family of Irwin Becker, beloved husband of Renée Becker; devoted father of Cheryl (Steve) Leff, Sarona (Steve) Vivanco and Jay (Sheryl) Becker; loving grandfather of Zachary and Jordan Leff, Evan, Noah and Sydney Vivanco and Henry and Rachel Becker, on his recent passing.

The family of Martin "Moish" Lenow, loving father of Howard [Fredericka Tanner] Lenow and the late Jeffrey Lenow; loving father-in-law of Roseanne Lenow; dear brother of Phyllis Steingard and Lois Bell; devoted grandfather of Jared, Sasha, Chloe, Matthew, Stephanie [Aric] and Sarah; devoted step grandfather of Jake and Matthew; adoring great-grandfather of Logan and Weston, on his recent passing.

## May their memory be for a blessing

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

Proud grandparents, **Gail and Dan Golden** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Carmelina Amaryllis Golden.** Parents are Tess and Ben Golden and older sister is Alessia.

**Samantha "Sam" and Brian Isenstein** (and big brother, Micah) on the birth of their daughter.

**Rabbi Anna Levin Rosen and Tal Rosen** (and older siblings, Joshua and Ellie) on the birth of their son.

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Today, as a program of Jewish Child & Family Services, HIAS Chicago provides an array of immigration and citizenship services, helping immigrants transition from strangers in a new land to contributors in their communities to proud American citizens. Additionally, and with the assistance of congregational co-sponsors like Anshe Emet Synagogue, HIAS Chicago resettles refugees from Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Latin America and the FSU who have experienced the horrors of war and persecution and are now resiliently rebuilding their lives in Chicago.

To further assist immigrants and their families in achieving success, HIAS Chicago offers undergraduate and graduate college scholarships. Applications are available now at www. HIASChicago.org with a submission deadline of January 21, 2018. To be eligible, applicants must have immigrated to the United States with the assistance of HIAS Chicago, or be the U.S.-born child or grandchild of someone who immigrated to the U.S. with the assistance of HIAS Chicago or an individual who applied for Permanent Residency (a "Green Card") or citizenship with the assistance of HIAS Chicago.

HIAS Chicago's work is fueled by the Jewish values of *Tikkun Olam* (the repair of the world) and Hachnasat Orchim (welcoming the stranger). For more information, to refer someone for immigration or citizenship assistance or to apply for a scholarship, visit the HIAS Chicago website or contact the JCFS Anshe Emet Liaison Ann Luban at AnnLuban@jcfs.org or at 847-745-5420.

## 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.

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Please contact the Assistance Program Coordinator directly at assistance@AnsheEmet.org or at 773-868-5133 for further information

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