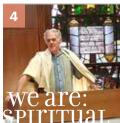
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THE SAVING POWER OF WATER AND CARING FOR OTHERS: A TRIBUTE TO DR. ALVIN SCHONFELD

I am writing this article in the last days of Sukkot when the thoughts and prayers of the Jewish people turn to rain and water. On Hoshana Rabba we make seven revolutions around the synagogue holding our lulavim and ask God to sustain us. The following day, the Hazzan wears a white robe on Shmini Atzeret and offers the prayer for rain. Our thoughts turn to the land of Israel at a time of year when farmers would naturally look to the coming winter months with trepidation.



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Without the winter rains there was fear of droughts and famine. As we approach the 70th anniversary of the modern State of Israel, we can look at what Israel has accomplished in that time period. Rather than fear and foreboding, Jews around the world chant these prayers with a sense of pride. Today Israel leads the world in water technology. Drip irrigation has revolutionized farming in that only the water that is needed for crops will be used. Along with technological advances in water desalination and wastewater reclamation, Israel is now water self-sufficient since the time of Abraham and Sarah! Moreover, Israel is exporting that technology around the world, improving farming production and saving lives.

All of this brings me to the remarkable story of how a member of our synagogue community brought Israel's water technology to the country of Grenada. In so doing, Dr. Alvin Schonfeld created a relationship between the two nations and was recently named Grenada's honorary ambassador to Israel.

It all began with a family cruise with a stopover on Grenada. Alvin and his wife, Susan, have a deep interest in audiology and met a person on the island who knew a great deal about the serious need for such services among Grenada's young people. Alvin and Susan got to work immediately to ensure that hearing supplies and other medical supplies be sent to Grenada, as well as leading the way so that young people could travel to the United States to have surgical procedures that were unavailable in Grenada. Over the years Alvin got more involved in this small

country and learned of the farming challenges due to the lack of useable water. Having visited Israel with a congregational trip, Alvin was familiar with drip irrigation. Alvin immediately went to work making connections between the two countries and today, drip irrigation has become a common feature of Grenadian agriculture. Grenada is also looking to bring Israel's desalination and wastewater reclamation technology to the island. The government has also begun using Israeli educational materials so that school children can teach their parents about water conservation.

Grenada's Prime Minister Mitchell acknowledged Alvin's work, and in 1993 he was made Honorary Counsel to Grenada. Due to Alvin's great love for Grenada and the State of Israel and all of his efforts, the two countries are in the process of establishing official diplomatic ties. Alvin has been nominated as the first non-resident Ambassador for Grenada to Israel. Because Grenada is part of the British Commonwealth, a letter of credence must be signed by Queen Elizabeth before Alvin can begin his duties. That is expected to happen in the next few months.

Through his passion, caring and willingness to get involved, Dr. Alvin Schonfeld was able to create a bridge between The State of Israel and Grenada. As a result, a small island is learning how it can be more water self-sufficient with the help of Israel. We regularly hear about the technological breakthroughs coming out of Israel. How powerful that through water Israel is able to be a

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CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS

Clowning around with SHMUSY:
Anshe Emet youth enjoy good times at the Synagogue and
around the neighborhood.









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David WolfNovember 25, 2017
Son of Jennifer and
Douglas Wolf

GUILT

In my speech after Kol Nidre, I spoke about the effects of guilt. Certainly, we Jews have our share, perhaps more than our fair share of guilt. As I noted, guilt can hurt our relationships, it can immobilize us and can threaten our self esteem. Sigmund Freud went so far as to say that 'guilt is dumb.' But to the contrary, I also noted that guilt need not be a useless emotion and can be "the guardian of our goodness."



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I certainly hope that your High Holidays experience at Anshe Emet was fulfilling and productive, that you did the necessary work to start the new year less burdened and better ready to be your best selves.

I used the theme of relieving oneself of guilt and the essential role of forgiveness to seek your engagement in Anshe Emet's diverse array of prayer, community building and learning opportunities. I also requested that you consider how your talents and resources can help our shul community whether as a member of a committee, as a trustee or by donating to our Sustaining Fund and Tree of Life. Please, before the end of the calendar year, make your contribution so that we can maintain and grow the high level of programming opportunities offered to you.

Last, I brought our community up to date on our Trustees' four critical priorities. Here is the excerpt from my speech here for your review.

- 1. Now that we have crystallized plans to renovate our building, we will begin conversations with prospective major donors to fund the project. We will take the first steps toward realizing our vision of making Anshe Emet a Center for Jewish Life in Lakeview and throughout the Chicagoland area. Led by Rabbi Siegel and our Executive Vice President Scooter Simon, we will make Anshe Emet the safest and most welcoming facility, with new prayer spaces to accommodate multiple prayer experiences, a more contemporized look and feel for a new generation, a destination for all things Jewish. Join us. See the vision. Join us. Share the vision. Join us and make the vision reality.
- We are deeply immersed in the reimagination of the Kindergarten through 12th grade youth education program, an effort led by Rabbi Chankin-Gould and board member Dani

Lazar. The LaAtid Task Force, building a vision of the future for youth education at Anshe Emet, has 24 members working with a renowned consultant who have already conducted focus groups in our community and done a deep dive into best practices nationally. This year, the task force will be piloting new ideas and designing a leading edge program to be rolled out in the Fall of 2018. It was 5 years ago when I sat in Rabbi Siegel's office along with Harold Hirshman and Penny Turner and heard our Rabbi say, "I want to build a learning-centric community." This program takes a major step toward realizing our Rabbi's dream.

- 3. We have commenced a nationwide search, led by our Vice President Art Friedson, to identify a new Executive Director to replace Barbara Haworth. As you may know, Barbara left Anshe Emet to become CEO of Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS). Join me in thanking Barbara for her 5+ years of superb service to our community and to wish her the best in her new responsibilities.
- 4. Needless to say, we will maintain continuity of our superior clergy. Rabbi Siegel has confided in me that this team of clergy is the best that we have had to serve our community in his 35 years. We are blessed to have you.

Your participation, your input and your ideas are always welcome. Thank you to our clergy, staff and trustees for their work and dedication. Thanks to everyone in our community for making our High Holy Days experience so fulfilling. May it be a sweet and peaceful year ahead.



RABBI SIEGEL ... FROM PAGE 1

light to the nations. Israel is teaching people around the world how to be the answer to their own prayers for rain. The Anshe Emet Synagogue takes great pride in all of Alvin's efforts. He reminds us that it is not enough to pray for rain and God's protection. We must use all of our resources to become the answer to our own prayers. Dr. Alvin Schonfeld has done just that, and he deserves our respect and praise.

Dr. Schonfeld will be honored by Israel Bonds on November 12th at the Westin North Shore: Congratulations Alvin and *Yasher Koach!*

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 member please contact Julie Ann Sklaver at ja7sklaver@gmail.com.

MEET ONE OF OUR MOST FAMOUS SHEPHERDS: AKIVA



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Two thousand years ago, there lived a man who was a shepherd. The shepherd's name was Akiva. And this shepherd became friendly with his boss' daughter, Rachel. Rachel said to him, "Akiva, I love you. And I see how you guide the sheep with tenderness, with care, and with thoughtfulness. I think that you could do the same for people."

She convinced him to go and study to become a Rabbi. And eventually, Rabbi Akiva became possibly the most influential rabbi in Jewish history.

We are incredibly honored to welcome back Dr. Jane Shapiro to teach at Anshe Emet. Her class will explore original sources, art, and perspectives on the character of Rabbi Akiva through the lens of a new biography by Dr. Barry Holtz.

The course meets on Monday nights from 7:00-8:15 p.m. from November 27 through December 18.

To learn more about the course and to register visit https://www.ansheemet.org/learn/adult-education/2017-fall-curriculum

And this is one of many thought-provoking adult education offerings that we are beginning – we hope that you will join us as we learn and explore together!



Alvin Schonfeld

Alvin serves as the Grenadian Honorary Consul in Chicago and Ambassador Designate to Israel. On November 12, he will be honored at the Israel Bond Chicago Annual Medical and Dental Division dinner where he will be honored for his leadership in the Jewish community and in the medical field. The dinner is slated to have 250 people in attendance and is set to raise \$1-3M in Israel Bond purchases. Mazel toy, Alvin!

Marla Barkoff and Laura Pollack

Laura and Marla have volunteered to serve as the brand new chairs of the Religious School Parent Committee. They have already worked to welcome every new family to the religious school, to advise our educational staff, and will work throughout the year to support the activities of the school and the cohesiveness of the parent community.

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

WHO IS WISE?: AN UPDATE ON YOUTH EDUCATION AT ANSHE EMET



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When I was a kid, anytime I would complain about a teacher who I didn't care for, my mother would ask me, "Ezeh Hu Chacham?", "Who is wise?" She was quoting from Pirkei Avot, chapter 4. There it teaches: "Who is wise?- The one who learns from every person." Now, in my case, what she meant was: there's something for you to learn from EVERY teacher.

When I think about how this wisdom applies to Anshe Emet's educational design process, to the LaAtid Task Force (creating a vision for K-12 youth education at Anshe Emet) I would frame it this way: Ben Zoma teaches, "Who is Wise?-The One who Learns from Every Person." In other words, before we embark on change and adaptation, before we reinvent the wheel, what can we learn from other experts?

At this stage of LaAtid, our team of volunteers, led by Dani Lazar, Sam Schwartz-Fenwick and Jason Star, is working with our consultant Rob Weinberg and our expert educator Max Handelman, to suss out design ideas: concrete ways that we might take youth education to the next level. But we're not working from a blank slate

We are fueled with the Vision Pillars which emerged from our Community Conversations with you- we are looking for models which build knowledge, create community, celebrate diversity, and enable flexibility. And in doing our best to learn from the best of the best: we have learned some amazing things! People around the country are doing fabulous work!

We talked to educators in Kansas City who fully embraced a "camp" model and infused its energy into their education. We talked to folks in Boston who have partnered with local artists, in their studios, to reinvent what the "Jewish classroom" looks like. We talked to a synagogue in New York City where the model of "B'nai Mitzvah tutoring" was super-sized to make it so that all upper elementary Hebrew/Prayer skills are tutored one on one. We talked to a community in Boca where Jewish education options are offered 5 days a week- to offer parents as many choices as possible. We talked to folks in Los Angeles who build community for day school AND religious school families together, to folks in Westchester who have reinvented how to spark teens' interests, and to folks in Atlanta who have re-envisioned what education means and who brings it to bear. We did what Ben Zoma taught us: we've been learning from every person.

Our job is to learn from all these folks, but not to precisely replicate what they have done. Anshe Emet is its own unique and precious family. We cannot simply transport another community's model and carbon-copy it in our own space. Rather, we, like our ancestors, draw inspiration, wisdom, and creativity from the work of others. That work will then guide us as we design OUR OWN educational future.

Our incredible LaAtid Task Force is full of excitement and energy: the present state of youth education at Anshe Emet is already strong and robust [as a parent I can personally attest!], and the future promises to be even more innovative and engaging.

As we seek to learn from every source, please don't be shy to share your insight, your wisdom, and your dreams. Only by learning from one another can we build the future all our children deserve.

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D'ror Chankin-Gould

I GROW

CARING COMMITTEE CORNER

I came to my first meeting at the Caring Committee last summer, unaware of all the great people and that were quietly doing huge things to make a difference in our community. One chairman after another gave a rundown about what their volunteers were doing and I was amazed.

Merle and Barry Gross have been chairs of the Chevra Kadisha for many years, training committed volunteers in the ancient mitzvah of ritually preparing a body for burial, with love, respect and honor. Yes, this can be done as a service of the Jewish Mortuary, but these Anshe Emet volunteers selflessly give of their skills with great knowledge and heart to our own at a most intimate and needed time.

Julie Ann Sklaver heads the Bikur Cholim Team, and what a team it is. These volunteers develop one-to-one relationships with isolated congregants and are a source of ongoing support to those who are sick or disabled. Having met many of these volunteers and listening to their stories, I can say that these friendships are a two-way street of enjoying each other's company. It makes a difference.

Marcie Marcovitz is the new chair of the Shiva Committee. She is building a team to set up a Shiva when requested, and to provide support to the families. Diane Tesler will provide training to volunteers. The warmth and care of both of these leaders and their volunteers at this time of loss conveys our message: there is a community here for you.

Jessica Bearak is chair of the New Baby Meals and Ruth Rau is chair of the Rose Crown Minyan Program that provides meals for families with new babies and for the sick. Jessica and Ruth coordinate with their committee to prepare and deliver four meals to congregant families with new babies, a joyous and much appreciated mitzvah.

I am thrilled to be a part of the Caring Community. We do a lot, and we hope to do more. Please join us. For more information, please email Jan Schwartz, Chair of the Caring Committee, at caring@ansheemet.org.













A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Anshe Emet congregation,

I Grow Chicago started from the idea that every single person - no matter identity or circumstance - has unlimited potential. Everyone is valuable, and everyone can make a difference, no exceptions.

When our founder Robbin Carroll began teaching yoga in schools in West Englewood, she knew she had to be in proximity to the problems to truly know how to impact a community in need. She started showing up, trying to figure out why the suffering was so deep in her own city. When she realized the issues her children faced extended far beyond the school walls, she took to the streets. She came to understand that in order to alleviate the wounds of trauma in children, the wounds of the adults around them must also heal. With the idea for a Peace House, she bought some sandwiches, set up on the corner of 64th and Honore, and asked a question to everyone she met: "Are you ready to take back your community?"

In other words, do you see that your actions matter?

Our Peace House was and is a project of hope. Hope is the core of this deep knowing that your actions matter. After purchasing an abandoned home up for demolition, we involved more than 50 people in Englewood in its renovation. The house sat on one of the most violent blocks in the entire city, a place where lack of resources, trauma, and isolation had eroded hope. Today, we operate more than 15 healing programs out of the Peace House, and now there is a place where everyone can belong and feel loved.

Hope is the light that breaks through the cracks. We help our community envision alternative possibilities for themselves and their neighborhood, and we give them the tools to make those possibilities real. It is our greatest honor to bring out hope in those who had lost it, to show each and every person that their actions matter. Our partnership with Anshe Emet is a natural continuation of this effort, and we see the potential for us not only to transform one block or one community, but our entire city. We are so grateful to each and every one of you for your support of our community pantry and all our programs.

Thank you for your actions, because they matter, and you matter. Peace.

The I Grow Chicago family contact@igrowchicago.org • www.igrowchicago.org

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

Sanctuary and Minyan: Richard Herman, Lynne Schatz, Hannah Adams, Art Friedson, Dan Karp, Barbara Kantrow, Alan Mintz, Gary Porton, Aryeh Silver, Liz Lippow, Dalia Hoffman, Tracy Portnoy, Debby Hecht, Sarah Hirsen, Chris Norton, Brian Nagorsky.

Rose Crown Minyan: Jacob Cytryn, Sarah Wolf, Michelle Neuman, David Goldfinger, Yedida Soloff, Jake Bennett, Benjamin Fleischer, Naomi Margolis, Adina Allen, Gabi DeKoven, Adam Braun, Mark Minor.

Youth Readers: Sam Cytryn, Ben Kleinman.

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 September.

Ben Abrams; Fran Abramson; Keith Alperin; Bruce Arenson; Chuck & Sara Aron; Barry Balik; Jane Basewitz; Eve Becker; Terry Behrman; Jill & Neil Benchel; Barbara Binik; Steve Durchslag; Jonathan Efron; John Feiger; Tamara Frankel; Rolando Freitag; Judy & Bill Goldberg; Gail and Dan Golden; Stuart Grass; Maxine Handelman; Ariella Hausman; Debby Hecht; Richard Herman; Joy Horwich; Arnie Horwich; Bruce Kaminsky; David Kaplinsky; Bob Katz; Scott Katznelson; Lauren Katznelson; Sydney Katznelson; Penny & Brett Keeshin; Zach Keeshin; Sam Kline; Randy Lehner; Debby Lewis; Hagit Lewis; Jay Lewkowitz; Jane Lippow; Liz Lippow; Alan Mintz; Deborah Mizrahi; Len Mordfin; Nazish Muzaffar; Brian Nagorsky; Laura Neiman-Rifkin; Chris Norton; Francisco Ortiz-Perez; Shelly Parker; Zachary Portnoy; Gary & Fraeda Porton; Dan Pulik; John Ragir; Esther Rosenbloom; Susan Rosenstein; Ricky Roth; Cindy Rudman; Jerry Salzman; Neil Schwartz; Abby Seitz; Howard Shuman; Steve Silk; Eli Solano; Ed Soloman; David Spector; Jason Star; Phil Stern; Maya Tkachuk; Abe Trieger; Stew Witkov.

To Our High Holy Days Participants ... Our Entire Community Thanks You!

The High Holy Days represent a huge commitment of time and dedication on the part of our lay community. Our services could not happen without the efforts of so many talented and willing volunteers. The entire Anshe Emet community wishes to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time to ensure our services were beautiful and participatory:



Torah Readers

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JOSEPH AND BELLE BRAUN ANSHE EMET RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

As our school year continues we are seeing happy faces in the hallways, the routine has set in and I am seeing the classrooms in action and happy children at all age levels learning and growing together.

There are amazing things happening at the Joseph and Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School thanks to our fantastic teachers and Madrikhim. It was moving to see each class visit the Sukkah (which they helped to decorate) and say the blessings as they waved the Lulav and Etrog. Additionally, I wandered into a fifth grade room where the students were discussing the world's



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

recent disasters. They then created teams to discuss how they would act if something were to happen in their community. A fourth-grade class paid a visit to the sanctuary and took note of the stained-glass windows. Finally, a first-grade class had spent the morning with Rabbi Donni who rolled out a Torah scroll in spirit of Simchat Torah. I listened to the students describe what they saw ... their observations were spot on and beautiful.

As we move past the Holidays and into the routine of the school year we will continue to see learning and progress. There are many programs planned in the coming months that will allow students of all ages to delve head first into Hebrew, ethics, holidays and so much more. We are thrilled that we will be kicking off our family programs and look forward to seeing parents in the classrooms and hallways.

Looking forward to a wonderful month ahead, and to continuing to become a part of this rich and vibrant community, and to meeting each of you.

A few dates to note:

November 12: J2M

November 12: SK family Program

November 19: J2M

November 23 and 26: No Religious School - Thanksgiving

B'shalom,

Laurie Orenstein



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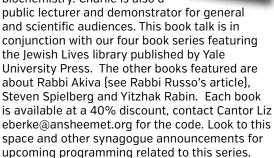


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Steven Gimbel

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WITH PROF. CHARLIE ABRAMS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:00 P.M., MALKOV
CHAPEL

Charlie is an enthusiastic, highly rated chemistry teacher with expertise in a variety of areas including infrared, nuclear magnetic resonance, and mass spectrometry. He is an assistant professor of chemistry at Truman College, where he specializes in organic chemistry and biochemistry. Charlie is also a



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:

November 6: Elie Berkman

November 13: Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould

November 20: Rabbi Michael Siegel November 27: Cantor Liz Berke



ANSHE EMET YOUNG FAMILIES NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS



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

SHALOM SHABBAT/SHACHAR Shalom Shabbat, the wellloved service for children 4 and under and their parents, meets every Shabbat of the month at 10:00 a.m. Shachar, for families with children in

grades K-2, meets every Shabbat of the month 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 November 3! 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 Thanksgiving preview, complete with turkey, pumpkin pie, 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 https://tinyurl.com/FirstFridayDinnerNov2017 by Tuesday October 31 to avoid a late fee.

BABIES AND BAGELS

Babies and Bagels is back Sunday November 19 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Families with children 2 years old and under and invited to join Max Handelman for songs, story and schmoozing. A great way to connect with other families with kids the same age as yours! The program is free, but registration is requested https://tinyurl.com/BabiesandBagelsNov2017. Questions? contact Maxine Handelman, mhandelman@ansheemet.org; 773-868-5121.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SHMUSY AT ANSHE EMET

This is a transcript of the remarks Lilit Matar, SHMUSY President, delivered on Yom Kippur.

This past July I spent a month on USY Israel Pilgrimage, L'Takayn Olam- A trip for Conservative teens to experience Israel and give back with volunteering and community service. The thing that inspired me the most was when Israelis and Jews from around the world gathered in front of Prime Minister Netanyahu's house and protested for equality for all denominations of Judaism at the Kotel. In taking things even further, as an act of protest, the women on pilgrimage decided that we would daven in our tallitot and tefillin in the Women's section of the Kotel, even though this right is under threat.

As a Conservative Jewish woman, and the president of the USY (youth movement) chapter here at Anshe Emet, I was inspired because we were all protesting to protect my (and many other people's) rights to daven in egalitarian services, wear tallit and tefillin, and lead services at the Kotel. I was so happy that USY enabled me to take part in this inspiring action. This was an act of Tikun Olam, repairing the world, one of the central themes of USY.

A big part of USY is repairing the world through volunteer work, community service, and teamwork. This is something USY does. It's all about the best of Judaism, and it helps make teens, like me, the best we can be. Here at Anshe Emet, our chapter of USY is called SHMUSY. In SHMUSY we have done tikkun olam by volunteering at the Lakeview Food Pantry, volunteering at the sunrise elderly home, making sandwiches for the Night Ministry, and more!

Unfortunately, while I love USY, I'm constantly hearing about how the conservative movement is dying. That's not my experience. My experience is the opposite. Here at Anshe Emet I am part of a thriving community of Conservative Jews who love Torah, love community, love food, and love one another. I have literally grown up here. This is a second home to me. In my presidency of SHMUSY, I am hoping that other teens will share that same feeling.

Conservative Judaism is a denomination in which egalitarianism exists along with traditional Jewish observance. This is a community where I can keep kosher and keep Shabbat with others in my community, while reading Torah, leading services, and wearing a Tallit and tefillin. This is a community where men and women, boys and girls, live and lead on equal footing. What makes Conservative Judaism so valuable, is that it is inclusive. I am proud to say, even more so here at Anshe Emet than others.

Observant Jews, as well as cultural Jews, are welcome to come and pray in our synagogue. We are here to teach, and to help all the Jews who want to be part of our community. We should be the future. So let's all work together to make the conservative movement stronger. Send your kids to our USY chapter. I'm the president, and I can guarantee that it will be lots of fun.

On Friday nights around once a month, a bunch of Anshe Emet teens go over to a rabbi's house and do kabbalat shabbat, eat, hang out, play games, and make friends. Other fun programs have included snow tubing, bubble soccer, Israeli movie nights, and the lag b'omer bon fire, complete with s'mores! There is more to USY than just chapter programming. SHMUSY is one of 10 chapters in CHUSY, the midwest region of USY.

We have three regional conventions every year. I believe that these are the best parts of USY. These are fun-filled weekend long retreats. We make new friends from all over the region

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ANSHE EMET YOUTH?

What's it like to be in a room with over 600 Jewish teens from across the country, Canada and Israel? Pure madness, joy and an overwhelming sense of pride for our Jewish future. USY's International Convention will be hosted here in Chicago next month. From December 24th to December 28th over 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 is a huge honor to be a host city for International Convention (IC), and it has not been in Chicago since 2009! We cannot wait to show USY what an amazing city Chicago is, and how wonderful is our community.

IC cannot happen without your help! 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

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 teens in your home, please go here for more information - http://tinyurl.com/shmusyhostpostcon17 There is not a better way to show teens from across the country what an outstanding community Anshe Emet is.



SHMUSY heads out for an evening of fun. Look for more photos on page 2.

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 Just Dance! Come join us at 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, (right after Religious School) for pizza and our favorite game, Just Dance! Be ready to dance your socks off and get in some good cardio!

Shachar Game Day! Come join us at 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 5 for a fun afternoon of pizza and board games! Bring your favorite game and play against your friends!

KADIMA (GRADES 6-8)

Hungry Human Hippos! Come play this life sized board game! Thursday, November 9, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Game and Dinner \$5 for Kadima members, \$10 for non-members open to all Jewish 6th-8th graders

SHMUSY (GRADES 9-12)

Israeli Movie Night, Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.

CHUSYFEST at Camp Chi and Perlstein Resort, Friday, November 10 through Sunday November 12.

Lounge Night at Anshe Emet, Tuesday, November 28, 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.

Host Families NEEDED for IC Post Convention! If you are interested in hosting USYers for Post Convention, visit tinyurl.com/shmusyhostpostcon17

SHMUSY Basketball: Interested in playing on our SHMUSY Basketball team? We play against other USY CHUSY Region chapter. Games start in December and go through March but registration is now open! Open to all Jewish 8th-12th Graders, so bring your friends. Go here to sign up http://tinyurl.com/shmusybball1718!

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

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or reunite with friends from camp or past retreats, eat crazy amounts of junk food, play games and more games, celebrate shabbat together, and go out as a region to do some amazing activities. We've gone to Kalahari water park, Disney on Ice, Medieval Times, and more. This year international USY convention, with teens from around the world, will be in Chicago! I can't wait to host old friends and new friends from all over the country and the globe!

While it's true that USY is super fun, it's not just fun, it's important.

In a time when anti-semitism is growing all around us, making Judaism more inclusive and stronger is the only way we can survive. But not all Jews see it this way. The chief Rabbinate of Israel has compiled a list of rabbis whose conversions they do not consider legitimate. This black list includes our Rabbi,

Michael Siegel. My experience this summer, showed me Jews who, unfortunately, spend their energy trying to stop women from leading prayer, rather than trying to bring our community together. In this time of growing peril for Jews around the world, this is not a time for greater separation. This is a time for greater unity. There is another way to lead. USY leads with unity.

USY is a place for teens to come together in celebrating our values and vision of an inclusive community, in having endless fun together, AND in leaving the world better, and more united, than we found it.

I am a proud USYer. I am a proud president of this USY chapter, SHMUSY. Please join me in supporting the important work of USY.

November 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| · | ANSHEE Synagogue | | 12 CHESHVAN 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan |
| 16 CHESHVAN | 17 CHESHVAN | 6 18 CHESHVAN 7 | 19 CHESHVAN |
| 8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. Little Builders 9:00 a.m. Judaism 101 9:00 a.m. One Book, One Shul with Jon Zidel 9:15 a.m. Walk & Talk 12:00 p.m. Shachar Game Day | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 3:45 p.m. Trope Class 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.0 7:00 p.m. The Star and the Cresce 7:00 p.m. Heritage | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:15 a.m. Trope Class 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Connecting the Expecting 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope 7:00 p.m. SHMUSY Lounge Night | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan |
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| 8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. Little Builders 9:00 a.m. Judaism 101 3:00 p.m. PJ Gives Back | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 3:45 p.m. Trope Class 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.0 7:00 p.m. The Star and the Cresce 7:00 p.m. Heritage | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:15 a.m. Trope Class 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Kashrut Program 6:30 p.m. Connecting the Expecting 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope 7:00 p.m. SHMUSY Board Meeting | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 5:00 p.m. Author Event - Steven Gimbel |
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| Rosh Chodesh Kislev 8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. J2M 9:00 a.m. Judaism 101 9:00 a.m. Little Builders 9:15 a.m. Walk & Talk 3:30 p.m. Babies & Bagels | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 1:00 p.m. HaZaK 3:45 p.m. Trope Class 6:00 p.m. Hebrew 1.0 7:00 p.m. The Star and the Cresce 7:00 p.m. Heritage | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 7:15 a.m. Trope Class 7:45 a.m. Text on Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Gesher & Torah Trope 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Wine, Women, Walking with God | 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan |
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CHESHVan-KISLEV 5778

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| 13 CHESHVAN 2 | 14 CHESHVAN 3 | 15 CHESHVAN | 4 |
| 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 4:00 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 6:30 p.m. Languages of the Siddur 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 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 Adam Flagel becomes a Bar Mitzvah Samantha Graines becomes a Bat Mitzvah Torah: Genesis 18:1 - 22:24 (Vayera) Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 - 4:37 | 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 |
| | 5:23 p.m. | | |
| 20 CHESHVAN 9 | 21 CHESHVAN 10 | 22 CHESHVAN | 11 |
| 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:00 a.m. Maj & Muffins 4:00 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Languages of the Siddur 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 Evening Service 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 Torah: Genesis 23:1 - 25:18 (Chayei Sara) Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 - 1:31 | 9:30 a.m. Rose Crown Minyan Levi Kaplan becomes a Bar Mitzvah 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: Brook Agulnek becomes a Bat Mitzvah |
| | ±± 4:15 p.m. | | |
| 27 CHESHVAN 16 | 28 CHESHVAN 17 | 29 CHESHVAN | 18 |
| 7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan 4:00 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Languages of the Siddur 7:00 p.m. Shireinu 7:30 p.m. Al Anon | 6:50 a.m. Morning Minyan 8:45 a.m. Lerner's of Torah w/Rabbi Siegel 5:30 p.m. Something for Us 6:45 p.m. Shabbat Shelanu 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service | 9:00 a.m. Chai Mitzvah 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Oliver Katz becomes a Bar Mitzvah Torah: Genesis 25:19 - 28:9 [Toldot] Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18 - 20:42 | 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 1:15 p.m. Jewish Philosophy 4:00 p.m. Mincha: Shulamit Chaya Silver becomes a Bat Mitzvah |
| | \$\$ 4:09 p.m. | | |
| 5 KISLEV 23 | 6 KISLEV 24 | 7 KISLEV | 25 |
| Thanksgiving Day Synagogue Office Closed 8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan No Religious School | Synagogue Office Closed 8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 6:45 p.m. Mishkan | 9:00 a.m. Parashat Hashavuah 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Jenna Coffman becomes a Bat Mitzvah Torah: Genesis 28:10 - 32:3 (Vayetzei) Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10 | 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 1:00 p.m. Shabbat is Awesome 1:15 p.m. Shabbat Mincha |
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| 12 KISLEV 30 | | | |

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7:00 a.m. Morning Minyan **4:00 p.m.** Religious School **6:00 p.m.** Sisterhood Kashrut Program **6:30 p.m.** Languages of the Siddur 7:00 p.m. Shireinu 7:00 p.m. Raise The Roof! Event 7:30 p.m. Al Anon

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

ANSHE EMET SISTERHOOD



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.

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, November 2: Exit West, Hohsin Mamid. When Nadia and Saeed fall in love in a distant unnamed city, they are just like any other young couple. Early in Exit West, Hamid explains that geography is destiny, and in the case of his two young lovers, geography dictates that they must leave. Hamid offers up a fantastical device to deliver his refugees to places.

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

Sisterhood Book Discussion Group: Fall 2017

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 Bridge Sisterhood, or bring it to the first meeting.

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 local casual restaurants and stores. Contact Janine Landow-Esser to volunteer or donate. Janine811@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. *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

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 November 3, 7:15 p.m. for Services!

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

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

If you are not currently receiving Anshe Emet's weekly e-mail and would like to receive it, please call our offices at 773-281-1423 and provide your e-mail address.











AWARD-WINNING MEN'S CLUB MENSCHEN/MENTION

We hope our Men's Club members and friends had good holidays. This has proven to be a difficult time for our Men's Club Board, though. In the last few months three of our Board members, Alan Mintz, Harvey Popolow, and Jon Norton, have lost their mothers. We extend our deepest sympathy to them and their families, and we wish them a peaceful New Year.

Despite these challenging times, our award-winning Anshe Emet Men's Club continues to host an excellent selection of events for you. Our famous annual Steak and Shots in the Sukkah was held on October 9 in our beautiful Anshe Emet sukkah, and it proved once again to be a most successful and enjoyable celebration of the Sukkot holiday. More than 65 of our Men's Club members and friends experienced an excellent full course steak dinner or veggie burger option and first class Scotch tastings with Brian, the "scotchologist," as we honored our special quests, Cantors Liz and Steven Berke, for their valued service to our congregation. Men's Club donated \$500 of the proceeds to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston-the charity designated by Cantors Liz and Steven. Our events usually represent a Men's Club team effort, but a special thanks is extended to Larry Kosova who was our main point person again for Steak and Shots. We also extend our gratitude to Gil Matar who served again as our master chef for the delectable BBO and to Stan Drevfuss who served as Gil's dedicated sous chef. Lois and our staff outdid themselves with the beautiful table arrangements and settings. I think we all gave new meaning to Sukkot as Z'man Simchateinu, the Season of our Rejoicing. If you were not there to make a L'Chaim to Liz and Steven, then make sure you do not miss this event next year when we celebrate again.

As in years past we also held our annual elections for our Men's Club Board at our Sukkot event. The results are as follows: Barry Balik, President; Harvey Popolow, Immediate Past President; Gregg Pollack, First Vice President; Larry Kosova, Programming Vice President; Jonathan Norton, Membership Vice President; Alan Mintz, Secretary; Neil Schwartz, Treasurer. Harvey was presented with a special award in appreciation for his service as President. We also thanked Josh Kantrow for his previous service as he is stepping down from his previous position of Board Member At Large. I look forward to working with each of you for another award-winning year.

Our next Men's Club event will be held on **November 28** at 6:30 p.m. as we host 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 by using the following link: http://tinyurl/Eig_AliBio.

Other future events include another outing to a **Chicago Bulls game on December 11** as they play against the Boston Celtics and a presentation by a former NFL player in January. Details for both events will be available soon.

If you would like to start the New Year right with new and enjoyable opportunities, then get involved in your Men's Club. 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.

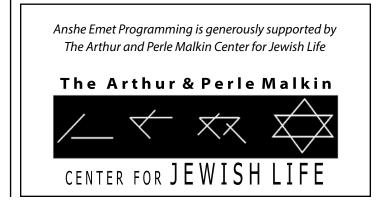
Barry Balik, Men's Club President



The Na'aseh Committee fosters opportunities for the Anshe Emet community to support social justice causes. Thank you to everyone who has contributed toward our efforts -- your support is appreciated! A special thanks to *Shalva* and Mimi Stern for joining us in October to share words of Torah linking the fragility of the sukkah with the work we can all do to foster healthy relationships and secure homes, as we commemorated Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. In November and December, please join us in the following activities:.

- Join other Anshe Emet members for a unique opportunity as we provide volunteer tax preparation services through the Center for Economic Progress. The CEP provides online courses to teach you how volunteer in one of several roles with varying time commitments, including as a tax preparer or a savings coach. If you would like to find out more, please visit http://www.economicprogress.org/volunteer or email us!
- On December 14 during the annual Light and Latkes
 Celebration, Anshe Emet will support the youth served by the
 Night Ministry. We need donations to cover the cost of gift
 cards for the youth and for the food we purchase all year long.
 Each gift card is for \$25. Please consider sponsoring one or
 more gifts. Please send your check to AES Sisterhood, 3751 N.
 Broadway, Chicago,IL 60613. Please note Night Ministry on the
 check. If you would like to volunteer, contact Janine LandowEsser, janine811@gmail.com.
- Also at Light and Latkes, Anshe Emet will host 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!
- Our refugee resettlement efforts continue as well with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and No One Left Behind. You can sign up to volunteer, donate, contribute welcome messages and recipes. or advocate.
- Anshe Emet is a member of ONE Northside, a community organization that seeks to enact change through community organizing and fostering grassroots leadership. We're deepening our relationship with them, so be on the lookout for upcoming trainings and workshops for AES members! You can visit http:// onenorthside.org/ for more information about this great organization.

To sign up to help with one of the above activities, or if you have any questions, please email us at naaseh.ansheemet@qmail.com.



THE EMPTY NESTER: WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR YOU LATELY?

As a Jewish Institution we hear about statistics revealing a decrease in synagogue membership and engagement. Friends from other smaller cities lament the decline in their home shuls as they express the lack of interest in engagement in Jewish life not only by young adults and young families but by empty nesters as well. The largest group of decline in American Jewry is the empty nester who feels that the synagogue offers



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nothing for them once their children are grown. A study recently came out of the UJA Federation in New York focusing on the relationship between synagogue engagement and the empty nester and cited various reasons for lack of engagement from this age demographic. Some cited a lack of personal connection, loss of meaning, and the perception that synagogues are configured solely with young families in mind.

At Anshe Emet, we strive to meet the needs of our congregants. For our empty nesters we have created opportunities for social engagement through the creation of **Shabbat Shelanu**. On the third Friday of each month we meet for a Pro-neg at 6:45 p.m. with wine and cheese then proceed to an abbreviated Kabbalat Shabbat followed by a special speaker or program. We have created **Something for Us,** a group that meets for social programs 4X a year. Their first program for the year is the popular Trivia night on December 9. We have created a **Neighborhood Tisch** program to bring clergy into the homes of our congregants to connect with each other. If you have other ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

November 19: Babies and Bagels November 30: "Raise the Roof" Movie December 14: Lights and Latkes Program January 8: Movie Night: Hava Nagila January 21: The Hartman Program Begins



OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO ...

The family of Janice Popolow, devoted mother of Harvey [Jill Hurwitz], and loving grandmother of Allison, on her recent passing.

The family of Syrelle Norton, loving mother of Jonathan "Jon" (Chris) Norton; dear grandmother of Elizabeth and Laila, on her recent passing.

The family of Joseph Zaretsky, beloved husband of Marguita; loving father of Aaron (Carrie), Susan (Robert) Baron, David (Amy) and Robert (Shoshanah); proud grandfather of Ty, Hailey, Samantha, Danielle, Talia, Orly and Jonah; devoted brother of Erwin (Reva), on his recent passing.

The family of Leslie Goodrich Rubin, beloved wife of Charles Rubin; devoted mother of Ted and Anna, on her recent passing.

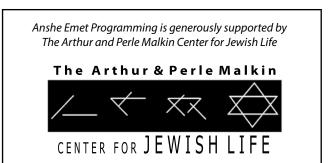
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National Adoption Awareness Month

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. For over two decades, this month has been designated as a time to shine a light on adoption and to bring attention to the number of children and youth in foster care waiting for permanent families. In addition to celebrating adoption, this month also provides us with a good opportunity to recognize that there are different choices that couples and individuals can take when they are struggling to build their families. Parallel to adoption many people turn to assisted reproduction as an option. As a result of this expansion of possible paths, the definition of the modern Jewish family has expanded. Parents might be a Mom and Dad, a single Mom, a single Dad, two Moms, two Dads or more involving step-parents, foster parents or birth parents in an open adoption. Families can be culturally and racially diverse. Family diversity is cause for celebration because it has contributed to enhancing and strengthening the myriad of threads that form the tapestry that is

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As potential alternatives for family building has broadened, Project Esther: The Chicago Jewish Adoption Network of Jewish Child & Family Services continues to widen its doors in order to ensure that we are ready to support anyone who walks through those doors -- those struggling with fertility issues, those exploring assisted reproductive technology options, those considering adoption, and all families as they deal with everyday stresses. In November and throughout the year, Project Esther remains committed to effectively addressing the needs, questions and concerns of every individual and couple.

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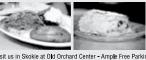
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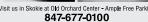


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