What sets them apart is that they are active participants in the class, asking thoughtful and penetrating questions. Sam and Roz have made an extraordinary gift of $1 million to Anshe Emet to establish The Grodzin Director of Educational Innovation. They’ve done this in order to ensure that we will be able to offer the best and most innovative Jewish educational opportunities to our young people.

Sam and Roz have been deeply impressed with the work of our LaAtid Task Force. Under the leadership of Rabbi D’ror Chankin-Gould, the result of this multi-year project is one of the most thoughtful and creative supplemental educational programs in the country. In order to implement this special curriculum, we have created a new position for educational innovation. Since coming to Anshe Emet, Emily Schoerning, PhD, has done a remarkable job of working with our educational committee, teachers, students, and parents in order to fulfill the potential of a true learning community. The Grodzin Director of Educational Innovation will ensure that the significant work and investment that our congregation has made will be supported today and into the future.

The story is told of the older man who explained the reason that he was planting a carob tree which takes seventy years to produce fruit: “Those who came before me planted trees. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren.” Sam and Roz Grodzin are modern exemplars of this story, ensuring that our children will be able to enjoy the fruit of Aitzei Hayim, the trees of Jewish life and knowledge, for generations to come.

Todah Rabbah!

Sam and Roz Grodzin are extraordinary people who exemplify the ideals of our Anshe Emet family. Together, they are a welcoming presence in our community. Roz is a nationally recognized actress and has shared her prodigious talents with our congregation. They take advantage of all that the synagogue has to offer, from Shabbat services to our wide array of programs. However, their passion is study and Sam and Roz are always present.

by Michael S. Siegel
Senior Rabbi, The Norman Asher Rabbinic Chair
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ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE GRODZIN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION

Sam & Roz Grodzin
WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL ISSUE OF THE NEW AES MONTHLY!

We’ve been listening to your input and working to re-imagine and re-design the newsletter to make it more timely, more modern and more reflective of the vibrancy and diversity of the AES community. It is designed to give you a taste of all that’s going on at the synagogue and then let you explore your individual areas of interest further on our website: ansheemet.org.

We welcome your feedback and your ideas, so let us know what you think:

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Tell us about your experiences at Anshe Emet—we want to hear from you!

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ANSHE EMET CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP MEMBERS THROUGH TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES

If you are an Anshe Emet member experiencing financial hardship, we may be able to assist you.

Contact our Assistance Program Coordinator directly at assistance@AnsheEmet.org or 773.868.5133 for further information.
All information exchanged will be completely confidential.

PHOTOS FROM OUR RECENT 4TH ANNUAL LIGHT & LATKES CELEBRATION

View the full set online at AnsheEmet.org

This month in ANSHE EMET HISTORY...

Anshe Emet has a long history of supporting Civil Rights and standing for equality and justice for all people. In the winter of 1965, Anshe Emet Sr. Rabbi, Seymour J. Cohen (right), then the president of the Synagogue Council of America, presented the Council’s Judaism and World Peace Award to Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. (center), alongside Jewish Theologian, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (left).

In presenting the award, Rabbi Cohen declared: “We honor Dr. King’s personal courage, responsible leadership and dedication to prophetic ideals, and we reaffirm the commitment of the Jewish religious community to the struggle...for justice and equality.”

This declaration holds true today. See page 4 to learn how Anshe Emet will celebrate MLK weekend this year as we continue to honor Dr. King’s legacy.
Sitting on the bimah each week has opened my eyes to just how amazing our kehillah really is. The thing about our kehillah is that, at any given moment, something wonderful is happening.

Think about the b’nai mitzvah we get to share with excited families nearly every week. While the service itself provides consistency, there are wildly different stand-out moments from week to week. Like the musical prodigy from Amsterdam who came to our kehillah for his bar mitzvah because of a strong personal connection to Hazzan and Debbie Mizrahi. Or the first cousins who became b’nai mitzvah together, their mothers–sisters–taking turns reading Torah as well. B’nai mitzvah come in all sizes and from all kinds of families, but the thing about our kehillah is that they all feel comfortable and welcomed here.

Think about weddings and wedding anniversaries. The thing about our kehillah is that on any given Shabbat, you’re likely to see an auf ruf for a couple about to be married just one aliya after a couple who are celebrating their 50th or 60th anniversary. And wait an aliya or two more and you’re likely to see a couple celebrating a single-digit anniversary together in shul to name their baby.

And yes, there are funerals. Some are big celebrations of life played to a packed house, and some are for congregants who have no family at all. The thing about our kehillah is that we show up for both of them. That’s what makes us special.

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HONORING MLK
TAKING ACTION TO
COMMENORATE A LEGACY

by David Russo
Rabbi, Anshe Emet Synagogue
drusso@ansheemet.org

At Anshe Emet, we don’t believe that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend is “a weekend off.” We believe that it is our civic duty to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King by taking action. So every day, leading up to Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 21, Anshe Emet will offer opportunities for you to learn and engage yourself in the community.

On Friday, January 18, Shabbat Shelanu will welcome Prof. Christopher Benson & Rev. Wheeler Parker, the cousin and best friend of Emmett Till, who will share memories of the slain historic figure. Pro-neg will begin at 6:30pm followed by an abbreviated Shabbat service. Afterwards Prof. Benson, Rev. Parker and Rabbi Siegel will join in a discussion.

Also, Na’aseh, Anshe Emet’s social action committee, will offer you a chance to think about how you can support the people who are most vulnerable in our communities by posting links and volunteer opportunities on Facebook: #naasehweekofaction, #weareansheemet

On Shabbat morning of MLK weekend we will hear from Chloe Phoenix and Simon Adams, members of last year’s Let’s Get Together cohort. Let’s Get Together brings African American and Jewish teens together on a journey to explore our shared history in the Civil Rights movement by visiting historically significant sites in Memphis, Little Rock, St. Louis, and Springfield. The group held its first trip last year, with a second scheduled for this spring. Chloe and Simon will give the D’var Torah on Saturday morning, January 19, in the main sanctuary.

During that service we will also read a speech of Dr. King’s, using the musical trope of the Haftarah readings; reading his words as a prophetic text.

“We believe that it is our civic duty to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King by taking action.”

“Let’s Get Together presented us with an experience to make new friends [and to] learn about each other’s culture/religion. We all bonded...and were open to share information and understand more about our shared histories.”

- Sydney Green
Let’s Get Together Participant

Photos from the First LET’S GET TOGETHER Interfaith Trip

THANK YOU TO THESE PEOPLE FOR HONORING THEIR MINYAN COMMITMENT...

Ben Abrams, Marlene Abrams, Fran Abramson, Bruce Arenson, Chuck & Sara Aron, Elizabeth Atwater, Barry Balik, David Bardach, Terri Behrman, Betsy Bodker, Rickey Briskman, Brian & Irene Caminer, Sarah Davelaar, Steve Dutschlag, Paula Elsberg, Arthur Elstein, Terry Fadem, Beth Farber, Rhoda Feldman, Gail & Dan Golden, Leila & Ruby Golding, Maxine Handelman, Debby Hecht, Sarah Hirsen, Sarah Hirsen, Dalia Hoffman, Allison Hoffman, Arnie Horwich, Judy Horwich, Aaron Kamins, Eli Kamins, Bruce Kaminsky, Jeff, Katy, Oli, & Estie Katz, Penny & Brett Keeshin, Sam Kline, Wendy Kline, Jacob Kline, Debby Lewis, Jay Lewkowitz, Jane Lippow, Liz Lippow, Ilene Lubell, Alan Mintz, Deborah Mizrahi, Shelly Parker, Andrew & Lloyd Perlow, Gary & Fraeda Porton, John Ragir,
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

JCFS LEGAL ADVOCACY CENTER
Every child needs a parent to advocate for their rights and opportunities to learn. Some children may also need a legal advocate to help ensure their access to education and other protected rights.

If you are the parent of a child with special needs with an IEP or 504 who is not satisfied with the services being provided to your child, then the JCFS Legal Advocacy Center may be a helpful resource.

The Legal Advocacy Center offers special education legal representation, consultation, information and referral services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

For more information, please contact our Anshe Emet JCFS liaison Ann Luban: AnnLuban@jcfs.org or 847.745.5420.

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PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP ENSURE THE VITALITY OF OUR WEEKLY MORNING MINYAN

Esther Rosenbloom, Michele Sackheim, Ed Salomon, Jerry Salzman, Neil Schwartz, Elaine Seeskin, Barry Seeskin, Ken Shapiro, Don Shapiro, Julie Ann Sklaver, Mark & Gary Smith, Yevette Smith, Elias, Eli, & Damian Solano, David Spector, Jason Star, Phil Stern, Maya Tkachak, Abe Trieger, David Weil, Stew Witkow

Monday through Friday at 7am
Rosh Chodesh at 6:50am
Sundays and National Holidays at 8:30am
### January 2019

**SHABBAT SHELANU**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 | 6:30 PM**

**WITH SPECIAL GUESTS FOR MLK WEEKEND**

**Prof. Christopher Benson & Rev. Wheeler Parker**

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**SHABBAT YOUTH SERVICES EVERY SATURDAY**

9:45am Ruach Class | 10am Shalom Shabbat | 11am Ruach & Jr. Congregation | 11am Shachar

BABYSITTING for children 18 months and older is available in room 104 every Shabbat morning from 9:30am-12:30pm.

We are always adding new events. For the most recent calendar listings visit: ANSHEEMET.ORG/CALENDAR
Celebrate with a gift to the Kiddush Luncheon Fund!
Whether you are celebrating a special occasion like a new baby, a wedding engagement, anniversary, birthday or commemorating the loss of a loved one for Yahrzeit – share your life cycle events with the congregation by making a gift to the Kiddush Luncheon Fund.
Any gift amount is welcome. Sponsorships of $500 or more will be specially acknowledged in our weekly Shabbat bulletin. Contact Kim Carter for details: kcarter@ansheemet.org | 773-868-5119.

FRIDAY, FEB 15: Shabbat Shelanu welcomes Rabbi Lauren Tuchman, who was named to the Jewish Week’s 36 under 36 for her innovative leadership concerning inclusion of Jews with disabilities in all aspects of Jewish life.
SATURDAY, FEB 16: Rabbi Tuchman will give the D’var during Shabbat services in the sanctuary. She will also lead a post-kiddush discussion in honor of JDAIM at 1pm.
### A BOOK GROUP FOR SHALOM HARTMAN LEARNERS

**“Letters to my Palestinian Neighbor” by Yossi Klein Halevi**

This ambitious work is an attempt to offer a new language for peace at a time when conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is escalating and a solution seems impossible. With 10 lyrical and provocative letters, Halevi is the first Israeli author to directly address Palestinians in an attempt to explain how the conflict appears through Israeli eyes. Combining a powerful commitment to Israel’s legitimacy, with deep empathy for Palestinian suffering, he reveals the complex strands of faith, pride, anger, & anguish he feels as a Jew living in Israel.

**BEGIN JAN 27**

**QUESTIONS? Contact Amy Karp | akarp@ansheemet.org | 773.868.5139**

### CAMP SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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

To apply, visit: [ansheemet.org/ScholarshipApplication](http://ansheemet.org/ScholarshipApplication)

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All submissions due by February 4, 2019.

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### SHABBAT YOUTH SERVICES EVERY SATURDAY

9:45am Ruach Class | 10am Shalom Shabbat | 11am Ruach Jr. Congregation | 11am Shachar BABYSITTING for children 18 months and older is available in room 104 every Shabbat morning from 9:30am-12:30pm.

We are always adding new events. For the most recent calendar listings visit: [ANSHEEMET.ORG/CALENDAR](http://ANSHEEMET.ORG/CALENDAR)
MAZEL TOV TO OUR UPCOMING B’NAI MITZVAH

CELIA PINCUS  
January 5, 2019  
Daughter of Claudia Mendelson & Joshua Pincus

ASHER BERMAN  
January 19, 2019  
Son of Vanda & Matt Berman

CHLOE MILLER  
February 2, 2019  
Daughter of Jennifer & Steve Miller

JACK BENDER  
February 16, 2019  
Son of Dayna Bender

JONAH ARNOLD  
February 23, 2019  
Son of Jessie & Aric Arnold

Want to learn more about the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process or get your child enrolled to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah? We are happy to help answer any questions you might have!

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Interested in learning more about Religious School?  
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YOUTH UPDATE

by Samantha Isenstein
Youth & Young Adult Director
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SHACHAR (K-2ND GRADERS)
Sunday January 20 | 12:15-2pm
Tu B’Shevat Seder – See Young Family column for registration.

MACHAR (3RD-5TH GRADERS)
January 12 | 6pm-8:30pm
Machar’s Unbelievable Under-Nighter! Join us for Havdallah, dinner and a movie with lots of yummy snacks. Open to all 3rd-5th graders so bring your friends!
Register at: tinyurl.com/macharunder19

Thursday February 7 | 6:15pm-7:30pm
Join Machar / Kadima Macabiah for a night of sports, games and dinner. Open to all 3rd-8th graders! $10 for this event!
Register at: tinyurl.com/macharkadima19

KADIMA (6TH-8TH GRADERS)
January 27 | 12pm-4pm
Kadima is going Snow Tubing! $25 for Kadima members; $35 for non-members. Open to all Jewish 6th-8th graders, includes lunch, transportation and snowtubing! Advance registration is required: tinyurl.com/kadimasnow19

SHMUSY (9TH-12TH GRADERS)
Calling all 8th Graders! Starting in January we welcome 8th graders to join SHMUSY at our chapter and regional CHUSY Programs. You can still attend Kadima events, but are welcome to come to USY events as well! We can’t wait to see you!

Join our Young Family mailing list by emailing: AEYF-SUBSCRIBE@YAHOOGROUPS.COM to get the latest on what’s happening for your family. Or, join our Facebook group! FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/AESYF

OTHER DATES TO SAVE:
- Tuesday January 8 | Lounge Night at 7pm.
- January 25-26 | CHUSY Shabbatone at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook for more info go to CHUSY.org.
- Saturday Feb. 9 | Ta’am Yisrael Participants—Save the date for your Anshe Emet Send off during Shabbat Services.
- February 12 | Lounge Night at 4pm.
- Wednesday, Feb. 27 | Joint Lakeview Teen Program at Temple Sholom at 6pm.
- March 1-3 Weekend | We are also looking for host homes for International Board Weekend. Interested families can learn more and fill out their information here: tinyurl.com/intlboardweekend19

SHABBAT AS YOU ARE
A MUSICAL SHABBAT EXPERIENCE DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS IN 5TH THRU 12TH GRADES.
FEBRUARY 8 | 6:30 PM

YOUNG FAMILIES

by Maxine Handelman
Director of Family Life & Learning
mhandelman@ansheemet.org

Find your friends and joy-filled Jewish life at Anshe Emet, where we are always building pathways to community for families with young children!

BABIES AND BAGELS
Sunday January 13 | 3:30-5pm
A fabulous musical playdate for families with kids 2 and under. Program is free, but registration is requested: tinyurl.com/BabiesandBagelsJan2019

TUB’SHEVAT SEDER
Sunday January 20 | 12:15-2pm
Families with children 4 years to 1st grade celebrate trees! Register at: tinyurl.com/YoungFamilySeder2019

LITTLE BUILDERS: WINTER INTO SPRING SERIES
Starts Sunday January 27
Families with 2-3 year olds join to BUILD amazing community! Six session class, 9:15am-10:45am. Register at: tinyurl.com/LittleBuildersSpring2019

FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER
First Friday of every month. First time families are free - use code 1stTimeFam when registering:
February 1 | 5:45pm
We will celebrate Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month!
tinyurl.com/FirstFridayDinnerFeb2019
March 1 | 5:45pm
Register at: tinyurl.com/FirstFridayDinnerMar2019

Learn more at:
ansheemet.org/youngfamilies
For the last few years, through Marlene Reid’s initiation, Wine, Women and Walking with God has explored the multi-faceted world of Judaism. This winter is no exception as we welcome Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld, Associate Professor at Loyola, who has an expertise in Jewish-Christian relations. On February 5, 12 and 26 we will investigate the historical separation of Judaism and Christianity, study commentaries from both traditions on the Song of Songs, and end with Jewish-Catholic relations. Class is 7pm-8:30pm and registration will be available through ansheemet.org/sisterhood.

For Sisterhood Shabbat On February 23 we welcome Ariella Rada, an Ethiopian Jew and former drill instructor in the IDF (see next page) who now works in Chicago as the Consul for Academic and Community Affairs. She will speak during services and also at a post-kiddush discussion.

I look forward to learning with everyone; check our Learning tab online for more opportunities.

by Cantor Elizabeth Berke
Hazzan Sheni,
 eberke@ansheemet.org

HaZaK for Retired Adults • Mondays @ 1pm
HOKHMAH (WISDOM) • ZIKNAH (MATURITY) • KADIMAH (LOOKING AHEAD)

HaZaK is an Anshe Emet daytime program for mature adults with active minds. Co-taught by our clergy and other community educators, this year HaZaK is focusing on Jewish History with the Melton curriculum “Crossroads.” Generously funded by Beatrice Mayer, z”l.

Upcoming classes:
January 7: Cantor Berke
January 14: Rabbi Chankin-Gould
January 21: No HaZaK (MLK Day)
January 28: Cantor Berke
February 4: Rabbi Russo
February 11: Rabbi Chankin-Gould
February 18: No HaZaK (President’s Day)
February 25: Rabbi Siegel

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Donation Deadline: January - February
What’s Being Collected: Clothes for 17-25 year olds • Packaged underwear (men’s or women’s) • Shoes over size 9 for women; 10 for men • Coats • Bedding • Umbrellas • Tampons • Toiletries • Hand sanitizer • Purses • Belts • Costume jewelry • Make-up • Hair products • Nail polish.
Contact Information: Felice Schlessinger at felice@schlessingerfamily.com

Thank you for your support!
February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM). We honor JDAIM at Anshe Emet in many ways, the full details of which can be found on our website at ansheemet.org/inclusion.

In particular, we are grateful to the Kehilla Kedosha committee for their tireless efforts to ensure inclusion not just in February, but every day.

We are also delighted by the newly established and hugely successful partnership between our religious school and Keshet. Keshet works directly with our educators, offering on-site support and inclusion training. A representative of Keshet is present every Sunday of religious school, providing resources to both our teachers and our madrichim (teacher’s aides). Additionally, this partnership enables us to offer our teachers specific professional development opportunities with Keshet, enhancing their ability to further the success of each individual student.

One of the pillars of youth education at Anshe Emet is diversity. We understand that our children learn in different ways and that we need to, not just embrace these differences, but make sure our educational opportunities are supportive for all those in our care.

When our LaAtid Task Force began to consider how to meet the needs of our diverse learners we realized that, while we had some resources already available, many times these were implemented on an as-needed basis, as opposed to making sure our entire system of education was geared towards including everyone in learning, full-time. With Keshet, that is now possible.

 Globally, Keshet has trained over 15,000 staff members, providing the tools necessary for successful inclusion. Keshet’s local leadership provide the inspiration, direction, and funding required to fulfill the organization’s mission: to do whatever is necessary to allow individuals with disabilities to achieve their potential. This month, we will be highlighting the various ways that show how inclusion is emblematic to our community at Anshe Emet on a daily basis.

While we are just at the beginning of this journey, we can already see the difference in how we approach teaching and programs and how all of our kids are welcomed at Anshe Emet.

Rabbi D’ror Chankin-Gould & Dani Lazar
LaAtid Task Force Co-Chairs

**“I KNEW RIGHT AWAY WE HAD FOUND WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR...”**

Two years ago, when my family began the search for a synagogue, I had a list in mind of what I wanted. At the time, I had an 8 year old and two 4 year olds. I knew I wanted a synagogue that offered programming for young children and a religious school.

But I was nervous, too. Would my son be accepted? Would his special needs be accommodated?

We attended a First Friday Family Shabbat service to see what Anshe Emet was all about. I knew right away we had found what we were looking for. Our family was welcomed with open arms and I was assured my son was not only accepted, but that everyone would do their best to be sure he had whatever he needed to be happy while he was here.

In these troubled times, many Jews are craving community. It is incumbent on us to be sure every Jew feels welcome and accepted in our congregations. This is why the work of Kehilla Kedosha, Anshe Emet’s inclusion committee, is so important and why I look forward to celebrating the diversity in our community in February.

For details on the scheduled events, be sure to check the Kehilla Kedosha page on the Anshe Emet website at: ansheemet.org/inclusion.

Stefanie Cirillo, Member, Kehilla Kedosha
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May their memory be for a blessing.

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