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An Election in Israel Where Your Voice Can Make a Difference

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In March, citizens of Israel will vote in a national election for the third time in a year. The hope is that one of the parties will be able

to cobble together a viable coalition. While Jews around the world have considerable interest in the election, only those with Israeli citizenship can cast a ballot. However, there is another election taking place between January and March in which all of us can vote and have a true impact on Israeli society. It is the election for the delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

I am writing to encourage you in the strongest possible terms to vote. Theodore Herzl created the Zionist Congress in 1896 and it has continued through this day. The World Zionist Congress meets every five years in Jerusalem. The delegates elect leaders to key positions within the World Zionist Organization (WZO) and Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael – Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF), debate pressing matters in the world of Zionism today, as well as propose and vote on resolutions that impact both governance and policies for the World Zionist Organization in the coming years. The number of delegates a particular group has will also determine the amount of funding that it will receive from the State of Israel.

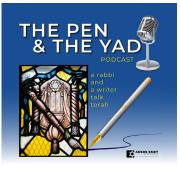
Our voice at the World Zionist Congress is Mercaz USA.

It is the Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement, representing Conservative Judaism within the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Zionist Movement and the Jewish National Fund. Its mission is to support religious pluralism in Israel and strengthen the connection between Israel and the Diaspora. Mercaz guarantees funding for religious streams that is so crucial to our Masorti Movement's growth in Israel and around the world.

Your vote will ensure the support of:

- More than 60 Masorti congregations across Israel
- More than 600 B'nai Mitzvah a year, including an innovative approach to ensuring the success of children with special needs
- More than 2,000 members of Noam, the nationwide youth movement
- 500 summer campers at Ramah/Noam
- Outreach to Arab communities
- Advocacy of ecological concerns
- The advancement of religious pluralism in a country where the Chief Rabbinate works actively to control all aspects of Jewish life and to counteract the growth of non-Orthodox approaches to Jewish life.

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Rabbi Michael Siegel & Jonathan Eig

New Episodes Weekly. ansheemet.org/podcasts

An Election in Israel... *(cont'd)*

Tenuat Masorti touches 75,000 Israelis each year, and in a recent poll, 30% of Israelis say that they have attended a Masorti service at some point. Against remarkable odds, the Masorti Movement is succeeding. **The World Zionist Congress is the only opportunity that Masorti Judaism has to receive any funding from the Israeli government! The last World Zionist Congress dispersed 40 million dollars.**

I am writing to encourage you in the strongest possible terms to vote.

In order to register, all you need to do is:

- Text VOTE on your phone at 917-336-1162
- Or visit the Mercaz website at <u>mercaz2020.org</u>

Once registered, you will then be contacted to cast your vote for Mercaz.

Your vote will ensure the necessary funding to support religious pluralism in Israel and strengthen the connection between Israel and the Diaspora.

All it takes is 3 minutes and \$7.50 to make a lasting difference for the Jewish people!

Please vote!



Az Yashir Update

We are so pleased to announce the members of the Az Yashir Leadership Team and Task Force which reflects a rich and diverse cross-section of our congregation:

Az Yashir Leadership Team:

Ricardo Rosenkranz, M.D. - Chair Elizabeth Berke Boni Fine Cheryl Krugel-Lee Ruth Rau Barry Seeskin Michele Sackheim-Wein

Rob Weinberg, Consultant

Ex Officio Az Yashir Task Force Members: Rabbi Michael Siegel Senior Rabbi, The Norman Asher Rabbinic Chair

Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi The Arnold H. Kaplan Cantorial Chair

Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould Rabbi David Russo

Art Friedson President

Az Yashir Task Force:

Nate Appelbaum Ava Berkwits Lindy Hirschsohn Coetzee Sarah Hirsen **Emily Feder** Simon Fleischmann Daniel Golden Andrea Grostern Ethan Kahn Barbara Kantrow Eli Kaufman Marsha Nagorsky Ionathan Norton Fraeda Porton Tani Prell David Schwartz Hayley Silver Abe Trieger Christie Chiles Twilie Mimi Wallk

All members of our community will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions through focus groups, surveys and other forums. In addition, the Task Force will look outside of Anshe Emet to explore the landscape and trends in Jewish music heard in synagogues across America. All of the information, along with recommendations, will be gathered in a report that will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the Fall of 2020. Rob Weinberg, who did such a masterful job with our LaAtid Task Force in education, will facilitate the process.

We welcome your questions and comments throughout the process. Contact us at: <u>music@ansheemet.org</u>

For more information, check out the Az Yashir webpage at: <u>ansheemet.org/azyashir</u>







Nothing Beats Being in Jerusalem

Arthur Friedson President, Anshe Emet Synagogue art.friedson@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

I recently took a quick trip to Jerusalem to visit my mom. She's almost 98, and she is still a fantastic cook. The meals were infused with love, and almost entirely composed

of ingredients bought fresh each day in the Machne Yehuda market, better known as "the shuk."

Upon reflection, my first day there was so instructive about life in Israel, I want to share it with you. After a visit to the

shuk and a late breakfast at my mom's, I took off to visit the Western Wall. I took the ultra-modern light rail less than 20 blocks to the Damascus Gate entrance to the Old City. I walked through Arab markets, past the Via Dolorosa right at the Fifth Station of the Cross, then continued on to the Western Wall. As my prayers ascended alongside

thousands of others, they passed the Temple Mount above me, just as holy to Muslims as it is to Jews. Standing in this clear physical intersection of our faiths, it was so obvious that we are cousins. Sadly, no

fight is as bitter, contentious, lasting or stupid as a family feud.

All that said, Jerusalem is filled with working cranes, the highways have been dramatically improved, the new high-speed train is finally about to begin

service, the busses run on time, there's plenty of water and it's safe to drink, all of Jerusalem glows pink at sunset, and my mom is still cooking for me. Nothing beats being in Ierusalem.

B'shalom,

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This was adapted from a longer essay published in Medium. tinyurl.com/artfriedsonletterfromjerusalem





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 Ethics with the Melton curriculum "Ethics of Jewish Living." Generously funded by Beatrice Mayer, z"l.

February 3: Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould February 10: Elie Berkman February 17: No HaZak (Presidents Day) February 24: Cantor Elizabeth Berke



Drop-in Bereavement Group Supporting our Community in Times of Loss

4th Monday of the month Next meeting is February 24 6:30 PM at Anshe Emet

Please join us for a monthly support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years. Learn more at: ansheemet.org/bereavementgroup



Please Drop-off Your Donation at the **AES Giving Center**

Now collecting for:

Share Our Spare

Diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream (through February)

The Night Ministry

Hotel-sized toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, body lotion), deodorant, new toothpastes, new warm socks, new hats, scarves, gloves, gift cards, nail polish, body lotion gift sets (ongoing collection)

SHALVA

Used cell phones (ongoing collection) SHALVA offers confidential domestic abuse counseling services to the Chicago Jewish community.

To learn more visit:

ansheemet.org/givingcenter

Thank you for your support!



Support Local Farmers!

Enjoy a wide range of seasonal, sustainably produced goods from local farmers & vendors at this indoor market. Available items may include winter produce, honey, eggs, baked goods, bread, salsas, and more!

Link Match: All Link/SNAP customers can double their purchases of fruits and vegetables up to \$25!

Indoor Winter Farmers Market at Anshe Emet

February 9 · 10am - 2pm

For more information email kareema@faithinplace.org princess@faithinplace.org Call: 312-733-4640 x 117 /115 Visit: faithinplace.org

Link Match sponsored by LINK UP





Cooking with the Stars

February 24 · 6:30pm

with Dylan Maysick, owner of Diaspora Dinners.

Join us and our guest chefs as we explore Jewish food with a twist in an interactive cooking demonstration designed for fun and flavor.

learn more at <u>ansheemet.org</u> /cookingwiththestars



Men's Club Presents: World Wide Wrap

February 2 · 8am

Come and be bound up in the Mitzvah of Teffillin. It's a wrap every February as the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs lead Conservative/Masorti congregations all over the world on the same Sunday morning in learning about and participating in the mitzvah of putting on tefillin.

Instruction and history about tefillin will begin at 8:00 a.m. followed by our communal Morning Minyan prayer service at 8:30 am where you may apply your knowledge of tefillin.

A limited number of tefillin will also be available for purchase at the event at a very special Anshe Emet Men's Club discounted and subsidized price. Bagels and refreshments will be provided by Men's Club, and there is no charge to attend. This event is open to all gender identities.

RSVP to mensclub@ansheemet.org

Also, save the date for the Men's Club Talent Show, Sunday, February 29 · 6:30pm

Thank you to these people for honoring their Minyan commitment. Please join us and help ensure the vitality of our weekly morning Minyan. Ben Abrams, Marlene Abrams, Abby Aloni, Bruce Arenson, Sara & Chuck Aron, Barry Balik, Brandon Bernstein, Brian Caminer, Janet Cohen, Margie Deitch, Nate, Meredith, Jason, Mollie, Emma Dubner, Phil Dunn, Steve Durchslag, Dave Eskoz, Beth Farber, Rhoda Feldman, Cynthia Goldberg, Gail & Dan Golden, Samantha Graines, Barry Gross,

Garry Grossman, Dana & Aaron Hall, Jared & Aaron Hall, Maxine Handelman, Jacob Handelman, Sarah & Ron Hirsen, Ariela Housman, David Kaplinsky, Steve & Marsha Levin, Hagit Lewis, Debby Lewis, Jay Lewkowitz, Noah Liebman, Jane Lippow, Ann Luban, Alan Mintz, Deborah Mizrahi, Gerard Nussbaum, Shelly Parker, Dani Plung,





The Book of Job: The Original Good Guy

Theodicy and Its Relevance to Jewish Belief February 11, 18 & 25 7pm - 8:30pm

We will study the Book of Job (Iyov) and its classic questions of how we understand our relationship to God and God's justice.

Rabbi Marianne Novak, who will lead all three classes (photoed), received her BA in Political Science from Barnard College and her JD from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. She has served as the Endowment Director at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and also helped start the Women's Tefillah Group at Bais Abraham. Save the Date! Back by popular demand... Babka Baking at AES returns March 17

Watering Our Roots: How Family Stories Strengthen the Next Generation

March 1 · 1pm

This dynamic seminar led by professional family biographer Stacy Derby will explore the importance of intergenerational communication, and how to integrate more family stories naturally into your family gatherings.

Stacy has been active in the Association of Personal Historians and founded Bind These Words, LLC to facilitate the preservation of intergenerational legacy through family history.

No fee for those with paid dues. \$10 for those who have yet to pay dues.

Learn more about these programs at: ansheemet.org/sisterhood



February 14 · 6:30pm

Shabbat Neshamah is an intimate service that blends traditional liturgy with guitar music and evocative readings for Shabbat. We will sit in the round, and Naomi Weiss-Weil will lead us in new, reflective melodies to familiar songs.

Interested in joining or have questions? Contact Naomi Weiss-Weil at <u>nweiss@ansheemet.org</u>



Shabbat Torah Reading Honor Roll

We would like to thank the following congregants who have honored us by chanting Torah for our community during the past month (this does not include our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students).

Sanctuary and Minyan:

Natasha Benjamin, Andrew Condrell, Adam Engle, Barbara Gressel, Sarah Hirsen, Eli Kamins, Ben Kleinman, Josh Lazar, David Medow, Alan Mintz, Naomi Pinchuk, Joe Platt, Gary Porton, Sholom Sandalow, Sholom Sandalow, Ari Silver, Emma Weiss, Gary Wigoda, Jeanette Zemsky, Yedida Soloff, Barry Seeskin, Gary Porton, Elaine Seeskin

John Ragir, Esther Rosenbloom, Ricardo Rosenkranz, Ed Salomon, Jerry Salzberg, Jerry Salzman, Neil Schwartz, Barry Seeskin, Don Shapiro, Gary Smith, Laura Smith, Elias Solano, Damian Solano, Eli Solano, Dean Solomon, Dave Spector, Jason Star, Greg & Cheron Stern, Chana Stern, Gabor Tarjan, Maya Tkachuk, Abe Trieger,

Rose Crown Minyan:

Matthew Bluestone, Meredith Dubner, Mollie Dubner, Maddie Fellner, Sheila Grossman, Noah Liebman, Raffi Magarik, Naomi Margolis, Leora Mincer, Rafi Nagorsky, Ari Rosen, Lynne Schatz, Dan Spiegel

Usher - Floor Gabbai:

Michael Bellows, Gary Wigoda, Barbara Gressel, David Weil

Gary Wigoda, Moses Zarkin-Scott, Jeanette Zemsky

Youth Readers:

Jocelyn Friedman, Rina Krugel-Lee, Maya Lessem-Elnecave, Alexander Nessel, Laila Norton, Nava Schwarz, Jonah Seidner, Perla Seidner, Talia Seidner, Hava Shifrin, Blake Tallise, Luke Tallise, Joel Tollinche, Shoshi Tollinche, Damian Solano, Eli Solano Jr, Dalia Schwarz

Join us for minyan Monday thru Friday at 7am Rosh Chodesh at 6:50am

FEBR	UARY	2020	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Shtisel Uncovered: The New Haredim	Welcome Yehonatan Indurksy, Co-creator of the hit show, "Shtisel" Description February, 10 - 7PM ansheemet.org/aesshtisel		Notes:
7 Shevat 2	8 Shevat 3	9 Shevat 4	10 Shevat 5
 8am Men's Club Presents: World Wide Wrap 8:30am Morning Minyan 9am Religious School 9:15am Little Builders 10:15am Hartman 12pm Tikkun Chicago 	7am Morning Minyan 1pm HaZaK 6pm Hebrew 1.5 6:30pm Inter-Faith Family Chicago 6:30pm Basketball 7pm Melton Class on Ethics 7pm Miller Heritage	 7am Morning Minyan 7:45am Text on Tuesdays 6:30pm Connecting the Expecting 6:45pm Basketball 7pm Advanced Trope Class 	7am Morning Minyan 7pm Jewish Rock Radio Concert featuring Marc Luban and Cantor Liz Berke at Temple Sholom
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Shabbat Youth Services Every Saturday Morning10am Ruach Class • 10:45am Ruach & Jr. Congregation11am Shalom Shabbat • 11am ShacharBabysitting 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		6 Shevat Parashat Bo Torah Portion: Exodus: 10:1-13:16	9am Parsha Class 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Zoli Gottlieb-Fenves 9:30am Rose Crown Minyan 12pm Kiddush Lunch 1pm Tikkun Chicago
listings visit: ansheemet.org/calendar		Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-46:28	1:15pm Shabbat Mincha 5:30pm Shacha/Machar Undernighter
11 Shevat 6 7am Morning Minyan 4:15pm Religious School 6:30pm YAD Basketball 6:45pm Sisterhood Book Club 7pm Choir (Shireinu) 7:30pm Community Al-Anon	12 Shevat 7am Morning Minyan 8:45am Lerner's of Torah Parsha Class 5:45pm Family Shabbat Service & Dinner 7:15pm YAD Service, Dinner & Schmooze 4:55pm	13 Shevat Parashat Beshalach Torah Portion: Exodus: 13:17-17:16 Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31	8 9am Parsha Class 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service in Malkov Chapel 9:30am Rose Crown Minyan in the Sanctuary Bat Mitzvah of Juliette Leder 12pm Kiddush Lunch 1pm Tikkun Chicago 1:15pm Shabbat Mincha
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Family Programs

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

At Anshe Emet, we are building pathways to Jewish life and community for families with young children. Find your friends and joy-filled Jewish life at Anshe Emet! Look for all the details at: ansheemet.org/familyprograms

First Friday Family Service & Dinner

February 7 • 5:45pm This month's dinner is a baked potato bar and veggie chili! tinyurl.com/ firstfridaydinnerfeb2020.

Little Builders

Sundays, February 2 - March 22 9:15am-10:45am

Our Spring classes for families with 2-3 year olds kicks off in February. Space is limited so reserve your spot today! tinyurl.com/littlebuildersspring20

Annual Young Families/Shachar Tu B'shevat Seder

February 9 12pm-2pm

This year we will be joined by author Jackie Theibert for an interactive reading and activities that will help all families with kids 3 yrs – 2nd grade get motivated to take better care of our world! You can order a signed copy of her book, *Aneeka and Juanito*, with your family's registration at: tinyurl.com/tubshevatseder20

Hey Parents, Let's Talk! Conversations about Parenting

On Shabbat is Awesome afternoons February 15 1:30pm -2:30pm Help us choose the next topic: tinyurl.com/heyparents

Join our email group: aeyf-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Join us on online: facebook.com/groups/aesyf/



Anshe Emet's Young Adult Division, for ages 22-36!

First Friday Shabbat Service, Dinner & **Schmooze** February 7 • 7:15pm tinyurl.com/febfirstfriday2020



YAD Dinner Club February 18 • 7pm At Kal'ish Restaurant tinyurl.com/yaddinnerclubfeb2020

Tu B'Shevat Terrarium Making

Sunday, February 9 • 2pm-3:30pm Join Anshe Emet's YAD and Laura Miranda of Plant Nite as we get in the spirit of Tu B'shevat and plant our own succulents in a custom terrarium. tinyurl.com/yadterrariummaking

Meet & Greet

with Comedian Pamela Schuller Thursday, February 20 • 6:30pm-7pm Meet Pamela Schuller before her performace to the congregation ansheemet.org/pamelaschuller



Torah On Tap Tuesday, February 25 • 6:30pm-7pm Learn with Rabbi Scott Gellman. Email for more information: ikrandel@ansheemet.org

You can find out more about events and connect with fellow YAD members on <u>Facebook.com/AnsheEmetYAD/</u> or by following **ansheemetyad** on Instagram.

Interested in planning future programs? Consider joining the YAD Board! For more information contact Young Adult Coordinator, **Iris Krandel**: ikrandel@ansheemet.org

MAZEL TOV TO OUR UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVAH

Zoli Gottlieb-Fenves

February 1 Daughter of Susannah Gottlieb & Peter Fenves



Juliette Leder February 8 Daughter of

Rivka & Eric Leder



Orli Perach

Schwartz February 22 Daughter of Dafna Lender & Jonathan Schwartz



Julia Riesman February 15 Daughter of Rachel Kaplan & Robert Riesman



NOT PHOTOED Jonathan Goodgold • February 29 Son of Karen & Jay Goodgold



Special Shabbat Dinner & Anshe Emet Live with Special Guest, Craig Taubman

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 • 5:30PM Anshe Emet

Join us for Act II of Mizrahi: The Man & His Music!

Learn more at: ansheemet.org/mizrahi Contact Mimi Weisberg for more information at 773.868.5123

Religious School

Emily Schoerning, PhD The Grodzin Director of Educational Innovation eschoerning@ansheemet.org

Dear Friends,

I want to share some exciting news about the religious school! We have been awarded a grant from JUF's new Innovation Fund, and we have been selected to participate in JUF's new program "Shifting the Paradigm: Hebrew Learning". These opportunities are going to help our religious school continue to grow and innovate in exciting ways.

This February, the JUF Innovation Fund grant will allow us to dramatically expand student choice in 4th grade, as we make progress on enabling multi-modal learning in the classroom. That means giving our students rich opportunities to explore sacred text, in this case the Book of Esther, using art, drama, technology, STEM, and traditional text study methods—in the way that most inspires them, and most enables them to connect to our sacred texts.

Through JUF's new Hebrew program, we are working to dramatically re-envision how Hebrew education will work for our youngest learners, in JK-2nd grade. When our children learn to read in English, they can draw on a huge wealth of experiences in the English language. They're familiar with the sounds of the English letters, and have encountered them in many places, at many times, and often in an atmosphere that is joyful and centered on their learning. Wouldn't it be wonderful if these early childhood associations lay behind our children's Hebrew learning? If the first Hebrew words they learned to read were words from songs they knew and loved from when they were four years old, if they could recognize their first Hebrew words from signs and labels they'd seen in kindergarten, if Hebrew had been a rich soundscape in which they had been playing for years ... wouldn't that be an amazing foundation on which to build Hebrew literacy?

These dreams for our children's Hebrew education are going to be reality at Anshe Emet, and sooner than you might think. If you have a two year old, by the time they are ready for religious school at four, they will be coming into a truly transformed, deeply enriched Hebrew learning environment here with us, thanks to our friends at JUF. If you have a young child already in our Hebrew school, in the next year they'll begin benefiting from our learning!

I'm so excited about the changes to come and looking forward to growing into them with you.

Sincerely, Emily

Save the Date for Our Annual

PURIM CARNIVA

Sunday, March 8

10am • Early carnival entry for children 4 and younger and those with special needs
11am • Carnival open to the community

Monday, March 9 Sanctuary, Young Families and No Frills Megillah Readings & Annual Cocktail Party

learn more about Purim & our commitment to Inclusion at **ansheemet.org/purim**

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SOMETHING FOR US SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 · 6:30 PM · ANSHE EMET

Members: \$25/Individual; \$50/couple Non-Members: \$35/Individual; \$65/couple

Register at: **ansheemet.org/somethingforus** Questions? Contact Amy Karp at 773.868.5139

Youth Groups

Samantha Isenstein Youth & Young Adult Director sisenstein@ansheemet.org

Saturday, February 8 CHUSY SATO event

Tuesday, February 11 • 7pm Tie-Dye Lounge Night

Saturday, February 15 • 11am Teen Tefilah



Tuesday, February 25 • 7pm Lounge Night

Friday, February 28 Shabbat dinner @ Rabbi Russo's

Saturday, February • 7pm Leap-day evening program

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Indoor Winter Farmers Market Sunday, Feb 9 • 10am

Shtisel Uncovered: The New Haredim Monday, Feb 10 • 6:30pm

Drop-in Bereavement Group Monday, Feb 24 • 6:30pm

Cooking with the Stars Monday, Feb 24 • 6:30pm

MARCH

Purim Carnival Sunday, Mar 8 • 11am 10am for small children and those with special needs.

Purim Megillah Readings and Cocktail Party Monday, Mar 9

Special Shabbat Dinner and Anshe Emet Live with Hazzan Mizrahi and Special Guest, Craig Taubman Friday, Mar 20 • 5:30pm

Understanding LGBTQ Identities with Allyship with Essie Shachar-Hill of Keshet Wednesday, Mar 26 • 7pm



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