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Elijah's Knocking at Our Doors, Should We Invite Him In?

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As a young boy, I would look forward to the point in the Seder where we would open the door in my grandparents' home to welcome

Elijah the prophet while our family sang words of welcome and anticipation of a new and better age. As I grew older and learned more about the Biblical Elijah, I came to realize that he was our most zealous prophet, and a man who could be quite harsh and dangerous at times. Elijah's judgments against the Jewish people were so damning that God took away his commission as a prophet and spirited him away in a fiery chariot. The question that arose in my mind was, if the

Prophet Elijah actually came to our door while we sang "*Eliyahu Hanavi*", would we actually let him into our home? Would the better course of action be to run out the back door?

Well, the answer depends on which Elijah we are talking about!

Over the course of time, Elijah has gone through a series of evolutions. Hundreds of years after Elijah, Malachai, another prophet, teaches us that when Elijah returns, "he will turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the hearts of children to their parents". Not only will Elijah be the forerunner of the Messiah, Malachai teaches that Elijah will be a healer in the Jewish community. Elijah has gone from an uncompromising Prophet of judgment against the people of Israel to the one who will unify the Jewish people. The Rabbis build on the ideas of Malachai and posit that in the time of the Messiah, Elijah will be the problem solver of the Jewish people. They develop the notion of *Teku*, questions that were so vexing that they would have to wait for Elijah to answer them. While you might not want to open the door to the Elijah of the first book of Kings, the prophet who has the wisdom to bring families together would be a welcome guest at any of our tables.

There are lessons to be learned from Elijah's transformation that speak to our age. We are living in an age of grave divisions.

The politics of our country are contentious to say the least. The battle lines are drawn, and preconceived notions abound. The same can be said of the Jewish community today regarding Israel, and in other areas as well. In some homes, conversations centered on elections in our country, or issues related to Israel, are off limits. I want to suggest that the Haggadah offers us another approach by discussing the changing face of Elijah over time; the opportunity to have a discussion as to which Elijah we want to invite into our home.

- Is it the zealous Elijah who believed that he had a monopoly on truth and was willing to disenfranchise those Jews who did not agree with his view?
- Do we want to invite the healing Elijah into our homes that allows parents and children to hear one another when they talk and do not assume that the other is misguided before the conversation begins?

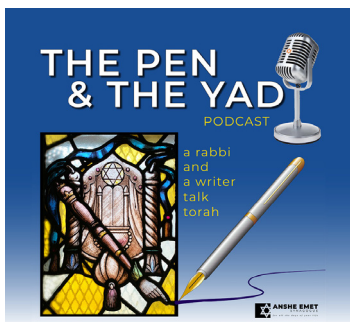
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- Perhaps we want to welcome the Elijah of *Teku*, which assumes that there are certain problems whose answers that are so difficult that they lie beyond any one position. As Voltaire once said: "Simple problems are either or, difficult ones are either **and** or."

We can choose to play the role of Pharaoh and harden our own hearts to those with whom we disagree. But we might also have to concede that our unwillingness to change our views is a form of enslavement. Elijah is a great example of the power we have to reconsider our views about others. If Elijah can grow and evolve, then any of us can. How different our world would be if we were willing to suspend judgment and reconsider our views of others. Let us work to open the door to Elijah and the possibility of turning our hearts to one another to find the answers to the difficult questions that we face in our time.

May we all be blessed with a wonderful, sweet and open Pesach!



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THE MUSIC PROJECT

Make your voice heard!

The Az Yashir Music Project is a synagogue-wide effort to create a vision for the future of music at Anshe Emet. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to shape our experience of music in new ways.

"Participating in the Az Yashir Task Force may be the most important thing I ever do at AES, because we are working to figure out what our community wants the **music, voice, and sound** of AES to be for years or even decades to come."

Marsha Nagorsky,
Az Yashir Task Force member

Questions? music@ansheemet.org

Learn more:
ansheemet.org/azyashir

Participate in the survey through April!
www.ansheemet.org/azyashir

Participants can enter to win a pair of Apple AirPods! See website for details.



AT ANSHE EMET, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Please help us show respect for Ben Rosenstein as we unveil the headstone he was denied. The community raised money through a gofundme campaign after learning of Ben from Noam Sienna, our Pride 2019 Scholar-in-Residence.



Join with the community in paying tribute, along with Noam, to Ben's memory.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CANTOR BERKE AT EBERKE@ANSHEEMET.ORG

Learn more about Noam Sienna's book, *A Rainbow Thread* on page 8.

Expand Your Joy with Your Anshe Emet Family

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Dear Friends,

It's generally believed that more Jewish families come together on Passover than on any other Jewish holiday. It's interesting in that it's a holiday that is more centered around the home than any other holiday. Yet Passover without some shul time is like gefilte fish without horseradish: they're both good, but one really benefits from the other.

This time of year is especially meaningful to me because so many major life events are jammed into just a few weeks. There are birthdays ranging from my mother (G-d willing, she'll be 98 on April 8th!), to my brother and my first grandchild. There's my wedding anniversary with Nancy. And there is a string of important yahrzeits including my very special father, my favorite aunt, my grandfather (who died during a seder), and my cousin.

I wish you a joyous and meaningful Passover.

You'll see a lot of me in April. I'll be at morning minyan for the yahrzeits and I'll be joining the community for the first aliyah on Shabbat mornings for many of these milestones. While they are deeply personal events and memories for me, acknowledging them with my special community eases the pain of the yahrzeits and enhances the joy of the smachot, the celebrations.

I wish you a joyous and meaningful Passover. Watch your fingers while you're chopping and grating! Enjoy being with your family. This year, I invite you to expand your joy by spending some time with your Anshe Emet family. I think you'll find, as I do, that it really adds to the experience.

Chag kasher v'sameach,




Anshe Emet believes that, although we're physically apart, we are together at heart!

To that end, we have compiled a number of resource information to help during this difficult time:

IN NEED?

If you need assistance during this difficult time, please let us know by completing [this form](#).

LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

If you would like to continue to do good during this time, please complete [this form](#) to help.

Plus, learn about the many community resources available to you:

- Lakeview/Lincoln Park Mutual Aid Network
- National Refugee Shabbat 5780/2020
- Virtual Activity/Engagement Resources
- Coping During These Times Crisis Assistance
- Virtual 12 Step Meetings
- SHALVA 24/7 Help/Crisis Line
- US Small Business Administration: Coronavirus Disaster Assistance
- Hotline for Concerned Illinois Residents

LEARN MORE AT
[ANSHEEMET.ORG/RESOURCES](https://ansheemet.org/resources)

HAZAK

FOR RETIRED ADULTS

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.

[Click here to join](#)

Meeting ID: 663 098 957
Contact Cantor Liz Berke for more information at
eberke@ansheemet.org



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

4th Monday of the month
Next meeting is April 27
6:30 PM at Anshe Emet

Please join us [online](#) for our monthly support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years.
Meeting ID: 170 885 666 | Password: 873909

Learn more at
ansheemet.org/bereavementgroup

Passover with Anshe Emet

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ANSHEEMET.ORG/PASSOVER

Wednesday, April 8 • Erev Passover, First Seder, Ta'anit Bechorot

7am • [Morning Minyan followed by Siyyum \(completion of study for First Born child\)](#)

Every year, on the eve of Passover, there is an obligation on firstborn children to have a fast day, expressing their gratefulness in being spared during the 10th plague which struck down the Egyptian firstborns. We celebrate a siyyum, or the completion of a significant amount of Torah study, which is followed by a celebratory meal in lieu of the fast. The annual siyyum is supported by the Jack Goldman Siyyum Fund. Jack Goldman was deeply immersed in Torah study, and specifically in his study of a page of Talmud every day (daf yomi), an incredibly challenging endeavor. We are so honored in our Anshe Emet community to celebrate the completion of study of the Talmudic Tractate Bava Kamma by Nathan Kasimer virtually following minyan on Wednesday morning. Yasher koach Nathan!

Thursday, April 9 • First Day of Passover, Second Seder

9:30am • [Passover Service with Rabbi Michael Siegel & Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi](#)

Friday, April 10 • Second Day of Passover

9:30am • [Passover Service with Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould & Cantor Elizabeth Berke](#)

6pm • [Shabbat/Passover Evening Service with Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould & Naomi Weiss Weil](#)

Saturday, April 11 • Third Day of Passover, Chol Hamoed

9:30am • [Shabbat Morning/Passover Service with Rabbi Michael Siegel & Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi](#)

8:30pm • [Omer and Havdallah with Rabbi David Russo & Cantor Elizabeth Berke via ZOOM](#)

Sunday, April 12 • Fourth Day of Passover, Chol Hamoed

8:30am • [Morning Minyan via ZOOM](#)
8:30pm • [Omer counting via ZOOM](#)

Monday, April 13 • Fifth Day of Passover, Chol Hamoed

7am • [Morning Minyan via ZOOM](#)
8:30pm • [Omer counting via ZOOM](#)



Tuesday, April 14 • Sixth Day of Passover, Chol Hamoed

7am • [Morning Minyan via ZOOM](#)
6pm • [Passover Evening Service with Rabbi David Russo & Cantor Elizabeth Berke](#)

Wednesday, April 15 • Seventh Day of Passover

9:30am • [Passover Morning Service with Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould & Cantor Elizabeth Berke](#)
6pm • [Passover Evening Service with Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould & Naomi Weiss Weil](#)

Thursday, April 16 • Eighth Day of Passover

9:30am • [Passover Morning Service with Rabbi Michael Siegel & Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi](#)
8:30pm • [Omer and Havdallah with Rabbi David Russo & Cantor Elizabeth Berke via ZOOM](#)

Friday, April 17

7am • [Morning Minyan via ZOOM](#)
6pm • [Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi David Russo & Cantor Elizabeth Berke](#)

Saturday, April 18 • Parasha Shemini

9:30am • [Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Michael Siegel & Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi](#)
8:30pm • [Omer and Havdallah with Rabbi David Russo & Naomi Weiss Weil](#)

FOOD OPTIONS TO HELP WITH PASSOVER

ONETable: Shabbat Together

Meaning can be made virtually and in small groups with the right intention and the right tools. Find a virtual Seder dinner or Shabbat Service through ONETable's Seder2020. [Learn more here](#)

Zelda's Catering for Passover

If you are in need of food, but don't wish to visit the grocery store, or are thinking of what to do for Passover, Anshe Emet and Zelda's Catering are here to help. Zelda's is providing food now through Passover. 10% of everything ordered from either menu will be donated to Anshe Emet. View menus here:
[Drive-up/Pick-Up Menu 2020](#)
[Passover Pick-up Menu 2020](#)

Sarah's Tent Kosher Food Market

Sarah's Tent is available for food purchases for Passover. To place a food order, please contact Karyn Meyers at kmeyers222@msn.com



Yom HaShoah Commemoration & Yellow Candle Program

Monday, April 20 • 6:30pm

This past January, we commemorated the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. As the years go by, fewer of our survivors are here to retell their stories and act as direct witnesses to that horror of the Holocaust.

Our responsibilities include our personally participating in remembrance ceremonies to help teach the next generations of that period of our history. Men's Club welcomes your attendance at Anshe Emet's Yom HaShoah Commemoration program, Monday evening, April 20th, at 6:30 pm. Our guest speaker is Father John Pawlikowski, who will discuss the Christian community's understanding of the Holocaust and their relationship to the Jewish community's continuing commitments to further enlightening our children and grandchildren about that time period.

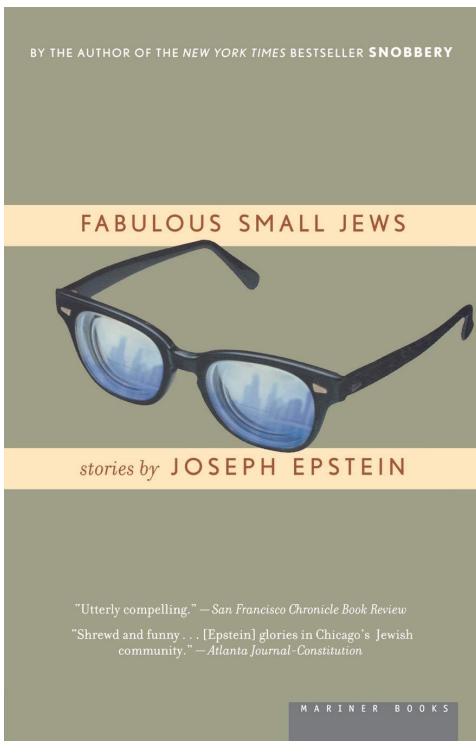
Yellow candles are being distributed to Men's Club members in the mail to light as memorials that evening at home and will also be available at the program itself. We encourage your personal contributions for these candles.

LEARN MORE AT
ANSHEEMET.ORG/MENSClub

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, Fran Abramson, Bruce Arenson, Chuck & Sara Aron, Izi & Shabbat Aviente, Barry Balik, Wendy Berger, Matt Bluestone, Pierre Chouchane, Marla Clayman, Janet Cohen, Sarah Davelaar, Judy Dobry, Meredith Dubner, Nate, Emma Dubner, Phil Dunn, Steve Durchslag, Norm Eckstein, Beth Farber, Emily Feder, Rhoda Feldman, Chuck Finkelstein, Rambo Gidey, Gail & Dan Golden,

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Anshe Emet Virtual Book Review: Fabulous Small Jews: Stories by Joseph Epstein

Sunday, April 12 • 10am

Led by Ron Hirszen & Susan Weininger

Joseph Epstein produced 18 charming, magical and finely detailed stories. They are populated by lawyers, professors, scrap-iron dealers, dry cleaners, all men of a certain age who feel themselves adrift in the radically changed values of the day. The first zoom session will focus on the first 9 stories.

Join via ZOOM here

Meeting ID: 531 538 1996

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Contact Amy Karp for more information: akarp@ansheemet.org



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:

Ben Abrams, Andrew Condrell, Art Friedson, Michael Goodgold, Deena Goodgold, Samantha Gorelick, Sarah Hirszen, Dalia Hoffman, Yanira Kaplan, Max Kleeberg, Ben Kleinman, Daphna Lender, Zoe Levitt, Debby Lewis, Ben Lichstein, Ava Lichstein, Max Liss, Rachel Luban, Naomi Margolis, Celia Pincus, Joe Platt, Sholom Sandalow, Lynne Schatz, Jonathan Schwartz, Rebecca Silverstein, Noa Stern Frede, Curt Weiss

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Youth Readers:

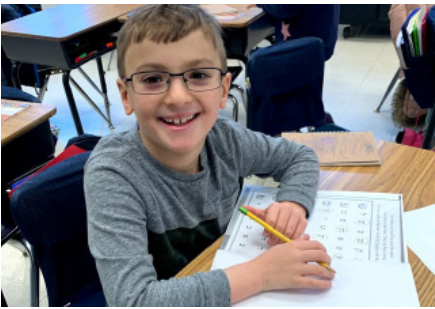
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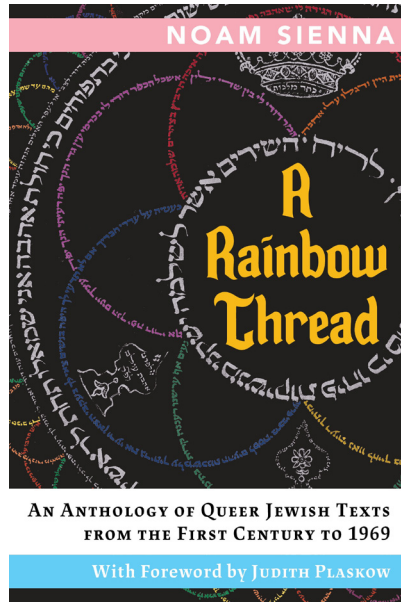
Neil Schwartz, Jonathan, Orli Schwartz, Barry & Elaine Seeskin, Don Shapiro, Eli, Eli Jr, Damian, & Talia Solano, Yedida Soloff, Daphna, Rob, Noah, Becky Stepen, Phil Stern, Greg Stern, Gabor Tarjan, Helen Ulman, David Weil, Douglas Wolf, Jeanette Zemsy, Pam Zerbinos

Join us for minyan **Monday**
thru **Friday** at 7am

Rosh Chodesh at 6:50am
Sundays & National
Holidays at 8:30am



PHOTOS OF OUR
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IN ACTION



A Rainbow Thread Study Session with Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould

Date and Time TBD

Join Rabbi Chankin-Gould for an in-depth discussion on Noam Sienna's book, *A Rainbow Thread*.

Contact Cantor Elizabeth Berke for more information:
eberke@ansheemet.org

Though we are physically apart, we are still together at heart!

Religious School

Emily Schoerning, PhD
The Grodzin Director of
Educational Innovation
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Dear Friends,

I want to share an important learning opportunity for parents and grandparents in our community. It is upsetting, unfortunate, and a reality that many of our children have experienced Anti-Semitism in public school this year. We are bringing in the ADL to speak with us about this



DR. LARA TRUBOWITZ, PH.D

Sunday, April 26 • 1pm-2pm

challenge, which is impacting children in congregations across the Chicago area. Dr. Lara Trubowitz, Ph.D, will help us learn about contemporary Anti-Semitism, how it impacts children, and how we can provide our children with an empowering and caring framework for responding to Anti-Semitism.

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[Join via Zoom here](#)
Meeting ID: 821 159 245

Dr. Trubowitz will be here on April 26 from 1pm - 2pm. I am glad for the chance to be able to learn from her. I hope you will join me, as we work to empower our community and our children to have these difficult and important conversations. We can provide a safe and caring space for all our kids to thrive!

Sincerely,
Emily



PHOTOS OF OUR
COOKING WITH THE STARS SERIES



Shabbat Neshamah

Friday, April 10 • 6pm

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

View via Livestream [here](#)
Contact Naomi Weiss-Weil
to learn more:
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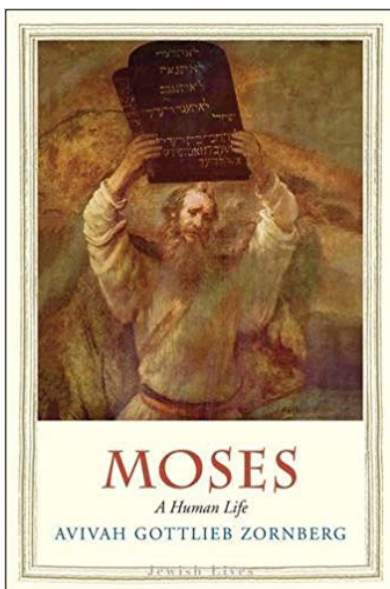
Virtual Yom HaShoah Program with Father John Pawlikowski: The Danger of Forgetting Amalek

Monday, April 20 • 6:30pm



A Wide Ranging Discussion
in honor of Yom HaShoah
between Father John
Pawlikowski and
Rabbi Michael Siegel.

View via ZOOM [here](#)
Contact Amy Karp for more
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Learn About Moses Between Passover and Shavuot with Tzivia Garfinkel

Date and Time TBD

The title of this remarkable book by Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg, *Moses: A Human Life*, encapsulates its essence. The Jewish community encounters Moses on a weekly basis in Torah readings beginning in Exodus and continuing through four of the five books of the Torah. And yet, in this revealing biography, Avivah Zornberg masterfully uncovers multiple layers of his identity by using a wide range of sources that go far beyond classic Jewish texts. As we read and discuss this book, we will come to know and appreciate the unique leader that is *Moshe Rabeynu* - Moses, our teacher. **SAVE 50% off + get free shipping** on the Jewish Lives biography, use code: **MOSESClub** at checkout. Purchase the book at: www.jewishlives.org/books/moses.

Contact Cantor Elizabeth Berke for more information:
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Celebrate with a gift to the Kiddush Luncheon Fund!

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Our Sincerest Condolences

The Anshe Emet Community expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of:

Caren Newman-Lawee
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Fredric S. Tatel D.D.S.
Joyce Cohen
Harriet Schab
Bertha Perlow
Henry Grossman

*May their memory
be for a blessing.*



Y.A.D. Matzah Pizza Competition

Entries can be made anytime through April 16

Enter the competition by posting a photo of your Matzah Pizza on Facebook, Instagram, or by emailing your photo to ikrandel@ansheemet.org.

If you are entering on social media, be sure to use the hashtag [#YADMatzahPizza](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/YADMatzahPizza/) and tag the YAD Instagram or Facebook Page.

Scoring will be based on creativity and presentation. Prize will be disclosed when the competition ends.

Contact Iris Krandel for more information at:
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