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Friends,

It is often said that the Jewish holidays are either early or late, but never on time. This year it feels especially true as we continue to struggle with a world-wide pandemic, social unrest, and economic uncertainty.

Yet, despite the significant health and societal challenges that we face, the High Holy Days are upon us. Beginning with the month of Elul, the Shofar is sounded and we are called to prepare for the New Year. The Anshe Emet clergy and staff are proud to present this full menu of programming to our community, filled with dynamic and thoughtful offerings designed to help you and your family get ready to experience the Yamim Noraim as we never have before.

Though we are physically apart, let us come together as a congregational family for what we pray will be a healthy, peaceful and joyous New Year!

Rabbi Michael Siegel

See all of our Elul programs at:
ansheet.org/holidays

Transliteration of the Prayer for the State of Israel:

Avinu sheh-bashamayim, tsur Yisrael v'goal, bareikh et m'dinat Yisrael reishit ts'michat g'ulateinu. Hagein aleha b'evrat chasdekha ufros aleha sukat sh'lomekha, ushlach or'kha va'amit'kha l'rasheha sareha v'yoatseha, v'tak'neim b'eitsa tovah mil'fanekha. Chazeik et y'dei m'ginei erez kodsheinu, v'hanchileim Eloheinu y'shua, va'ateret nit-sachon t'at'reim. V'natata shalom ba'arets v'simchat olam l'yosh'veha, v'nomar: Amen.



Shabbat Shalom and Welcome!

We welcome you to Anshe Emet Synagogue and hope that you enjoy our worship service. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself so we may welcome you and wish you Shabbat Shalom. Everyone is invited to join our community for Kiddush lunch following services.

Mission Statement

Anshe Emet Synagogue seeks to encourage involvement and create a special sense of belonging. We are committed to meeting the religious, educational, social, and cultural needs of our members within the framework of the Conservative Movement. In keeping with the teachings of Judaism and the spirit of Klal Yisrael, we recognize our responsibility to serve the Jewish community, the wider community and the state of Israel.

Michael S. Siegel • Senior Rabbi, Norman Asher Rabbinic Chair

Alberto Mizrahi • Hazzan Emeritus, Arnold H. Kaplan M.D. Cantorial Chair

David Russo • Rabbi

D'ror Chankin-Gould • Rabbi

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Parsha Summary

Shoftim • Judges

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Parashat Shoftim deals with the primary aims of authority in biblical Israel: judges, monarchs, priests, and prophets. The Israelites are to appoint magistrates and judges in each settlement, and these are commanded to show impartiality toward all cases and petitioners, being scrupulous to avoid any bribes. “Justice, justice shall you pursue” was to guide their deliberations and their procedures.

Three prohibited religious practices – setting up an asherah (pagan wooden pillar), sacrificing an animal with a mum (blemish), allowing an apostate to remain – interrupt the discussion of judges, perhaps to indicate the importance of serving God properly as the cornerstone to true justice. The Torah provides a system of referral, from a local court to a high court, to handle cases that the local court cannot decide. This biblical grant of authority to “the magistrate in charge at the time” and the mandate to “observe scrupulously all their instructions to you” so that “you must not deviate from their verdict” forms the basis for rabbinic authority to this very day.

The Israelites are permitted to establish a monarchy as they desire, but Moses places limits on the king’s authority and power. The only responsibility that Deuteronomy explicitly assigns the king is to write and study a copy of the Torah. Clearly, this monarchy was to be under the authority of the law, and answerable to it. The king’s wealth, stables, and harem were all limited so that “he will not act haughtily toward his fellows or deviate from the Torah.” The section dealing with the clergy establishes that the kohanim are to receive the offerings and sacrifices, from which they are to support themselves. The Torah then lists the specific portions they may rightfully claim. Finally, a Levite, no matter where in Israel he dwells, may claim the right to serve in the Temple. The prophet looms large in the Deuteronomic vision, and the book of Deuteronomy seeks to strengthen the authority and scope of the prophets. Alone of all biblical authorities, the prophet’s basis is a quotation from God, rather than Moses’ own words. The prophet is the heir to Moses himself. The parashah then restates the laws of the cities of asylum, establishes the law regarding intentional murder, and discusses the inviolability of boundaries and the law requiring not less than two witnesses. Chapter 20 establishes the laws of just warfare, limiting the extent to which the military can strike against civilians, who may be drafted, and the treatment of surrounding agriculture. Chapter 21 deals with a case of unsolved murder.

The Bedside Torah: Wisdom, Visions, and Dream
Rabbi Bradely Shavit Artson

Yahrzeits

We remember those of our Anshe Emet family who are no longer with us and whose Yahrzeits we observe this week.

May their memory be for a blessing.

Charles Ban
Sarah Baygood
Louis Bernstein
Regina Brandelstein
Gwendolyn Braver
Shirley Brenner
Ida Crown
Rena Dankovich
Pearl Elster
Solomon Emerman
Sidney Faber
Anna Finkel
Sarah Fox
Myra Gary
Harry George
Rose Ginsburgh
Paul Gold
Adrienne Goldberg
Florence Goldstein
Samuel Greenwald
Burton Grenrock
Harry Grossman
William Haase
Hannah Harrison
Morris Hill
Milton Holzman
Carol Hopkins
Henry Horn
Harry Hurwitz
Bessie Jaffe
Dr. Henry M. Karlan
Linda Karno
Adolf M. Klafter
Florence H. Kohn
Rachel Kramer
Rose E. Kubert
Bert Lazarus

Harry Leaf
Max Leon
Bella Lesser-Baila
Sidney Levitan
Esther Levy
Helen Liss
Nathan Maltz
Pepa Manishewitz
Philip Markman
Jules Nowell
Albert Pearlman
Nathan Perlstein
Lucie Plaut
Sylvea Pulik
Goldie Rapoport
Edna Rose
Leo Rosenbloom
Josephine Rubenstein
Bertha Sachs
Albert Samuelson
Ginger Schatz
Ben Zion Schnoll
John Schumman
Janet Schwartz
Harry Shaffer
Charlotte Solomon
Joseph Spak
Louis Tenenbaum
Harry Weil
Rose Weil
Morris Weinbaum
Sam Winick
Henry Witkowsky
Barbara Wolf
Rochelle Zell
Marilyn Zimmer
Betty Zoldan

Help Us Be There For You

Synagogue is a place where you want to feel at home, nourished, nurtured and spiritually fulfilled; a place where your soul, heart and head are touched. It is a place where you and your children feel a sense of relevance. It is a place where you are safe, where you are stimulated, and where you will find a welcoming community.

As part of this commitment, the clergy at Anshe Emet are here to help with Simchas and crises in your or your family's life. If you know someone who needs to speak with a member of our clergy, or if you want to add a name to the Mi Sheberach list, please contact Antoinette (Toni) Nuñez at **773-868-5120** or anunez@ansheemet.org. Names will be kept on the Mi Sheberach list for two weeks only unless otherwise specified.

Sincerest Condolences

It is with deep regret to inform you of these recent passings:

Donald Fogel, beloved husband of the **late Helen Louise Fogel**, *nee Williams*. Loving father of John Fogel and Julie (Matt) Roether. Adored grandfather of Cole and Quinn Roether. Cherished son of the late Yetta and the late Abe Fogel and son-in-law of the late Dorothy and the late Herman Williams. Dear brother of Anita Becker.

Mark Klitzky, age 97, of Chicago, beloved husband of the **late Helen**, *nee Lipkey*; loving father of Stephen (Arlene) Klitzky and Debra (Donald) Colby; adored grandpa of Robyn (fiancé Bobby Shane) Klitzky, Rebecca and Robert Colby; cherished brother of the **late Hyman (late Edithe)** and the late Benjamin (late Esther) Klitzky, late Sarah (late Emanuel) Tooredman and the late Figie (late Paul) Chapman; treasured uncle and friend to many.

The Anshe Emet community extends its deepest condolences these families at this difficult time. May they be comforted among the mourners in Zion and Jerusalem. Amen.



On-Line Bereavement Group Supporting our community in times of loss.

August 24 • 7:30pm • Anshe Emet

Please join us, every fourth Monday of the month, for our [online](#) support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years.

Meeting ID: 170 885 666 | Contact Tamar Brooks for Zoom Password: tbrooks@ansheemet.org

HaZaK • Mondays at 1pm

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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 • HAZZAN ELIZABETH BERKE

Visit ansheemet.org/zoom to join | **Meeting ID: 663 098 957**

Contact Cantor Liz Berke for Zoom password

and more information at eberke@ansheemet.org

Siman Tov U'Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to parents **Katie** and **J.R. Berger**, older brother, **Max**; proud grandparents **Robin** (the late **Louis Berger**) and **Mark Tebbe**; and Great Grandmother, **Meta (the late Ronald) Berger** on the newest addition to the family! James David Berger was born on Tuesday, July 14, weighing in at 9 lbs. 1 oz. Everyone has been home and doing very well.

The Anshe Emet community extends its heartiest congratulations to Katie, JR, Max and their entire families and a warm welcome to James David! May he grow up to attain Torah, Chuppah and Good Deeds! Amen.

TORAH READING PAGE NUMBERS IN ETZ HAYIM

DEUTERONOMY Chapters 16-40

1st Aliyah: p.1088, 16:18-16:20

2nd Aliyah: p. 1089, 16:21-17:7

3rd Aliyah: p. 1090, 17:8-17:10

4th Aliyah: p. 1091, 17:11-17:13

5th Aliyah: p. 1092, 17:14-17:17

6th Aliyah: p. 1093, 17:18-17:20

7th Aliyah: p. 1093, 18:1-18:5

Maftir: Deuteronomy p. 571, 40:34-40:38

Haftarah: p. 1291, Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ANSHE EMET?



THE PEN & THE YAD PODCAST FEATURING RABBI MICHAEL SIEGEL & JONATHAN EIG

Shoftim:
Who Judges Our Judges?

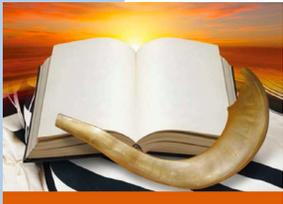
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HAVDALAH SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 • 9PM

This service, led by Hazzan Elizabeth Berke and will kick-off our Elul Evenings. [Join here.](#)

Meeting ID: 160 211 603



ELUL EVENINGS SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 - SEPTEMBER 17 • 8PM

In Elul, it is customary to recite Psalm 27 twice a day. Join with the community nightly to recite this Psalm, share a prayer for healing and have a brief learning, related to the upcoming High Holy Days. *There are no sessions on Friday evenings; Saturday evenings we will combined with our havdalah service.*



[Click here](#) to join.



IT'S A BEE'S LIFE WITH AES MEMBER LEONARD RAU SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 • 10:30AM

Join our very own Anshe Emet beekeeper, Leonard Rau, as he shows us his amazing collection of hives and discusses the process of making honey as we enter the sweetest of our Elul season.

[Click here](#) to join.

ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE



THIS IS THE FAST I HAVE CHOSEN WITH JOSEPH GITLER MONDAY, AUGUST 24 • 7PM

To share your bread with the hungry...

— Isaiah

How has Israel responded to those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic? Joseph Gitler is the Founder and Chairman of Leket Israel, the National Food Bank in Israel. He will help us answer that question.

[Click here](#) to join.



THE BIG SORRY: REFLECTIONS ON FORGIVENESS WITH RABBI MICHAEL SIEGEL AND DR. ERICA BROWN TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 • 7PM

Join us for this engaging discussion on the topic, The Big Sorry: Reflections on Forgiveness, led by Rabbi Michael Siegel and Dr. Erica Brown.

Dr. Erica Brown is an American writer and educator who lectures widely on subjects of Jewish interest and is scholar-in-residence for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, and a consultant to other Jewish organizations. Her "Weekly Jewish Wisdom" column has appeared regularly in The Washington Post.

[Click here](#) to join.



MEN'S CLUB: MEN, MEAT & MIDRASH WITH MILT'S TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 • 6PM

Join Rabbi Michael Siegel and your Men's Club friends in a lively Torah discussion, in-person and socially distanced, in the Anshe Emet parking lot.

Select from 3 kosher meal choices from Milt's Kosher BBQ when you register. Men's Club will provide beverages.

Limited to 40 participants.

\$20/per meal | Orders must be placed by August 26.

Meet at Anshe Emet in the parking lot at 6PM. *In the event of inclement weather, we will move the event indoors.*

[Click here](#) to join.

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