

# ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE

October 17, 2020 • 29 Tishri 5781

*Bereshit*

Mazel Tov to proud parents, Marsha and Brian Nagorsky, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Sam Nagorsky.

Please proceed to [WWW.ANSHEEMET.ORG/LIVESTREAM](http://WWW.ANSHEEMET.ORG/LIVESTREAM) to view our Shabbat morning service.



Tikkun Chicago Fall Trimester Registration  
Closes this Sunday Morning!  
**Register now!**

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The first 10 students registered will receive a Tikkun  
Chicago Swag care package!

## 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 nitsachon t'at'reim. V'natata shalom  
ba'arets v'simchat olam l'yosh'veha, v'nomar: Amen.*



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## 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

**Elizabeth Berke** • Interim Hazzan

**Naomi Weiss-Weil** • Ritual Director

**Art Friedson** • President

**Boni Fine** • Executive Director

**Established 1873**

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# Parsha Summary

## *Bereshit • In The Beginning*

### *Genesis 1:1 - 6:8*

Bereshit means beginnings, and that is the concern of this opening Torah portion, as it is of the book that bears its name, known in English as Genesis. Like many ancient religious narratives, the Bible begins with the creation of all that is, culminating in the creation of life on earth. Distinct to this telling, however, are two significant variations. Instead of creation as the result of a cosmic battle requiring great effort, the God of the Torah creates easily, simply by issuing a brief, effortless verbal command, "Let there be." The incomparable ease by which God summons the sun, moon, stars, water, sky, earth, and life into existence and that God does so without the aid or counsel of any other being marks this God as truly incomparable and unique.

The second distinctive feature of the Torah's creation account is that it culminates not with the creation of humanity as the servants of the deity and the building of a temple in which the deity can dwell, but with the cessation of all labor; hence, the creation of a Day of Rest – the Sabbath, Shabbat. That God's efforts should culminate in the gift of rest to the Jewish nation establishes a radical new reality. Made in God's image, human beings are free. And the fullest expression of their humanity is to be found in their freedom, demonstrated by leaving aside their chores and turning back to their God, to Torah, and to community.

At the end of the process of creation, God declares the cosmos, the world, and living things to be very good. In the Garden, humanity is given one solitary commandment – to not eat from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Enticed by the snake, first Eve and later Adam ate of the fruit, resulting in their moral responsibility, their expulsion from paradise, and their mortality. That mortality is immediately apparent as one of their sons, Cain, murders Abel and is doomed to wander. The parashah closes with the record of Adam's genealogy to Noah and the foreboding recognition that Adonai saw how great was man's wickedness on earth and how every plan devised by his mind was nothing but evil all the time.

**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.***

Irving Adelson  
Darwin Apel  
Abe Berenson  
Herman F. Bernstein  
Max Brill  
Julia Chapman  
Rebecca Crown  
Rosslyn Davidson  
Todd Davis  
Bertha Dubin  
Gustave Ebert  
Ruth Eglash  
Shirley Elstein  
Elizabeth Fox  
Nathan Fox  
Harold Frolkis  
Abraham Futransky  
Steve Gilbert  
Seena Glick  
Kenneth I. Goldman  
Nathan Goldsmith  
Harry Goldstick  
Rosaline Golub  
Michael M. Gordon  
Rose Katz Gorneau  
Elizabeth Grob  
Mark Harrison  
Sam Hauselman  
Sylvia Holtz  
Elsie Jacobs  
Sylvia Jacobson  
Sigmund Jokel  
Herbert Kahn  
Selma Koehler  
Marjorie E. Kulp  
Shmuel Kuzminsky  
Samuel Lee  
Sophie Leibovitz  
Muriel Leonard

Lillian A. Lewis  
Myron F. Lewis  
Gertrude Linn  
Philip London  
Henry Mages  
Stuart Milson  
Israel Mittelman  
Nathan Nanberg  
Lillian Pearson  
Michael Pinchuk  
Benamin Z. Posner  
Joseph M. Posner  
Sarah Proskowsky  
Pearl Reifel  
Etta Rosenthal  
Sonia Stern Rosenthal  
Rae B. Rotheiser  
Sidney Rubin  
Larry Salomon  
Nathan C. Samburs  
Charles Samsky  
Mark Sanford Levey  
Anna Schwartzberg  
Benjamin D. Seltzer  
Moses Shaoul  
Sara Shusterman  
Alexander Silverstein  
Geri Steinberg  
Adolph Stiglitz  
Helmut Strauss  
Harris Tash  
Linda Weber  
Dorothy P. Weisberger  
Morris Wexler  
Roger B Wilkenfeld  
David Wolin  
Fannie Zechman  
Joyce Zucker

### 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](mailto:anunez@ansheemet.org). Names will be kept on the Mi Sheberach list for two weeks only unless otherwise specified.



#### HAVDALAH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 • 7PM

Havdalah with Naomi Weiss-Weil.  
[Click here to join](#)  
Meeting ID: 160 211 063  
Password: 144222



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

**October 26 • 7:30pm • Via Zoom**

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](mailto: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, OCTOBER 19 • RABBI DAVID RUSSO**

Visit [ansheemet.org/livestream](https://ansheemet.org/livestream) to join | **Meeting ID: 663 098 957**  
**Contact Cantor Liz Berke for Zoom password**  
and more information at [eberke@ansheemet.org](mailto:eberke@ansheemet.org)



Registering to vote has never been easier or more convenient. You can register online, in person or by mail [here](#).

Want to avoid crowded polling places on Election Day? Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to Learn About Illinois' New Vote By Mail Law.  
2020 CENSUS: Be sure to take the 2020 Census [here](#).

### TORAH READING PAGE NUMBERS IN ETZ HAYIM

#### DEUTERONOMY Chapters 2-6

**1<sup>st</sup> Aliyah:** p. 12, 2:4-2:9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Aliyah:** p. 14, 2:10-2:19

**3<sup>rd</sup> Aliyah:** p. 16, 2:20-2:25

**4<sup>th</sup> Aliyah:** p. 17, 3:1-3:7

**5<sup>th</sup> Aliyah:** p. 20, 3:8-3:13

**6<sup>th</sup> Aliyah:** p. 20, 3:14-3:21

**7<sup>th</sup> Aliyah:** p. 23, 3:22-3:24

**Maftir:** p. 34, 6:5-6:8

**Haftarah:** p. 1216, I Samuels 20:18-20:42

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ANSHE EMET?

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

**Parsha Bereshit:**  
Finding God in the Order of Creation

Listen at: [Ansheemet.org/podcasts](http://Ansheemet.org/podcasts)



## EXPLORING A FORGOTTEN WORLD: A SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL JEWRY AS REVEALED IN THE CAIRO GENIZAH WITH RABBI SIEGEL BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 7PM

Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

This ancient-era version of reality TV gives you a front-row seat to the drama, gossip, legal transactions, and other daily intrigues – straight from the Middle Ages. This course brings to life an exotic era in Jewish history, revealing the inner thoughts of real-life characters exploring the daily interactions and behaviors of Jewish men, women and families living along the Mediterranean more than 1,000 years ago.

All of this has been uncovered through the discovery of a collection of worn-out scraps, text fragments, and documents from ancient times. Join us for a journey of intrigue and adventure! **Join Rabbi Michael Siegel as he leads this 10-Part series online, via Zoom. [Click here to register](#)**



## WINE, WOMEN AND WALKING WITH GOD with Anita Silvert

## SISTERHOOD'S WINE, WOMEN & WALKING WITH GOD SERIES WITH ANITA SILVERT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 7PM

Explore Jewish texts of Resilience, Reproach and Transition. Resilience – what keeps us strong, and helps us move forward after crises? Are we changed? Do we bounce back, or move forward?

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

**This program will continue on Wednesday, October 28 at 7pm.**



## REVISIT OUR CONVERSATION WITH BARI WEISS AND RABBI MICHAEL SIEGEL

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 7PM \*\*\*NEW DATE\*\*\***

Anshe Emet will replay the lecture shown on Yom Kippur with author and columnist, Bari Weiss. At the end of the lecture, there will be an open discussion with the congregation as a Q/A with Rabbi Siegel.

Bari Weiss is an American opinion writer and editor. Author of the best-selling book, *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*. From 2013 until 2017, she was an op-ed and book review editor at The Wall Street Journal. From 2017 to 2020, Weiss was an op-ed staff editor and writer about culture and politics at The

New York Times. [Click here to learn more and to join the conversation.](#)



## SOMETHING FOR US BONFIRE WITH HAVDALAH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 6:30PM

Join us for S'mores, Homemade Cider by Ben Harris, and Havdalah in the Anshe Emet Parking Lot. We can only accommodate the first 45 registrants. Be sure to dress warm! Social distancing/masks will be in effect. This program will be rescheduled in the event of rain.

\$5 / members  
\$15 / non-members

[Click here to register.](#)



## AN EVENING WITH AVI JORISCH, AUTHOR OF *THOU SHALT INNOVATE: STORIES OF ISRAELI INNOVATION AND INSPIRATION* THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 7PM

Avi Jorisch is the author of *Thou Shalt Innovate: Stories of Israeli Innovation and Inspiration*, which profiles wondrous Israeli innovations that are collectively changing the lives of billions of people around the world and explores why Israeli innovators of all faiths feel compelled to make the world better. This is the story of how Israelis are helping to feed the hungry, cure the sick, protect the defenseless, and make the desert bloom. Israel is playing a disproportionate role

in helping solve some of the world's biggest challenges by tapping into the nation's soul: the spirit of tikkun olam – the Jewish concept of repairing the world. *Registration is required. Zoom password will be provided upon registering. This program is in partnership with the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest. [Click here to register.](#)*