

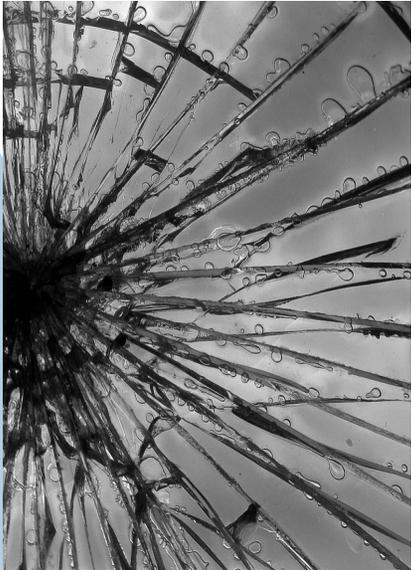
# ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE

NOVEMBER 7, 2020 • 20 Cheshvan 5781

Vayera

Mazel Tov to proud parents, Karie and David Katz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Juliette Katz.

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



## KRISTALLNACHT: Reflections for Today

*Anshe Emet Men's Club Invites  
All Congregants to Participate  
and Share Your Voices*

**When:** November 10 • 6:45pm – 8:30pm

**Where:** Your home via Zoom. Free to attend but registration is required by Sunday, November 8. Open to the first 100 registrants.

**What:** An evening to remember and reflect on the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht, the still-hard-to-grasp Nazi pogrom against Nazi Germany's Jewish citizens.

Rabbi Siegel will provide introductory remarks and then we will view a brief video highlighting Kristallnacht's major historical details. We will then break into small groups to share reactions on Kristallnacht and the Shoah and their relevance to contemporary Jewish society. **Please have a *yahrzeit candle handy, if possible, for the memorial service at the end of the program.***

**Register at:** [tinyurl.com/aeskristallnacht82](http://tinyurl.com/aeskristallnacht82)

## 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, ushlich 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  
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# Parsha Summary

VAYERA - He Saw

*Genesis 18:1 – 22:24*

As Abraham sits in the opening of his tent, he sees three men coming toward him. He offers them hospitality, they accept, and as the food is prepared they ask after Sarah. One of the guests tells Abraham that when he returns a year later, he will have a son. Overhearing this, Sarah, in one of the most famous moments of Genesis, laughs. "Is anything too wondrous for Adonai?" God—who is apparently one of the guests—responds. The focus of the scene abruptly changes, as God tells Abraham that he intends to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Rather than resign himself to God's announcement, Abraham argues with God against such collective punishment. God listens, and agrees not to destroy the cities if there are ten righteous people there. Two angels go to Sodom to warn Lot of the impending catastrophe; he invites them to stay, as the townspeople surround his house and demand that he surrender the guests to them for abuse and humiliation. Pleading with them not to violate his hospitality, Lot offers his daughters to the mob instead. But the angels pull Lot back inside, blinding the townspeople and protecting the daughters. Lot and his family flee as the cities are annihilated—and in one of the images that has come down through the ages, Lot's wife turns back, becoming, by doing so, a pillar of salt. The plains are destroyed. Convinced that they are the only humans to survive the destruction of the planet, Lot's daughters sleep with their intoxicated father in order that the human race should continue. One conceives Moab—ancestor of the Moabites (and later of Ruth)—and the other, Ben Ammi, ancestor of the Ammonites.

Once again, Abraham tries to pass his wife off as his sister, this time to King Abimelech of Gerar. Again God protects her, and Abraham and the king part amicably. As promised, Sarah conceives and bears Isaac. After an ambiguous incident, she insists that Abraham expel Hagar and Ishmael, demand that God tells Abraham to meet. Hagar and her son move to the wilderness of Paran. Abraham and Abimelech sign a friendship pact.

Now comes one of the most overwhelmingly difficult moments in whole of the Bible. God tests Abraham, telling him to sacrifice his son, "Isaac whom you love." The two proceed in silence for three days until they arrive at Mount Moriah. At the top of the mountain, Abraham builds an altar, straps his son onto it, and lifts the knife to slay his son. "Abraham, Abraham," calls an angel, interrupting him; "Hineni," responds the patriarch, "Here I am." The angel tells him not to harm the boy. Looking up, Abraham sees a ram caught in a nearby bush, and slaughters the ram in Isaac's stead. In response to Abraham's obedience to a commandment, God again promises to multiply Abraham's descendants and to give them Eretz Yisrael. "All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, because you have obeyed My commands," God tells him."

**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.***

Gita Abelskaya  
Hyman Adlerblum  
Morris Allweiss  
Eric C. Baum  
Celia B. Block  
Harriett Seam Block  
Harold "Hal" Block  
Yaakov Braver  
Edith Brill  
Minnie Charniss  
Fannie G. Cohen  
Theresa Cohn  
Ida Dannen  
Anne R. Dennen  
Mary Ehrlich  
Nora Entin  
Dr. Louis Feinberg  
Dean Frankel  
Jay Friedstein  
Dorothy Gans  
Lee Gethner  
Emily Klein Gidwitz  
Jacob Goldberg  
Anne Golden  
Jack Goldman  
Lucille Goldstein  
Lillian Goodman  
Mildred Grossman  
Jacob Hadesman  
Wayne Hanscom  
Anne Hellman  
Meta Hirsch  
Morton Hoffman  
Joseph Horrell  
Adolph Innerfield  
Rose Joffe  
Theodore Kahn  
Barbara Kamm

Ruth Kannof  
Jack Karchmar  
Anne Katz  
Aaron Kipnis  
Lillian Klapman  
David M. Leifer  
Sam Lieberman  
Sylvia Liss  
Rose Micon  
Lillian Miller  
Idabel Miller  
Maurice J. Missner  
Genia Oumansky  
Max Posner  
Dorothy Prohov  
Irene Rabinowitz  
Rose Reiter  
Mary Barth Rosen  
David Rothstein  
Ida Ryback  
Jay A. Schiller  
Abe Schnair  
Barbara Shapiro  
Harry Sher  
Harry Santley Shultz  
Abraham Siegel  
Mary Silvertrust  
Adolph Spagat  
Rose Spagat  
Anne W. Stein  
Leo Stein  
Jennie Steinberg  
Sadie Steinberg  
Loretta Weinberg  
Ted Willner  
Tessie Zalkin  
Edna F. Zemon

### 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.

### Siman Tov U'Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to proud grandparents, **Barbara Gressel** and **Gary Wigoda** on the newest additions to their family!

Lori Gross, Sam Gressel and older brother, Caleb of Stamford, CT welcomed Arielle Rose on Friday, October 16, while Amanda and Jaron Gressel and older sisters, Madalyn and Penelope of Phoenix, AZ welcomed Charlotte Joy on Tuesday, October 27. Everyone is home and doing well.

The Anshe Emet community extends its heartiest congratulations to Barbara, Gary and the entire Gressel/Wigoda family and warm welcomes to Arielle Rose and Charlotte Joy! May you both grow up to attain Torah, Chuppah and Good Deeds! Amen.



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

**November 23 • 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, NOVEMBER 9 • RABBI D'ROR CHANKIN-GOULD**

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)



*The Kiddush Club*



### THE KIDDUSH CLUB

**SATURDAYS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 14 AT 11:45AM**

Remember when we all ate Kiddush lunch together?

Remember standing in line for your tuna fish and bagel, sitting with your friends old and new, and just catching up on life?

Let's try it virtually—Anshe Emet Style—just bring your own lunch!

We will begin together before going into breakout rooms to chat and schmooze in smaller groups.

**SATURDAYS AT 11:45AM BEGINNING NOVEMBER 14.**

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### TORAH READING PAGE NUMBERS IN ETZ HAYIM

#### DEUTERONOMY Chapters 19 - 22

**1<sup>st</sup> Aliyah:** p. 109, 19:30-19:32

**2<sup>nd</sup> Aliyah:** p. 109, 19:33-19:35

**3<sup>rd</sup> Aliyah:** p. 109, 19:36-19:38

**4<sup>th</sup> Aliyah:** p. 20:1-20:4

**5<sup>th</sup> Aliyah:** p. 110, 20:5-20:8

**6<sup>th</sup> Aliyah:** p. 111, 20:9-20:14

**7<sup>th</sup> Aliyah:** p. 112, 20:15-20:18

**Maftir:** p. 121, 22:20-22:24

**Haftarah:** p. 124, II Kings 40:27-41:16

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ANSHE EMET?

Learn about more programs at [www.ansheemet.org/events](http://www.ansheemet.org/events)



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

**Parsha Vayera:**  
Standing Up for Justice

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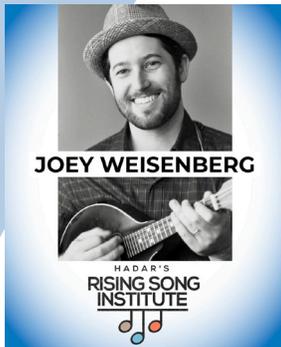


## HAVDALAH & YOUNG FAMILY HAVDALAH PARTY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • 5:30PM

Community Havdalah service led by Maxine Handelman, Rabbi Donni Aaron and Hazzan Elizabeth Berke, followed by Young Family Havdalah Party.

[Click here to join](#)

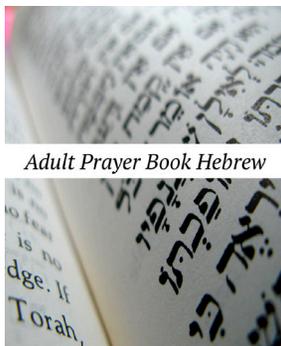
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## RISING SONG CIRCLE WITH JOEY WEISENBERG

Cantor Elizabeth Berke is forming a group to learn through resources available from the Rising Song Institute. We have a few people already subscribed, and will be meeting once a month to learn from each other, as we each go on our own journey with the materials – or maybe you will find a study partner or two to learn with! **When 10 or more people subscribe, Joey will host a FREE custom workshop for our group!** The library includes over 500 videos that cover: Singing Communities, The Art of the Nigun, The Torah of Music, Davening Artistry, Shabbat/Festival Nusach, High Holiday Nusach

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



## ADULT PRAYER BOOK HEBREW TUESDAYS AT 6:45PM

Join Ritual Director Naomi Weiss-Weil. The ability to decode Hebrew letters and vowels is a prerequisite for the class, which is designed to help new adult Hebrew readers gain reading fluency skills, introduce them to basic Prayer book vocabulary and grammar and increase familiarity with the Prayer book as a whole. **Fees apply.**

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



## KOL TZEDEK: A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON RACIAL JUSTICE WITH RABBI D'ROR CHANKIN-GOULD AND NICHOLE CARTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 2PM CT

Relationship is Everything: How a Collaborative Model of Leadership Might Bring Together Black and Jewish Communities to Fight Racism and Forward the Cause of Justice. Join Nichole Carter of Bright Star Community Outreach and Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould for an exploration of creating partnerships between the Black and Jewish communities.

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



## A ROSENBERG BY ANY OTHER NAME: A HISTORY OF JEWISH NAME CHANGING IN AMERICA WITH AUTHOR KIRSTEN FERAGLICH THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 7PM

This first history of name changing in the United States offers a previously unexplored window into American Jewish life throughout the twentieth century. *A Rosenberg by Any Other Name* demonstrates how historical debates about immigration, antisemitism and race, class mobility, gender and family, the boundaries of the Jewish community, and the power of government are reshaped when name changing becomes part of the conversation.

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



## GOD IN GOTHAM: THE MIRACLE OF RELIGION IN MODERN MANHATTAN WITH PROFESSOR EMERITUS, JON BUTLER, YALE UNIVERSITY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 7PM

Join the renowned Yale historian, Jon Butler, as he traces the flourishing of organized religion in Manhattan between the 1880s and the 1960s, revealing how faith adapted and thrived in the supposed capital of American secularism. In Gilded Age Manhattan, Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant leaders agonized over the fate of traditional religious practice amidst massive immigration, the anonymity of urban life, and modernity's rationalism, bureaucratization, and professionalization.

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