

ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE

May 8, 2021 • 26 Iyyar 5781

Behar-Bechukotai

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CELEBRATE SHAVUOT!

Saturday, May 15 - Tuesday, May 18

Join us for:

- [A Shavuot Rabbinic Panel with several Chicagoland Rabbis](#)
- [AES Young Family in-person Tikkun Lil](#)
- Livestream of *Seventy Faces of Torah*, a learning opportunity with the AES clergy
- In-person Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot ([learn about each learning session](#); [register for your preferred time slot](#))

[Click to learn more](#)

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

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Parsha Summary

Behar-Bechukotai · Mountain-In My Statutes Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

Behar begins with an entire chapter dealing with use and ownership of land, the rights and obligations of landowners, and the process of selling and mortgaging real estate. It also contains laws both about indebtedness and becoming an indentured servant as a way of repaying debts through work. The chapter also establishes the remarkable practice of Shemittah (sabbatical year), allowing the land to lie fallow every seven years, and the Yovel (Jubilee year), adding an additional cycle of rest every half century.

Providing coherence to these practices is God's assertion that "the land is Mine; you are but strangers resident with Me." Since God is the land's only true owner, our task is to maintain the land on behalf of its true owner. As a sign of God's dominion, the people are commanded to "proclaim liberty throughout the land, and to all the inhabitants thereof."

This parashah constitutes an epilogue to the Holiness Code, hence to the entire Book of Leviticus. Composed of neither legal nor ritual language, instead Bechukotai expands on the blessings that are experienced by the community that adheres to the teachings just concluded, the curses which emerge for those who violate these teachings, and a final conclusion.

The blessings for the observant community include peace and prosperity, a bountiful population, and victory over the nation's enemies. The blessings conclude with an affirmation of the covenant binding God and the Jews, and the eternity of that covenant: "I will establish my abode in your midst, and I will not spurn you. I will be ever present in your midst: I will be your God, and you shall be My people."

The curses follow, an escalating outpouring of ever more dire consequences. Each cycle of disobedience unleashes a heightened cycle of consequences – military defeat, disease, ravages of wild beasts, famine, death, and exile. At its height, however, the cycle is broken by hope and love: "Yet, even then, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or spurn them so as to destroy them, annulling My covenant with them: for I the Lord am their God."

After this powerful conclusion, chapter 27 appears like an appendix, dealing with the important (from a priestly perspective) issue of funding the sanctuary, its services, and its clergy.

The book ends with an affirmation: "These are the commandments that the Lord gave Moses for the Israelite people on Mount Sinai."

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.

Earl Agulnik
Hyman Arbetman
Jean Bachman
Robert Barney Banzuly
Rupert Barkoff
Philip Barth
Emanuel Bennett
Barbara Berger
Pearl S. Cassman
Nathan Chapman
Wilma Chapman
Gustavo Cudkowicz
Morton Engle
Sarah Fields
Isadore Gentner
Fan B. Gershow
Lottie K. Glazier
Myra Goldberg
Rabbi Solomon Goldman
Lt. Burton Goldstein
Isaac Groner
Ralph Horwich
Jeannette Horwitz
Iva Wolf Isan
Moses C. Jacobs
Herman N. Kamin
Leo Klenfeld
Lawrence Kohn
Kay Kuperman
Fred Lawson
Solomon Lazar
Ilene Leon

Irving Levin
Rose Lipschitz
Jean L. Maier
Max Meltzer
Jacob Moscowitz
Henry Opad
Esther Persky
Abram Petlack
Philip Phillipson
Sydney Pulik
Mickey Pure
Eli A. Resnick
Ida Rissman
Jack J. Rossan
Frank G. Rotheiser
Abraham Isaac Ruttenberg
Isaac Sandroff
Lillian Schwartz
Jack H. Sills
Dora Silvertrust
Anna Simon
Barbara Smith
Gail Smolen
Yaakov Spitzberg
Rabbi Dr. Nathaniel Stampfer
Jacqueline Strilky
Yetta Weinstein
David Wexler
Isacc Widman
Ruth Wolf
Allen Woloshin
Harry Zik

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.

Siman Tov U'Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to proud grandparents, **Adrienne** and **Neil Schwartz** and their son and daughter in-law, Simcha and Jen Schwartz on the newest addition to their family!

Emet Tzion Myzel-Schwartz was born on April 24 at 8:05 pm, weighing in at 5 lbs., 9 oz., and measuring 18.5 in. long. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing very well and are home in Sebastopol, CA where they reside.

The Anshe Emet community extends its heartiest congratulations to Adrienne, Neil, Simcha and Jen and a warm welcome to Emet Tzion! May he grow up to attain Torah, Chuppah and Good Deeds. Amen.



SERENITY SHABBAT WITH DR. BETH FISHMAN FRIDAY, MAY 21 AT 6PM

Dr. Beth Fishman will give the D'var Torah on May 21 in honor of "Serenity Shabbat", a Shabbat throughout Chicago focused on addiction and recovery in the Jewish community.

All are welcome to [join our livestreamed service](#).

Beth Fishman, Ph.D. has worked with individuals and families impacted by a wide range of substance use disorders and other addictive behaviors for over 25 years. Dr. Fishman is the Program Manager of addiction services at JCFS Chicago. In this capacity she offers education and support to Chicagoland Jews in recovery and their allies, and helps synagogues create safe, welcoming sacred space for individuals at risk and in recovery. She has championed and published on the need for Jewish organizations to open their buildings to 12 Step and other recovery meetings. Supporting the healing of adults raised in families with parental addiction is one of her areas of specialty. Dr. Fishman is licensed as a Clinical Psychologist by the State of Illinois.

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, MAY 10 • HAZZAN ELIZABETH BERKE

Visit ansheemet.org/livestream to join | **Meeting ID: 822 3547 8843**
Contact Cantor Liz Berke for Zoom password
and more information at eberke@ansheemet.org



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

May 24 • 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

TORAH READING PAGE NUMBERS IN ETZ HAYIM

LEVITICUS Chapters 25-27

1st Aliyah: p. 744, 25:39-25:43

2nd Aliyah: p. 744, 25:39-25:43

3rd Aliyah: p. 744, 25:44-25:46

4th Aliyah: p. 744, 25:47-25:54

5th Aliyah: p. 745, 25:55-26:2

6th Aliyah: p. 747, 26:3-26:5

7th Aliyah: p. 748, 26:6-26:9

8th Aliyah: p. 748, 26:10-26:46

Maftir: p. 756, 27:32-27:34

Haftarah: p. 763, Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

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Parsha Behar-Bechukotai:
Liberty: American or Biblical Style

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SISTERHOOD PRESENTS: A JOURNALIST'S PERSPECTIVE: THE FIRST 112 DAYS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TUESDAY, MAY 11 AT 7:30PM

The Anshe Emet Sisterhood is proud to welcome, Lynn Sweet, the Washington Bureau Chief for the Chicago Sun-Times. She appears frequently on CNN and other outlets as an analyst. Sweet has a master's from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and an undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley. She also attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Sweet is a former fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics. Sweet is in Northwestern University's Medill Hall of Achievement and was named by Washingtonian Magazine as one of the capital's "50 Top Journalists". [Click here to register.](#)



WELCOME ARTIST, BERIT ENGEN THURSDAY, MAY 13 AT 7PM

As we approach the festival of Shavuot and read the Megillah Ruth, we are thrilled to host a program that ties the beauty of tapestry with the biblical story of the season. Join fine art weaver, Berit Engen for an evening examining her linen yarn tapestry series, *Inspired by M'gillat Rut: The Beauty of Biblical Minimalism*.

The program will be supplemented with musical pieces by Hazzan Liz Berke. [Click here to register.](#)

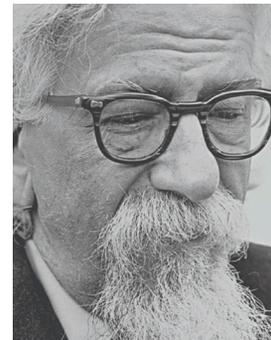
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WELCOME CHEF AND AUTHOR, MICHAEL TWITTY WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 AT 7PM

An inspired food writer, independent scholar, culinary historian and TED speaker, Michael Twitty makes no bones about the complexity of his identity. Black, devoutly Jewish and openly gay, Twitty is a man with a mission on a journey to bring our diversity to the table and demonstrate how our food connects us. And, indeed, with his creative hybrid specialties like black-eyed pea hummus, mac 'n' cheese kugel and matzo ball gumbo, Twitty continues to carve a unique culinary

niche that merges the elements of African American/Southern Antebellum and Jewish cuisine. [Click here to register.](#)



HESCHEL: AN INSIDE LOOK AT GOD IN SEARCH OF MAN: WONDER, FAITH AND REVELATION THURSDAY, MAY 20 AT 7:30PM

This three-part class (once a month) will focus on themes found in Heschel's book, *God in Search of Man*, which articulates a belief in a personal God who sees humankind as partners in creation. Each session will be led by an AES rabbi as a discussion amongst the three of them for the first 20 minutes, followed by breakout sessions with each Rabbi leading a room for 20 minutes, and finishing together at the end for a summary that

will give a functional application to daily life. **This session will be led by Rabbi Russo will focus on "Revelation: What God Demands of Us"**

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



ISRAEL UPDATE: THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS & THE STATE OF CURRENT AFFAIRS WITH DR. DANIEL ASCHHEIM MONDAY, MAY 24 AT 7PM

Daniel Aschheim, Ph.D, has served as Consul for Public Diplomacy at the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest since September 2020. Dr. Aschheim will discuss the Abraham Accords—the joint normalization agreement between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States—as well as other Israel current affairs. This program is part 2 of a 2-part series on Israel Then and Now, and is brought to us by the Anshe Emet

Men's Club. [Click here to register.](#)