

# **AES***update*

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# Welcome Home!



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**T**t is probably not all that surprising to Learn that I look forward to the holidays every year. There is something about the hope and optimism that accompany the new year, but for me, it is the experience of our entire community coming together that makes it so special. This year, I find myself looking forward to the holidays with even greater anticipation. The surrealistic nature of last year's services, with just a handful of people in our sanctuary, leaving Hazzan Mizrahi and me to imagine a congregation on the other side of a camera lens, stays with me. While it is something that I hope to never repeat, our COVID High Holy Days did serve as an unmistakable reminder of the powerful blessing of community, and that our congregation was not bound to the walls of the synagogue. For me, the shofar blasts this year are more than a call to Teshuvah. They go beyond the traditional words, Bruchim Ha-Baim - Blessed are those who come, and trumpet out to our congregational family: Welcome Home.



The letter *beit*,  $\supseteq$ , which serves as the first letter of Bruchim Ha-Baim, actually means "home". Our Rabbis examine the letter and note that it is made up of three sides and is open on one end. One explanation for this is that the creation of a true home is not only dependent on what occurs inside but on the way in which people are welcomed into the space. Our Anshe Emet community seeks to be the physical embodiment of that letter beit. Through the good work of our Kadimah! Task Force, we have identified a number of new programs for strengthening the bonds of community and given thought to how we can make our physical space more welcoming. Led by Howard Tullman, we have been hard at work remodeling the interior of our building to welcome people into a redesigned entryway in time for the holidays. There will be new seating areas and even a coffee bar to encourage people to spend a moment with old friends and take the opportunity to make new ones during the course of the year. We believe that our building should communicate the lesson of the letter beit as we welcome our community home.

Our remarkable staff has been planning every aspect of the holidays, with opportunities to prepare during the month of Elul; a variety of community gatherings for people of all ages; and, of course, services whose beauty, power, and accessibility will appeal to every member of our congregation. We have worked hard to develop our technology to ensure that whether you choose to join us in person or participate with us virtually, the experience will be both uplifting and meaningful. We are blessed with devoted lay leadership led by Dani Lazar, our new synagogue President. Finally, it will be our honor to welcome Rachel Brook as our Senior Hazzan as she ushers in a new era of prayer and music for our congregation. All of us look forward to welcoming our congregational family to our *Beit Knesset*, our congregational home.

As this difficult year comes to an end and a new one begins, Janet and I, along with the clergy and staff of Anshe Emet, wish you and your families a *Shana Tova U'Metukah* - A good, sweet, and happy year.

#### High Holy Day Issue

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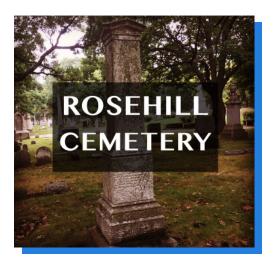
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Photos from our June 30<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream with the Anshe Emet Team event, where we enjoyed delicious Good Humor ice cream and seeing familiar faces, in person!





For several years, Rabbi Siegel recognized a growing need in the community for Jewish gravesites within the city. In response, Anshe Emet, through its Endowment Fund, purchased 40 plots at Rosehill Cemetery in 2018. Those plots sold very quickly and with just a few remaining, the Endowment Fund has now purchased an additional 40 plots available to congregants to purchase.

Founded in 1859, Rosehill Cemetery is the largest-and one of the oldercemeteries in the city of Chicago. Located in the North Ravenswood neighborhood, the park comprises 350 acres of beautifully manicured grounds that encompasses peaceful lakes, green gardens and decades of history. An architectural wonder, the Rosehill Cemetery Gatehouse dates back to 1864 and was designed by famed architect William Boyington, who also designed the Chicago Water Tower, one of the city's most recognizable historical landmarks. Unfortunately, many of the buildings designed by Boyington were destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and the Gatehouse is one of the few Boyington prefire buildings that remain. Rosehill Cemetery is also known for the many Civil War soldiers who are buried there. The Civil War section sits near the main entrance and pays tribute to the lives lost in this historic American war. Tours of the property are available and we encourage you to visit.

If you are interested in learning more about purchasing plots in the Anshe Emet section at Rosehill, please contact Mimi Weisberg at (773) 868 – 5123 or <u>mweisberg@ansheemet.org</u>.

# The Importance of *5782gether!*



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#### Dear Friends,

There was an article a few weeks ago in the NY Times about the idea of "collective effervescence". Collective Effervescence is a term coined by sociologist Émile Durkheim to capture the idea of what it means when groups – especially religious groups – come together. While much of our life is spent in individual activity, there are times when a community (or society) comes together and participates in the same activity or communicates the same thought. This causes "collective effervescence" which, per Durkheim, excites individuals and serves to unify the society or community.

I can think of no better way to describe where we are right now. As I reflect on 5781 and think of all the words that have been used to describe this past year, the one I turn to the most is community. It is our community at Anshe Emet that has kept me – and many of you – whole. While we haven't always been able to be together in person, the staff and clergy at Anshe Emet have been able to find new ways for us to connect and to stay engaged. From phone calls to Zoom services to on-line learning to outdoor minyan and activities, their strong commitment to community has allowed us to stay together. While we aren't quite through the woods yet, thanks to science, medicine, and public health measures, we ARE able to welcome people back together in person (with some provisions, of course).

Over the past month, I have had the pleasure of being in person at services. Listening to Rabbi Siegel give a D'var Torah and communicate with Cantor Berke as she led us through davening was nothing less than thrilling. I have had the opportunity to participate face-to-face in smaller events with Rabbi Russo and Rabbi Chankin-Gould - to learn how to create a more expansive definition of community. Now, as we enter the season of Elul and our Holy Days, we welcome Cantor Rachel Brook and look forward to the beauty of her voice leading us in collective prayer.

It is a wonderous thing to come together again. Not just to pray and sing together, but to simply be with people and not use a screen. The energy when this happens is palpable. This is – indeed – collective effervescence.

Welcome Home to Anshe Emet!

Danielle Layar

AES Events learn more at ANSHEEMET.ORG/ EVENTS



This High Holy Day season, Anshe Emet is conducting DONATION DRIVES for two fantastic organizations in the Chicago area: I GROW CHICAGO and THE ARK.

Please bring your donations to Anshe Emet Monday, September 6 and Thursday, September 16.



CHICAGO CHICAGO Supports households across the Englewood

neighborhood of Chicago to help their neighbors deal with the poverty and violence that they face every day and to teach them how to thrive, not just survive. Their current needs are:

#### Bleach

Soap Detergent Liquid Hand Soap Sanitary Napkins (not Tampons) **Disinfectant Spray** Brillo Pads/ Sponges Laundry Pods (not Detergent) Gloves Adult Masks Individually Wrapped Toilet Tissue **Air Freshener Spray Disinfectant Wipes Baby Wipes** Diapers (Only sizes 4, 5, and 6) Deodorant Bar Soap Toothpaste Toothbrushes **Hygiene Spray** 



The ARK cares for more than 4,000 people every year from all facets of the Chicagoland

Jewish Community. They are seeking donations of non-perishable food, including:

Barilla pasta sauce (vegetarian) Green Giant canned vegetables Applesauce Canned fruit Canned tuna Vegetable oil Olive oil Canned beans Vegetarian baked beans Quinoa Peanut butter ⋗

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# HIGH HOLY DAYS STREEmet Synagogue



#### FOR FULL HHD INFORMATION VISIT: ANSHEEMET.ORG/HIGHHOLYDAYS

#### **HHD INFORMATION**

This year Anshe Emet will hold in person services in the following spaces: Main Sanctuary, Blum Community Hall, 4th Floor Bernard Zell Gym (for Malkov Chapel-Style services). The main Sanctuary and Malkov Chapel-Style services will also be available for viewing via livestream with closed captioning on the AES website.

#### PARKING

The Anshe Emet parking lot is reserved for people who display a valid handicap placard for the State of Illinois. Due to several Chicago Cubs games, we will not be able to offer parking at Halsted Flats. We suggest using public transportation, Spothero, Lyft or Uber.

#### BABYSITTING

We hope you take advantage of our Young Family and Teen services, as well as our newly created Family services. We also will be offering some pre-recorded options for families who choose to stay home.

This year, due to COVID restrictions, babysitting will not be provided.

#### SANCTUARY

#### SELICHOT

SATURDAY AUGUST 28 7:45PM - 8:15PM • Selichot Reception 8:15PM - 9:15PM • Program: "Honoring Our Heroes in Healthcare" (livestreamed) 9:30PM - 10:30PM · Selichot Sanctuary Service Led by AES Clergy (livestreamed) 10:30PM - 11:30PM · Selichot Malkov-Style Service with Joey Becker

#### **EREV ROSH HASHANAH**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 6:45PM • Mincha (in 4<sup>th</sup> floor Bernard Zell Day School Gym) 7PM • Ma'ariv (livestreamed and closed captioned)

#### **ROSH HASHANAH • DAY ONE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 8:30AM • Shacharit Service (livestreamed and closed captioned) 9:45AM • Torah Service, Shofar, Sermon and Musaf (livestreamed and closed captioned) 5PM · Tashlich and Mincha at the Waveland Park Clocktower

#### **ROSH HASHANAH • DAY TWO**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 8:30AM · Shacharit, Torah Service, Sermon and Musaf (livestreamed and closed captioned)

#### KOL NIDRE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 6:15PM • Sanctuary Service (livestreamed and closed captioned)

#### YOM KIPPUR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 8:30AM · Shacharit Service (livestreamed and closed captioned) 10AM • Torah Service, Sermon and Musaf followed by Yizkor Led by AES Clergy (live streamed and live captioned) 3PM · Break with Learning Opportunity 4:45PM • Mincha (livestreamed and closed captioned) 6PM • Neilah (livestreamed and closed captioned) 7:40PM • Shofar (livestreamed and closed captioned)

#### MALKOV CHAPEL-STYLE SERVICES\*

\* - All Malkov Chapel-Style services

will take place in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor gym

of the Bernard Zell Day School

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#### **KOL NIDRE**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 5:45PM · Doors Open 6:25PM · Mincha (livestreamed) 6:40PM · Kol Nidre Service (livestreamed) 7PM • Ma'ariv (livestreamed)

#### **YOM KIPPUR**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 8:30AM · Shacharit Service (livestreamed) 9:45AM • Torah Service, Sermon and Musaf (livestreamed) 10:30AM · Yizkor (livestreamed) 5:15PM · Mincha (livestreamed) 6:30PM · Neilah (livestreamed) 7:40PM · Shofar (livestreamed)

#### **BLUM COMMUNITY HALL**

#### **ROSH HASHANAH · DAY ONE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 8:30AM · Shacharit Service (in Main Sanctuary) 9:45AM • Torah Service, Shofar, Sermon and Musaf (choir and instrumentation) 5PM • Tashlich and Mincha at the Waveland Park Clocktower

#### **KOL NIDRE**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 6:30PM • Blum Service (choir and instrumentation)

#### YOM KIPPUR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 8:30AM · Shacharit Service (in Sanctuary) 10AM • Torah Service, Sermon and Musaf followed by Yizkor Led by AES Clergy (choir and instrumentation) 3PM • Break with Learning Opportunity 4:45PM • Mincha (in Main Sanctuary) 6PM • Neilah (in Main Sanctuary) 7:40PM • Shofar (in Main Sanctuary)

#### FAMILY & TEEN SERVICES

#### (check web for locations)

ROSH HASHANAH · DAY ONE · TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 8:45AM • Young Family Service for Children in 1st to 5th Grade 10:30AM • Teen Minyan & Service 11:30AM · Teen Learning and Tashlich at the Lake 3PM • Young Family Service for Children in 1st to 5th Grade

ROSH HASHANAH · DAY TWO · WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 8:45AM • Young Family Service for Children in 1st to 5th Grade

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# *Religious School 2021/22* Registration Now Open!

#### We don't just teach Hebrew, we nurture a growing Jewish soul.

Our children learn Hebrew, Bible, holidays, and Jewish values, but included in our curriculum are sessions in art, music, dance, drama, and more. Our students experience their Jewishness through all their senses. We invite you to come and see for yourself. The Joseph & Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School offers...

at 773.868.5131 or lorenstein@ansheemet.org

for more infomation or to discuss your family's needs.

Please contact Laurie Orenstein

- The chance to be part of a thriving, progressive-and inclusive-Conservative congregation on Chicago's bustling north side
- A welcoming, professional, and experienced faculty
- A special-needs expert on staff, available to work with students with a range of gifts and challenges
- The expertise of our esteemed clergy

## Thank you tutors!

Thank you to all the Anshe Emet teens who volunteered as tutors with the **YOU Tutoring program**. Tutors worked remotely, once a week, with 3rd-5th grade students in the **Bright Star Community Outreach** after-school program. Not only did our tutors show responsibility and dedication, they made some great new friends along the way.

Sella Alperin
Benjamin Deutsch
Max Gilbert
Ella Goodman
Eytan Lanski
Myles Levine
Evan Lufrano

Ben Portnoy Sarah Portnoy Zach Portnoy Iris Rau Adelaide Samson Hannah Tatel Lucy Vogel

### HaZaK: Senior Learning

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.

- 8/2 Elie Berkman
- 8/9 Elie Berkman
- 8/16 Cantor Elizabeth Berke

Meeting ID: 663 098 957 | Password: Hazakclass

Join us Mondays at IPM by visiting: ANSHEEMET.ORG/LIVESTREAM

Contact Hazzan Berke for more information: EBERKE@ANSHEEMET.ORG

8/23 - Naomi Richman 8/30 - Miron Hirsch

### Online Bereavement <u>Gro</u>up

#### AUGUST 23 7:30PM via Zoom

Please join us online for our monthly support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved on within the past two years.

Learn more and join us at: ANSHEEMET.ORG/ BEREAVEMENTGROUP

# Siman Tov U'Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to these families who have welcomed newborns in the past few months:

Weiss Family Kruger-Rosenblatt Family Balik Family Schwartz Family Shulan Family Kanter Family Lechter Family Zinkow Family Campion-Zaretsky Family Baumgarten Family

# Sincerest Condolences

Anshe Emet expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of:

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# Misheberach List

If you would like to have a name placed on the *misheberach* (prayer for healing) list, contact **Antoinette Nunez**. Names will be kept on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

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