

ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE

August 14, 2021 • 6 Elul 5781

Shoftim

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B'ruchim Habaim
Welcome Back ברוכים הבאים



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RENEWAL INFORMATION!

Renew your membership or join today at
ansheemet.org/becomeamember

If you have any questions
during the renewal process, contact Amy Karp at
773.868.5139 or akarp@ansheemet.org.

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

Rachel Brook • Senior Cantor, The Arnold H. Kaplan, M.D. Cantorial Chair

David Russo • Rabbi

D'ror Chankin-Gould • Rabbi

Elizabeth Berke • Hazzan Sheini

Alberto Mizrahi • Hazzan Emeritus

Danielle Lazar • President

Boni Fine • Executive Director

Mimi Weisberg • Assistant Executive Director

Established 1873

Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

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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
William Bartenes
Louis Bernstein
Rebecca Block
Gloria Chappe
Naomi Cohen
Norman Crandus
Anutza David
Sidney Faber
Anna Finkel
Samuel Fox
Bertha Gell
Samuel Greenwald
Rolf Gross
Emanuel Hecht
Morris Hill
Helen Holleb
Nat Holleb
Carol Hopkins
Fannie Innerfield
Isadore Irving Resnick
Adella Jacobs
Hyman Jacobs
Linda Karno
Rae Kovitz
Rachel Kramer
Ida Lans
Max Leon
Raanan Liebermann
Adele Luloff
Pepa Manishewitz
Katherine Mendelson
Ruth Metzger
Patti Kelman Mintz

Bella Olesh
Norma S. Packer
Felix Pathman
Lucie Plaut
Sylvea Pulik
Bessie Regent
Fanny Alter Remetier
Isaac Reskie
Meyer Rosenberg
Josephine Rubenstein
Joseph Russo
Bertha Sachs
Frieda Sacks
Richard Saul
Ginger Schatz
Ben Zion Schnoll
Muriel P. Schulman
Janet Schwartz
Elizabeth Serlin
Harry Shaffer
Sidney Shapiro
Betty Sher
Jack Siegel
Andres Simon
Elinor Gersho Smith
Goldye Taustein
Pinkus Veytsman
Harry Weil
Rose Weil
Ruth Weisman
Meryl Suzanne Weiss
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.



THE ANSHE EMET CARING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for two to three volunteers to make regular, friendly visits with homebound members of our community who live near the synagogue. If you are available and interested or simply would like more information about the visits, please contact **Julie Ann Sklaver** at ja7sklaver@gmail.com.

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 16 • CANTOR 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.

August 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

TORAH READING PAGE NUMBERS IN ETZ HAYIM

DEUTERONOMY Chapters 18-21

1st Aliyah: p. 1094, 18:6-18:8

2nd Aliyah: p. 1095, 18:9-18:13

3rd Aliyah: p. 1095, 18:14-18:17

4th Aliyah: p. 1096, 18:18-18:22

5th Aliyah: p. 1097, 19:1-19:7

6th Aliyah: p. 1098, 19:8-19:10

7th Aliyah: p. 1099, 19:11-19:13

Maftir: Deuteronomy p. 1106, 21:7-21:9

Haftarah: p. 1108, Isaiah 51:12-52:12

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ANSHE EMET?

Learn about more programs at www.ansheemet.org/events



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

Parashat Shoftim:
Aligning Judges and Judgment

Listen at: ansheemet.org/podcasts



SHIREINU: ANSHE EMET CHOIR

Anyone who is interested in singing and having some fun, you are invited to join our weekly choir session, **every Thursday at 5:15pm.**

Learn more at ansheemet.org/choir



**VOLUNTEER WITH YAD
AT SHARE OUR SPARE**
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18
5:30PM - 7:30PM

Looking to give back and do some good?

Space is Limited!
RSVP Required

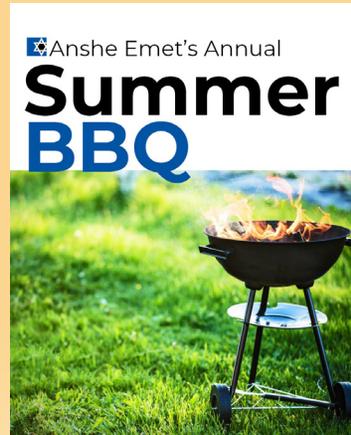
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AES BIKE CLUB
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22
8:30AM

Join us for a trio of bike rides scheduled in August and September with the newly formed AES Bike Club.

ansheemet.org/bikeclub



AES ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22
5PM-7PM

Join us for our annual BBQ! Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, impossible burgers and more. New members and children under 4 are free!

ansheemet.org/summerbbq

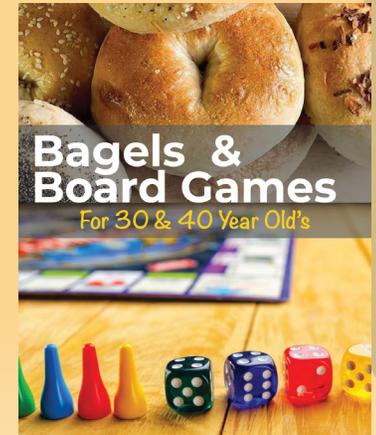


**WELCOME,
DR. RON WOLFSON**
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24
7PM

Join Anshe Emet as we welcome the premier Jewish educator, Dr. Ron Wolfson as he discusses his newest book, Raising A+ Human Beings.

This program is in partnership with Akiba Schechter Jewish Day School and The Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School.

ansheemet.org/welcome-dr-ron-wolfson



BAGELS AND BOARD GAMES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29
12PM-1:30PM

Join the fun as we play board games, nosh on bagels and lox with mimosas and coffee and connect! (For those in their 30's & 40's).

ansheemet.org/bagels-and-board-games