



AES BULLETIN

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2022

A Historic and Vibrant Community in the Lakeview Neighborhood of Chicago



"The transformation from a perfunctory day for marking trees for tithing to a Jewish Earth Day speaks to the imagination and resiliency of Judaism." — Rabbi Michael S. Siegel

Boni Fine — Todah Rabah!



Michael S. Siegel
Senior Rabbi
The Norman Asher Rabbinic Chair
msiegel@ansheemet.org

Boni Fine has served our congregation with distinction for four years. During her time as Executive Director, Boni has had a significant impact on every aspect of our congregation. She deserves our gratitude for a job well done. Recently, we held a staff luncheon in honor of Boni and these are the words that I shared that day:

Today has a bittersweet feeling to it. It is hard to imagine Anshe Emet without the professional presence of Boni Fine. You have had such a powerful impact on our community that it would be hard to quantify all that you have accomplished during your four years as Executive Director.

There is no part of our congregational life that has not been “Boni-fied” in some way. And we are the better for it.

Boni has professionalized our staff. Boni has helped our staff to think more carefully about budgets and patiently taught them how to plan and manage them.

Boni’s forward thinking has helped us repair our very old and well-loved building.

Boni has strengthened our relationship with our partner, the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School.

Boni has helped to ensure the future of our synagogue by guiding two vital strategic planning projects: Kadimah and Az Yashir.

Boni has helped to oversee our recent building projects which has had a powerful impact on our community.

Boni, you have accomplished all of these tasks and so many, many more by drawing on your years of experience in the for-profit world. In addition, we have benefited from your intelligence, good humor, and willingness to get the job done even if it means many long nights.

From my perspective, the secret sauce of Boni Fine is twofold. The first is Lev: Boni Fine leads with her heart. She cares so deeply about what we do here that her love is imprinted on everything she does.

The second aspect of Boni’s secret sauce is integrity, or Yosher in Hebrew. She is a person who says what she means and means what she says.

Boni is always guided by the best of our

ethical tradition and as a result, she has served as a model for our entire staff through her personal example of Yosher.

Boni, as you go forward into retirement, please know that you do so with the gratitude of this great congregation. We are that much better because we had a person of Lev and Yosher, of heart and integrity; because we had Boni Fine as our Executive Director.

Boni leaves us in the capable hands of our new Executive Director, Mimi Weisberg.

We wish you B’Hatzalah: best of luck in the future. We wish you Todah Rabah! Our great thanks!



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A Message from the Board President

“When the audience comes in, it changes the temperature of what you’ve written.” – Stephen Sondheim

Danielle Lazar
President
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Dear friends,

As I am writing this letter, it is still December 2021. We are at the end of another extraordinary year. When I reflect on where we were this time last year – oh my goodness. Vaccines were just starting to be approved for use – and in January 2021, vaccinations began. COVID cases were still on the rise, but we finally were going to have a tool that would provide some protection from the most harmful aspects of this disease.

Throughout 2021, we were able to take steps towards being together. Passover Seders were held with people we love, families who hadn’t seen each other for months were finally able to hug each other, summertime activities were beginning to resume – and in the fall, we were able to hold in-person services for the holidays, dipping our toe more and more into hybrid events.

One of my great joys – in addition to hugging everyone (or, if you aren’t comfortable, a huge smile and hello and elbow bump) – is being able to sing together during services. Yes, we still have our masks on, but Sondheim is right:

when you bring people together, the “audience” changes the temperature and meaning of the words. There is simply nothing like sitting or standing with our community and being enveloped by the sounds of our voices together.

Probably my favorite service is Kabbalat Shabbat, with Havdalah as a close second. In thinking about why this is the case, it is because of the singing. Sometimes there are familiar tunes. Sometimes we learn new ones. But we are together as one voice.

Over the past few months, Cantor Brook and Rabbi Siegel have reimaged the Kabbalat Shabbat service. We have evenings with themes and learning new tunes. We are bringing in musicians and lighting in a way that helps transition from the work week to the magical time that is Shabbat. The service is streamed online or you can come in person. We are setting aside time before/after services to kibbitz as well – which is so much a part of what we have all been missing. January and February can be hard months to get through in terms of winter. We are still battling through the pandemic,

which continues to throw us curveballs at every turn. However, we still have each other and we have MUSIC!

To that end, and to warm your heart and your spirit, I hope you’ll attend a special tribute concert, in memory of one of my favorite composers and lyricists, Stephen Sondheim z”l, on Sunday, February 6 at 4:00 pm in the Main Sanctuary. I am guessing the weather won’t be nice enough in February for an actual “Sunday in the Park” but this will be one way to change the temperature and continue filling our lives with song and community.

Wishing you all the very best!

Danielle Lazar

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AES Has an Affinity Group for You!

Na'aseh

We will do.

Anshe Emet's Social Justice committee engages in social action and volunteer activities to support the broader community. We partner with organizations including Maot Chitim, the Night Ministry, Lakeview Pantry, JCUA, Bright Star Community Outreach, HIAS, Refugee One, and others. Join the Anshe Emet Community in volunteering, engaging in advocacy, and contributing donated items:

Photos of Na'aseh volunteers delivering Maot Chitim packages and assisting Night Ministry.



- **Volunteer at the Lakeview Pantry** distributing groceries to families in need. Contact Mimi Landau (mimiglandau@gmail.com) to sign up.
- **Volunteer with the Night Ministry** to provide a meal to youth on the street. Contact Janine Landau-Esser (Janine.Landow-Esser@quarles.com) for information.
- **Tutor youth online** in partnership with Bright Star Community Outreach. Contact Ruth Rau (ruth@ruthrau.com) to sign up.
- **Participate in advocacy with JCUA or ONE Northside** addressing immigration, housing justice, and other community organizing efforts. Contact Melissa Sterne (melissasterne@yahoo.com).
- **Help resettle a refugee family**—due to arrive in January. Opportunities available to volunteer, donate household items, and contribute financially. Email AERefugeeResettlement@gmail.com.
- **Koleinu is Anshe Emet's Racial Justice and Equality Team.** Email naaseh.ansheemet@gmail.com to learn more.
- Watch for **Maot Chitim** announcements at Pesach and Rosh Hashanah.
- **Mercaz Nativ Lev Giving Center:** We support partner organizations doing important work in our community

To subscribe to the Na'aseh Newsletter or submit questions, email us at naaseh.ansheemet@gmail.com. The newsletter provides regular updates on these and other volunteer/advocacy opportunities. Join the Facebook Group: Na'aseh Social Action Committee at Anshe Emet.



The AES Sisterhood is pleased to announce these upcoming Sisterhood events...

We hope to see you there!

- **Virtual Tu B'Shvat Seder Sunday, January 16**
Join us, virtually, as we celebrate Rosh HaShanah La'llanot, the Birthday of the Trees, savor the Seven Species of the Land of Israel and enjoy a festive Seder meal. *RSVP to the AES Sisterhood by Friday, January 14 at noon.*
- **Sisterhood Shabbat Saturday, February 26**
Those wishing to participate please contact **Larisa Kenen** at larisak@gmail.com. Details about these programs and others will follow.

- **Sisterhood Book Club**
With a professional facilitator. For those interested please contact **Judy Metzer** at **773.383.0978**.
- **We continue to work with the Night Ministry.** Additional programs are being planned. If you would like more information or have any suggestions for programs, please contact **Deborah Cubin** at **312.802.5275**. We look forward to seeing everyone virtually and in person.

Deborah Cubin & Laura Kordon
Sisterhood co-presidents

AES Holidays & Celebrations

SAVE THE DATE FOR



Sunday, March 13 Purim Carnival

11AM
Purim Shpiel!

11AM
Purim Carnival opens for Preschool students and special needs guests

NOON-2PM
Purim Carnival



Wednesday, March 16 Megillah Readings

5:45PM
Young Family Dinner

6:30PM
Young Family Megillah Telling

7PM
Sanctuary Reading

7:30PM
No Frills Megillah Reading

8:15PM
Purim Party with Silent and Live Auction!



Thursday, March 17 Minyan, Megillah Reading & Purim Seudah Brunch

9AM

Join us for a late minyan, with Megillah reading, followed by a delicious community brunch.

PURIM SHPIEL

Come one, come all and make a **SPLASH** with us **UNDER THE SEA**. If you love to act, sing, dance, laugh, and make new friends, then the 5872 Anshe Emet Purim Shpiel needs you and your talents. Participation in the Shpiel is open to all members ages 6-106, no prior

experience necessary, just a willingness to have fun and perform. Rehearsals will take place on Sundays from 12:30PM-2:30PM, beginning January 9 with performance taking place on Sunday, March 13 at 11AM. For more information, contact Cantor Brook at rbrook@ansheemet.org.



AES Music Center



Rachel Brook
Senior Cantor
The Arnold H. Kaplan,
M.D. Cantorial Chair
rbrook@ansheemet.org

Each Friday night, I stand on the bimah and take a breath, welcoming in the peace of Shabbat to the sounds of our musicians as they tune their instruments. I am reminded of the musically hallowed ground I stand on, following in the footsteps of the great Cantor Silverman, and our Cantor Emeritus, Alberto Mizrahi, whose legacy we were able to celebrate in song (and in person!) this past fall. Looking forward, we in the Music Center are buzzing with new

opportunities to musically connect, whether through launching our new Youth Choir, rehearsing for the Purim Shpiel, or honoring the great Stephen Sondheim with a musical tribute concert. We hope to see you in person or online at our musical Kabbalat Shabbat services, a time where we reset, renew, and sing our hearts out as one community. I am so proud to serve as your new Senior Cantor and can't wait to see you in shul!

B'Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Brook".

Youth Choir Members Wanted!

Calling all 2nd-5th graders who love to sing! We are excited to announce the creation of the brand new Anshe Emet Youth Choir. We will meet the first Friday of each month at 5:30PM, beginning Friday January 7, for a fun and engaging rehearsal, followed by performance in our lively and musical Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:30PM. No prior experience necessary, just a love of singing and making new friends! For more information, contact Cantor Brook at rbrook@ansheemet.org.

Meet Our Shabbat Musicians

ED GERBER plays guitar, will talk your ear off about cinema, and he loves Friday night services because it gives him a chance to commune with others and, through music, attempt to reach a higher spiritual plane and a peaceful ending to the week.



MATT ULERY plays bass, enjoys cooking, and looks forward to Friday night services because it's a time people can get together and sing their hearts out with no judgment, only joy.



KALYAN PATHAK is a "linguist of rhythms" on the drums, and also plays chess. Kalyan enjoys Friday night services because he loves it when people get together and sing. He also enjoys learning new songs from Cantor Rachel.



Social Programs for Everyone



Pickleball!

Beginning Wednesday, February 2

Pickleball—the hottest game in the USA. We'll have two courts available in the gym for two different timeslots: 6:30PM-7:30PM & 7:30PM-8:30PM

\$6/per slot. Sign up through your respective demographic group:

Wednesday, February 2

Something For us

Wednesday, February 9

YAD

Wednesday, February 16

Young couples

Wednesday, February 23

Religious School parents



Something for Us Trivia Night

Saturday, February 22

7:30PM

Join us for another round of fun-filled trivia with Whatdoyouknow Trivia Company.

\$10 / Members

\$20 / Non-members



AES Community Dinners in Café 3751

We invite everyone to join our delicious community dinners with a different option every week:

Friday, January 21

A Chinese feast welcoming the Year of the Tiger

Friday, February 18

Mexican Cantina

Wednesday, February 20

Passover Hol hamoed dinner

Look to the AES website for more details for each dinner.

For more information and to register for these programs, visit: ansheemet.org
Or contact Amy Karp with questions: akarp@ansheemet.org / 773.868.5139

HAZAK FOR SENIORS

Mondays at 1PM via ZOOM

HaZaK is an Anshe Emet daytime program for mature adults with active minds. Co-taught by our clergy, and other community educators and is generously funded by Beatrice Mayer, z"l.

HaZak is back in person with a Zoom option for those who cannot join us at Shul!

JANUARY

1/3 • Naomi Richman
1/10 • Miron Hirsch
1/17 • No HaZaK (MLK Day)
1/24 • Cantor Rachel Brook
1/31 • Rabbi Michael Siegel

FEBRUARY

2/7 • Elie Berkman
2/14 • Rabbi David Russo
2/21 • No HaZaK (President's Day)
2/28 • Rabbi Chankin-Gould

Join at ansheemet.org/livestream

Meeting ID: 663 098 957

Password: Hazakclass

"Being a regular part of HaZaK has allowed me to get to know the clergy better. If it weren't for the time we regularly spend together, I would not have had as many opportunities to interact with our rabbis and cantors."

— HaZaK Member

Adult Education: Winter/Spring Courses

RAYMOND ARBETMAN CENTER FOR

ADULT EDUCATION



**Love, Loss
and Wisdom with
Rabbi Chankin-Gould**
NEW DATES!
Thursdays
January 6 — February 10
7:30PM

This 6 Session course is a Project of
the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

Discover, during this six-week course,
the Jewish responses and rituals that
take us through mourning and arrive
at a place of healing. We will seek
to understand the big questions of
what Judaism says about life after
death and its understanding of
messianic times. With a wider lens, we
gain a context with which to better
understand our moments of anguish
as individuals and as a community.



Hartman:
**Foundations of Thoughtful
Judaism: Ethics**
Begins Sunday,
January 16 — March 6

Breakfast at 9:30AM
Class runs from 10AM – 11:30AM

Foundations for a Thoughtful Judaism
is a pluralistic curriculum that
introduces foundational concepts
of Judaism and Jewish life. Using
ancient and modern texts, learners
explore the most compelling and
deepest questions in Jewish thought,
and the principles and debates
that underlie our Jewish heritage.
Courses taught by the AES clergy.

Will be in person with a Zoom option.

*This program is proudly sponsored
by the Lee and Jerry Zoldan
charitable foundation.*

The Geshet Program
In Memory
of Linda J. Karno, z”l
Begins Tuesday,
January 18 — August 16

7PM - 8PM

Geshet strives to increase your
knowledge and participation in the life
of the synagogue, within the context of
the services as well as in the community
as a whole. The program also seeks to
bridge the distance between Jewish
life and learning, so whether one is
a Jew by Choice or a Jew by Birth,
Geshet offers something for everyone.

To learn more and to register for
any of the programs listed in our
adult ed section, please visit us at:

[ANSHEEMET.ORG/ADULTED](https://ansheemet.org/adulted)

Fees may apply.

Contact Amy Karp with questions:

akarp@ansheemet.org
773.868.5139.

For more information and to register
for all Adult Education programs, visit: ansheemet.org
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Discounts available for all Melton Courses for AES Members.

Adult Education: Winter/Spring Courses

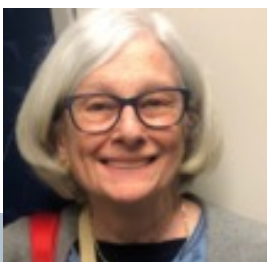


Rediscovering the Amidah

Tuesdays,
March 1 - March 15

7PM

In this 3-part series, led by Rabbi Elie Kaunfer of Hadar, we will explore those words through three case study blessings in the center of this prayer. We will ask: How can I interpret the siddur in a grounded and traditional yet creative manner? Are traditional prayer formulas able to express my own values/ideas of prayer? What do you do when you "disagree" with the prayer's content?



Biblical Women: Emerging from the Margins through Midrash: A Melton Curriculum

Tuesdays, February 1 - April 5

7PM

This 10-session course is taught by guest educator, Tzivia Garfinkel and traces major female figures of the Bible through classic and modern midrashic commentary. The course helps the student gain multiple perspectives on their lives, relationships, and choices, as we understand their roles in Jewish history and literature. *Discount for AES members.*



Israeli Literature as a Window to Israeli Society: A Melton Curriculum

Thursdays, March 3 - May 19

7PM

This 10-part course, taught by Rabbi Michael Siegel, takes you on a literary journey offering a fresh and fascinating examination of Israeli society since the birth of the State in 1948, through the lens of Israeli literature. *Discount for AES members.*



Tlaim: The Patchwork Cookbook, Uplifting the Voice of Jews of Color

Tuesday, January 18

7:30PM

With guest, Alana Chandler, this cookbook project aims to celebrate the racial and ethnic diversity within the Jewish community.



A New Take on the Spring Holidays

March 8, April 4 & May 24

Noon

Led by Rabbi David Russo, this course will discuss Purim (The 7 Deadly Sins), Passover (Practical Passover), and Shavuot (6000 years in 60 minutes—History of Jewish texts and traditions).



The Great Debates

Mondays, March 14 — April 14

7PM

Led by Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould, this 4-session course offers a look at four contested issues in Judaism:

- Hamentaschen v. Latke
- Deuteronomy v. Job (Why Bad Things Happen to Good People)
- Herzl v. Ha'am (Why Zionism)
- Heschel v. Kaplan (Who/What is God)

Adult Education: Winter/Spring Courses



Chicago Gang Database Discussion Tuesday, January 25

7PM

Join us for a thoughtful conversation about **The Chicago Gang Database** facilitated

by Rabbi Siegel with Anshe Emet's head of security Matt Tobias, JCUA community organizer Anna Rubin, and Na'aseh Advocacy Co-chair Michellanne Li.



Reflections on the Yiddish/African-American Convergences of Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell

Monday, February 28

7PM

Join **Prof. Brett Kaplan** from the University of Illinois as she explores the music of **Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell**, an African American vocalist who uniquely weaves together the common ground between Yiddish music and Negro spirituals.



Welcome JDAIM Speaker, Riva Lehrer Saturday, February 19

Durnig Shabbat Morning Services

American painter, writer, teacher, and speaker

Riva Lehrer was born with

spina bifida and has undergone numerous surgeries throughout her life. Her book, *The Golem Girl*, is an illustrated memoir of an artist born with disabilities who searches for freedom and connection in a society afraid of strange. Lehrer is well known as both an artist and an activist in the field of Disability Culture.



Yom HaShoah: Voices of the Generations

Wednesday, April 27

7PM

With Julie Kohner.

In 1953, Julie's mother was the first non-celebrity featured on a national television

program, *This Is Your Life*, and her story of surviving the Holocaust was a first for the early days of television. Julie's mission is to bear witness as a second generation survivor, to pass on the memory of the Holocaust.

This event is co-sponsored by the AES Men's Club



The Portrayal of Jews in Hollywood Monday, January 31

7PM

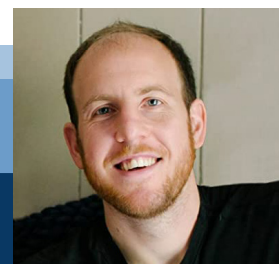
With guest, Malina Saval, editor at *Variety* and author of *The Secret Lives of Boys: Inside the Raw Emotional World of Male Teens* and the novel *Jewish Summer Camp Mafia*.



Tel Aviv Graffiti Virtual Tour with Israeli Tour Guide, Amy Ben Dov Thursday, February 17

7PM

Throughout the ages graffiti has been used to express to the outside world the pain and the beauty that lie inside. Join us as we tour the alleys where everything is covered by splashes of spray and color.



By the Grace of the Game: The Holocaust, a Basketball Legacy and an Unprecedented American Dream Monday, March 7

7PM

With guest, Dan Grunfeld—just in time for March Madness!

Adult Education: The Many Faces of Israel Series

THE SARAH DANIELLE GOLDBERG MEMORIAL ARTS FUND

Presents **The Many Faces of Israel Series**

Register for these programs at:

ansheemet.org/themanyfacesofisrael

• Jewish Entertainment •



Michael Aloni

January 11 • 7PM

Israeli actor, director, writer and television presenter, Michael Aloni, will join Rabbi Michael Siegel, virtually, for an in-depth conversation on the topic: *From Shtisel to the Jerusalem Beauty Queen: Rise of the Characters in Israeli TV.*

This is a virtual event.

• Israeli Journalism Roundtable •



WELCOME

Amir Tibon, Anna Ahronheim & Haviv Gur

May 1 • 10AM

Rabbi Michael Siegel moderates a fascinating conversation with Amir Tibon from *Ha'aretz*, Anna Ahronheim from *JPost*, and Haviv Gur from *Times of Israel*.

This is a virtual event.



• Jewish Film Series •



Kiss Me Kosh

Thursday, January 27
7PM

Register online at:

ansheemet.org/themanyfacesofisrael



The Crossing

Thursday, February 24



A Starry Sky Above the Roman Ghetto

Thursday, March 31

The Sarah Danielle Goldberg Memorial Arts Fund was established by Judy and Bill Goldberg in memory of their beloved daughter, Sarah.

AES Community Announcements

The Joseph and Ruth Tumpeer Scholarship Fund

The Joseph and Ruth Tumpeer

Scholarship Fund Assistance for Jewish Camps and Study in Israel
The Joseph and Ruth Tumpeer Scholarship Fund encourages Jewish summer experiences for youth by offsetting a portion of the cost of Jewish summer camp attendance. The scholarship is need-based. Anshe Emet Synagogue is committed to Jewish education inside & outside the classroom and has a limited number of funds to offset the tuition of Jewish summer programs, trips to Israel, and Jewish Day School. Applicants must be members of the Synagogue and the scholarships are need-based. Anshe Emet considers all appeals for scholarship and may not be able to fulfill your request in its entirety.

For more information, please contact Hannah Schreiber at hschreiber@ansheemet.org/773.868.5143.

The deadline for summer program scholarship requests, and for Jewish Day School scholarship requests, is February 4, 2022. Applications for Israel programs are accepted on a rolling basis.

All submissions due by February 4, 2022.

Help Resettle a Refugee Family

Help the Anshe Emet Community

Resettle a Refugee Family
We are reaching out to the Anshe Emet community to ask for your support in resettling a refugee family. Between January and March 2022, HIAS, a program of JCFS Chicago, expects to resettle 50 Afghan refugees currently waiting at U.S. Military Bases.

In partnership with HIAS, we plan to co-sponsor another family (or more than one family). Can you do one thing: donate a household item, volunteer to help set up the apartment, or make a financial contribution? Please help by donating to Anshe Emet's Refugee Resettlement Fund, volunteering as a mentor or tutor or other roles listed in the sign-up form, or donating gently used furniture and household items.

Email AERefugeeResettlement@gmail.com with questions.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Anshe Emet is blessed to celebrate

many special occasions, *s'machot*, in our community. Anshe Emet is now offering several sponsorship opportunities for you to consider in memory or honor of someone you love or in celebration of a simcha. Please fill out our form (the link is listed below) or on our website to make arrangements. For any questions, please contact Mimi Weisberg at mweisberg@ansheemet.org or 773.868.5123.

Fillout our form at:
tinyurl.com/aessponsorships

Siman Tov U'Mazel Tov

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

Garfinkel Family

Sincerest Condolences

Anshe Emet expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of:

James L. Rosenblum

Lionel G. Gross

Theodore Robert Pehr

Alan Rosen

Walter Shulruff

Saul S. Silverstein

Esther Iris Blum

Morton Cinfosky

Roberta Krandel

Monthly Online Bereavement Group

**January 24 & February 28
7:30PM via Zoom**

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

Learn more and join us at:

ansheemet.org/bereavementgroup

Misheberach List

If you would like to have a name placed on the misheberach (prayer for healing) list, contact Antoinette Nunez. at **773.868.5120**
anunez@ansheemet.org

Names will be kept on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

AES Families & Youth Groups

The Art of Disagreement

10:45AM- 11:45AM

Sundays, January 30, February 6, February 27, March 6, and March 20 at Anshe Emet.

This winter, parents of 3rd-7th graders are invited to learn how to constructively approach disagreement within the art of parenting tweens and teens in their emerging world. Max Segal Handelman, Anshe Emet's Director of Family Life & Learning, and Dana Hirt, parent coach and educator, team up to help parents use Jewish wisdom to approach parenting challenges with constructive strategies.

Family Shabbat Musical Services

Every Shabbat Morning

At 10AM, families with children 5 and under are invited to join Max for a lively, musical, Shabbat morning virtual service! We will sing, dance, hear a story, and maybe even welcome a silly dinosaur into our homes.

At 11AM, families with kids in K-2nd grade are invited to join Max for a lively, musical, Shabbat morning virtual service! We will acknowledge our blessings, dance, study some Torah, and maybe even make a new friend.

[Join both services via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 860 3480 3837

Passcode: 967028



Tikkun Chicago Winter Trimester classes start January 9th! Registration is open to all 8th-12th graders.

Register at:

tinyurl.com/tikkunwinter22

Tu Bishvat Extravaganza!

Sunday, January 16
NOON-1:30PM
For families with 3 year olds to 1st graders.
\$25/Per Family

Shabbat is Awesome Returns!

Saturday, January 22
NOON-3PM

Shachar for SK - 5th Graders

Challah Bake
Sunday, February 6
12PM - 1:30PM
\$15/per person

Machar for 3rd - 5th Graders

Havdalah Movie Night
Saturday, January 8
5:30PM-8PM
\$10 fee

USY

Tie Dye
Tuesday, February 8
7PM

Teens, Treats, and Talmud
Tuesday, February 22
7PM

Family and Youth Tefilla Begins in January!

Shabbat HaNo'ar (Youth Shabbat)

January 8

11AM

Join Rabbi Reni Dickman for a dynamic, musical service.

3rd-5th graders and their families

Junior Parsha

January 15, 22, and 29

11AM

3rd-5th graders and their families

join Rabbis Chankin-Gould or Russo for spirited explorations of the weekly parsha.

Shabbat HaNo'ar (Youth Shabbat)

February 5

11AM

Join Mr. Todd and Rabbi D'ror

Chankin-Gould for a dynamic, musical service. 3rd-5th graders and their families will immerse in the Shabbat morning service, learning and celebrating the joy of Shabbat.

Junior Parsha and Shabbat HaNo'ar (Youth Shabbat)

February 12, 19 & 26

11AM

Rabbis Dickman, Chankin-Gould

and Russo delight 3rd-5th graders and their families with tantalizing Torah and sumptuous Shabbat celebrating in prayer and song.

Learn more and register for these programs at:

ansheemet.org

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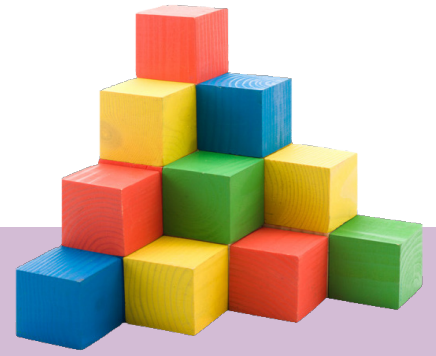
AES Families & Youth Groups

Update

Chicago as Our Classroom: Holidays Around Town

You might not know, but you can learn about Esther, from the Purim story, at the Art Institute. This past November, over 70 Anshe Emet families ventured out to five Chicago museums, accompanied by volunteer docents from the Anshe Emet community, to discover how Chicago is our Classroom. This year's theme was Holidays around Town. Martin Sonabend visited the Art Institute. Boni Fine (our recently retired Executive Director) was their volunteer docent. She led the families through the Arts of Africa exhibit, exploring the role of masks in the Purim story. The group discussed the idea that God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther and sometimes thought to be "hidden". When asked what they had learned that changed their understanding of Purim, Martin commented, "Maybe God was wearing the mask of Esther?!" Julie Katz noted about her visit to the Field Museum

to explore Shabbat, "It was a really interesting way to connect Judaism to science, and to hear what the young people had to say about creation." For families who did not feel safe going inside a museum, virtual versions of several in-person experiences were offered. The Cirillo family took advantage of this new offering, with half the family going to the Art Institute in person, and others engaging in the same topic on Zoom. Stefanie Cirillo reflected, "We probably would not have gone to the museum otherwise, so it was a great excuse to finally make the trip down there. Everyone got a chance to participate in the way that worked best for them." Chicago as Our Classroom is an annual opportunity for all of Anshe Emet's families. **Save the date for Mitzvah Day, April 24, when Anshe Emet's families are invited to venture out to give back to our great city.**



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Photos of Chicago as Our Classroom participants from this past November.



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